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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.

Second Sunday of Lent

MARCH 16, 2025

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

Close your eyes; imagine yourself on Mt. Tabor with the Lord Jesus Christ as he is transfigured in glory. His divinity shines through his humanity. Brilliant, awesome, radiant, ecstatic. How can you describe the scene? But wait: Only three disciples ever saw this glory, and they only saw it once in their lives. Jesus is the divine Son of God at all times; but he did not show it.

Now imagine yourself transfigured in glory! Yes, you are a child of God; he lives in you; you share his life through baptism. You are a temple of the Holy Spirit, a member of Christ's own Body. But you can't see that glory; you must have faith to realize your dignity.

If you had this kind of faith, how would you act? Would not every thought, word, and deed of yours be different if you realized the glory of God within you? Well, realize it! Think of it! And act accordingly. By your baptism, you received this glory. You may have hidden that glory by indifference, weakness, or sin. But now is the time to repent, restore, and renew.

Abraham saw the glory of God when he made a covenant with him. God promised to be Abraham's God; he promised to bless him. Abraham promised to be faithful. We enter the covenant with God through Christ in our baptism. Let us be loyal.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we, too, will be transfigured: The Lord will give a new form to these bodies of ours so that his glory shines through. Let us live, even now, as citizens of heaven.

In the Gospel scene, the "cloud" is the cloud of God's glory. It appears in the Exodus, engulfing the tabernacle; it appears when Solomon dedicates the temple; it will also be the cloud into which Jesus enters in the ascension. The three "booths" of Peter probably refer to the Jewish feast of Succoth, which was the most joyful and glorious of Jewish festivals. Peter, in his limping way, is probably saying, "This is better than Succoth! Don't let it end!" Moses and Elijah summarize the entire old covenant: the Law and the Prophets.

--Msgr. William Carr
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Solanus,

I hope that you are having a spiritually healthy Lent thus far. Many of us remember the "lentiest" Lent ever. Five years ago, we experienced the shuttering of our churches. Doors were locked, and no public Masses were allowed. It was a time of uncertainty, fear, and anxiety. In many ways, we still see the effect that experience had on the way we do many things. Our public gatherings still have not recovered to the numbers we had before COVID. Many people who stopped going to Mass during COVID have not returned. While this page could be full of the negative side of this "lentiest" Lent I would ask that you examine the question, "Where do we go from here?"

As I said last week, I am looking at this being my "holiest" Lent ever. Being my first Lent as a priest, it is not a stretch to expect it to be my "holiest" Lent yet. Getting to offer the sacrifice of the Mass every day, praying the stations on Friday, all draw me into the spirit of Lent, but this is all accomplished at the base of the mountain. Like Peter, James, and John, Jesus is calling us to go up the mountain with Him. He is drawing us to be closer to Him than we have ever been to reveal to us what we can only see if we commit to do the work of climbing the mountain. I describe my spiritual life as being one who circled the base of the mountain. I have circled the mountain many times in my 62 years, never wanting to begin the climb. Content to wander around and around, knowing there is a God but never knowing God. That all changed four years ago when I left the comfort of my job and home to enter seminary. It was a long and hard discernment and one which I questioned as I began the climb in the form of studying philosophy. I began to think I hadn't heard God calling me to follow Him. Perhaps I wasn't going to be able to make the climb. It was hard and was getting harder. Putting one foot in front of the other, I kept climbing as I kept listening. I heard "follow me," then I heard "take up your cross," then I heard "deny yourself." And so here I am ready to experience my Holiest Lent yet!

How is God calling you to climb the mountain to have your "holiest" Lent yet? Perhaps you are being called to the seminary like I was. But for most it may not be that dramatic, yet it is no less important. The impact this Lent can have on your life depends on you being willing to begin the climb, one foot in front of the other. Not trusting in your own ability to climb but trusting that God will get you where He wants you. I hope you will participate in the many offerings we have at St. Francis Solanus to assist you as you climb the mountain. Daily Mass, Confession, Rosary for Peace, Stations of the Cross, Soup Suppers, and our Parish Mission starting with Conference One Monday evening. Times are all listed in the bulletin.

When we reach the mountain top may we all hear God say, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him."

Fr. Bruce Scott

Weekday Mass Intentions

March 17 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Pat Requet and John and Jean O'Brien	
March 18 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Vivian Schulte	
	5:30 p.m.	Larry Zanger	
March 19 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Florence Smith and Georgeanne LaRoche	
	5:30 p.m.	Joyce Cowser and Launa Blickhan	
March 20 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Cramsey	
	5:30 p.m.	Nan Olson	
March 21 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Larry Zanger	
March 22 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Richard Mitchell	
	4:30 p.m.	Gert Sohn and Robert Duesterhaus	
March 23 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	9:00 a.m.	Thomas J. Vogelpohl	
	11:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher	

Week of 3/9/2025	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$26,749.33	\$955,041.00	
Loose Collection	\$1,589.05	\$60,795.00	
Total Collection	\$28,338.38 \$1,015,836.0		
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$1,152,000.00	
Difference	\$3,661.62	\$-136,164.00	

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$5,406.75 YTD: \$152,460.37

This week in the Parish:

Monday, March 17
6:30 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
9:00 a.m. Ministry Team meeting
5:00 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM mission
7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
Tuesday, March 18
6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters
5:00 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM mission
Wednesday, March 19
6:30 a.m. Communion Service
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration
5:00 p.m. Benediction
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, March 20
6:30 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
5:30 p.m. OCIA
6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion group
6:30 p.m. Finance Council
Friday, March 21
6:30 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 22
8:00 a.m. Reconciliation
9:00 a.m. Cursillo #376 meeting
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

There will be an hour of adoration for priests followed by benediction at Blessed Sacrament Church in Quincy this Sunday, March 16 from 3-4 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

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

Holy Week Schedule: Wednesday, April 16

Adoration 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Benediction 5 p.m.
Mass 5:30 p.m.
Soup Supper

Holy Thursday, April 17
Parish Office Closes at Noon

No 6:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Mass 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Prayer Vigil to follow Mass

Good Friday, April 18
Parish Office Closed

No 6:30 a.m. Mass 3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19

No 8 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. Mass.

No reconciliation.

8 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

Regular Mass Schedule: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

St. Joseph Cook-off Soup Contest: Saturday, March 22. All proceeds go to the St. Joseph kitchen makeover. We need 15 individuals or teams to create a Crock Pot of their favorite soup. The afternoon starts with Mass at 4 p.m., serving and sampling begins at 5 p.m. Visit the church website for more information: stsbej.org.

40 Days of Giving to the Food Pantry During Lent

The Food Pantry challenges you to give one nonperishable food item to the food pantry each day of Lent. A complete list of usual items included in a food pantry order can be found in the food pantry bins at the entrance to church. Thank you!

> Rest in Peace Bonnie Sparrow January 2, 1947—March 5, 2025

Say Goodbye to Krista Putman! Krista has been employed by St. Francis as the administrative assistant for almost six years. She has been that smiling, positive face to all who come to the parish office. She will be relocating out of the area by the end of March and we are going to miss her! The Stewardship Council would like to extend the invitation to anyone who would like to send her a card. You can mail them or drop them off at the parish office.



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

Featuring Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Capuchin Join 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.

Sunday night, March 16 begins with confession at 6. At 6:30 Fr. Tuscan will give his first talk, "The Greatest Threat to Holiness Today."

Monday, March 17 begins with confession at 5 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass Fr. Tuscan's talk will be "Pray, Hope and Don't Worry: How to Raise Faithful Catholics and Encourage the Return of Those Who Have Left Their Catholic Faith."

Tuesday, March 18 begins with confession at 5 p.m. After the 5:30 Mass the closing talk will be "The Solution: Forgiveness and the Holy Eucharist."

Attention all PTO Trash Bag users

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.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> We will have our monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. The next big event for the Holy Name is the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner on April 13. Stay tuned for more details.

Knights of Columbus News: The Thursday Night Raffle is up to 28,362. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8:00. Friday Night Fish Dinners are back every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday. Eat in, drive through or carry out, 4:30-7 p.m. You have a choice of catfish or Pollock fillets and three sides for \$13.



More Lenten Fish Fries:

St. Dominic: March 21, April 4.

St. Anthony: March 28, April 11.

Catfish or Walleye plate \$14; child's plate \$8; fish sandwich, fries and drink, \$8. Dine in or carry out.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers Return!

Make plans to join us after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays during Lent in the parish center.

Each week a different parish ministry will provide a variety of delicious homemade soups and desserts.

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

St. Rose will have its annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** this Monday, March 17 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Drive through only.** Serving corned beef and cabbage or German sausage and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and pie. Cost is \$14. To reach the St. Rose parish hall enter through the alley off 8th Street. Order from your car!

Calling all 13-15 year olds! Come join the upcoming Quest, April 4-5. Quest is a fast-paced, 24-hour Christian experience for 13 to 15 year olds. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, exciting, and carefree surrounding. Quest is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University and lasts from 6:00 p.m. Friday to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost for a candidate is \$50 and includes room, snacks, breakfast and lunch. Adult observers interested in working with youth are also welcome. To submit applications, please visit Greatrivertec.org under the Quest tab. Any questions, please reach out to Julie Catlett at 217-653-8174

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to all who attended our dinner meeting March 11. We had a great time with Irish toasts and other St. Patrick's Day fun and food. Our next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, April 15. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman, 217-242-6692. We hope you can join us!

The Way of the Cross: A Song for Each Station

Plan to attend this special concert and experience the Stations of the Cross like you never have before. The St. Anthony's Ladies Society is bringing Catholic recording artist Donna Cori to St. Anthony's with a concert and video experience that will transport you directly to the heart of Jesus. **Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m.** at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Rd. in Quincy. For more information call 222-5996. Preview and get free music downloads at DonnaCori.com.

Quincy Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser

Murder at the Pizzeria murder mystery night: March 29, 5-10 p.m. at the Town and Country Inn and Suites in Quincy. Ticket price is \$60 or \$550 for a table of 10 and includes dinner and entertainment. There also will be a silent auction and cash bar. Go to: cc.dio.org/events/quincy-2025/ to order your tickets online today.

The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Gathering on Wednesday, April 2 at Blessed Sacrament in Quincy. The day includes Mass at 8 a.m., then the Rosary and Adoration.

Deacon Dennis Holbrook will speak on The Sign of the Cross. There's a sign up sheet in the gathering space.





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Thank you! to all of the families who provided cash, food, and prizes for Bingo last week. Your donations helped PTO earn its largest profit: \$2,200! We had so many winners for Bingo that we need more prizes for the next Bingo night on Friday, May 9. All school profits from bingo will be used for Teacher Appreciation Week and the end of school picnic for our students. If you can donate prizes please send them to the school office.

Thank you for your support!

-Members of St. Francis School PTO.

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. Deadline to apply is April 1.

Western Catholic Union scholarships for SFSS, QND or a Catholic college or university. Visit www.wculife.org/wcu-scholarships.

March 22-23	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Amelia Chandler William Hea Callie Longlett	Patti Blickhan Marsha Collins Jane Dietrich Becky Gengenbacher	Greg Ehrhardt Mike Eling Kevin Genenbacher <i>Three Needed Please</i>	Mary Jo Johnson Rebecca Wear	Betty Kaufmann Angel Miranda Gift Bearer Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Maiara Spradlin Eli Terwelp	Joan Beard Kay Gallaher Cindy Grawe Arlene Hendren	Gary Terwelp Perry Terwelp George Venvertloh Don Winking Two Needed Please	Nancy Venegoni John Venegoni	Sandra Banning Larry Klauser Gift Bearer Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Molly Costigan Luke Deters Ben Eling	Anne Betts Ted Genenbacher Robert Haas Joanne Ortwerth	Aaron Kerkhoff Terry Nall Karl Venvertloh Joe Wiewel Kevin Williams John McDowell	Bruce Broemmel Sarah Genenbacher	Mary Fitzsimmons Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Anne Meyer
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sam Bruening Genevieve Hamann Liviana Hamann	Chris Duvall Michelle Meyer Helen Zimmerman	Mike Fessler Brent Frericks Mike Holbrook <i>Three Needed Please</i>	Karen Steinkamp	Margaret Steinbrecher Gift Bearer Dennis Greving
	rning Mass Server urgy of the Word	March 22, 8:00 a.m. March 23, 9:00 a.m.	Quinn Wiewel Liz Gengenbacher		



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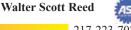
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TV Mass for Shut-ins

The Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus broadcasts Mass for the Shut-ins every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Channel ABC (Basic Cable Channel 3).

If you know of someone who would benefit from a missal with Sunday and Daily Liturgies, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal FREE OF CHARGE. erry Obert, Faithful Navigator, 217-257-3161





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