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MASSES

Sunday Obligation Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday
Sunday-6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays 6:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. Monday thru Saturday
8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year
Holy Day Obligation: Anticipated 5:30 p.m.
Holy Day 6:30, 8:00 a.m.(8:35 a.m. during school year)and 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday-8:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. or call the Friary for an appointment

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Sometimes we tend to think of the God of the Old Testament as the God of wrath, and the God of the New Testament as the God of love. We sometimes imagine that the Old Testament emphasized law, while the New Testament is concerned with love.

But God is the same God, whether in the Old or the New Testament. Today's first reading, from Leviticus, is from the "Holiness Code." The motive for which we should do all things is because God himself is holy, and he expects us to be holy. Our reading omits many verses, but it sums them up in the one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The second reading gives us another motive for holiness: We are the temple of God; the Holy Spirit lives in us. We should never disgrace that Spirit within us. When we come into church, we observe reverence and awe for the presence of God. We should have the same reverence for God who lives within us. Let us always live in God's presence.

The Gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount. The Old Law did not mean that we should take vengeance on our neighbor. "An eye for an eye" was really merciful: It means, "If someone does damage to you, you may not do any more damage to him than has been done to you." So if he hits you in the eye, you cannot mug him; you can only inflict the same damage.

But even the Old Law went beyond this. Jesus goes far beyond, in commanding us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. If we only love our friends, there is no merit in that. We prove that we are Christians by showing our loving care for all persons.

The Christian moral code is tough. It demands more of us than what we "feel" by nature. Let us always strive to be holy, for the Lord is holy. Let us remember to show reverence for everyone, for we are the temples of the Spirit. And let us pray that we may live up to the moral code of Jesus and not that of this world.

--Msgr. William Carr

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

This Week's Events

Monday, February 24
6:00 p.m. PSR
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace
Tuesday, February 25
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Adult Meeting
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 26
7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. Adoration
1:00 p.m. Adoration followed by Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Lenten Mass
4:30 p.m. Holy Name Fish Fry
Thursday, February 27
3:00 p.m. Stadler 3rd Grade Girl Scouts
3:00 p.m. Cursillo Women's Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. RCIA
6:30 p.m. Wiemelt Den Meeting
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting
Friday, February 28
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 29
9:30 a.m. Cursillo 349 Meeting
9:30 a.m. Cursillo Fourth Day Renewal

Upcoming Events

3/1 Coffee and Donut Sunday
3/2 PSR
3/3 Young Mothers' Group
Liturgy Planning Commmittee
Frericks' Prayer Group
Venegoni – The Mass Study
3/4 Lectio Mary Study
Lenten Mass and Soup Supper
St. Francis Men's Prayer Group
3/5 Ladies of St. Francis Card Party
RCIA
Boy Scout Meeting

Fr. Don's Doodlings

Doesn't the season of Lent just make you dance for joy? Yeah, me neither. Well, maybe if we look at the derivation of the word "lent," it might help to raise our spirits. You probably know that lent means "spring." Well, in a round-about way. Lent is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, which referred to both the season of spring and the Church season. *Lencten* even sounds like our word "lengthen," and described the season when the days were growing longer.

OK, so maybe you're still not dancing for joy, but at least for all of us in the northern hemisphere (I always feel sorry for those in the south who have Lent in the fall), Lent coincides with the season of spring, and that, for most of us, is a happy time. We not only see the days growing longer, but also trees budding, some flowers popping out of the ground, and grass turning green.

So, dare I suggest that even our season of Lent is, or can be, a joyous time as we do some penance, spend more time in prayer, and prepare for the central, more wonderful mystery of our faith: Christ's Resurrection? And our penances should not be ways of torturing ourselves. In fact, let's take the attention off of ourselves.

Going back to the early Church, Lent was the season for catechumens to prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil. So, they were expected to pray and do penance in preparation, and all the faithful joined them in their preparation. Lenten penance didn't have a "me and God" attitude, but rather an "all of us together" attitude. The whole Church was joyful over these new converts who were about to be dunked and clothed, oiled and fed, right in the heart and center of the Catholic Christian Faith: Easter.

I think we can do no better than recover this other-centered attitude of joining catechumens the world over who are about to make their final preparation for becoming members of our world-wide Church, the Body of Christ. Thinking of it that way, what kind of creative prayer and penance might we come up with to express our solidarity with all catechumens, even those we will never know? Give it a try!

BestLentEver.com

It's free and easy to sign up.
Please join many other St. Francis Parishioners in becoming the "*best-version-of-yourself*" through the Best Lent Ever program. Every day during Lent, you'll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team.
All you have to do is go to DynamicCatholic.com
and enter your name and email address.

New Parishioners

Please say a friendly "Hello!" to the following families that have joined our Parish.

Adam and Meghan Gertz
Children – Abigail Lunt, Elizabeth, Bryce and Alex

Mass Intentions

February 24 Monday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:00 a.m.**	
February 25 Tuesday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:00 a.m.**	In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
February 26 Wednesday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:35 a.m.** **5:30 p.m.**	**SCHOOL MASS**
February 27 Thursday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:00 a.m.**	John & Connie Liesen
February 28 Friday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:00 a.m.**	Nicholas Linken
February 29 Saturday	**8:00 a.m.** **4:30 p.m.**	
March 1 Sunday	**6:30 a.m.** **8:00 a.m.** **9:30 a.m.** **11:00 a.m.**	Vivian Reckers Joe Fuhrman Bill Brink Patricia Meado

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Please patronize them!

St. Francis Solanus "Wish List!"

*Sound System for the Church – We are planning to upgrade our sound system – this may cost approximately $15,000
*Sound System for Parish Center Upgrade – Cost TBD

Thank you to those that have donated toward the items on the wish list!

The Ladies of St. Francis Card Party

March 5, 2020
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Solanus Hall at St. Francis Solanus Church
Come and join the Ladies of St. Francis to play cards and enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti and homemade sauce, garlic bread, salad, homemade pies and cakes.
Dinner will be hosted by David and Mary Ann Hildebrand.
Please call Pat Winking for reservations at 217-257-0416.

Have You Ever Wanted to go to Oberammergau?

Now's your chance! Fr. Don Blaeser, O.F.M., will help to lead a tour to Alpine Europe and Oberammergau, with the centerpiece of attending the Passion Play that is presented in Oberammergau, Germany, every ten years. The trip will go from August 24 – September 2, 2020. To learn more or to sign up, please send an email to Fr. Don at trailblaeser@aol.com.
Don't delay!
If you're interested, please call Fr. Don soon!

Parish Support: February 8-9

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	$19,729.99	$28,200	**-$8,470.01**
YEAR TO DATE	$784,228.19	$902,400	**-$118,171.81**

Miscellaneous Collection

$1,253.75

Parish Support: February 15-16

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	$23,193.90	$28,200	**-$5,006.10**
YEAR TO DATE	$807,422.09	$930,600	**-$123,177.91**

Miscellaneous Collection

$2,692.24

The Quincy Notre Dame Raiders are going on a Road Trip!

Join us for an unforgettable journey in March when the QND Music Department presents its 2020 Spring Show, "Raider Road Trip". Travel with the Concert Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Men's and Women's Glees, Jackson Street Jazz Choir, QND Jazz Band, Comedy Ensemble "Mixed Nuts" on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium at John Wood Community College.
Advance tickets are $15–adults and $7–students. Tickets at the door are $18.00. A preview performance will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m., all seats $7 at the door. To purchase and reserve tickets in advance, contact Joselyn Smith at joselynsmith62301@yahoo.com or 653-3021.
For additional information, contact QND Choral Director, Monica Scholz mscholz@quincynotredame.org or 217-223-2479, ext. 328.

Rest In Peace

Sr. M. Clarita Frericks, S.F.P. (nee Alvera Celia), passed to eternal joy on February 14, 2020 at the age of 93 years old. Born in 1926 in Quincy, IL to Clara and Clemens Frericks to a large farming family of 12 children, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in 1943 at the age of 17, professing First Vows in 1946. Sr. M. Clarita and her family was a member of St. Francis Solanus Parish in her younger years.

Forty Days of Giving to the Food Pantry During Lent

The Food Pantry challenges you to give a grocery item each day of Lent to the Food Pantry. There are bags in the pantry bins at all the entrances of church with the usual items that the pantry gives stapled to them. Take one and fill it up, then bring it to church.

Lenten Retreat for All Women in the Springfield Diocese

Tuesday, March 24 – Wednesday, March 25
Villa Maria, Springfield
Father Brian Alford will serve as the retreat master.
Father Alford is the pastor of St. Jude Parish, Rochester and Vocation Director for the Springfield Diocese. The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (S.D.C.C.W.) is pleased to sponsor this retreat which will include spiritual presentations, daily Mass, Rosary, confessions, prayer, fellowship and more. If you have any questions, please contact Terrie Kallal at kallalterrie@gmail.com or 618-604-7040.
"*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be – a time to look at the present and to the future – all through the eyes of faith.*"

Thrive Chiropractic Clinic Sponsors Souper Bowl for Food Pantry

Thrive Chiropractic is again sponsoring the Souper Bowl where their clients bring soup and crackers to the clinic to be donated to the St. Francis Food Pantry. Generously, Dr. Daryle Hightower and her husband, Adam, will then match the soup and crackers that are donated. We invite our parishioners to join in and bring soup and crackers this next week or so to add to the supply. Last year the soup and crackers collected was not used up until summer!

Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry

Help is Needed the Last Tuesday of the Month

The last Tuesday of the month St. Francis Community Assistance volunteers help prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal at Horizons. Currently, we are short of volunteers to staff this once a month event. Please contact Deborah Schulte at 217-430-5144 or **dschulte2424@gmail.com** for more details. This is a rewarding experience and a wonderful way to serve others.

Lent begins this Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 and ends just prior to the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

Holy Name Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Serving from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$9–adults $4–children 4-10 FREE–children under 3
Catfish and Pollock Fillets, German and American potato salad, many other sides, kids' meals, homemade desserts and drinks.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

We will be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 26 through Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8. The time slots are for one hour. Jan Zeidler has kindly agreed to set up a table in the Gathering Space this coming weekend to help people sign up for these spots.
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

Calling Alumni of St. Francis!

Did you graduate from St. Francis Grade School?
Did your children graduate from St. Francis Grade School?
We are working on identifying St. Francis graduates from past years.
You may complete a form on our parish website: www.stfrancissolanus.com/school/school news and updates.
Or, complete this form that can be submitted to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email address: _____
Year graduated from St. Francis Grade School: _____
Submitted by: _____

More communication to come on this idea. If you are interested in being part of this project, we would love to have your help. Leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office.
Thank you,
Marcia Steinkamp, Communications Coordinator

Lenten Regulations

1. ***ABSTINENCE*** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

2. ***FAST*** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is considered seriously sinful.

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!

Thank You

Members of St. Francis Solanus Parish,
The Right to Life of Adams County very much appreciates your having conducted a Pennies for Life collection this year. Your generous donations totaled $1,519.51, the largest amount ever collected during a Pennies for Life campaign at St. Francis! This amazingly generous gift will help to promote respect for all human life, from conception to natural death.
Thank you so much for supporting the pro-life cause.
–Jane Haas

Parish Photo Directory It's That Time!!

Interested in helping?
Can you believe it's been four years since we last did a pictorial parish directory?
We're gearing up to do this once again, and are looking for a few volunteers to coordinate with Lifetouch.
If you like organizing things and helping arrange appointments, please let Fr. Bob know – rjbarko@gmail.com or call the Parish Office 222-2898.

St. Francis Solanus School

St. Francis: Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Reservations are requested if you plan to attend!
Please call the school office by Friday, March 6, at 217-222-4077.

For Sale

Wooden School Desks $5.00
Call the School Office for more information 222-4077.

Dear Parents,

With the cold and flu season upon us, we are doing our very best to keep your children safe from any germs that may be carried into our school. We have had our cleaning crew sanitizing the building every night for quite some time, and encouraging students to wash hands frequently. Our highest total of students out for one day last week was 36. Numbers have been better this week, but we are being very proactive. According to our handbook on page 46:

"If your child is sent home with a fever, they should not return to school unless he/she has been fever free (without Tylenol or other fever reducers) for 24 hours. If the fever is associated with a contagious disease, longer absences from school may be required. Any child with a temperature of 100 or above will be sent home.

If vomiting occurs, your child should be kept at home until he/she can keep his/her food down and is eating normal again.

If a student is ill, the principal has the discretion to send a child home."

We realize this may pose a daycare issue for you and we apologize for that, but we are looking at the larger picture for all of our school children and doing our best to keep them healthy.

We appreciate your support!

Lori Shepard, Principal

Preschool Open House

February 27, 2020
Enrollment for St. Francis families began January 26.
Call the school for more information.

Open Positions

St. Francis Solanus School will have an opening next year for an attendance secretary in the main office. Other duties include scheduling playground duty and cafeteria monitoring, to name a few. The interested candidate must be good with children and parents, have a balanced personality, have a strong work ethic, and represent our school in the best way possible. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis School, 1720 College Street, Quincy, Illinois 62301 or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com. Please send information by March 13 if interested.
Thank you!

St. Francis School will have an opening next year for a 6th-8th grade math teacher. Additional responsibilities include teaching an 8th grade religion class, if the candidate is Catholic. The candidate should have an Illinois teaching license as well as an endorsement in math for the junior high level. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to Ms. Lori Shepard, St. Francis School, 1720 College Street, Quincy, IL 62301, or email lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com. Please send information by March 13 if interested.
Thank you!

School Lunch Next Week: February 24-28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Corn Dog	Cheese Quesadilla	Cinnamon Roll	Mac N Cheese
Mashed Potatoes	Baby Carrots	Fiesta Black Beans	Sausage	Green Beans
Gravy	Green Beans	Corn	Cheesy Hash Brown	Roll
Roll	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit		Sour Cream/Salsa		

Feb.-March 29-1	Altar Servers - Weekend	Communion Ministers	Ushers	Readers	Greeters
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Drake Dodd Isaac Hinkamper Lauren Miller	Bridget Ehrhart, Christina Ehrhart Kirby Wiemelt, Marsha Collins Barbara Sibbing, Amy Kaiser Bobbie Talken, Joleen Patton Caitlin Kendrick	**Jim Kaiser** Mary Ann Thomas Michael Eling Greg Ehrhardt Harold Vahle Paul Kemner	Tom Arnold Sheila Goehl	Peggy Kaiser Joselyn Smith
Sunday 6:30 a.m.		Shirley McLaughlin, Deborah Schulte Rosemary Duesterhaus Magdalene Ambrose	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Paul Brown	Pam Keller	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Adler Hamann Rylan Fischer Alex Strong	Carolyn Briddle, Bruce Broemmel Jane Gregory, Launa Blickhan Maurice Blickhan, Craig Budde Steve Peters, Cindy Peters Gary Winking	**Roger Gallaher** John Hummel Larry Venvertloh Gary Terwelp Roch Schulte Joe Venvertloh	Helen Zimmerman Patricia Paxton	Kay Gallaher Jerry Meyer
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Ellie Fesler Allison Ormond Isabel Cramsey	Samantha Cramsey, Linda Rull Andrew Wemhoener, Carol Darnell Kristy Henrichs, Leila Weppler Carol Haistings, Vieve Veith Shirley Walbring	**Terry Kistner** Jason Cramsey Mike Patterson Neal Blickhan Rich Zeidler Terry Nall	Jan Zeidler Brad Hummel	Prudy Patterson Jill Blickhan
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Riley Sparks Spencer Arnold	Dennis Hoyt, Connie Hoyt Sue Holbrook, Amanda Garnett Carla Slough, Anne Meyer Jamie Friye	**Mike Holbrook** Bill Fleer Adam Hightower Dale Peters Joseph Obert Matthew Schulte	Val Paden Daryle Hightower	James Doellman LouAnn Grady
Weekday Mass Servers		**February 29 (Sat.): 8:00 a.m.** **March 2-6: 8:00 a.m.**	**Hailey Terwelp & Lanie Fesler**		

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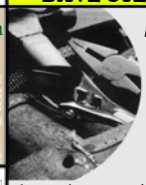
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