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**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.

## *First Sunday of Lent*

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19  
or 5: 12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

All suffering and evil in this world are traceable to the original sin of our First Parents. Snakes never talked, and probably the sin was not the eating of an apple or other fruit. Whatever the sin was, it was self-deception. When our First Parents sinned, they lost for themselves and for all their descendants the gift of sharing God's life (grace), the gift of immortality, and the gift of freedom from suffering.

As sin entered through the one man, Adam, so grace and life are restored by the new Adam, Jesus Christ. By his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus puts death to death, restores life to us, and imparts his Spirit to us.

But we are still capable of sinning again. Like our First Parents, we can deceive ourselves. The temptations of Jesus are not like our temptations. We are always tempted at our most vulnerable point.

For Jesus, it was a temptation to be the kind of glorious Messiah people expected. It was a temptation to use his divine power for his own benefit. It was a temptation to avoid the ordeal of the cross by some spectacular act which would compel belief.

Our temptations are different. We must constantly guard against self-deception, against rationalizing, against indifference, and against presumption. It is easy for us to justify ourselves because "everyone" else is doing it." It is easy to put off repentance because "there's always time." It is easy to think that we have "more important things to do" than to do the religious bit.

One day we shall stand alone before the judgment seat of God. Will our excuses stand up? Use Lent as the time to be more fervent in prayer, more generous in charity, more eager in celebrating the mysteries of faith.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

In our first reading from Genesis, we stand at the very dawn of creation. The Lord God forms man from the dust of the earth and breathes into him the breath of life. We are reminded that we are both humble and holy—dust enlivened by divine breath. Yet almost immediately, the serpent's whisper introduces doubt: "Did God really say...?" That ancient question still echoes in every human heart. Adam and Eve grasp at what is not given, believing the lie that God is withholding something good. Sin enters not merely through disobedience, but through distrust. They forget who they are and whose they are. Whenever we listen to voices that distort God's generosity, we too reach for false promises, only to discover shame where we expected fulfillment.

In the Gospel, we see a stark contrast. Jesus, the new Adam, stands in the desert where Israel once wandered and where humanity first fell. Tempted by the devil, He hears the same subtle distortions: "If you are the Son of God..." Yet where Adam grasped, Christ trusts. Where Adam doubted, Christ clings to the Father's word. Jesus does not argue or negotiate; He stands firmly upon Scripture and the certainty of the Father's love. In this Lenten season, we walk with Him into the desert, facing our own temptations and doubts. The good news is that we do not go alone. The One who conquered temptation dwells within us. The breath first given in Eden has been restored and strengthened by grace. Let us trust in the Lord's word, reject the serpent's lies, and remember that we are beloved sons and daughters of God.

As we begin Lent, let us double down on praying for those preparing for the sacraments to enter the Catholic Church this Easter Season. Also, this last weekend we took a second collection for the Hope House. I am so pleased to tell you we raised \$5000. Your generosity continues to inspire me. Thank you for supporting this amazing effort of true discipleship. We as a parish will continue to find ways to connect with the Hope House. I encourage you to find any way to support their efforts. What a great way to enter into Lent where we are asked to give alms, pray, and fast (all three) as part of our Lent. A blessed Lenten Season to you all.

*Father Arisman*



## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

|                                  |                   |   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>February 23<br/>Monday</b>    | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Tally McDonald and Becky Bliefnick          |
| <b>February 24<br/>Tuesday</b>   | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Brenda Sandifer and a<br>Special Intention  |
|                                  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Jim Costigan and Mary Lou Rakers            |
| <b>February 25<br/>Wednesday</b> | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Jake and Verna Jacobs and<br>Ron Whittaker  |
|                                  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Virginia Brinkman and<br>Roger Knuffman     |
| <b>February 26<br/>Thursday</b>  | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Robert Orr and<br>Edwin and Vivian Schulte  |
|                                  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  | Roger Knuffman                              |
| <b>February 27<br/>Friday</b>    | <b>6:30 a.m.</b>  | Rich Rakers and Launa Blickhan              |
| <b>February 28<br/>Saturday</b>  | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | Jean Goodwin and Brenda Sandifer            |
|                                  | <b>4:30 p.m.</b>  | Gerald Duesterhaus and Gay Gunn             |
| <b>March 1<br/>Sunday</b>        | <b>7:00 a.m.</b>  | The Parishioners of St. Francis             |
|                                  | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | Bill and Katie Brink and<br>Suzanne Bergman |
|                                  | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | John and Ruth Holman and Katy Lunt          |

### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, February 23

6:30 a.m. Mass  
4:45 p.m. PSR  
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

#### Tuesday, February 24

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis quilters  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers

#### Wednesday, February 25

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday, February 26

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting  
7:00 p.m. St. Francis Men's Fraternity

#### Friday, February 27

6:30 a.m. Mass  
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
6:00 p.m. Couples Small Group

#### Saturday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Sponsor event  
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Week of 2/15/2026      Week      YTD

#### Collections to Support the Church

|                                |             |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Regular Collection             | \$19,383.94 | \$873,003.44 |
| Loose Collection               | \$1,424.68  | \$56,680.34  |
| Holy Days, Special Collections | \$0.00      | \$46,880.85  |

**Total Collection      \$20,808.62      \$976,564.63**

|                       |                    |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Budget Needed Support | <b>\$27,850.00</b> | <b>\$919,050.00</b> |
| <i>Difference</i>     | <b>\$-7,041.38</b> | <b>\$57,514.63</b>  |

|                                       |                   |                          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Annual School Fund                    | \$623.65          | YTD: \$152,768.83        |
| <b>Budget Goal for School Support</b> | <b>\$3,650.00</b> | <b>YTD: \$120,450.00</b> |

### Thought of the Week:

Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them.  
Saint Francis de Sales.

#### **Thank you from Father James Wheeler, OFM**

*I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your Christmas, birthday and most of all for the beautiful cards and very touching messages regarding my 60 years of my ordination on January 9. Your comments and prayers for me as a priest were awesome. May God bless all of you.*



*Congratulations and Welcome*

*Roslyn Rose Phillips*

*Daughter of Emma and Kenny Phillips*

*Baptized into the Catholic faith*

*February 15, 2026*

**Quincy Catholic Charities** announces their annual fundraising event. This year it's Murder at the Disco! Dinner and entertainment on Saturday, March 14 from 5-10 p.m. at the Town and Country Inn and Suites in Quincy. Buy your tickets at [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org).

#### **Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry During Lent**

Our Food Pantry challenges you to give a grocery item each day of Lent to the Food Pantry. There are bags in the food pantry bins located at each entrance to church. Take one, fill it up, then bring it back to church. Thank you!


**2026 Catholic Cemeteries Clean-Up: Calvary, St. Boniface and St. Peter's.** Please have everything off of the graves by Sunday, March 15. Clean-up will start Monday morning, March 16 and run through March 20. You may leave the shepherds hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and paint them. Everything else please remove. Mark your flowers with the name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there's a better chance of having them returned to the right spot.

St. Francis Solanus Parish  
in Quincy Presents...

## Protecting Catholic Families Online

Join us Sunday to learn about the **dangers of the Internet** and Monday to learn **practical strategies to protect your family**

March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>    7 - 8:30 PM    Parish Hall



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Deacon Dennis Holbrook will give a talk titled **"The Sign of the Cross"** in the St. Thomas Parish Hall, 109 E. Spring St. in Camp Point on **Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.**  
All are welcome.

#### **Hope House seeking our support. Please consider making a donation in the offertory at Mass.**

Hope House is located at 1603 Center Ave. in Quincy. It is set up to accommodate four pregnant, homeless mothers. Hope House is a faith-based endeavor, with the churches of Quincy forming much of the support. For more information you can contact Hope House at 217-214-7879 or [hopehouseofquincy@gmail.com](mailto:hopehouseofquincy@gmail.com), or visit their website at [www.HopeHouseofQuincy.com](http://www.HopeHouseofQuincy.com).

#### **Illinois Pro-Life March, Thursday, March 19 Rally at 1 p.m., March at 2 p.m.**

**Where:** The Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol building, 401 S. 2nd St., Springfield.  
**Why:** To celebrate, defend and speak out for life.  
**Keynote speakers:** Joshua Mercer and Kramer Soderberg. Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring a chartered motor coach to travel to Springfield. Cost is free. Board the bus at 9 a.m. at Town and Country Inn and Suites, 110 N. 54th St. in Quincy. Call/text Jake Reed for more information and to make your reservation: 217-577-1555.

**Holy Name News:** A big Thank You to everyone who supported the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry. It was a huge success! The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday Night Big Raffle jackpot is up to \$18,440. Tickets are sold from 6:00-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00. Fish dinners will be held every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday. Serving from 4:30-7:00. Drive through or eat in McGivney Hall. Serving pollock and catfish filets, American potato salad, baked beans and mac and cheese for \$14. Eat-in is buffet style. Check the daily calendar winners and much more at [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org).



**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.

**Fish Fries: St. Anthony Parish/St. Dominic:**

**St. Dominic:** March 6, March 20 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-outs available; enter through east doorway.

**St. Anthony: Feb. 27,** March 13, March 27 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-outs available; enter South basement entrance. Catfish Plate (whole or filet), 3 sides, dessert, drink \$15. Walleye Plate 3 sides, dessert, drink \$15. Fish sandwich, fries and drink \$8.

**Fourth Annual Quincy Holy Family Fest: Equip 2026**

March 7 at Quincy Notre Dame. Guest speakers Pete and Tricia DeMaio and Megan Murphy will bring amazing content, along with Mass, lunch, kids programming, and time to interact with other families.

**Register today at [www.quincyholysfamilyfest.com](http://www.quincyholysfamilyfest.com).**

Like, share and subscribe to our Facebook page, QHFF. Help us spread the message about the importance of families in today's world.

**Francis Fraternity Men's Group Upcoming Events:**

**February Gatherings:** Thursdays 7-8:15 p.m. **February 26,** Fellowship Pillar, Euchre tournament at the KofC.

**Volunteers Needed at Ladies of Charity**

Ladies of Charity is looking for volunteers for both the Thrift Store (24th and Elm) and the Center (4th and State). Both men and women are invited to help out. They are particularly looking for volunteers who can work the cash registers at the Thrift Store.

Volunteers typically donate two to five hours of their time per week. Please call/text Kathy Obert, 703-786-4788 or Brenda Ehrhardt, 217-257-8832 to learn more.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

- Our first meeting of the spring season will be
- Tuesday, March 17 after the 5:30 Mass. Cost of
- the dinner is \$10. Call or text Helen Zimmerman
- to reserve your spot, 217-242-6692. We look
- forward to seeing everyone!

**St. Francis Card Party: Thursday, March 5 from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Doors open at 10:30.** In the St. Francis Parish Center. Lunch will be prepared by Don Altgilbers and his team. Cost is \$13. Please call early to make reservations for your group by calling Pat Winking at 217-257-0416.

**The Wild Goose: A Small Group Study**

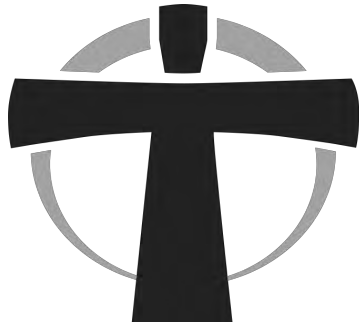
The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit, is a 14-part series featuring Franciscan University of Steubenville President Fr. Dave Pivonka. This study invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

The series will be offered once in the afternoon and once in the evening on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 in the Bride's Room and from 6:30-8:00 in the South hall.

**The series runs March 3-April 28** (skipping March 17 and April 21).

Feel free to attend even if you didn't attend the fall session. Facilitators are Bob and Jane Haas. You can reserve your spot by contacting Jane at 217-257-0533 or [jfthaas@hotmail.com](mailto:jfthaas@hotmail.com).

**The Quincy Senior Center Elevator Fund** will be hosting its second **Bingo** Friday, February 27 at 6 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 3737 N. 5th St. in Quincy. There will be a silent auction, 50/50, and the club will be serving food for purchase before the bingo. Contact the senior center for more details: 217-223-7904 or 217-223-5700.



# St. Francis Solanus School

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## **2026-2027 Preschool Registration Open**

St. Francis Solanus School Parish members and students with a sibling currently enrolled at St. Francis Solanus School may register for preschool right now. Our current preschool students may register for next year's preschool class too. To register preschool a student must be three or four years old on or before September 1, 2026.

Remember to submit an inquiry for enrollment from the website **if the child is a new student to St. Francis Solanus School.**

The website is <https://stfrancissolanus.com>

Click "School"

Click "Enrollment"

Click any "Request More Information" then complete the brief online form. A school staff member will send you a link to register to complete the full online form and pay the Resource Fee.

The registration for preschool opened to the public on February 17.

## **College Scholarship for Girls Graduating High School**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$2,000 college scholarship to girls graduating high school in 2026 from Quincy Notre Dame, public school or home school. **The application must be in by April 15.** Call the parish office for more information.

## ***Some March Happenings at St. Francis School***

*Sunday, March 1: Second grade First Reconciliation*

*Thursday, March 5—Kindergarten Round-Up, 6:30-7:30 p.m. lower level.*

*Tuesday, March 10: Kindergarten field trip to Quincy Children's Museum.*

*Friday, March 13—No School.*

## **2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration Open**

St. Francis Solanus School's 2026-2027 Kindergarten Class is open for registration now. Submit an Inquiry for Enrollment from the website if the student is new to St. Francis Solanus School. The child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2026.

The website is <https://stfrancissolanus.com>.

Click "School"

Click "Enrollment"

Click any "Request more Information", then complete the online form. A school staff member will send you a link to register and pay the Resource Fee online.

Kindergarten Round-Up is Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Contact the office to tell them you will be coming. If you need assistance registering any student at St. Francis Solanus School, contact the school office Monday through Friday at 217-222-4077 between 7:30 and 3:30 or email [school@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:school@stfrancissolanus.com). A child is registered as a St. Francis Solanus School student for 2026-2027 when the information in FACTS is fully submitted with the Resource Fee paid online. The school is unable to "hold" a student spot by verbal request.

We look forward to welcoming your child to St. Francis School. We are glad so many students are returning to our school next year!















## ***QND Open House Sunday, February 22***

*1-2 p.m. Presentations in the cafeteria*

*2-3 p.m. Tour and meet teachers.*

*You are welcome to come for all of part of the afternoon.*

| February 28<br>–<br>March 1  | Altar Server -<br>Weekend                                      | Communion Minister   | Usher   |   | Reader                                     | Greeter/Gift Bearer  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30 p.m.   | Anthony Alonzo<br>Philomena Alonzo<br><u>One Needed Please</u> | Christina Ehrhart<br>Becky Gengenbacher<br>Rick Gengenbacher<br><u>One Needed Please</u> | Timothy Reichert<br>James Waterkotte<br>Philip Kemner         | Michael Eling<br>Thomas Ennis<br>Jim Kaiser     | Martin Makarewicz<br>Maureen<br>Makarewicz | Patti Blickhan<br>Peggy Kaiser<br><u>Gift Bearer</u><br>Cindy Reichert                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:00 a.m.   | Larry Brumbaugh<br>Eli Terwelp                                 | Jane Gregory<br>Vieve Veith<br>John Benz<br>Arlene Hendren                               | Gary Hilgenbrinck<br>George Venvertloh<br>Lawrence Venvertloh | Edward Zanger<br>Gary Terwelp<br>Paul Eling     | Carolyn Briddle                            | Emilie Venvertloh<br>Joan Beard<br><u>Gift Bearer</u><br>Amber Terwelp                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m.   | James Petty<br>Belle Wiemelt<br>Emmett Wiemelt                 | Samantha Hanlin<br>Peggy Koettters<br><u>Two Needed Please</u>                           | Jason Cramsey<br>Karl Venvertloh<br>Jason Costigan            | Gary Darnell<br>Joseph Darnell<br>Joseph Wiewel | James Cramsey<br>Gerald Koettters          | Mary Fitzsimmons<br>Anne Meyer<br><u>Gift Bearer</u><br>Katherine Cramsey                |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>11:00 a.m.  | Genevieve Hamann<br>Liviana Hamann<br>Hunter Terwelp           | Sue Holbrook<br>Ted Meyer<br>Michelle Meyer<br>Helen Zimmerman                           | Evan Reichert<br>Michael Fessler<br>Mike Holbrook             | Drew Erwin<br>Sam Vranjes<br>Steven Obert       | Dennis Greving<br>Teri Fessler             | Margaret Steinbrecher<br><u>One Needed Please</u><br><u>Gift Bearer</u><br>Betsy Terwelp |
| <u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u><br><u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u> |  | February 28, 8:00 a.m.<br>March 1, 9:00 a.m.   | David Bickhaus<br>Liz Gengenbacher                            |   |  |  |

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|  <p><b>TV Mass for Shut-ins</b><br/>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).<br/>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.<br/><b>Terry Obert, Faithful Navigator, 217-257-2164</b></p> <p><b>Walter Scott Reed</b></p> |  <p><b>Knights of Columbus #583</b><br/>Pray For Pro-Life and Vocations</p>  <p><b>WoodMart BUILDING CENTER</b><br/>2000 N. 12th Street<br/>Quincy, IL 62301<br/>217-223-3791<br/><a href="http://woodmartbuildingcenter.com">woodmartbuildingcenter.com</a></p> <p><b>Your Project Partner!</b></p> |  <p><b>MS Communications</b><br/>Marcia Steinkamp Nick Steinkamp</p>   |
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