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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.

## *Third Sunday of Lent*

**MARCH 8, 2026**

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8;  
John 4:5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Lent is devoted to baptism and baptismal renewal. Last week we saw that our baptism meant that we must be transfigured into the image of Christ. Before that, we saw that baptism does not mean freedom from temptation. As the Lord was tempted, so will we be tempted. We must daily struggle to overcome. Today we see that baptism is God's gracious gift to us. We don't deserve redemption, but Christ died for us even when we were sinners; he calls us to share his life-giving spirit through baptism.

Today we celebrate the first of the Scrutinies with our Elect. The Scrutinies are a time of soul-searching and repentance; we seek to uncover all that is weak, defective, or sinful; we offer ourselves to the Lord in order to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. In the ancient Church the Scrutinies were tests that the catechumens had to pass before they were accounted worthy to be baptized in the Easter Vigil. Even though the Church has relaxed its discipline, we should "scrutinize" ourselves to see if we live up to what God wants of us.

In this context let us look at the Scriptures: The Israelites complained that they were parched with thirst. God gave them water from the rock to drink. They did not pass the test of faith, but were a grumbling, griping, whining people. In spite of this, God had mercy on them.

(Rabbinical writings said that the rock followed them through their wandering in the desert, and that they had fresh water whenever Moses struck the rock; St. Paul takes this up in his epistles and says that the rock that followed them was Christ – the source of living water!)

If we think we deserve God's mercy, we should look within ourselves. We are sinners. If we have been preserved from sin, it is God's grace and not our own unaided efforts. Paul tells us that God sent his Son to save us when we were his enemies by sin! If we ever get discouraged because of our weaknesses, let us have hope because of the mercy of Christ!

The long Gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus asks her for a drink; she makes a smart remark; Jesus tells her that she should be asking him for a drink of "living" water. This is a play on words: She understands him to mean "fresh, flowing, or spring" water. He really means the water of the Holy Spirit conferred in baptism.

Let us examine ourselves: Do we appreciate God's mercy? Do we take him for granted? Do we presume on his mercy? Are we like the Israelites? Let us be conscious of the "living water" of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism; let us live in hope and confidence, but not in presumption.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

This weekend's readings invite us into the deep thirst of the human heart. In the Book of Exodus, we find the Israelites in the desert at Massah and Meribah, weary and complaining, crying out, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" Their thirst was real, but beneath it was something even deeper: a testing of the Lord's presence among them. How often, in our own deserts - whether they be illness, family struggles, loneliness, or uncertainty- do we ask the same question: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Yet God does not respond with anger. He tells Moses to strike the rock, and from that hard, unyielding stone flows living water. The Lord provides. He is faithful, even when we waver. The rock in the desert becomes a sign that God can bring life where we see only barrenness.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of John, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well - a meeting that changes her life. Our Lord asks her for a drink, but in truth He is the one who thirsts for her faith. He offers her "living water," water that wells up to eternal life. She comes to the well at noon, perhaps to avoid others, burdened by her past. Yet Jesus speaks to her with mercy and truth. He does not shame her; He reveals her dignity and calls her to something greater. And she, transformed, runs back to her town to proclaim, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done." This is the journey of every disciple. When we allow Christ to meet us in our thirst, when we bring Him our sins and our questions, He fills us with grace, and sends us out as witnesses. May we come to this Sunday's Eucharist asking the Lord to strike the rock of our hearts, that His living water may flow freely within us.

We have made available the "Exorcist Files" books for the parish. These are much more costly books, so we ask if you take one to consider giving a donation in the box near them. We bought them at a cheaper rate than you will find online. This is a great book to learn what every Catholic should know about the demonic, and how to keep it out of your lives. It will be very helpful during this Lenten Season to know what to rid yourself of, and how to live the holy life all the more in sacramental grace. I urge you to take one and read it and pass it on to others.

Lastly, as we prepare the Elect for baptism these readings in the Lenten season catechize them and us on the life of faith. Pray for them as they prepare for the initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, at Easter. Pray for the Candidates who will be received into the Church, Confirmed, and receive their First Communion, during the Easter Season. Pray for our young people preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in the Easter Season at the Cathedral. We just had our second graders participate in their first Reconciliation. What an exciting time. So much life and grace being poured into our people as we continue to grow as a parish. Continue to pray for them all.

*Father Arisman*



## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>March 9 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Tally McDonald and Alma Haugh
<b>March 10 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Robert Orr and Larry Smith
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Roger Knuffman and Judy Caspermeyer
<b>March 11 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Justin Main-Wade and Pat Six
<b>March 12 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Bill Venvertloh
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Stan Musholt
<b>March 13 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Sandra Guerry and DD Fischer
<b>March 14 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Albert Linken and family
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt and Donald Klingele
<b>March 15 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Mary Kay Gustison and Mary Lou Rakers
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Donna Kerkhoff and Amy Waterkotte
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis

### This week in the Parish:

#### **Monday, March 9**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. CYO meeting  
7:00 p.m. Dr. Kleponis talk

#### **Tuesday, March 10**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis quilters  
1:00 p.m. Wild Goose  
1:00 p.m. QCS Principal's meeting  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers  
6:30 p.m. Wild Goose  
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

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. Holy Name meeting  
6:30 p.m. Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy planning

#### **Thursday, March 12**

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, March 13**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday, March 14**

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

### Week of 3/1/2026      Week      YTD

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

Regular Collection	\$40,076.17	\$951,917.15
Loose Collection	\$1,878.94	\$60,314.53
Holy Days, Special Collections	\$850.00	\$48,981.85

**Total Collection      \$42,805.11      \$1,061,213.53**

Budget Needed Support	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$974,750.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$14,955.11</b>	<b>\$86,463.53</b>

Annual School Fund	\$8,408.57	YTD: \$166,260.50
<b>Budget Goal for School Support</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>YTD: \$127,750.00</b>

### Thought of the Week: The Passion of Christ

He who desires to go on advancing from virtue to virtue, from grace to grace, should meditate continually on the Passion of Jesus....There is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation on the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

St. Bonaventure

### **CYO Board Member Needed from St. Francis**

For more information about this volunteer opportunity contact CYO Board President Tom McLaughlin at 217-653-1032. The board meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

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.

### **March Events for Francis Fraternity**

**March 12:** Worship Pillar: St. Joseph Novena, Church.

**March 19:** Service Pillar: Preparing for Passiontide (covering statues), Church.

**March 26:** Fellowship Pillar: Bags tournament and March Madness @ Mavericks Landing, 500 S. 8th St. All men are welcome! For more information call John at 217-440-8187.

The students of QND thank you for your support on Commitment Weekend. For those parishioners who missed the opportunity to make their pledge or gift to QND, you can **place your contribution in the offertory or mail it directly to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306.** Gifts support QND’s 49th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit QuincyNotreDame.org. Thank you for your consideration!

### **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 in Springfield. Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring a **FREE** chartered motor coach. Call/text Jake Reed for more information and to make your reservation: 217-577-1555.

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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The Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold its **Spring Gathering** on Wednesday, March 25 at St. Thomas Parish in Camp Point. This year’s theme is “Building Catholic Culture.” Father Scott Snider, Tri-Parishes Pastor is the featured speaker. The day begins at 7:45 with registration, followed by Mass, Adoration and the Rosary. There’s also a light breakfast, program and lunch. The day will conclude about 2:30.

### **There’s a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.**

For more information contact Susan Asher, QDCCW President, at 217-653-5074.

Copies of the bestselling ***The Exorcist Files*** by Father Carlos Martins are available for parishioners in the North Entryway. Father Martins, a renowned exorcist, shares real-life accounts and spiritual insights that provide a deeper understanding of the spiritual battle and the triumph of Christ. Whether you are looking to strengthen your faith or understand the Church’s ministry of healing and deliverance, this book is a powerful resource. **Free for any donation amount.**

### **Rosary for Peace**

Monday evenings at 7 o’clock in the chapel. All are welcome. Please join your voice with ours and help make this world a safer place for all.

**Holy Name News:** The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, March 11 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 around \$19,000. 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**

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. Make plans to join us!



**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. Patrick's Day Dinner**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**  
11am to 6pm  
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Pork

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1/2 Sausage/Kraut  
Mashed Potatoes, & Apple or Cherry Pie

Mix

**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!

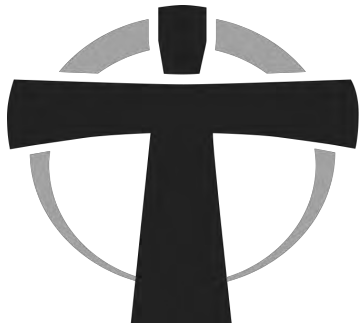
**Quincy Catholic Charities** announces their annual fundraising event. This year it's Murder at the Disco! Dinner and entertainment on Saturday, March 14 from 5-10 p.m. at the Town and Country Inn and Suites in Quincy. Buy your tickets at [www.cc.dio.org](http://www.cc.dio.org).

**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).

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

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



# St. Francis Solanus School

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## School Winners for Adams County Right to Life Poster and Essay Contests

### Poster-Third and Fourth Grade Division

- 1st. Eden Terwelp, Third Grade
- 2nd. Brett Weiman, Third Grade
- 3rd. Norah O'Banion, Third Grade
- 4th. Lily Holman, Third Grade

### Poster-Fifth and Sixth Grade Division

- 1st. Sylvee Whitney, Sixth Grade
- 2nd. Will Hummel, Sixth Grade
- 3rd. Lincoln Darnell, Sixth Grade
- 4th. Nora Reuschel, Fifth Grade

### Poster-Seventh and Eighth Grade Division

- 1st. Brynn Carpenter, Eighth Grade
- 2nd. Liviana Hamann, Seventh Grade
- 3rd. Amelia Chandler, Eighth Grade
- 4th. Grace Hendrian, Seventh Grade

### Essay-Seventh and Eighth Grade Division

- 1st. Thea Gengenbacher, Seventh Grade
- 2nd. Emily O'Leary, Seventh Grade
- 3rd. Ellie Reuschel, Eighth Grade
- 4th. Hayes Frericks, Eighth Grade

These posters won ribbons and essays were awarded certificates. They will be sent to the Adams County Right to Life Poster and Essay Competition in March. They will also be on display at the Quincy Town Center.

Blessed Sacrament School in Quincy is in search of two long-term substitute teachers from April to May. If interested, please contact Principal Lisa Berhorst, 217-228-1477, [Principal@blessedscs.org](mailto:Principal@blessedscs.org).

## Lenten School Mass Schedule:

- **Wednesday, March 11—Mass with choir**
- **Wednesday, March 18—No Mass**
- **Wednesday, March 25—Mass with choir**



These second graders from St. Francis Solanus School and PSR made their First Reconciliation last Sunday, March 1.

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THE ELEMENTS

**MAR. 19-21**  
**JWCC**  
**AUDITORIUM**

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March 14-15	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Brynn Carpenter Damien Alonzo Michael Alonzo	Patti Blickhan Barbara Girouard Darlene Mayes Michelle Obert	Thomas Ennis Philip Kemner Michael Eling John Obert James Waterkotte Jim Kaiser	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Peggy Kaiser Angel Miranda <b>Gift Bearer</b> Tera Terwelp
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	Theodora Gengenbacher Alexandra Gengenbacher	Carolyn Briddle Craig Budde Anthony Freiburg Paulette Freiburg	Jerald Meyer Jack Terwelp Joe Bernhardt Mary Terwelp Perry Terwelp John Benz	Constance Koch	Sandra Banning Larry Klausner <b>Gift Bearer</b> Terry Niemann
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Peyton Kendrick Riley Kendrick Maximilian McDowell	Brad Kendrick Caitlin Kendrick Marty Steinkoenig Leila Wepler	Robert Haistings Steven Eling Michael Zanger Terry Nall Ron Gengenbacher Mark Meyer	John McDowell Roberta Meyer	Anne Meyer Brian Dreier <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kathleen Bracy
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Isaiah Wear Lillian Wheeler Owen Wheeler	Carol Steinbrecher Rebecca Wear Marsha Collins Bridget Ehrhart	Drew Erwin Brent Frericks Dennis Greving Rose Willer Melissa Arnold Diann Cole	Kayleigh Ketchum Pam Frericks	Nancy Hufendick Margaret Steinbrecher <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u>		<b>March 14, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Allison Ormond		
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u>		<b>March 15, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Anne Meyer		

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