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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!

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Fascinating readings this weekend. The Israelites are unfaithful. They worship the gods of the pagan world around them. In Chronicles we hear how the Lord is condemning them for their unfaithfulness and calling them back to Himself and right worship. Jeremiah is referenced here as prophesying about their unfaithfulness and how God will call them back to right worship in the promised land through the most unlikely of circumstances. They were taken into captivity by the Babylonians and the Persians conquer the Babylonians. Cyrus the King of Persia the most unlikely of people not only frees the Israelites from captivity, but sends them back to the promised land, AND declares the Lord as God and re-builds His temple in Jerusalem. WOW! God can use Cyrus to do this immensely great work. Just think of what He can do with you if you just give yourself to Him. This is what the Lord is seeking...YOU!

The Gospel is about the Lord's desire to heal you of the poison of sin and eternal death. The serpent lifted up as their salvation in the desert was a foretaste of Jesus being lifted up on the cross for our salvation. Then John gives us the famous passage about our salvation. BE NOT DECEIVED by many of our protestant brothers and sisters that translate this passage that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that all who believes in Him WILL not perish, but WILL have eternal life." The passage SHOULD read, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him MIGHT not perish, but MIGHT have eternal life." Very different translation. The passage doesn't use words of certainty, but possibility. This passage is that the Lord desires to save us, but we must give ourselves to Him. Look upon the crucified Jesus and see your salvation and follow Him to the Cross, to YOUR Cross. He desires to save you from eternal death and offer you eternal life. Will you accept it? Will you take up your cross? Will you follow Him? HE IS SEEKING YOU!

Thank you all so much for such a successful mission! We had such great crowds! So many of our young people came! What a phenomenal speaker and thank you to so many for showing up and growing in our life of faith together! Thank you to Dr. Karen Shadle for her amazing words of wisdom and wonderful sharing of her love of the liturgy, of music, of the Church, and of the Lord Jesus. How beautiful her words were. Thank you to her and all of you for making this mission successful.

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# Weekday Mass Intentions

March 11 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Janice Blickhan Foreman		
March 12 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Don Steinkamp		
	5:30 p.m.	Sandy Koetters		
March 13 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Ley		
	5:30 p.m.	Clara O'Brien		
March 14 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Dadant		
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt		
March 15 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Genenbacher and Amy Waterkotte		
March 16 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Middendorf and Robert F. Blickhan		
	4:30 p.m.	Linda Cornwell		
	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
March 17 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Robert Blickhan		
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Arisman and Fr. Beagles		

Week of 3/3/2024	Week	YTD

Regular Collection	\$19,851.25	\$915,271.93
Loose Collection	\$1,796.63	\$57,070.09
Total Collection	\$21,647.88	\$972,342.02
Needed Support	¢20, 225, 00	¢4 050 335 00
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,058,225.00

	Week	YTD
Annual School	\$4,075.00	\$140,918.78
Fund		

## This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, March 11

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

## Tuesday, March 12

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 3:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

## • Wednesday, March 13

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. School Reconciliation
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. Pastor Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper
- ▲ 6:30 p.m. Holy Name Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Meeting

## Thursday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PTO Bingo
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting

## Friday, March 15

- ▲ 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Special Persons Day
- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, March 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. Third Grade Retreat
- 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Prep
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

## Special Collections Feb. 2024:

Alaska: \$3,808; Annual School Fund: \$9,920;

Ash Wednesday-Europe: \$2,424; Catholic Charities: \$3,711.16;

Food Pantry: \$4,677; Rice Bowl: \$1,314

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.

Shrine of St. Patrick-Mass & Dinner on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17 in St. Patrick, Mo. Fun for the entire family starts with Mass at 9:00, Leprechaun 5K Run/Walk at 10:15, Roast Beef Dinner from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults, \$12; children 6-12, \$7. Irish music with The Dulcimer Guy and bagpipe music from Andrew Fodor.

For All Women: The sign-up sheet for the Quincy Deanery DCCW Spring gathering Wednesday, April 3 in Pittsfield is in the gathering space. The theme for this gathering is Confession: Mercy, Justice and Forgiveness. We learn, pray and gather new information and ideas to take back to our parishes and families. Please call 217-653-6716 with any questions you may have.

## Another opportunity to show your support for QND

The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Weekend! You can still contribute in the collection basket or mail your donations to: QND, PO Box 1014 Quincy, II., 62306. Contributions benefit the 47th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the 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.

# 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.

#### **Lenten Fish Fries:**

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

St. Dominic's: March 15 St. Anthony's: 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.



The Welcome Committee recently hosted one of its quarterly lunches for new members of St. Francis.

Rest in Peace Gary Wellman March 2, 1947—March 2, 2024 & Jerry McElhoe July 22, 1940—February 26, 2024

**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.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> The next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center basement due to the Soup Supper.

## **Knights of Columbus News:**

The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is up to \$13,400. 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 for more information.

Little Kids like to Color ... but 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 FOOD (provided by Holy Name Society) FELLOWSHIP & FUN (adult coloring activity with a few twists...AND PRIZES!) 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING (proceeds: 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

**Troop 22 News**— This weekend we will have an Eagle Court of Honor celebrating five Scouts who recently earned their Eagle Scout rank:

**Jack Costigan**—Two mobile flower planter boxes for the residents of Good Samaritan Home.

**Joel Nelson**— Built a food pantry box outside Luther Memorial Church.

**Trevor Nelson**—Made blankets for the Quincy Humane Society.

**Joseph Radel**—Created 100 birthday cake kits for Catholic Charities.

**Cole Willer**—Built the stationary cross on the southwest corner of the St. Francis church yard. Also, congratulations and thank you for your service to the youth of our parish:

Roger and Kay Gallagher are celebrating and retiring after 50 years of service to St. Francis Troop and Pack 22.

## Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to everyone who supported the March Card Party!

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. Also joining us will be Jane Ann Petty. 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.

Since St. Patrick's Day is right before our meeting, please wear a wee bit o' green!

To make a dinner reservation (\$10) contact

**Holy Thursday Prayer Hours** 

All parishioners are invited to attend at any time.

Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290. Please join us!

8:30-9:00 p.m. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

9:00-9:30 p.m. Order of Secular Franciscans.

9:30-10:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis.

10:00-10:30 p.m.—Cursillo.

10:30-11:00 p.m.—Holy Name.

11:00-11:30 p.m.—Pastoral Council and Liturgy Planning.

11:30 -Midnight—Priests.

Grief Share— Has started on Tuesday afternoons and will continue through May 28 from 3-5 o'clock 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. The peer support is healing!

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





Monday, Mar. 11 - Regular Meeting

Please bring a snack to share. Water provided.

Friday, Mar. 15 -Clean up @ St. Boniface Cemetery Meet at St. Boniface Cemetery @ 5.

Supper of fish sticks and cheese pizza to follow at the Petty's. Pick up at 7:30.

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



Sister Clementia Toalson of the Springfield Diocese Office of Education visited our third graders who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. She also visited the fourth graders, who received these sacraments last year.





Eighth grader Aiden Pruett helps construct a catapult as part of his grade's spring STEM project. St. Francis School will hold a STEM night April 25.

March 16-17	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Quinn Wiewel Thomas Wiewel Mackenzie Sousa	Phyllis Knuffman Roger Knuffman Tom Liesen Bobbie Talken	Jim Kaiser Tom Ennis Dennis Kendrick	John Veith Russell Rohrer Jerry Meyer	Chryssia Hea	Joe Venvertloh Karen Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> <i>Two Needed Please</i>
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp Emmett Wiemelt	Kay Gallaher Arlene Hendren Damian McDonald Paulette Freiburg	Joyce Frericks Roger Gallaher Jim Wilper	Kevin Frericks Paul Eling Gary Terwelp	Jan Zeidler	Joan Beard Sandra Banning <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Owen Wheeler Max McDowell Molly Costigan	Ronald Upper Shirley Walbring Holly Hummel Leila Weppler	John McDowell Mike Zanger Ryan Klauser	Troy Hummel Bradyn Klauser Bing Lammers	Bruce Broemmel	Nancy Friye Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Brad Hummel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Paul Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp Nathan Steinkamp	Christy Woodward Carol Steinbrecher Mike Holbrook Marsha Collins	Bud Voss Marty Karhoff Rose Willer	James Doellman Mike Fessler Drew Erwin	Rosanna Voss	Doris Karhoff Patricia Tomczak <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
	day Morning ass Server	March 16, 2024	Two Needed Please			
Children's Li	turgy of the Word	9:00 Mass	Anne Meyer			



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