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### MASSES

**Sunday Obligation:** Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday

**Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year

**Holy Day Obligation:** Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Day** 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

### EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. AND 3:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday,  
or call the Parish Office for an Appointment.

## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23;  
Mark 1:29-39

From time to time, we need time outs! A spiritual retreat is a good time out for all of us. It is a time when we rest from our ordinary work and routine, a time to get away in silence in order to realize our purpose in life.

Too often, our lives can be the same-old same-old. Even the work we enjoy can become drudgery. We can end up just “existing” rather than “living.”

In the first reading, Job laments that our lives are drudgery. The nights drag on; the day brings no relief. Job, of course, knew nothing of the Paschal Mystery. He knew nothing of offering his agony in union with Christ for the salvation of the world. He knew nothing of eternal happiness which awaits the good and faithful servant.

Even Jesus, in today’s Gospel, experiences the drudgery of life. In Mark’s Gospel, as we have often noted, Jesus always seems to be pushed, shoved, hemmed in, pressed upon, and crowded. He wants to get away, but they track him down. They almost hound him, even when he is trying to pray. His vocation is to proclaim good news to all the neighboring villages, but they won’t let him go.

The second reading is Paul’s apologia: He is “compelled” to preach the Gospel. If he does not, he is ruined. But in preaching the Gospel, he experienced misunderstanding and opposition. People questioned his motives. Yet he tries to become all things to all people in order to save all.

Most of us do not have a full time vocation of preaching. On the other hand, we are all called to perfection. We are called, according to our state in life, to spread “good news.” We need some time outs and some space to realize this is so. We need to realize that even our ordinary work is of precious value when offered in union with Christ.

Let us try for a spiritual retreat. At least, let us set aside a few moments of quiet time each day to “be still and know that God is God.”

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Holy Restlessness?** In his gripping story of his conversion, St. Augustine wrote in his book, *Confessions*, that, “our hearts are restless until they rest in You (God).” Today we hear from the Book of Job, “If in bed I say, ‘When shall I arise?’ then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn (Job 7:4)”.

Last week we heard in the Gospel of Mark about the fear of the unclean spirits at encountering Jesus as they cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God (Mark 1:24).”

Again, our Gospel today speaks of Jesus’ ministry exorcizing demons from the people throughout Galilee (see Mark 1:29-39). Do you find you have a restlessness? Do you find yourself struggling to know Jesus’ love for you? Do you identify yourself with the words of Job in today’s first reading? Do you find yourself agonizing over what others think? Do you notice anxiety and fear?

Maybe you notice anger or resentment. Maybe you have a compulsive behavior, habit or sin you struggle in. That anger? Good chance there is an underlying fear there. Certainly, there is righteous anger, but righteous is not the anger we try to justify to ourselves as being good.

Why would God allow us to be restless, you may wonder. “I go to Mass, I go to confession, I even do XYZ devotional, yet I feel restless in my interior life. But how can that be? Is not Christ the Prince of Peace? The one who is to give me rest?” Tough questions indeed, but worth asking!

Have you considered how good pain is? Take a pause now if you haven’t and ask God to reveal to you how pain is good.

Without pain, how would we know to remove our hand from the stovetop? Pain is a wonderful gift for our own good

Restlessness is a sort of pain is it not? That uncomfortability, that being “eaten up” feeling, it can be debilitating just like an injury of leaving our hand on the stove. So the question in our restlessness is not so much, “Lord take this away,” as much as, “Lord what are you communicating to me?” This inner restless feeling is an indicator to us that something is misaligned. There is an aspect of our heart that is not aligned with God’s will for us. Because we ignore this restlessness, it often presents itself in ways that may seem to be a mystery to ourselves. “Why do I go to food, tobacco, alcohol, anger, lust, or other things for comfort?” Is it the disquiet in your soul?

Perhaps there is a place Jesus is desiring to be invited into in your life. Dozens and dozens of times, scripture reveals phrases like, “Fear not,” “Be not afraid,” “Do not be anxious;” it is almost as if God’s word is trying to tell us something. Oh wait! God is telling us something very clearly – He does not desire us to be restless.

The hardest areas of my spiritual life have been the ones where shame, helplessness, etc. have been at the forefront. When I have abandoned everything to the Lord, He has provided many times greater in return. We often live in what Dr. Bob Schuchts calls an “Unholy self-reliance.” Where are you trying to work out your own salvation? Are you maybe standing in the way of Jesus who desires to make our yoke easy and burden light (Matthew 11:30)?

A complete abandonment to God, a self-surrender to the Lord, is the way to peace and rest. This side of heaven, we ought not expect perfection. God alone is perfect. Conversion is a continual process. I had the grace to meet with a woman in Quincy who changed my life and changed how I understood the priesthood. I had the privilege to be with her and to be the Holy Spirit’s instrument as she let go of her final anxiety and let God in. She has since gone on to her eternal reward.

Dear reader, your restlessness is a signal to turn to Christ, let Him in more fully, and surrender to Him. “No one comes to the Father except through me (Jesus) (John 14:6).” Please take notice of the restlessness. It is a gift. A gift that reminds us we are still in need of Jesus. Please pray the Surrender Novena. Servant of God Don Dolindo Ruotolo composed this powerful prayer and it is worth repeating many, many times.

God desires to be in full communion with us. The unclean spirits, the demons, stay in fear. He desires to take away our wounds, our fears, and our unholy self-reliance. Let Him.

Thank you for the dozens of beautiful notes, Christmas cards and the many generous gifts you have sent to me. Your continued prayers and support are a great encouragement to me in my seminary formation.

In Christ,

Thomas Marten,

Seminarian Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
5200 Glennon Drive St. Louis, MO 63119

# *Weekday Mass Intentions*

February 5 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Kay Farwell and Tom Gott
February 6 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Dadant
	5:30 p.m.	Sharon O'Donnel and Don McCaughey
February 7 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Priscilla Morrison
	5:30 p.m.	Linda Cornwell
February 8 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Don Steinkamp and Joe Genenbacher
	5:30 p.m.	Sandy Stillwell and Nate Gilbert
February 9 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Charlie Bridle and Stan Musholt
February 10 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Janis Blickhan-Foreman
	4:30 p.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
February 11 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Jacob Hall and Joseph Ley
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink and Larry Costigan
	11:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and John and Ruth Holman

## This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, February 5**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Principal's meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 6:00 p.m. Scout Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
- **Tuesday, February 6**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Saints Study
- **Wednesday, February 7**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. Pastors meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Poland Trip meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Catholics Returning Home
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, February 8**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion
- 3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- **Friday, February 9**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- **Saturday, February 10**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

### Week of 1/28/2024

	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	19,250.00	\$787,355.59
Loose Collection	\$1,465.77	\$48,981.95
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$20,715.77</b>	<b>\$787,355.59</b>
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$907,050.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$9,519.23</b>	<b>-\$119,694.41</b>

	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$853.00	\$126,132.98

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school.*

## ***Job Opening***

### **St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available**

Are you a dedicated and experienced professional with a passion for serving your community?

Our parish is seeking a talented Business Manager to play a crucial role in supporting our mission and ensuring the efficient administration of our parish operations.

**Position Overview:** As our Parish Business Manager, you will be at the forefront of our administrative team, overseeing financial management, human resources, and day-to-day operations. This role offers a unique opportunity to blend your professional expertise with a sense of purpose, contributing to the success and sustainability of our parish.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Financial Management: Manage parish finances, budgeting, and financial reporting.
- Administration: Oversee day-to-day operations, facilities, and parish staff.
- Human Resources: Support and manage parish personnel, fostering a positive work environment.
- Planning and Coordination: Collaborate with parish leadership to plan and execute events and initiatives.
- Strategic Development: Contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Experience in Business Administration, Finance, or a related field.
- Proven experience in financial management and administration.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Familiarity with church operations and a commitment to the parish's mission.
- Experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and Payroll preferred.

#### **How to Apply:**

If you are inspired by our mission and ready to bring your skills to a dynamic and purpose-driven environment, we invite you to apply! Send your resume and a cover letter to **Sue Holbrook**, [sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com), or to the parish office: 1721 College Avenue, Quincy, IL. 62301, expressing why you are the ideal candidate for the Parish Business Manager position.

### **St. Francis Lenten Parish Mission**

Save the date for our parish mission  
March 3, 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. each evening. The guest speaker will be  
**Dr. Karen Shadle, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Louisville, KY.**

### **Card Parties Return!**

**Thursday, March 7.**

**Sponsored by the Ladies of St. Francis.  
Stay tuned for more details.**

The St. Francis Stewardship Committee invites you to learn more about the parish by scanning the QR code below. Enjoy!



### **St. Francis Lenten Soup Suppers**

**Wednesdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.**

**After costs, the money raised goes to helping the hungry in our community.**

**Host groups try to provide a gluten-free soup and dessert option.**

#### **Host groups:**

**February 21: SFSS Faculty and Boy Scouts;**

**February 28, Stewardship Council;**

**March 6, Pastoral Council;**

**March 13, OCIA & Liturgy Planning Committee;**

**March 20, Truth Seekers**

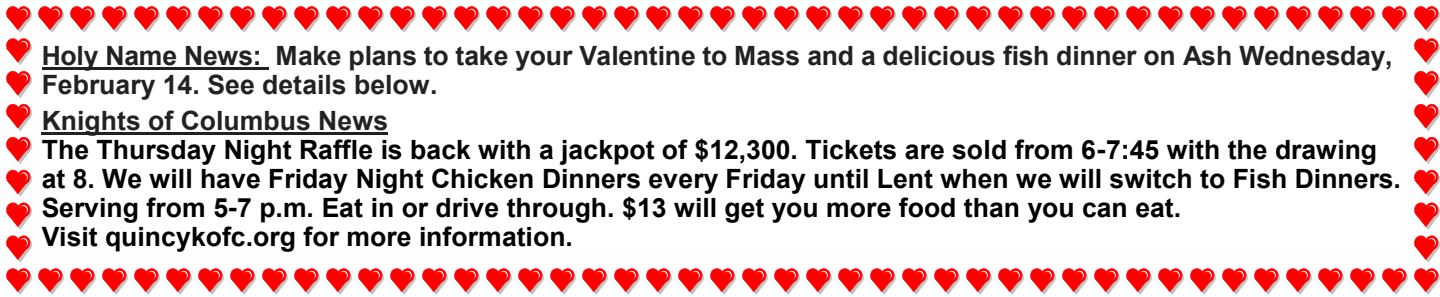
**and March 27, School Board.**

*Rest in Peace*

*Mark Standley*

*August 1, 1958—January 27, 2024*

*Fr. Vernon Olmer, O.F.M.,  
who served at St. Francis,  
passed away January 21 in Wisconsin.  
He was 88 years old.*



**Holy Name News:** Make plans to take your Valentine to Mass and a delicious fish dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 14. See details below.

**Knights of Columbus News**

The Thursday Night Raffle is back with a jackpot of \$12,300. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. We will have Friday Night Chicken Dinners every Friday until Lent when we will switch to Fish Dinners. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Eat in or drive through. \$13 will get you more food than you can eat.

Visit [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org) for more information.

**Women's Saints Study—You're Invited!**

Women of all ages: Did you know we meet once a month from 7-9 p.m., with a guest speaker who covers a different saint each month, followed by book study.

Join us **this Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m.** in the St. Francis Parish Hall for a talk on St. Josephine Bakhita with Mandy Young. If you would like to stay there will be book study on Mother Angelica's Guide to the Interior Life after the talk.

For more information please contact  
Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or  
Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

Bring a friend!

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

We will begin our spring meetings on Tuesday, March 19 with an all-member meeting. We will vote on our by-laws and appoint a nominating committee for new officers. Please bring your input! Since St. Patrick's Day is right before the meeting, please wear a wee bit of green and enjoy Mass at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:15. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Holy Name Ash Wednesday Fish Fry**

February 14 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish center. Serving catfish filets, American potato salad, baked beans, mac and cheese and desserts from the Ladies of St. Francis.

Eat-in or drive-through for \$13.  
This is a great way to kick off Lent, before or after you get your ashes!

**Grief Share—**

Will run Tuesday afternoons starting March 5 and continuing through May 28 from 3-5 p.m. in the Brides Room in the Parish Center. There is no charge for this program. Anyone who has experienced a loss at whatever time in life, can find support through Grief Share. We have a short video followed by discussion with others in the group who also have experienced a loss. The peer support is healing! You also will be given a workbook for use at home that gives additional information and reinforces the lesson each week. The three components help you move through the grieving process. All are welcome.

For more information please call Deacon Dennis or Pat Holbrook, 217-257-2570.

**All you can eat annual Shrimp Boil and Fish Fry**

Saturday, February 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1435 E. 1500 St., Quincy

Come to Mass at 4 p.m. Food served at 5. Shrimp/Fish/Andouille sausage, Corn on the cob and more. All you can eat for \$20; 5-12 years old \$5; 4 and under are free.

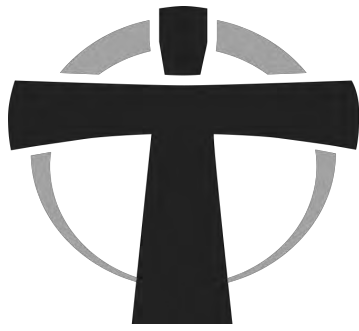
Come to Quincy Church of Christ this Thursday, February 8 from 7-8 p.m. to hear the author of From Cuffs to Christ speak on alcohol, food, and drug addiction. This is free and everyone is welcome. For more information: 217-257-1412.

St. Edward Church, Mendon, Annual Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Day with biscuits and gravy.

**Sunday, February 11 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Adults \$12; 10 and under \$6**

To place a meat order by February 7 call Lindsey at 430-7437 or [stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com](mailto:stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com).



# St. Francis Solanus School

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February  
schedule

**BEAR**

St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate  
"Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"

Monday, Feb. 5 - Game Night  
Bring a snack to share.

Saturday, Feb. 10 - Music of John Williams  
Email Jane Ann by Feb 2 to join. Tickets are \$15. Quincy Symphony at Junior High.

Friday, Feb. 16 - QCT Matilda

Please respond ASAP if interested as space is limited. Tickets are \$20.

Who: 6th - 12th grades Where: Parish Hall When: Mondays 7:15 - 8:30  
coordinator Jane Ann Petty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com

**Kindergarten Round-Up is Coming!**  
Friday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. in the school cafeteria.  
Your child must be five years old on or before  
September 1, 2024. The teacher will explain the  
kindergarten curriculum, families will meet the  
pastor and principal, a list of tuition and fees will  
be distributed and the children will engage in  
several fun activities. New families also will receive  
an explanation of the Gene Grawe Fund.

**We hope to see you there!**

### SFSS Open House Dates for Prospective Families

Families will be able to talk to school families  
and staff in a relaxed setting.

Tours of the building will be offered.

Families may come and go as they please.

**Tuesday, February 20 6:30-7:30 p.m. is for new  
families with prospective preschool or  
kindergarten students in the fall of 2024.**

**Thursday, February 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. is for  
new families with 1st-8th grade students in the  
fall of 2024.**

Families are welcome to attend the 5:30 p.m.  
Mass before the event.

Families are encouraged to register with the  
principal, jradel@stfrancissolanus.com, but it is  
not required.

Come find out why generations of families  
have chosen St. Francis School for their  
children's education!



### **CYO Registration**

**Girls Volleyball registration is**

**open until February 16. Games begin March 10.**

**Cost is \$55. Sign up and**

**information can be found at**

**cyoquincy.com/volleyball. Questions can be  
directed to Alice Arnold at 217-440-6135.**



February 10-11	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	Chloe Terwelp Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Logan Callahan Bobbie Talken Patti Blickhan <i>One Needed Please</i>	Tim Reichert Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas	Greg Ehrhardt Harold Vahle Dennis Kendrick	Sheila Goehl	Betty Kaufmann Tim & Cindy Reichert <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	David Bickhaus James Bickhaus	Roseann Gosnell Pat Winking Don Winking Gary Hilgenbrinck	Larry Klauser Janet Marquette Jerry Meyer	Roch Schulte John Beckman George Venvertloh	Steve Davis	Terry Niemann Kathy Klauser <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kay Gallaher
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	Alice Arnold Terry Kistner James Cramsey Katherine Cramsey	<b>Boy Scouts</b>		<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b> <b>Gift Bearer</b> <b>Boy Scouts</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Paul Steinkamp <i>2 needed please</i>	Sue Holbrook Michael Wand Christina Rose Rebecca Wear	Mike Holbrook Ron Gengenbacher Melissa Arnold	Evan Reichert Don Olps Steve Obert	Rachel Waterkotte	Brenda Wand Nancy Hufendick <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sam Vranjes
<i>Saturday Morning</i> <i>Mass Server</i>		<b>February 10, 2024</b>	Brady Koettters and Emmett Wiemelt			
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		<b>9:00 Mass</b>	Adayre Klauser			



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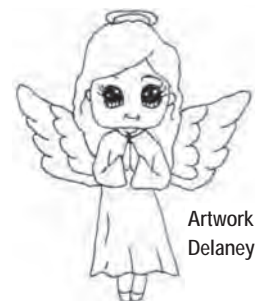
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