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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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARCH 2, 2025

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

How often we open our mouths to insert our feet! The author of the first reading tells us that we reveal ourselves to others each time we speak. Sad to say, we don't reveal ourselves to ourselves!

In the Gospel, Jesus asks us why we see the speck in our neighbor's eye and fail to notice the plank in our own eye. The old Greek philosopher said, "Know thyself." That's the first step toward integrity or maturity or just being a virtuous person.

Cervantes remarked that to know oneself was the most difficult lesson in the world to learn! The old Scottish poet, Robert Burns, said: "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us To see oursels as others see us!" ("O would that God some grace would give us to see ourselves as others see us.")

The point is that not too many of us really want to face ourselves honestly. We might discover that we are boring windbags, when we thought we were brilliant conversationalists. We might find that we were idle gossipers, when we thought we were conscientiously interested in others.

We might find that we are attention seekers or victims or whiners or braggarts or hypocrites or that we have a lot of bad traits. But no one wants to tell us the real truth. No one wants to tell us that we have bad breath or that we have annoying habits.

Perhaps it's best that we don't always tell the truth, for most of us really don't want to know ourselves. But Christ dares us to know ourselves truly, to face ourselves honestly. If we find ourselves wanting, he still loves us. He forgives us. He empowers us to change. He can give us strength to overcome our rough spots if only we face ourselves honestly.

Our mothers probably told us, "When you are perfect, you can correct others." Good advice! Let's know ourselves and correct ourselves. That will be a full time job; we won't have time to search for specks in others' eyes.

--Msgr. William Carr
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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Grant Wilson:

Hello again, St. Francis Parish!

It's been a busy few months since I started in September as your new Director of Religious Education (especially since Jess and I welcomed our daughter Rose into the world in January!), and I wanted to share some of the exciting things I've been working on with the people of our parish:

We are strengthening our PSR program. I meet regularly with our catechists to review how classes for students in first through sixth grades are going. We added an opening game to give students a fun way to start each evening. We now conclude each week with prayer and/or a song in the church with students and parents.

We recently enjoyed a fantastic family night with over 45 participants who, on average, rated the evening 4.5 out of 5! We've implemented the *Real + True* curriculum for our 4th-6th graders and have recently welcomed four new students.

We are building small groups. I submitted a grant for small group ministry to the Tracy Family Foundation and they awarded our parish \$12,000 to help parishioners, especially busy families with children, start and join small groups and bible studies to learn about their faith and form community. We are working with families in the school and in PSR to connect and grow with each other.

If you're interested in joining or leading a small group with friends and family, let me know! I'm here to make the process easy by walking through each step with you, finding solid content, and providing funds for snacks and childcare.

We are helping form the faith of our school students. I've set up a rotation for our parish clergy and staff to visit all 14 religion classes at the school each week where we complement the existing curricula. This year we covered topics including sacraments, sacred art, the importance of church community, the Big Bang Theory, faith and reason, the saints, and Scripture through videos, games, and in-depth discussion.

My office has moved from the parish to the top floor of the school, and I'm excited to provide more frequent campus ministry opportunities to our students.

In conclusion...We're doing a lot! Sadly, there isn't time for every good idea to be realized...but that's where you come in. If you feel called to serve in one of the areas listed above, or in another area, please let me or the parish office know, and we'll happily find where your gifts coincide with needs. My email is gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com, and the office number is 217-222-2898.

God bless! Feel free to come say hi to Rose when you see us.

Weekday Mass Intentions

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March 3 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Sharon Herrington	
March 4 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Louis and Joanna Venegoni	
	5:30 p.m.	Sean Ufen	
March 5	6:30 a.m.	Marvin Russell	
Ash Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Vivian Schulte and John and Jean O'Brien	
March 6 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Hildebrand	
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt	
March 7 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Barb Mitchell	
March 8	8:00 a.m.	Don Miller	
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	7:00 a.m.	Alma Haugh	
March 9 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Launa Blickhan	
	11:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman	

Week of 2/23/2025 **YTD** Week

Regular Collection	\$22,091.06	\$894,366.57	
Loose Collection	\$1,545.00	\$57,590.20	
Total Collection	\$23,636.06	\$951,956.77	
Total Collection Needed Support	\$23,636.06 \$32,000.00	\$951,956.77 \$1,088,000.00	

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$4,250.00 YTD: \$144,615.94

This week in the Parish: Monday, March 3 6:30 a.m. Mass

This week in the Parish:

Monday, March 3
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ministry Team meeting
6:00 p.m. PSR
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace
7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
Tuesday, March 4
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters
1:00 p.m. QCS
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
7:00 p.m. Saints Study
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday
6:30 a.m. Mass
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass
12:00 p.m. Ash Service
5:30 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Ash Service
5:30 p.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters
11:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party
1:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. OCIA
6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
Friday, March 7
6:30 a.m. Mass
Pinewood Derby
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting
Saturday, March 8
8:00 a.m. Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. Cursillo #376 meeting
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass

Attention all PTO Trash Bag users

Thank you for supporting St. Francis School PTO with your purchase! The parish office requests that when purchasing the bags from the office, please bring exact change or write us a check. All bags cost \$13 per roll.

Get Well Wishes for Fr. Arisman: If you would like to send get well cards or packages please send them to Fr. Zach Samples at St. Agnes in Springfield and he will deliver them to him. Please address the cards and/or packages as follows:

> Fr. Steve Arisman C/O Fr. Zach Samples St. Agnes Catholic Church 245 N. Amos Ave. Springfield, II. 62702



Ash Wednesday Schedule:

6:30 a.m.—Mass with distribution of ashes 8:35 a.m.—School Mass with distribution of ashes. Noon—Ash service. No Mass.

5:30 p.m. Mass with distribution of ashes.

7:00 p.m. Ash service. No Mass.

Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry During Lent

The Food Pantry challenges you to give a grocery item each day of Lent to our food pantry. There are bags in the pantry bins at all of the 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. Thank you!

QND Commitment Weekend is March 1 and 2

All parishioners should have, or will be receiving a letter and pledge card to consider a gift to support the students of Quincy Notre Dame. Gifts and pledge cards will be accepted at Masses this weekend. You may place your contribution in the offertory or mail it to QND, P.O. Box 1014 Quincy, IL., 62306.

Gifts support QND's 48th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND visit QuincyNotreDame.org.

Grief Share has returned to St. Anthony's Parish Center: Sessions take place on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. For more information call Cindy or Deacon Harry Cramer at 217-224-1160.

Help Wanted: St. Francis School Custodian

Immediate opening. This position is full-time, 12 month/35 hours per week, 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Background check required. You must be able to work in an elementary school setting with students, parents, and staff. Salary is \$15 - \$18 per hour based on experience. Benefits include health, dental, vision, retirement and vacation.

Requirements: Previous custodial or related experience with a proven ability to service and maintain facilities is preferred. Must operate and maintain hand tools, cleaning equipment, and chemicals safely; follow a schedule and work with acute situations within the school and parish as assigned. You also will monitor the safety of all entrances and perform snow and ice removal. Further details upon request.

Submit your resume to: bscott@stfrancissolanus.com or you may drop it off at the parish office during business hours. **Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 6.**Parish Office Secretaries Hired

We are pleased to welcome Kathy Williams and Linda Walker to our staff. They have both expressed how happy they are to have the opportunity to serve the parish in this role along with Chris Meyer. Through the intercession of St. Francis Solanus we are truly blessed!



Save the Date for the St. Francis Parish Mission March 16-18.

Featuring Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM CapuchinJoin us for talks Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
nights. There also will be confession available

and relics for veneration. Fr. Joseph is in full-time preaching ministry for the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine and is the national director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers.

Illinois Pro-Life March: Tuesday, March 25 in front of the Illinois State Capitol Building. There will be a 1 o'clock rally at the Capitol followed by a 2 o'clock march around the Capitol. Right to Life of Adams County has reserved a motor coach to transport participants to and from the march. Cost is \$15. Call or text Lyn Schlipmann at 217-653-0075 for more information. Reservations are requested by March 18.

Holy Name News: Join us for the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on March 5.

Knights of Columbus News: The Thursday Night Raffle is up to \$27,455. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8:00. Our fish fry season kicks off on Ash Wednesday and continues on Friday nights through Lent, including Good Friday. Eat in, drive through or carry out, 4:30-7 p.m. You have a choice of catfish or Pollock filets and three sides for \$13. Join us for breakfast this Sunday, March 2 from 8:30-noon. Serving scrambled eggs with all the sides for \$13.

Holy Name Ash Wednesday Fish Fry March 5, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish center

Our menu includes catfish filets, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw and desserts provided by the Ladies of St. Francis.

This delicious Lenten tradition, prepared by the men of the Holy Name, will cost \$13 for adults, \$7 for children 6-12 years old and free for children 5 and under. Come eat in, carry out or drive through. We hope to see you there!

More Fish Fries: In addition to our Holy Name Ash Wednesday Fish Fry, Blessed Sacrament Scout Troop 1 is having an Ash Wednesday Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. at the school, 1115 S. 7th St. Menu: Catfish or walleye dinner for \$14, includes three sides, dessert and a drink. Macaroni and cheese dinner for \$7 with applesauce, dessert and drink. Curbside pickup, carryout or dine in. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.

St. Dominic, March 7, 4:30-7 p.m. Catfish or Walleye with sides, \$14.

St. Brigid Church in Liberty, Friday, March 14 from 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$12. All you can eat, buffet style: Includes catfish fillets, homemade potato chips, baked beans, homemade desserts and a drink. Carry-outs available, wheelchair accessible.

St. Thomas Fish Fry, Camp Point, Friday, March 14 from 4 -7 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Adults \$12.

Saints Study invites all men and women to attend a talk on Saint Maria Goretti given by Melanie Longenecker this Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. If you would like to stay for book study after the presentation, we will be concluding our discussion of Finding Peace in the Storm with chapters 5-7. All are welcome! Bring a friend! If you have any questions contact Deacon Dennis Holbrook, 217-257-4384, Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The Holy Name men are hosting their annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry and they need help with desserts. If you can make something to donate that would be great! You can drop them off at the parish hall on Wednesday. They also are looking for a few women to cut and plate the desserts before the meal. If you are able to help please call Helen Zimmerman at 217-242-6692. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the gathering space at the north entrance. The Ladies next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, so wear your green! Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman.

Card Parties Return for Spring

The first card party of the spring season is Thursday, March 6 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The party takes place in the parish center. The lunch will be prepared by Don Altgilbers and features hot ham and cheese sliders with special sauce, lettuce salad with mandarin oranges and almonds, and dessert.

To make reservations for your group call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416. Get your reservations in early! Only one person from your group needs to call.

Scholarship opportunities: A \$2,000 SDCCW scholarship for all 2025 Catholic female high school graduates. For more information contact r_devore01@hotmail.com or call 217-821-7517. Western Catholic Union scholarships for SFSS, QND or a Catholic college or university. Visit www.wculife.org/wcu-scholarships.





Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! As we welcome back returning families, we also encourage school families and parishioners to invite new families to experience the faith-filled, high-quality education our schools provide. From preschool through 8th grade, our four Catholic elementary schools offer a supportive environment where students grow academically and spiritually. Tuition assistance is available through the QCES Foundation. More information can be found at quincycatholicschools.org.



"Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ" St. Corbinian, pray for us!

Mardi Gras Party

Music and Games! King cakes and drinks provided by BEAR.

Monthly Mass & Confession

Wednesday, March 5 4 - 5:30 Confession, 5:30 Mass, and this is Ash Wednesday!

Rosary Monday, March 10 Join BEAR for the Sorrowful Mysteries. Bring a snack to share.

Fr. Joseph Tuscan, Capuchin

Monday, March 17 Fr. Joseph will be at St. Francis for our parish mission, and BEAR will attend his talk.

Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 24
BEAR will lead Stations of the Cross. Bring a snack to share.

March for Life

Tuesday, March 25
This is in Springfield, IL. Please contact Mrs. Petty about attending!

Altaration & Pizza

Monday, March 31 Lesson 4 of the Altaration series by Ascention Press. Pizza and drinks provided by BEAR.

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

To better serve our students' spiritual needs, we've established a Campus Ministry Office at St. Francis School where our youth minister, priests and DRE will facilitate small group meetings and bible studies. We're excited to furnish this new space and would love your help doing so affordably! If you have any gently used items listed below, please text your name and a picture of the item to Grant Wilson, Director of Religious Education at 217-602-9293. Thank you for your generosity!

Items requested: Area rug, artificial plants, comfy chairs, coffee table, lamps, bookshelves, throw blankets, throw pillows, wall art.

Spring break will be Thursday March 13 through Monday, March 17.

March 8-9	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	<u>Three Needed</u> <u>Please</u>	Bridget Ehrhart Martin Makarewicz Maureen Makarewicz	Brian Dreier Tom Ennis Adam Hightower Philip Kemner Zachary Maas <u>One Needed Please</u>	Michael Bickhaus	Kristine Bickhaus Betty Kaufmann Gift Bearer Angela Gutting
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Alexandra Gengenbacher Markius Lugering	Craig Budde Gary Hilgenbrinck Donald Winking Patricia Winking	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks George Venvertloh Jim Wilper Scott Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh	Paul Brown	Joan Beard Gift Bearer Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Elijah Curry Isaac Curry Max McDowell	Samantha Cramsey Carol Darnell Caitlin Kendrick <u>One Needed Please</u>	Jason Costigan Joe Darnell Steve Eling <u>Three Needed Please</u>	James Cramsey Kathy Cramsey	Nancy Friye Gift Bearer Amanda Genenbacher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Teo Mamdani Isaac Steinkamp	Dennis Greving Sue Holbrook Doris Karhoff Marcia Steinkamp	Melissa Arnold Drew Erwin Marty Karhoff Henry Voss Sam Vranjes Mike Zanger	Simon Bruening Helen Zimmerman	James Doellman Gift Bearer Carol Steinbrecher
' <u>-</u>	orning Mass Server iturgy of the Word	March 8, 8:00 a.m. March 9, 9:00 a.m.	Elliott Ormond and Whitney Ormond Liz Gengenbacher		



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