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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 in Ordinary Time*

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;  
Matthew 5:13-16

The first reading is taken from the third part of Isaiah. The setting is the time after the Hebrews had returned from captivity in Babylon. They expected everything to be perfect; they expected the “light” of the immediate coming of the Messiah. But he didn’t come.

The nation lay in ruins, and the people were poor; they almost despaired. The author tells them to share their food, to shelter the homeless, to help their fellow countrymen. *Then* the Lord will restore them; *then* they shall truly see his light!

The second reading reflects Paul’s bitter experience at Athens. There he had tried rhetoric and reason or “wise” argumentation; his preaching fell flat. From then on he resolved to preach only Christ crucified, without eloquence or philosophy. His simple message was truly light for the Corinthians.

The Gospel is from the Sermon on the Mount. In ancient times, there was no pure salt. To flavor food, there was a salt bag with a rock of salt with all its impurities. Eventually, after much use, only the dregs remained in the bag; the salt had been used up. The salt bag was good for nothing but to be thrown out.

We must always be salt, and not dregs! On a pitch-dark night, even a candle seems brilliant. We may not be much, but we can surely let our light shine before others – even if it is only one candle power!

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah reminds us that faith is never meant to stay comfortable or contained. To share our bread with the hungry, to welcome the homeless poor, to clothe the naked—these are not optional extras of discipleship but its very heartbeat. When we loosen our grip on what we have and turn outward in mercy, something beautiful happens: light breaks forth like the dawn. God’s justice is not abstract; it shines through ordinary acts of compassion done quietly and faithfully. When we choose to see the needs around us and respond with generosity, we discover that God has been at work there all along—waiting for our hands and hearts to join His.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls us salt and light, not so we can draw attention to ourselves, but so the world might taste and see the goodness of God. Salt that stays in the shaker does nothing, and light hidden away helps no one find their way. Our faith is meant to be visible in how we live, forgive, serve, and love—especially when it costs us something. When our good works flow from humble hearts, they don’t glorify us; they point beyond us. As disciples, our task is simple and demanding all at once: to live in such a way that others can glimpse God’s mercy, and in seeing it, give glory to our Father in heaven

I have a small request. I have a young man serving in the military that could use a pick me up in his deployment in Africa. If you feel like you would like to write to him, his name is Nik Couri. He is a good Catholic young man and it would be awesome if you want to mail him a letter or card. I would appreciate it and it would mean the world to him. His address:

Jonanthony Couri. PSC 831, Box 0042 FPO, AE 09902 USA.

Lastly, I will be away this weekend for the installation of the new Archbishop of New York City. Archbishop Hicks was my dean of formation and has become a good friend for many years. I am beyond excited for him. He is the most genuine person! He is everything you want in a bishop. Keep him in your prayers as he begins this daunting task. May God bless him and his people. Please be welcoming and responsive to Father Iacona from Cross Catholic Outreach. Please pray also for Fr. Ken Ahanonu’s safe travels home this weekend.

*Father Arisman*

## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>February 9 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Tally McDonald and Virginia Brinkman
<b>February 10 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Louis and Johanna Venegoni and Scott Schieferdecker
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Lyman Ennis and Charles and Irene Milder
<b>February 11 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Priscilla Morrison and Charles Allen
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Larry Costigan and Marcia Ryan and the Ryan family
<b>February 12 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman and Katy Lunt
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Reckers and Gary Vogel
<b>February 13 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	DD Fischer and Sue Bergman
<b>February 14 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Jean Goodwin and Charlie Allen
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Donald Wiemelt and Jerry Poore
<b>February 15 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Bill and Katie Brink and Roger Knuffman
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Sandy Lawrence and Marcia Tushaus

### This week in the Parish:

#### **Monday, February 9**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
2:00 p.m. QCS meeting  
4:45 p.m. PSR  
6:45 p.m. BEAR youth group  
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

#### **Tuesday, February 10**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis quilters  
1:00 p.m. QCS Principals meeting  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

#### **Wednesday, February 11**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning committee

#### **Thursday, February 12**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee meeting  
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 13**

6:30 a.m. Mass

#### **Saturday, February 14**

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. Mass

**Week of 2/1/2026**                      **Week**                      **YTD**

#### **Collections to Support the Church**

Regular Collection	\$29,275.11	\$825,124.66
Loose Collection	\$1,764.10	\$53,744.66
Holy Days, Special Collections	\$20.00	\$46,525.85

**Total Collection**                      **\$31,059.21**                      **\$925,395.17**

Budget Needed Support	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$863,350.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$3,209.21</b>	<b>\$62,045.17</b>

Annual School Fund	\$2,256.13	YTD: \$144,014.78
<b>Budget Goal for School Support</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>YTD: \$113,150.00</b>

### Thought of the Week:

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

Saint Gregory the Great

### Are you a young adult between the ages of 22-40 and desiring a deeper Catholic community?

You are invited to join the Riverside Small Group. We will meet on one Tuesday evening each month to share a potluck dinner, watch a short video related to our Catholic faith, then discuss the video. Babysitting can be arranged if needed. Please contact Jess Wilson at wilsonjessica2464@gmail.com or 217-242-4738 if you want to know more.

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### Victim Assistance and Child Abuse Reporting

To report child sexual abuse by church personnel or to inquire about the Safe Environment Program in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, call (217) 321-1155. To learn about services for victims of sexual assault, call Quanada at 217-222-2030 or visit their office at 2707 Maine St. in Quincy.

### 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.

### Trivia Night for Catholic Heart Work Camp Saturday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Liberty.

\$20 per individual or \$160 per table. If trivia isn't your thing, come enjoy the supper before, starting at 4 p.m., for a free-will donation. To register your team contact Jeanne Cramsey at 217-653-3962.

**Download the Parish App in 2026!** Get up-to-the-minute parish information, monitor your serving and giving opportunities, stay spiritually connected, and much more. Just go to the app store and download **SPI Catholic** for free.

### Welcome

*Jesse and Kyia Mose*

*We are delighted you have chosen  
St. Francis as your parish home*

### Congratulations and Welcome

*Cash Michael Gerard Beebe  
Son of Austin and Shelli Beebe  
Baptized into the Catholic faith  
February 1, 2026*

### Rest in Peace

*Ernest Cole*

*August 28, 1966—January 21, 2026*

*And*

*Angela Huner*

*September 25, 1923—January 19, 2026*

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

**February Gatherings:** Thursdays 7-8:15 p.m. **February 12**, Worship Pillar, Penance Service and Adoration in the church. **February 19**, Service Pillar, Room set-up for the BEAR youth group. Meet at the school. **February 26**, Fellowship Pillar, Euchre tournament at the KofC.

### Hope House Seeking Our Support: On Sunday, February 15 a second collection will be taken to help support Hope House of Quincy.

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, or visit their website at www.HopeHouseofQuincy.com. Thank you for your support!

The annual Rosary Prayer Service will be Wednesday, February 11 at 1:30 p.m. on the **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes** at the Our Lady of Lourdes of Ghost Hollow Grotto, located at the corner of 4507 Ghost Hollow and Herleman Rd. in Quincy. Dress for the weather and bring a folding chair. Contact Janice Pohlman at 217-257-2400 for more information.

**Holy Name News:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 11 at 6 p.m., followed shortly by the Holy Name Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, February 18. See the bulletin for all of the fish fry details.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday Night Big Raffle jackpot is up to \$17,855. Tickets are sold from 6:00-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00. Don't forget the Friday Night Chicken Dinners! Drive-through or eat in from 5-7 p.m. Half a chicken with all the sides for \$14 in the drive-through. Eat-in is buffet style. Check out the daily calendar winners and much more at [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org).



**Holy Name Ash Wednesday Fish Fry**  
**February 18 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!*

**Lenten Bible Study: Bishop Barron's**  
**Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues**

During Lent we examine our spiritual lives and take stock of what is going right and wrong. Bishop Barron says a classic way of doing this is to look at the "7 deadly sins and their antidotes the corresponding virtues." Sin separates us from God. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the nature of these sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each one, giving practical advice on how to instill this virtue in your own life. We will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 -8:00 in the bride's room on February 17 and 24 and March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Study guides will be available. If you want to order a study guide, indicate that when you sign up. **Sign up by emailing [jvenegoni6808@comcast.net](mailto:jvenegoni6808@comcast.net) or texting 217-242-6497 or 217-430-2234 by February 12.**

**The St. Francis Hospital Ministry** is looking for volunteers to do hospital visits. They need people who can do weekly visits and those who can serve as backup. Please call Mary at 217-553-8871 for more information.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

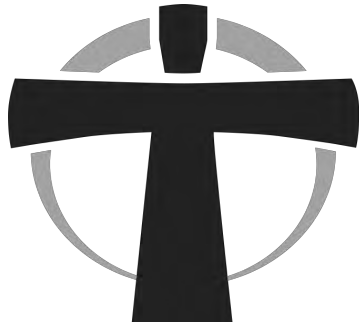
Our first meeting of the spring season will be Tuesday, March 17 after the 5:30 Mass. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Call or text Helen Zimmerman to reserve your spot, 217-242-6692. We look forward to seeing everyone! **Also: the Holy Name men are having their Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 18 and they need desserts. Please drop them off at the parish center on that day. In addition, they are looking for a few women to cut and plate the desserts before the meal. There's a sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please call Helen Zimmerman if you have any questions.**

**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.*

**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.quincyhollyfamilyfest.com](http://www.quincyhollyfamilyfest.com).** Like, share and subscribe to our Facebook page, QHFF. Help us spread the message about the importance of families in today's world.



# 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.

Registered members of Quincy Catholic churches or if the child has a sibling at another Quincy Catholic school may register Thursday, February 12.

The registration for preschool opens to the public on Tuesday, February 17.

## 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!

Our **BEAR Youth Group** is hosting a cookie sale after Masses on **February 14 & 15**. Whether you're looking for a Valentine's treat or a snack for later, we've got you covered!

- **In-Person:** We'll be accepting cash or checks after Masses.
- **Pre-Order Online:** You can reserve your cookies, order frozen dough to bake at home, or pay via credit card at [tinyurl.com/buybearcookies](https://tinyurl.com/buybearcookies).

All proceeds support BEAR's local service projects and our upcoming March for Life trip.

**Questions?** Reach out to Grant Wilson at 217-602-9293.



## **Quincy Catholic Schools Chess Tournament**

*Saturday, February 21. Registration is at 8 a.m., with games starting at 8:30 in the St. Peter*

*School Cafeteria. Children in K-8th grade are eligible to play, even if they didn't attend Chess Club meetings. Games will be divided into age groups, depending on how many students sign up. The tournament should be over by 12:30. Cost is \$10 per student. **Please register by February 17.** Contact Chris Gill for more information, 573-719-9331 or [fishgills1208@gmail.com](mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com).*

February 14-15	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	Bruce Holbrook Gibson Holbrook <u>One Needed Please</u>	Carla Slough Darlene Mayes Joleen Patton Theresa Rohrer	Michael Bickhaus Edward Mitchell Greg Ehrhardt <u>One Needed Please</u>	Jim Kaiser Russell Rohrer	Angela Gutting Chryssia Hea	Kristine Bickhaus Peggy Kaiser <u>Gift Bearer</u> Kimberly Zecchel
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Carter Terwelp Chloe Terwelp	Gary Hilgenbrinck Craig Budde Anthony Freiburg Paulette Freiburg	Roger Gallaher Perry Terwelp Larry Klauser	Jack Terwelp Mary Terwelp John Benz	Constance Koch	Emilie Venvertloh Sandra Banning <u>Gift Bearer</u> Kay Gallaher
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Riley Kendrick Blake Curry <u>One Needed Please</u>	Sarah Genenbacher Ted Genenbacher Brad Kendrick Caitlin Kendrick	Michael Patterson Robert Haistings Michael Zanger	Mark Meyer Terry Nall Rob Frese	Aaron Kerkhoff Bruce Broemmel	Jill Arnold Blickhan Prudy Patterson <u>Gift Bearer</u> Roberta Meyer
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Isaiah Wear Benjamin Eling William Eling	Marcia Steinkamp Rebecca Wear Marsha Collins Bridget Ehrhart	Dennis Greving Drew Erwin Donald Olps	Diann Cole Henry Voss Steven Obert	Ron Gengenbacher Dennis Steinkamp	Jane Haas <u>One Needed Please</u> <u>Gift Bearer</u> Jamie Friye
<u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u>		<b>February 14, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Whitney Ormond			
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u>		<b>February 15, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Anne Meyer			

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