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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.

## *Third Sunday of Lent*

**MARCH 3, 2024**

Exodus 20:1-17 or Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17;  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

[There are alternate Biblical texts that may be used  
for the first and second readings.]

It would be a wonderful world if everyone kept the Ten Commandments! In the first reading, God gives the commandments to Moses. If everyone kept the commandments, there would be no crime. There would be no illegitimate or unwanted children. There would be no theft or murder or dishonesty. There would be respect among all peoples.

If everyone kept the commandments, we would be truly wise. The second reading tells us, however, that true wisdom goes beyond the commandments. True wisdom is to accept Jesus Christ as Lord over every aspect of our lives.

A lot of “sophisticated” people (the “Greeks” of the second reading) look for a secular philosophy or another wisdom. Some of us are like the Pharisees or Jews of old: We want to see signs and wonders or we won’t believe! But we have true wisdom if we are loyal to Jesus Christ even in his cross. The wisdom of God is wiser than that of any human genius.

In the Gospel, Jesus angrily drives the money changers out of the temple. He calls for a spirit of prayer, and not for a lot of buying and selling and “doing things” in the name of religion.

How genuine is our faith? Do we just “go through the motions?” Do we truly keep God’s commandments? Do we think that we shall somehow find wisdom elsewhere? Let us renew our loyalty to the Lord.

Today, we celebrate the first of three *Scrutinies* with our Elect. In the ancient Church, the Scrutinies were tests which catechumens had to pass before they were judged worthy to be baptized. Nowadays, they are simply prayers for the Elect. But we might ask ourselves if we could pass the Lord’s test in order to be a member of his people!

--Msgr. William Carr

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Christ Crucified?

“Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles (1 Corinthians 1:22-23).”

“Jews demand signs...but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block.” What sense could this make? For us the cross is a sign we see everywhere! Drive through the Bible belt? Roadside crosses! What’s on so many necklaces? The cross! What sign could be demanded?

The Jewish people at the time of Christ were in recent memory of the Maccabean Revolt (see 1 & 2 Maccabees). They faced annihilation by the wicked King Antiochus. Judas Maccabeus led a rebellion that led to the freedom of the people. The Jewish people eventually became free only to later be occupied by the Roman Empire.

Rome made a lot of accommodations for the Jewish people and frankly, life was good. It was the so-called Pax Romana, or the “Roman Peace”. Ahead of the Midnight Mass at Christmas we recount that the world was at peace at the birth of Christ. Still many resented that the Jewish people were not free from taxes, and besides, was not God supposed to restore them as a strong state?

Remember the people were the ones who demanded a king in the first place (see 1 Samuel 8). God sent them a great prophet, Samuel, but they desired a king. God knowing His people’s hearts granted their request with David. But God’s will was for them to have something greater than an earthly ruler – He desired to be with His people and them with Him.

So then throughout the Old Testament we see the cycle play out. We see them grow from adolescence (receiving the 10 Commandments) into Exile. We see that God will always be faithful, but virtue will be rewarded, and sin will be punished. The promises will be fulfilled; whether that happens in your lifetime is up to you. The covenantal relationship of God to His people intensifies, leading up to the birth of Christ. Yet, some were looking for the signs in the wrong places.

Some recognized the signs though. Look at Luke 2:22-38, where Simeon and Anna receive the gift of seeing the fulfillment of God’s promises, His covenant, during the presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

Do we not look for signs but fail to see them? For many in Israel, the signs were there, God was fulfilling His promise, but they had chosen the sign they would accept. God provides the signs, but do we receive them in faith and love or view them as a stumbling block from our own expectations?

Where is God prompting you to a deeper conversion, surrender, and trust? In my last bulletin article, a month ago, I touched on restlessness as a sign to turn to the Lord. Have you grown close to God, farther from Him or stagnated in your relationship with Him in the last month? If your relationship has deepened – Praise Him! If not, know He waits for you to turn to Him like the dad in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). Nothing you do will please Him except to offer yourself whole and entire (Romans 12:1). Surrender all to Him and He will take care of everything and give you rest.

“...Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified... foolishness to Gentiles.” Indeed, the thought of the innocent man, the man who is God, taking on the sin, pain, brokenness, woundedness, of us all is something beyond the greatest wisdom ever arrived at by Aristotle, Plato or Socrates. Justice would seem to demand our annihilation for even a small, venial sin. Yet God is perfect in Justice and the perfection of Justice is mercy.

It used to be that John 3:16 was common to see on walls, bumper stickers, you name it. Our Protestant brothers and sisters, despite having an impoverished view of the Bible, excluding a number of books, like Maccabees, understand the beauty of this verse—“for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Do you think God is foolish for loving you? Do you think God is foolish for dying for you? Do you struggle to see His love for you when you see a crucifix with His arms stretched out, writhing in immeasurable pain for you. Do you reject those arms, nailed down in His precious blood, which desire to hug you? Will you reject His love or will you let Him love you?

It’s the third week of Lent. Where is Jesus desiring to love you but you refuse to let Him? Ask Him and say: “Jesus, love me there.”

*In Christ,  
Thomas Marten, Seminarian  
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# Weekday Mass Intentions

<b>March 4 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Stan Musholt and Dan Richmiller
<b>March 5 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Joe Genenbacher and Bernice Mowen
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Donald Bickhaus and Cecilia Middendorf
<b>March 6 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Priscilla Morrison
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	No Mass tonight
<b>March 7 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	No Mass this morning
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Dirk Bonebrake and Stan Musholt
<b>March 8 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Stan Musholt
<b>March 9 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Alma Haugh
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Dadant and Joe Genenbacher
<b>March 10 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Linda Blickhan and Joseph Ley
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	John & Ruth Holman

## This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, March 4**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mission
- **Tuesday, March 5**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 1:00 p.m. Pastors and Principals Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Saint Study
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mission
- **Wednesday, March 6**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. School Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, March 7**
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 11:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party
- 3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- **Friday, March 8**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. QCS meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5996 meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday, March 9**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 11:00 a.m. Cursillo Prep
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Week of 2/25/2024	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$19,468.75	\$885,794.89
Loose Collection	\$1,526.00	\$55,273.46
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$20,994.75</b>	<b>\$941,068.35</b>
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,027,990.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$9,240.25</b>	<b>-\$86,921.65</b>

	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$1,234.50	\$135,969.78
Alaska: \$3,483; Catholic Charities: \$3,711.16		

**Due to our priests being out of town we will have a Communion Service only on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 a.m.**

**Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry**

**The Food Pantry challenges you to give a grocery item each day of Lent. There are bags in the pantry bins at all entrances to church with the usual items that the pantry gives stapled to them. Take one and fill it up, then bring it to church.**

**Special Need:  
Hamburger and Chicken Helper**

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**St. Patrick's Dinner**— Sunday, March 17 , 11 a.m. -6 p.m. at the St. Rose Parish Hall in Quincy. Drive-thru only. Order from your car. \$13 per meal. In addition to corned beef and cabbage you can choose from German sausage and sauerkraut or a half beef/cabbage, half sausage/kraut with mashed potatoes and apple or cherry pie.  
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***"Partners in Bloom" United Way Event March 7***  
***Vote for Quincy Catholic Charities!***

*View 17 fresh floral displays, inspired by United Way of Adams County partner agency logos, including Quincy Catholic Charities. \$5 entry fee. Thursday, March 7, Town & Country Inn & Suites, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*

**QND Commitment Weekend is March 2 & 3.**

Gifts and pledge cards will be accepted at Mass. Please place your contribution in the offertory or mail it to: QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL., 62306. Gifts support QND's 47th Fund Drive to bridge the gap between cost to educate and tuition. To learn more about QND visit: quincynotredame.org. Thank you!

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

**Position Overview:** The Parish Business Manager will oversee the financial management, human resources, and day-to-day business operations of the parish.

**Desired qualifications include:** Proven experience in Business Administration, Finance or a related field; strong interpersonal and communication skills and a commitment to the parish's mission; experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR, and payroll preferred. Applicants may send a resume and cover letter to Sue Holbrook, sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com or to: Parish Office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL., 62301.

*Rest in Peace*

*Richard "Dick" Gengenbacher*  
*October 20, 1943—February 23, 2024*  
*&*  
*Phyllis Reed*  
*March 2, 1932—February 25, 2024*

**Lenten Fish Fries:**

**St. Dominic's School, St. Anthony's Parish**

St. Dominic's: March 15

St. Anthony's: March 8, March 22

**4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Carry-out available.**

Catfish and Walleye plates with three sides, drink and homemade dessert \$14; child's plate \$8; fish sandwich, fries and drink, \$8.

**Join us for a St. Francis Lenten Parish Mission**

**Awake My Soul!**



March 3, 4 and 5 at 7 o'clock each evening in the church.

Our speaker will be Dr. Karen Shadle, Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The liturgies of Lent and Holy Week call us to look and listen; to be still and behold.

Through a series of three talks incorporating scripture, music and prayer, this mission will challenge us to be more receptive to the Church's great beauty, to re-awaken our imagination, and ultimately to make ourselves more available to encounters with Jesus in the sacraments and in our lives.

Day 1: The Lost Art of Beholding

Day 2: Beauty that Saves

Day 3: The Church's Treasure Chest

**We hope to see you there!**

**40 Days for Life** has started here in Quincy. Join us now through March 24 as we stand, or sit, and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Walgreens on Broadway between 17th and 18th streets. For more information and to stand/sit in vigil please contact Colleen Maalouf at Quincy40daysforlife@gmail.com. To sign up for prayer vigil shifts go to: 40daysforlife.com/en/quincy.

**Holy Name News:** The next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus News:**

The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is up to \$13,152. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. Fish dinners served on Friday nights from 4:30-7 p.m. \$13 will get you a choice of catfish or Pollock filets and three sides. Eat-in or drive-thru. Great food! Short lines! Visit [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org) for more information.



**Ladies Card Party, Thursday, March 7**

Please join us for the first card party of the spring on March 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Parish Center. Doors open at 10:30. Don Altgilbers will be preparing a potato bar lunch. To make reservations for your group call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416. Get your reservations in early!

**St. Brigid Church, Liberty, Fish Fry**

Friday, March 15, 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$12; 6-12 years old \$8. All you can eat, buffet style. Serving catfish filets, homemade potato chips, potato salad, beans, homemade desserts, and more! Carry out available.

**Wanted— Asst. Groundskeeper Calvary Cemetery**

Duties include routine landscaping tasks, regular inspections of the property and assisting with funeral preparations.

Please call the cemetery office at 217-223-3390 or Mike Hummel, 217-430-3873 for more information.

**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.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

- Our next all member-meeting is Tuesday, March 19. Mass starts at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting starting at 7:15.
- Ray Wheeler will be present to answer questions about Hope House. Our agenda will include naming a nominating committee for new officers, voting on our by-laws and discussing monetary donations for upcoming projects and events. To make a dinner reservation (\$10) contact Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290.
- Please join us!

Who says only Little Kids like to Color??  
**Big Kids like to Color too!**



**1st Time Event!**

**ADULTS-ONLY COLORING NIGHT**  
**"Welcoming the Colors of Spring"**

Hosted by: the Welcome Committee

**TRY IT. YOU JUST MIGHT LIKE IT!**

**When:** Saturday - April 13th - 5:30pm

**Where:** St. Francis Parish Center

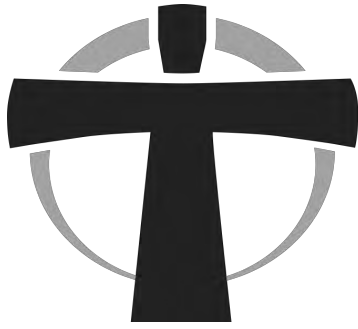
**Why:** FOOD (provided by Holy Name Society)  
FELLOWSHIP & SIMPLE FUN (adult coloring activity with a Little twist...and prizes!)  
50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING (proceeds go to 8th Grade Trip)

**What to Bring:** Beverage of your choice!

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT (required) - by APRIL 1st!**

**Text or Call: JULIE ERWIN**  
**217 / 257 - 5313**

**Ministry Schedules— Our next round of schedules will run April 8 through July 7. Please take a moment to log in to Rotunda/Ministry Scheduler Pro to make any profile changes and add any dates that you are unavailable to serve. If you are newly trained as an usher, lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, greeter or gift bearer, please call the parish office if you haven't received an email with instructions on how to set up your profile.**



# St. Francis Solanus School

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**BEAR**

St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate  
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*March schedule*

**Monday, Mar. 4 - Parish Mission**  
Please arrive at 6:45. Begins at 7. Dr. Karen Shadle of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Louisville. She will incorporate Scripture, music, and prayer.

**Monday, Mar. 11 - Regular Meeting**  
Please bring a snack to share. Water provided.

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



**Bingo Night**

**Thursday, March 14th**  
Doors open at 6pm - Game starts 6:30pm

@ St Francis Solanus Parish Center  
All School Families & Parishioners are invited

\$1 Bingo cards - Food & Drinks will be available for purchase



Students attended a prayer service on Mardi Gras and created masks for the event to remember, "Lord take my mask of sin away."



Father Arisman gave a blessing to the St. Francis students who were part of the IESA Eighth Grade Crusader Basketball team during a school Mass February 21. The team earned a second place finish at the state tournament in Class 3A. Pictured are Austin Genenbacher, Kaden Marth and TJ Togarepi. Not pictured is Carson Reyburn.

March 9-10	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus Isaiah Wear	David Pillars Rose Pillars Teena Fisk Rebecca Wear	Greg Ehrhardt Tim Reichert John Veith	John Obert Michael Eling Jim Waterkotte	Michael Bickhaus	Betty Kaufmann Kristine Bickhaus <b>Gift Bearer</b> Judy Akers
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	James Petty <i>One Needed Please</i>	Emilie Venvertloh Roseann Gosnell John Benz Gary Winking	Jerry Carnivale Janet Marquette George Venvertloh	Jerry Meyer John Beckman Joe Bernhardt	Steve Davis	Terry Niemann Sandra Banning <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sarah Lugering
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Alex Lawrence Owen Wheeler Genevieve Hamann	Ric Hinkamper Brad Kendrick Robert Haas Carol Haistings	Rob Haistings Joseph Wiewel Karl Venvertloh	Rob Frese Roberta Meyer John McDowell	Monica Hinkamper	Brian Dreier James Doellman <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Hailey Terwelp Allison Ormond Whitney Ormond	Dick Mitchell Michelle Meyer Marvin Knuffman <i>One Needed Please</i>	Melissa Arnold Bud Voss Mike Fessler	Brent Frericks Sam Vranjes Rose Willer	Karen Steinkamp	Nancy Hufendick Margaret Steinbrecher <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
<b>Saturday Morning Mass Server</b>		<b>March 9, 2024</b>	Brady Koettters and Jacob Collins			
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>		<b>9:00 Mass</b>	Liz Gengenbacher			



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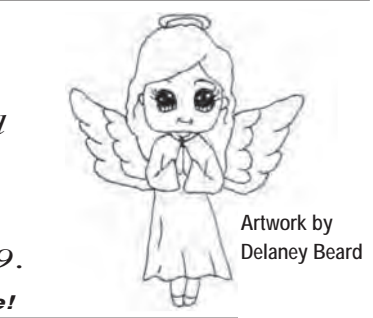
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