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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.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent MARCH 30, 2025

WARCH 50, 2025

Joshua 5:9a,10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is usually called "Laetare Sunday." (It's pronounced "lay-TAH-ray.") It means "Rejoice!" It is the first word of the Latin Entrance Antiphon or Introit.

Why do we rejoice during Lent? Our Opening Prayer says that we rejoice in God's word. Our first reading speaks of the joy of the Israelites as they finally entered the Promised Land. Our Responsorial Psalm tells us to look to the Lord that we may be radiant with joy. The second reading encourages us to rejoice because we are a new creation. At the end of the Gospel, the Father says that "we must celebrate and rejoice" because the lost is found, the dead has risen.

There are other reasons for joy: In the ancient Church, the Lenten fast (and every day was a fast day) did not begin until Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Today, then, was a kind of "Mardi Gras" — a day of rejoicing before the Lenten Fast. Still later in the history of the Church, people rejoiced because Lent is half finished; we are half way to Easter.

Our primary reason for rejoicing, however, must always be God's unlimited and unconditional love of us. Even when we were God's enemies because of sin, God loved us and sent his Son to save us. Even when we are weak and when we fail, the Lord still reaches out to us with his love and mercy — just as the Father in the parable.

Do you know of someone who is burdened with sin? Tell him/her of God's love. Do you know of someone who thinks he/she is nothing and that life is worthless? Tell him/her that God loves him/her with an everlasting love. Do you think that you are so rotten that not even God can help you? Read the story of the "Prodigal Son" and learn the love of our heavenly Father. Rejoice! God loves you! He can heal you and make you a person of joy!

--Msgr. William Carr
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

With the arrival of April, we look forward to many parish events. The warm weather makes us eager to be outside. As the grass turns green, and the trees get their leaves we have a sense of renewal all around us. I hope that our Lenten observances have us ready for an inward renewal as well. Our self-denial has influenced our habits. Through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we have united ourselves with Christ and our neighbor. I pray this will bear much good fruit in our renewed commitment to keeping our obligation of Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, of seeking Reconciliation frequently, and of working together to build our parish and faith community.

As we celebrate the 1700<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Nicene Creed let us think about the words we are reciting each week at Mass. Let us renew our conviction of "I believe" and let us continue our journey in the faith that has been handed down to us. We have much to be thankful for at St. Francis Solanus – we also have a responsibility to live our faith in a way that passes it down to the next generation. May Almighty God bless us as we persevere in our Lenten journey.

In Christ,

#### Fr. Bruce Scott

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#### An Update from Father Arisman:

I am so sorry I haven't written sooner. I thought by weeks ago I would have already returned. I have had another set back. At the base of my sternum, right below the incision, I have a hernia. Before I return it needs to be repaired. Surgery is schedule for 7 a.m. Monday, March 31. Cardiac rehab is going well. I am building my stamina more and more. You have no idea how much I miss you all at St. Francis, all of you in Quincy, and all of those from previous assignments. Your cards and letters and gifts have been immensely appreciated! I am so humbled and feel so loved by you all. It keeps me motivated. Please continue to pray for me and my recovery. Know of my prayers for you all! I hope to see you sooner than later!

#### Fr. Arisman

## Weekday Mass Intentions

March 31 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Larry Zanger	
April 1 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Harry Bernard Trimble	
	5:30 p.m.	Carol Holtschlag and Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
April 2 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller	
	5:30 p.m.	Sylvia Brocksiek	
April 3 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Jean Ward	
	5:30 p.m.	Vivian Schulte and John Beck	
April 4 Friday	6:30 a.m.	The Bizaillion family	
April 5	8:00 a.m.	Vivian Schulte	
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	John Busse and Robert Duesterhaus	
April 6 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	9:00 a.m.	Michael Vogel and Launa Blickhan	
	11:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and John Busse	

Week of 3/23/2025	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$23,839.16	\$998,368.46	
Loose Collection	\$1,989.05	\$64,243.09	
Total Collection	\$25,828.21	\$1,062,611.55	
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$1,216,000.00	
Difference	\$-6,171.79	\$-153,388.45	

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$3,690.92 YTD: \$157,396.73

## This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. PSR

7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

#### Tuesday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters

1:00 p.m. QCS meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers

7:00 p.m. Women's Saint Study

#### Wednesday, April 2

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. SFS Mass

4:00 p.m. Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

6:30 p.m. Choir practice

7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

#### Thursday, April 3

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters

11:00 a.m. Ladies Card Party

1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. OCIA

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#### Friday, April 4

6:30 a.m. Mass

3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 5

#### SFS Confirmation and 1st

#### **Eucharist, Cathedral**

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Carmelite meeting

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass

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

Easter Meal Boxes for Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner who needs an Easter

Meal Box, please contact Mary Beth McGee at

217-430-1533 before April 7. These are only for those
who attend St. Francis Solanus Church.

## 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.

#### 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 Richard Rubison September 16, 1948—February 14, 2025 And Donna Kerkhoff January 13, 1951—March 17, 2025

You're invited to Men and Women Saint Study! Please join us for a faith-filled discussion as we gather for our monthly Saint Study evening on Tuesday, April 1 at 7 o'clock in the parish center. Anne Meyer will give the talk on Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich and her visions of the Passion of the Christ. We look forward to you joining us. Bring a friend. This is open to all parishes! For questions contact Deacon Dennis Holbrook, 217-257-4384, Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

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 this
Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m., 2223 St. Anthony Rd.
in Quincy.

#### St. Francis Men's Morning Group Returns this Spring

The goal of this ministry is to help men grow in their Catholic faith and become the men God is calling them to be. The focus of this year's program is Step Into the Breach, a video series from the Knights of Columbus. Gather with others for fellowship and a light breakfast, video, discussion and prayer. Once again the group will meet weekly on Friday mornings for six weeks. Doors open at 6 a.m. and the program will start at 6:30, finishing by 7:30. Week One starts April 25 with a program titled "Why Men Need to Pray." For more information text or call Rick Gengenbacher at 217-257-5670.

<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 \$29,365. 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 filets and three sides for \$13.

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

St. Dominic: April 4. St. Anthony: 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.

Congratulations and Welcome Avery Weiman

Daughter of Aaron and Karen Weiman Baptized into the Catholic faith March 23, 2025

Jesus and the Eucharist Study: As promised last fall, the Jesus and the Eucharist small group study will be held in the evening this spring. This video study provides an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Each seven-week session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies and unique and timely messages from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism today. This is a great opportunity to explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew and to grow in community together.

Please join us on **Tuesday evenings** (and a couple of Mondays) **from 6:30-8:30, April 8 through May 27** in the South Solanus Hall in the parish center. Please register through the parish office by April 8. Study hand-outs will be provided at no charge to participants. Facilitators: Bob and Jane Haas. Call 217-257-0533 for more information.

QND Job Openings: Full-time English teacher and Full-time Theology teacher. Submit a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference by Friday, April 11 to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our next dinner meeting will be Tuesday, April 15 after the 5:30 Mass. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman, 217-242-6692. We look forward to seeing all of you and pray that you are having a blessed Lent.

#### Thursday, April 3 is the next Ladies Card Party

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the day running until 3 p.m. in the parish center. Lunch will be prepared by Jan Smith, who will be making her famous chicken salad sandwiches. To make a reservation for your group, just one person needs to call Pat Winking at 217-257-0416. Get your reservations in early!



### **Knights of Columbus**



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**Spring Craft Show:** Sponsored by the St. Anthony Ladies Society. Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your friends to shop and enjoy homemade cinnamon rolls or lunch. St. Dominic students will be having a bake sale to earn money for their trip to Washington D.C. next year.





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

Mardi Gras Party
Monday, March 3
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





6PM

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

Thursday **April 10** 

Scotties Fun Spot 8000 Broadway St Quincy IL

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The Quincy Optimist Club awarded second grade teacher Jennifer Renfro an Operation Innovation grant to purchase a Q Ball. A Q Ball is a type of wireless microphone that can be tossed, passed, and used to help engage students in speaking during classroom activities. With Renfro is Ken Klauser of the Quincy Optimist Club.

St. Francis School is looking for a part-time preschool teacher for the upcoming school year. The hours are 8:00—11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Interested candidates may send a cover letter, resume and three references to Principal Julie Radel at jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

The Second Graders of St. Francis Solanus Parish experienced First Reconciliation on Sunday, March 23. **Congratulations!** 

April 5-6	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Piper Steward Lillian Wheeler Owen Wheeler	Logan Callahan Christine Fisk Becky Gengenbacher Barbara Girouard	Adam Hightower Russ Rohrer Joe Venvertloh John Veith Jim Waterkotte One Needed Please	Angela Gutting Sheila Goehl	Betty Kaufmann Cindy Reichert <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kimberly Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Carter Steinkamp Chloe Terwelp	John Benz Craig Budde Tony Freiburg Paulette Freiburg	Joe Bernhardt Paul Eling Roger Gallaher Bob Harman Gary Hilgenbrinck Larry Klauser	Roseann Stuckman	Kay Gallaher Emilie Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joyce Frericks
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Lincoln Darnell Piper Darnell Xavier Wiewel	Alice Arnold Samantha Cramsey Donnette Cannady Carol Darnell	Ron Gengenbacher Diann Cole Jason Cramsey Rob Frese Troy Hummel Brian Dreier	James Cramsey Kathy Cramsey	Anne Meyer Mary Fitzsimmons <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe Darnell
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Zayne Mitchell Evan Reichert	Sue Holbrook Marvin Knuffman Ted Meyer Dick Mitchell	Jim Doellman Don Olps Dennis Greving Mike Holbrook Steve Obert <u>One Needed Please</u>	Kayleigh Ketchum	Jane Haas <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
	rning Mass Server turgy of the Word	April 5, 8:00 a.m. April 6, 9:00 a.m.	Two Needed Please  Anne Meyer		



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