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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

## *Presentation of Our Lord*

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;  
Luke 2:22-40

God designated the temple at Jerusalem to be his special dwelling place. In the Holy of Holies, between the wings of the cherubim which surmounted the Ark of the Covenant, was God's special dwelling. The high priest entered the Holy of Holies only once a year. Outside the Holies, sacrifices were offered constantly by many different priests.

Unfortunately, in the time of Jesus, the priests had grown lax and indifferent. Because of their corruption, Jewish tradition held that the Lord would come to cleanse his temple. Some held that the Lord had departed the temple, that he would destroy the temple and send a new one from heaven. These traditions are the background of today's Mass.

Our first reading is from Malachi; it speaks of the Lord suddenly coming to his temple. He will purify the priests as silver is purified by fire. The second reading proclaims Jesus as our eternal high priest. He has become like us in all things except sin in order that he may offer to the Father perfect praise and glory. He replaces the former priesthood.

The Gospel tells of Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the temple. The newborn child is our eternal high priest. He comes at the beginning of his life to the temple; he will also return to the temple at the end of his life; he will replace the temple of stone with the temple of his own body.

Originally, there was no connection between today's festival and the blessing of candles. In the ancient East, this celebration occurred on February 14, forty days after Epiphany. On February 15, pagans celebrated the festival of Lupercalia, a great "light" festival.

Perhaps this is an occasion of "baptizing" a pagan custom. At the principal Mass, the celebrant blesses candles, and people take part in a candlelight procession. This should remind us that Jesus is our High Priest and the Light of the World.

--Msgr. William Carr

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# The Presentation February 2, 2020 of the Lord

## This Week's Events

### Monday, February 3

- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 6:00 p.m. Terwelp Boy Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Catholics Returning Home
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

### Tuesday, February 4

- 9:00 a.m. Young Mothers Gathering
- 6:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Confirmation Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Frericks' Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee

### Wednesday, February 5

- 1:00 p.m. Lectio Mary Study
- 3:00 p.m. QCES Curriculum Mapping
- 6:30 p.m. Lectio Mary Study
- 7:00 p.m. St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

### Thursday, February 6

- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

### Friday, February 7

- 6:30 p.m. PTO Parent Dinner

### Saturday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Cursillo 349 Meeting

## Upcoming Events

- 2/9 Boy Scout Breakfast
- 2/10 PSR
  - Catholics Returning Home
  - Rosary for Peace
- 2/11 Protecting God's Children Session
- 2/12 Lectio Mary Study
  - Parish Picnic Committee Meeting
- 2/13 Cursillo Women's Prayer Group
  - RCIA
  - Wiemelt Bear Den Meeting
  - Boy Scout Meeting
- 2/14 School MAP Assessment
- 2/16 Couples Prayer Group

## *Fr. Don's Doodlings*

Hold on to your hats, everyone, we're in for quite a ride this Sunday. Maybe it has something to do with the date: 2/2/20. First off, instead of celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we're celebrating the "Feast of the Presentation of the Lord." Never heard of it? Well, it's a feast that we celebrate every year. On February 2. And this year February 2 lands on a Sunday, so this feast takes the place of the usual Sunday celebration. The celebration wouldn't ordinarily happen on a Sunday for just any feast, but because it's a feast of the Lord, it overrides a Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Actually, I think it's a beautiful feast. We see Joseph and Mary faithfully practicing their Jewish Faith. I especially love the way the holy man, Simeon, takes the child Jesus in his arms and prays this beautiful canticle:

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."*

We priests and religious who pray the Liturgy of the Hours (the Breviary), pray this prayer every night during Night Prayer. You can see why – what a beautiful way to end the day, with the open question of whether we will awake to see another day.

The Presentation of the Lord also brings to mind what you parents do when you bring your children to church to be baptized. What a wonderful ritual, as you present your children to the Lord, dedicating them to the God who created them, and making them members of the Body of Christ.

But as I said, "Hold on to your hats," because there's more. The Adams County Right to Life folks are having Pennies for Life Sunday today. You're all familiar with this annual collection to help this great organization to promote the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. I always like to say it that way, because if we're serious about the sacredness of life, it's about much more than being opposed to abortion, as important as that is. You're encouraged, of course, to give a penny for every year that you've been alive.

And since the Feast of St. Blaise is tomorrow, February 3, we'll have the Blessing of Throats after all the Masses today, knowing that most of you won't be here for Mass on Monday.

And as if that's not enough to squeeze into one day, it will be Coffee and Donuts Sunday as well.

Dare I add to the list that it's Superbowl Sunday? **Go Chiefs!**

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# Mass Intentions

February	3	6:30 a.m.	Roger Cook	February	7	6:30 a.m.	
Monday		8:00 a.m.		Friday		8:00 a.m.	John & Connie Liesen
February	4	6:30 a.m.		February	8	8:00 a.m.	
Tuesday		8:00 a.m.	Albert Linken	Saturday		4:30 p.m.	Michael Wiemelt
February	5	6:30 a.m.		February	9	6:30 a.m.	Vivian Reckers
Wednesday		8:35 a.m.	<b>SCHOOL MASS</b>			8:00 a.m.	Ada Linken
February	6	6:30 a.m.		Sunday		9:30 a.m.	
Thursday		8:00 a.m.				11:00 a.m.	Maurice & LaVerta Liesen

## Open Position at Quincy Catholic Charities

Do you believe most parents truly love their children and want to be the best parents they can be? Do you believe in helping families overcome challenges so they can raise their children and avoid the foster care system? If so, Quincy Catholic Charities is looking for you to join our team. Position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, or closely related field. Must be able to work some evenings, have reliable transportation, be able to work both independently and as a team player, and pass state exams to become a licensed child welfare specialist.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume and 3 professional references to [bruns\\_qcc@cc.dio.org](mailto:bruns_qcc@cc.dio.org).

## Protecting God's Children at St. Francis Solanus

Anyone who volunteers at St. Francis Church or School is required to attend a Protecting God's Children Session.

The following sessions have been scheduled:

Tuesday, February 11

Tuesday, April 14

Monday, June 1

All sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room of the Parish Center.

To register, call the Church Office at 222-2898.

## "The Mass" Study

Why should you go to Mass?

This question is addressed in Bishop Robert Barron's study of The Mass.

Dates: Tuesdays = March 3, 10, 17 and 24

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

South Solanus Hall

Study booklet is \$20 if you do not have one.

To register, please contact John Venegoni at 224-6497 or [jvenegoni6808@comcast.net](mailto:jvenegoni6808@comcast.net) **BY** February 25.

## Quincy CYO Spring Volleyball

Girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Registration: \$55 until February 15

Late Registration: \$80 until February 20

Games begin the week of March 2

All games will be held at K&L Arena (1600 N. 43rd St.)

## 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

\*ANOTHER FRANCISCAN PRIEST!

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

## Parish Support: January 18-19

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$14,944.11	\$28,200	-\$13,255.89
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$703,071.29</b>	<b>\$817,800</b>	<b>-\$114,728.71</b>

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$2,158

## 2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal Update

Amount Assessed: \$111,523.00

Pledged as of 12/31/2019: \$45,099.00

**Amount Due: \$66,424.00**

280 Families have contributed as of 12/31/2019

Thank you to all the families who have contributed.

As you can see, we still have a way to go to meet our goal.

## Parish Support: January 25-26

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$33,615.77	\$28,200	-\$5,415.77
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$736,687.06</b>	<b>\$846,000</b>	<b>-\$109,312.94</b>

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$6,716.04



## 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](mailto:Trailblaeser@aol.com).

Don't delay!

If you're interested, please call Fr. Don soon!

## Thanks So Much

A sincere thank you to all parishioners and especially the students who took the time during the busy holiday season to address Christmas cards for our Parish's nursing home residents. The nursing home residents truly enjoy receiving this very special holiday gift.

A total of 2,712 cards were delivered.

Susan Mast and Jane Gregory



## 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!

## 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](mailto:rjbarko@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office, 222-2898.

## 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](mailto:dschulte2424@gmail.com) for more details. This is a rewarding experience and a wonderful way to serve others.



## A Mid-Winter Recital at St. Francis

**When?** Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.

**What?** Some Parishioners have stepped forward to share some of their musical talents with us.

Piano, Organ, Guitar, Voice and various others!

An afternoon of fun and music, with refreshments after.

### 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 send an email to

parishcomm@stfrancissolanus.com that includes the Name, Address, Contact phone number, email address, and the year graduated from St. Francis, plus your name that you are submitting this information.

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

### Adoration Opportunity

St. Joseph, Faithful Guardian of Carmel will meet for an hour of Adoration at Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, February 16 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fr. Chris Comerford will officiate. All are welcome!! Please join us in prayer for the priesthood.

### Scholarship Opportunity

Quincy University is offering a \$500 Diocesan Scholarship to incoming freshmen and transfer students who are members of your parish. To receive this renewable scholarship, students must apply and be accepted to QU by March 15 and submit a letter from a parish official confirming membership.

Questions? Email us at admissions@quincy.edu.

### Wedding Anniversary Recognition Mass

On February 8 and 9, we will be honoring those couples who are celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2020 at all Masses. Newlyweds celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> year of marriage as well as those celebrating 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 or 60+ years of marriage will be called forward after communion and given a blessing. If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2020, please complete this form and return it to the Rectory by February 6.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Married: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass you will attend on February 8 or 9:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Liturgy of The Word leaders during 9:30 a.m. Mass

February 9: Kristy Henrichs  
 February 16: Judy Akers  
 February 23: Anne Meyer  
 March 1: Emily Mason  
 March 8: Sarah Meehan



# St. Francis Solanus School

## Chaddock Book Event

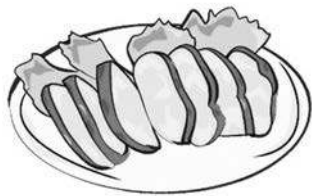
You're invited to discover Chaddock's new book: 'Raising the Challenging Child: How to Minimize Meltdowns, Reduce Conflict, and Increase Cooperation'. St. Peter's is hosting a special reception featuring co-author and Chaddock President/CEO Debbie Reed on Thursday, February 13 in the lower level/cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a brief program at 6:50 p.m. The book contains ideas and strategies for strengthening and improving family relationships that are research-based and family-tested. It is designed for anyone involved in raising a child: parents, grandparents, educators, clergy. A free study guide for Christian parents, Sunday School and small groups is also available. Books will be available for purchase at a discounted price, and Debbie will be happy to autograph your copy! RSVP your attendance to [dsmith@chaddock.org](mailto:dsmith@chaddock.org), 217-222-0034. More information at [www.raisingthechallengingchild.com](http://www.raisingthechallengingchild.com).

### For Sale

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 more information  
 222-4077

## Preschool Open House

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



## St. Francis School Parents Dinner hosted by PTO Board

Friday, February 7  
 Solanus Hall  
 Social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meal served at 7:00 p.m.  
 Cost per person:  
 \$25 until February 6  
 \$30 at the door

Menu includes choice of grilled pork chop, chicken pasta, or vegetarian pasta, with salad, baked potato, vegetable, and dessert. Iced tea and water provided along with a limited cash bar.

RSVP early as seating is limited.

All proceeds benefit PTO which helps fund school activities and technology requests. Babysitting will be available in the school gymnasium by the 8th grade students for a free will offering.

## School Lunch Next Week: February 3-7

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Spaghetti with Meatballs	Regular Hot Dog/Bun	Chicken Fries	Breaded Chicken Sandwich	French Toast Sticks
Green Beans	Chili	Corn	Baked Beans	Sausage
Garlic Bread	Au gratin Potatoes	Smiley Fries	Broccoli	Cheesy Hash Browns
Fruit	Baby Carrots	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit		Tomato/Lettuce	Syrup

February 8-9	Altar Servers - Weekend	Communion Ministers	Ushers	Readers	Greeters	
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Jayce Vonder Haar Braden Smith-Girouard Adler Hamann	Patti Blickhan Kirby Wiemelt Christina Ehrhart Amy Kaiser Robert Edwards	Marsha Collins Bridget Ehrhart Barbara Sibbing Bobbie Talken	<b>Michael Bickhaus</b> Mary Ann Thomas Jim Kaiser Michael Eling Greg Ehrhardt John Veith	John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Jerry Meyer Joleen Patton
<b>Sunday 6:30 a.m.</b>		Rosemary Duesterhaus Shirley McLaughlin Magdalene Ambrose	Joe Bernhardt Robert Harman Pam Keller	Paul Brown		
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>	Cindy Venvertloh Carolyn Briddle Launa Blickhan Craig Budde Cindy Peters	Bruce Broemmel Jane Gregory Maurice Blickhan Kay Gallaher	<b>Jim Wilper</b> Ed Zanger Paul Eling Tim Venvertloh Jerry Carnivale Roch Schulte	<b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>	Joe Venvertloh Karen Venvertloh
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	Ellie Fesler Isabel Cramsey Mitchell Brecht	Samantha Cramsey Leila Weppler Carol Haistings Shirley Walbring Ronald Upper	Ann Betts Carol Darnell Vieve Veith Chris Duvall	<b>Terry Kistner</b> Jason Cramsey Jack Ray Gary Darnell Rob Haistings Terry Nall	Brad Kendrick Alice Arnold	Betty Kaufman LouAnn Grady
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Rylan Fischer Breana Schlipman Jacob Collins	Sue Holbrook Anne Meyer Marcia Steinkamp Rita Frese	Amanda Garnett Jamie Friye Carla Slough	<b>Mike Holbrook</b> Bill Fleer Dale Peters Joseph Obert Matthew Schulte Bud Voss	Dennis Steinkamp Rosanna Voss	Patricia Tomczak James Doellman
<b><u>Weekday Mass Servers</u></b>		<b>February 8 (Sat.): 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>February 10-14: 8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Allison Ormond &amp; Alyssa Cole</b>		



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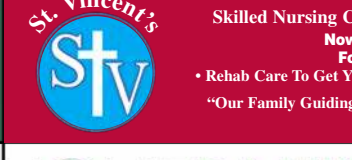


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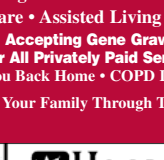
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