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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 of Lent

MARCH 17, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9;

John 12:20-33

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

Sixteen centuries ago, there was no special Mass on this Sunday in Rome. All Rome gathered in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday evening for an all night vigil. At the conclusion of the Vigil, the pope ordained priests, and all celebrated the Eucharist.

This is the background for today's readings. The unifying theme is "priesthood" – not just the ministerial priesthood, but your priesthood by your baptism and confirmation.

The entire Gospel of John is summarized in the prologue: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not...but to as many as received him, he gave the power of becoming children of God."

The first half of John's Gospel is called the "Book of Signs." By seven signs, Jesus replaces the forms and institutions of Judaism with something new and better. (For example, manna is to be replaced by the Eucharist; the Torah is to be replaced by the living water of the Spirit in baptism.) Unfortunately, "his own" did not accept him.

Today's Gospel selection is the climax of the Gospel: "His own" did not receive him, but Gentiles (Greeks) came to him: "To as many as received him, he gave the power to become children of God!" Jesus proclaims that now he is glorified! His priesthood extends to the world.

And what is the essence of that priesthood? It is his self-giving: "Whoever loves his life loses it; whoever hates his life in this world preserves it for life eternal." Our share in Christ's priesthood is to "lose ourselves" in him in the service of others.

The second reading proclaims that Christ was heard because of his obedience. We, too, share in his priesthood when we joyfully accept our crosses.

The first reading, from Jeremiah, proclaims that the new covenant will be written on hearts and not on stone. We are the living stones of the temple of God. Through baptism and confirmation we are called to bring this world to God, and to bring God to the world.

Today we celebrate the third and final Scrutiny.

--Msgr. William Carr

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Lifted Up From This Earth”

In today’s Gospel (John 12:20-33) we hear Jesus speak about being, “lifted up from this earth,” and that He will draw us to Himself.

Christ subtly reminds us we are not merely just a soul but body and soul. Christ desires not only our soul but that we love Him with our whole being – our body and soul.

Lent lends itself for us to think about the four last things – death, judgement, and heaven or hell. Our society and even our own church culture have seen a resurgence of all sorts of heresy, even if subtle and not intended to be heretical. We have a culture that on one hand denies “life everlasting” and on the other denies the “resurrection of the dead.” I’ll say it again, we are body and soul—a “hylomorphic composite”, to use philosophical jargon.

The Catholic funeral complements this reality. The vigil service, also known as a wake or visitation, is where our funeral liturgy begins. According to the Order of Christian Funerals, at this service, “the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ’s presence.”

Vigil also should make us think about other “vigils” of the church. We often call the Saturday night Mass a “vigil Mass,” though it is technically an “anticipated Mass”. We have a true “vigil Mass” most notably at nightfall before Easter Sunday and on Christmas Eve. These liturgies are distinct from the actual Easter and Christmas “Day of” Masses.

The fact that there is a distinction applies to our funeral rites. The funeral vigil occurs the day before the funeral and provides all the faithful the opportunity to pray and mourn the deceased and to comfort and keep vigil with the family. The vigil should be located at the funeral home and not the Church.

Our struggle to deal with death has led to a growing number of families opting to skip this part. I know when my dad died, I didn’t particularly want to be in a receiving line for hours. Yet doing so was remarkably healthy for me. To see the broader community come to pray and to offer their prayers and support for me and my family was, in hindsight, a gift of our church and tradition.

The funeral mass, sometimes called a requiem mass, is the central part of the funeral liturgy. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and in the funeral mass, we lift-up our prayers to Christ and unite our deceased loved ones to the source of love –God. The tradition of the church is for her clergy to wear black vestments though purple and even white are allowed to be used. Black symbolizes our death and mourning. It reminds us that we are there to pray for the deceased.

There was a man at my dad’s funeral who, trying to be charitable but failing to understand what is true, said to me, “funerals are more for the living than for the dead.” This sounded nice but it was fundamentally wrong. As Catholics, we recognize the funeral indeed is a part of our mourning, but it is most centrally about praying for the soul of the deceased. This is why we do not have celebrations of life, but instead a Mass of Christian Burial to pray for the deceased.

The highest prayer of the Church is the holy sacrifice of the Mass and in a funeral Mass we entrust the soul of the deceased to the merciful love of Christ—something far higher and greater than our human words can do.

Finally, we have the Rite of Committal, also known as the interment or burial. We go from the Church to the gravesite and there we gather to pray for the deceased and to bring a liturgical closure to mourning. From this place we look up at the cross as a sign of our hope for the resurrection of the dead—when Christ will reunite our souls to our bodies in the new heaven and new earth.

You may have noticed this leaves out a place for a public eulogy. Words of remembrance are allowed but focus on the faith life of the individual and thanking people for attending. You may have seen a eulogy allowed at a funeral mass, but it is not proper nor advisable in the rubrics. Let me explain.

In my hometown, after the funeral rites are complete, we come back to the KC Hall from the cemetery and have a luncheon. If the Church were to ever consider a fourth part of the funeral rites, I would hope it would be a funeral luncheon. After burying our loved one, we come back, together with family and friends, to eat and share with one another stories and memories of the deceased. What a great place to have a eulogy! Also, historically the eulogy was done as part of the wake, as it was telling memories to see if the deceased would “wake” before embalming was a reality.

As we near the final part of Lent and look for the Resurrection, please pray for the deceased, perhaps visiting the cemetery to pray. Have masses said for your deceased loved ones. How have you thought about the four last things? Are you preparing for the resurrection of the dead? Have you been to confession in the past month? Have you considered how Christ desires you, not only your soul but your body as well?

In Christ,

Thomas Marten, Seminarian

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Weekday Mass Intentions

March 18 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Albert Linken and a Special Intention for an Infant
March 19 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Joyce Cowser
	5:30 p.m.	Janis Blickhan Foreman and Nate Gilbert
March 20 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Stan Musholt
	5:30 p.m.	John Maxwell
March 21 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller
	5:30 p.m.	Joe Genenbacher
March 22 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Gert Sohn and Dick Mitchell Sr.
March 23 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dan Richmiller
	4:30 p.m.	Carl, Connie & Fr. Gary Bernhardt
Palm Sunday March 24	7:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carberry and Elaine Martin

Week of 3/10/2024	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$17,257.25	\$951,907.68
Loose Collection	\$1,397.00	\$58,467.09
Total Collection	\$18,654.25	\$1,010,374.77
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$1,088,460.00
Difference	-\$11,580.75	-\$78,085.23

	Week	YTD
Annual School Fund	\$1,564.50	\$147,521.28

This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, March 18**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 6:00 p.m. Tiger den meeting
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
- **Tuesday, March 19**
- 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. Ladies of St. Francis meeting
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- **Wednesday, March 20**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. School Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, March 21**
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting
- **Friday, March 22**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #5996 meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- **Saturday, March 23**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 1:00 p.m. Cursillo reunion
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Week Office hours:
We will close the parish office
at noon on Holy Thursday
and reopen at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2.



Easter Meal Boxes—If you know of a parish family in need of an Easter Meal Box, please call Mary Beth McGee at 217-430-1533. Parishioners who receive a box will be served on Holy Thursday.

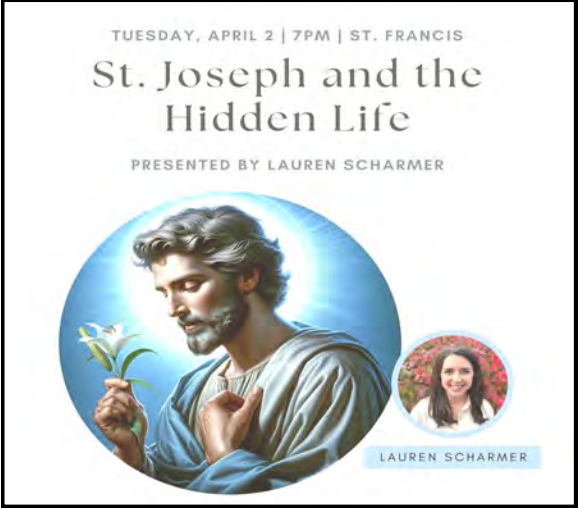


St. Francis Lenten Soup Suppers
Wednesdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Lenten Fish Fries:
St. Dominic’s School, St. Anthony’s Parish
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.

Rest in Peace
Kathleen “Kitty” Bueter
March 5, 1944—March 10, 2024
Corky Fee
July 9, 1941—March 6, 2024
Barbara Mitchell
December 20, 1934—March 7, 2024

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



Saints Study invites men and women of all parishes to the talk: “St. Joseph and the Hidden Life,” presented by Lauren Scharmer. **Tuesday, April 2; 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center.** Don’t miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of one of the most revered saints in Christian history.

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.

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.

Holy Name News: Everyone is invited to our Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 24. Drive-thru or Eat In at the parish center from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. One quarter of a chicken, potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw and dessert for \$12, kids and under \$6. Men of the parish, we will need your help!

Knights of Columbus News:
The Thursday Night Raffle jackpot is up to \$13,600. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. Fish dinners served on Friday nights from 4:30-7 p.m., including Good Friday. \$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
WHY: **FOOD** (provided by Holy Name Society)
FELLOWSHIP & FUN
(adult coloring activity with a few twists...AND PRIZES!)
50/50 RAFFLE (proceeds 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

If you have any gently used colored pencils or gel pens that you'd like to donate we would love to have them for our event. A drop-off box can be found in the gathering space. Thank you!

Ladies of St. Francis News:

- Our next all-member meeting is this 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 Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290 by this Sunday evening. Please join us!
- Also, please sign up to bring a dessert to be served at the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner on March 24. Desserts may be dropped off in the back hallway of the parish center on Saturday, March 23 or Sunday by 9 a.m. We also will need a few workers to cut and plate the desserts in one-hour shifts. Thank you!

Illinois March for Life —Wednesday, April 17 at the Illinois State Capitol beginning at noon with a rally at the capitol followed by a march around the building at 1 o'clock. Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a motor coach. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 for the bus and a box lunch. Call or text Lynn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075, to reserve your spot on the bus. Reservations requested by April 10, but will be accepted until the bus is full. Go to illinoismarchforlife.org for more information.

Holy Thursday Prayer Hours

All parishioners are invited to attend at any time.
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.

**City-Wide Penance Service— 2 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at
Blessed Sacrament Church, 1119 S. 7th St., Quincy.**



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St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate
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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.

Monday, Mar. 18 - Regular Meeting
Please bring a snack to share. Drinks 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



These Eagle Scouts earned their rank about a year ago and held a joint Court of Honor on March 10. (L to R): Trevor Nelson, Cole Willer, Jack Costigan, Joel Nelson and Joseph Radel. Scouts BSA Troop 22 is chartered by the Holy Name Society of St. Francis Solanus Parish.



Fourth graders and eighth grader Gabe Schrage presented Shadow Stations of the Cross recently.

March 23-24	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks Isaiah Wear	Bobbie Talken Sheila Goehl Carla Slough Maureen Makarewicz	Dennis Kendrick Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas	Brian Dreier Harold Vahle Tom Ennis	Steve Davis Rebecca Wear	Betty Kaufmann Janice Wiemelt Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Two Needed Please	Cindy Venvertloh Pat Winking Jane Gregory Bridget Ehrhart	Terry Obert Don Winking Larry Venvertloh	Tim Venvertloh Gary Hilgenbrinck George Venvertloh	Nancy Venegoni John Venegoni	Joan Beard Sandra Banning Gift Bearer Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Macy Patton Makayla Patton Molly Costigan	Kristen Patton Ted Genenbacher Carol Darnell Ann Betts	Jason Costigan Andrew Wemhoener Steven Eling	Gary Darnell Terry Nall Diann Cole	Thomas Hummel Sarah Genenbacher	Jan Zeidler Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Amanda Genenbacher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Emily O'Leary Evan Reichert Austin Genenbacher	Michael Wand Brenda Wand Christina Rose Ron Genenbacher	Mike Holbrook Marty Karhoff Melissa Arnold One Needed Please	Zachary Maas Drew Erwin	Rachel Waterkotte One Needed Please	Nancy Hufendick James Doellman Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
Saturday Morning Mass Server		March 23, 2024	Jacob Collins			
Children's Liturgy of the Word		9:00 Mass	Adayre Klauer			



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| Mary Althoff | Josephina Bohne |
| Irene Freiburg | Bernadina "Birdie" Freund |
| Mary Futterer | Mary Hickey |
| Wilhelmina Kottendorf | Cecelia VonderHaar |
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