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### MASSSES

**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.

## *Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)*

**MARCH 29, 2026**

(For Palm procession: Matthew 21:1-11;)  
for Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;  
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27: 11-54

The liturgy today is a paradox because the Paschal Mystery is a paradox! Victory comes through apparent defeat; Real life comes only through death; glory comes through suffering patiently borne; there is no crown without first the cross.

The Palm Sunday procession honors Christ as our King. This means that we accept him as Lord over our lives. But the Gospel of Mass tells of the suffering and death of Jesus! Did those who shouted "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday also shout "Crucify him!" six days later? Or were they merely silent, allowing evil to triumph?

The first reading is the third of the Suffering Servant Songs in Isaiah. These four songs describe an "everyman" who takes all grief and agony of the world to himself. By his suffering, he vicariously heals all. These songs or poems were used by the primitive Church to explain how the Messiah could suffer.

The second reading was a liturgical hymn before Paul incorporated it into his letter to the Philippians about 58 A.D. The ancient hymn expresses the Paschal Mystery: Christ is God from all eternity, but he did not cling to the majesty of God; he made himself as nothing in becoming man. And he became humbler yet, obedient to the worst possible death, death on the cross. Because of his humility and obedience, he is exalted and glorified.

The Passion according to Matthew is today's Gospel. Jesus is rejected by the leaders of his own people. Although he is crucified by the Romans, the Roman soldiers proclaim that Jesus surely is the Son of God! In meditating on the Passion, put yourself into the picture; identify with the characters.

This week we celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Let us live that mystery in our lives: We must die to self in order to live to God. We must take up the cross if we want to share Christ's crown of glory.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## PALM SUNDAY

Dear friends in Christ, as we enter Holy Week on this Palm Sunday, the sacred liturgy places before us both the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the sobering reality of His Passion. In the prophet Isaiah, we encounter the Suffering Servant, one who listens for God's voice and remains steadfast even in the face of suffering- "I have set my face like flint," a reminder that true discipleship requires courage and trust. In the Gospel, we first join the crowds crying "Hosanna," welcoming Jesus as king, yet we quickly see how fragile that praise can be as the narrative turns to betrayal, abandonment, and the Cross.

This same tension lives within our own hearts: We long to follow Christ, yet we struggle when the path leads through sacrifice. Palm Sunday invites us not to be fair-weather disciples, but to walk with Jesus all the way to the Cross, and ultimately to the empty tomb. Let us ask for the grace this week to remain faithful, to listen as He listened, and to trust that even in suffering, God's plan of salvation is unfolding before us. Let us embrace that suffering joyfully.

I urge you this week to take the opportunity to come to the extra liturgies for Holy Week. Come to the Chrism Mass in Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6:30 p.m. This is where Bishop Paprocki blesses and consecrates the oils used in the sacraments throughout the year in the entire diocese. It is also where the priests renew their promises to the Bishop and the Church. It is one of the most unique and beautiful liturgies of the year.

Join us at St. Francis Solanus at 5:30 p.m. for Mass on "Spy Wednesday," 7:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday, Adoration from the end of Mass until Midnight where we pray Night Prayer; 3 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday, 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross Good Friday; 8:00 p.m. for the Easter Vigil, my favorite liturgy of the year and it counts for Easter Sunday, and then 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. These opportunities are some of the most awesome moments in the life of the Church. If you and your children haven't had the experience, I urge you, please join us.

*Father Arisman*

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### ***Divine Mercy Novena***

*The feast of Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Octave of Easter, that is, the Sunday after Easter Sunday. It is a special feast in which the mercy of God is effused into our souls. The feast is prepared with a novena – the Divine Mercy novena. Although the Divine Mercy novena can be done any time of the year, the Divine Mercy novena officially begins on Good Friday and ends on the eve of the feast of Divine Mercy.*

*The novena is easy and very simple to do. Yet, it is very efficacious. It consists of reciting the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the novena prayer for each day. On our pews in the church are red pamphlets titled "Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet" – We have been using this pamphlet for recitation of Divine Mercy chaplet twenty minutes before weekend Masses this Lenten period – When you flip open this pamphlet, the front side has the Novena to the Divine Mercy for each of the nine days. The other side of the pamphlet contains the Prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.*

*Doing the Divine Mercy novena is simple: recite the chaplet of Divine Mercy and read the prayer of the Divine Mercy novena for that particular day. As a parish, we shall do the communal Divine Mercy novena beginning twenty minutes before our liturgical celebrations: Good Friday, 20 minutes before the 3'oclock Passion of the Lord; Holy Saturday, 20 minutes before the Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday, 20 minutes before each Mass and during the weekday, 20 minutes before weekday Masses, morning and evening, ending Saturday morning 4/11/2026. You can also do the Divine Mercy novena on your own or in your family if the communal one does not suit your schedule. This weekend of Palm Sunday, more Divine Mercy pamphlets are made available at the entrances to the church for those who would like to grab a copy.*

*Father Ken*

## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>March 30 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Justin Main-Wade
<b>March 31 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Bill Venvertloh
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman and Sue Bergman
<b>April 1 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Dan Richmiller and Shane McDermott
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman and Carol Holtschlag
<b>April 2 Thursday</b>		Holy Thursday
<b>April 3 Friday</b>		Good Friday
<b>April 4 Saturday</b>		Easter Vigil
<b>April 5 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Richard and Edward Dietrich and Brenda Sandifer
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Dick Gengenbacher and John Busse

### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, March 30

6:30 a.m. Mass

#### Tuesday, March 31

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. St. Francis quilters

1:00 p.m. Wild Goose

5:30 p.m. Mass

#### Wednesday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Adoration

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Soup Supper

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

#### Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, April 3 Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Celebration of Lord's Passion

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Carmelites meeting

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, April 5 Easter

7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Week of 3/22/2026**      **Week**      **YTD**

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

Regular Collection	\$21,017.54	\$1,019,614.57
Loose Collection	\$1,700.84	\$65,630.27
Holy Days, Special Collections	\$1,328.00	\$52,182.85

**Total Collection**      **\$24,046.38**      **\$1,137,427.69**

Budget Needed Support	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$1,058,300.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-3,803.62</b>	<b>\$79,127.69</b>

Annual School Fund	\$1,456.54	YTD: \$171,509.97
<b>Budget Goal for School Support</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>YTD: \$138,700.00</b>

Thought of the Week: For the sake of our sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Holy Thursday Prayer Hour**

**Adoration will be in the Parish Hall.**

**All parishioners are invited to attend at any time, even if not involved in the groups assigned.**

- . **8:30-9:00 p.m.** Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, BEAR group, PSR, Youth Choir, PTO—parents and teachers.
- . **9:00-9:30 p.m.** Order of Secular Franciscans, Teens and Young Adults, QUEST, TEC, CYO.
- . **9:30-10:00 p.m.** Ladies of St. Francis, Quilters and Blanket Makers, St. Francis Community Assistance Volunteers, League of St. Clare.
- . **10:00-10:30 p.m.** Cursillo, Monday Night Rosary, Seven Sisters of the Apostolate, Prayer Chain Groups, Hospitality Committee and Stewardship Council, Parish Choir, Truth Seekers.
- . **10:30-11:00 p.m.** Holy Name, Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Men's Morning Group, Francis Fraternity.
- . **11:00-11:30 p.m.** Pastoral Council and Liturgy Planning.
- . **11:30-Midnight** Priests and All Parishioners.



***There will be no Coffee and Donuts in April. We will resume with the May Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, May 3.***

**Singles Late 50s and Above:** Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved. You won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Adoration 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Benediction 5 p.m.**

**Mass 5:30 p.m.**

**Soup Supper**

**Holy Thursday, April 2**

**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**

**Night Prayer at Midnight**

**Good Friday, April 3**

**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 4**

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

**No reconciliation.**

**8 p.m. Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

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



***Only One More Lenten Soup Supper!***

*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. Our remaining supper will be this Wednesday, April 1.*

**San Damiano College for the Trades** in Springfield is offering \$5,000 scholarships to five incoming freshmen for the upcoming school year. These scholarships are available to students who reside in a Tracy Family Foundation county. Contact Joanne Gaston for more information and to schedule a campus visit: [jgaston@sandamianotrades.org](mailto:jgaston@sandamianotrades.org).

**Holy Name News:** The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center. Our next activity is the Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner on March 29. See below for more details.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday Night Big Raffle jackpot is up to \$20,300. 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.



**St. Francis Holy Name Palm Sunday Chicken Dinner**

**This Sunday, March 29** in the St. Francis Parish Center. Serving fresh, hot fried chicken from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Also on the menu is mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw and homemade desserts from the Ladies of St. Francis. Dine-in, carry-out or drive through. Adults \$13, children 12-6 \$7 and anyone under 5 is free. Please join us!



*Congratulations and Welcome  
Bradley Benz and Brennon Benz  
Sons of Jacob and Rachel Benz  
And  
Frances Burkhardt  
Daughter of  
Christopher & Rihannan Burkhardt  
Baptized into the Catholic faith  
March 22, 2026*

*Welcome  
Dr. Rafael and Ana Lantigua  
&  
Janice Vogel  
We are delighted you have chosen  
St. Francis to be your parish home.*

The Little White Book, a daily meditation for the Easter Season, is available at no charge in the north entrance while supplies last.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

- Please join us for our next dinner meeting on
- Tuesday, April 21 following the 5:30 Mass. Cost of
- the dinner is \$10. Call or text Helen Zimmerman to
- reserve your spot, 217-242-6692.

**The next Ladies Card Party will be Thursday, April 9. Please take note that due to Holy Week, the card party was moved from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$13. The menu, cooked by Jan Smith, will be her famous chicken salad croissants, chips, fruit cup and dessert. One person from your group can call Pat Winking and make a reservation at 217-257-0416.**



*League of St. Clare*

SAVE THE DATE!

Women of St. Francis Solanus Parish are invited to join a new group, the League of St. Clare. Join us for our March events and invite a friend!

**Worship Pillar:** Guided Meditation with Adoration & Confession

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
St. Francis Church  
7:00-8:15pm

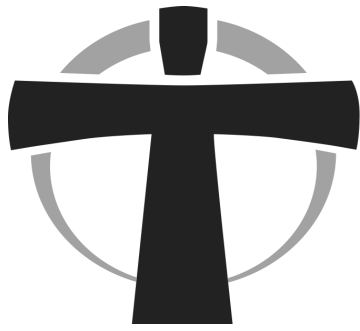
**Service Pillar:** Details coming

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
St. Francis Parish Center  
7:00-8:15pm

**Upcoming Events for Francis Fraternity**

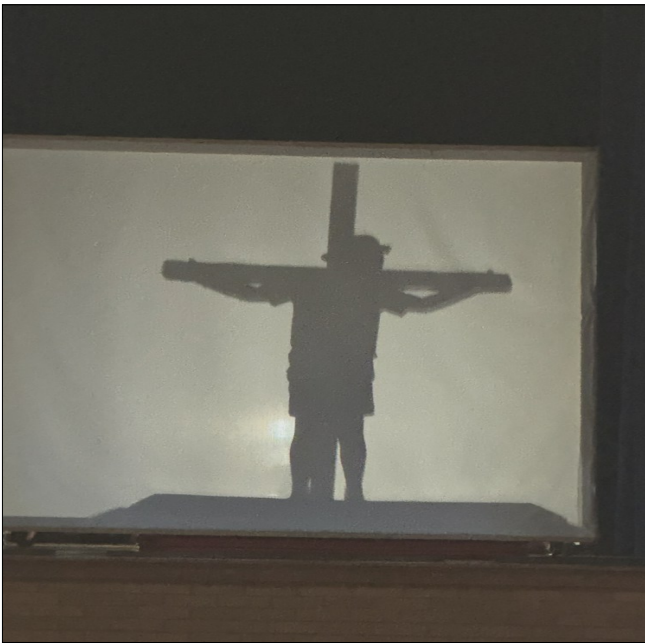
**April 2:** No official meeting this week. The group is scheduled to take adoration time on Holy Thursday from 10:30-11 p.m.

All men are welcome! For more information call John at 217-440-8187.



# St. Francis Solanus School

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St. Francis School fourth graders staged and acted out “Shadow Stations of the Cross” last week at school.



### St. Francis Solanus School Teachers Complete Rigorous Literacy Training Program

Three dedicated St. Francis Solanus School educators — Lesley Failor, Sarah Hull, and Jamie Marshall — have completed the **LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)** program after two years of study and professional development. Mrs. Failor teaches First Grade. Mrs. Hull teaches Kindergarten, and Mrs. Marshall teaches Literacy Intervention for First through Fourth Grade. The impact of their work will benefit students for years to come as they apply this research-based training in their classrooms. The school community is proud to recognize these educators for their hard work and dedication to improving literacy education.




**The Quincy Catholic Schools Eighth Grade Volleyball team earned third place in the Illinois Elementary School Association 3A Division.** They played in Pana last weekend.


The following students represented St. Francis Solanus School on the team: Devan Fischer, Ellie Reuschel, Kenzie Sousa, Emma VonderHaar and Olivia Young. Congratulations!

Holy Week April 2-5	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 p.m.	Theodora Gengenbacher Alexandra Gengenbacher Carson Kerkhoff Bo Weiman Brett Weiman	Vieve Veith Maureen Makarewicz	Richard Mitchell Paul Eling Timothy Reichert John Veith Michael Eling Aaron Kerkhoff	Alice Arnold Martin Makarewicz	James Doellman Cindy Reichert <b>Gift Bearer</b> Roberta Meyer
<b>Friday</b> 3:00 p.m.	Hendrix Holtschlag Carson Kerkhoff Bo Weiman Brett Weiman	N/A	Aaron Kerkhoff Roberta Meyer Timothy Reichert Philip Kemner James Waterkotte <u>One Needed Please</u>	Alice Arnold Carolyn Briddle	N/A <b>Gift Bearer</b> N/A
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 p.m.	Elijah Curry Hendrix Holtschlag Carson Kerkhoff Bo Weiman Brett Weiman Stella Curry	N/A	Kevin Genenbacher Timothy Reichert Evan Reichert Marty Karhoff Thomas Ennis Aaron Kerkhoff	Alice Arnold John McDowell Michelle Obert	Cindy Reichert Doris Karhoff <b>Gift Bearer</b> OCIA
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Larry Brumbaugh Eli Terwelp	Kay Gallaher Vieve Veith Gary Hilgenbrinck Aurie McGee	Roger Gallaher Jerald Meyer Kevin Frericks Joyce Frericks Perry Terwelp George Venvertloh	Sheila Goehl Jan Zeidler	Larry Klausner Terry Niemann <b>Gift Bearer</b> Roch Schulte
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Hendrix Holtschlag Alexander Lawrence Sebastian Lawrence	Robert Haas Ric Hinkamper Anne Meyer Joanne Ortwerth	Neal Blickhan Robert Haistings Terry Kistner Mark Meyer Jason Costigan Samuel Zanger	Monica Hinkamper Roberta Meyer	Jill Arnold Blickhan Mary Fitzsimmons <b>Gift Bearer</b> Amanda Genenbacher
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Isaiah Wear Benjamin Eling William Eling	Ron Gengenbacher Barbara Girouard Arlene Hendren	Drew Erwin Marty Karhoff Dennis Greving Sam Vranjes Melissa Arnold <u>One Needed Please</u>	Angela Gutting Rebecca Wear	<u>Two Greeters Needed</u> <u>Please</u> <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff


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