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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

## *Third Sunday of Lent*

**MARCH 15, 2020**

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8;  
John 4:5-42

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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March 15, 2020



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Fr. Don's Doodlings

### This Week's Events

#### **Sunday, March 15**

- 12:00 p.m. Secular Franciscan Gathering
- 12:00 p.m. Couples' Prayer Group
- 1:00 p.m. Cursillo Buddy Mass and Dinner

#### **Monday, March 16**

- 7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Young Mothers Group
- 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Frericks' Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Venegoni – The Mass Study

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

**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  
followed by Soup Supper**

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

#### **Thursday, March 19**

- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

#### **Friday, March 20**

**5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

### Upcoming Events

**3/23** PSR

**3/24** Venegoni – The Mass Study

**3/25** Lectio Mary Study

- Lenten Mass and Soup Supper
- Boy Scout Patrol Leaders Meeting

**3/26** Stadler 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

- Cursillo Women's Prayer Group
- Boy Scout Court of Honor
- RCIA

- Wiemelt Bear Den Meeting
- Boy Scout Meeting

How are you dealing with your feelings about the Franciscans leaving St. Francis Solanus at the end of June? I have to tell you that I'm much more unhappy for you than for myself. I can move on to something new, while you are staying here. Though I have to admit that the prospect of packing and moving is daunting. But most of all I will miss all the wonderful relationships I have with you.

But to answer my own question, I can only say that prayer is my best way of handling my feelings of sadness and grief. As we heard in last Sunday's reading from 2 Timothy, we bear our share of the hardship for the gospel "with the strength that comes from God." So, when I feel weak, I rely on God's strength, and then I'm already comforted.

Some of you have asked about the reason for the Franciscans leaving St. Francis and wondering how the removal of Fr. Bob and me will make any difference in our manpower shortage. The answer is that it's simply part of the big picture that we are facing. We know that with the lack of vocations to the priesthood, the future of staffing parishes is bleak. Most of you probably don't know that this is nothing new.

In fact, our Sacred Heart Province used to have as many as 100 parishes. Over the past 20 years or more we have relinquished all the parishes we once had in Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska. Currently we are down to about 22 parishes. As I wrote last week, we had 800+ friars when I entered the Order in 1962, and today we have about 150 friars.

Since you are aware that we are one of 6 provinces that are preparing to merge, forming one new national province, the question has been raised of why we can't all work together and staff St. Francis Parish. The answer is simply that all the other 5 provinces are facing the same shortage. And all agreed that they would "downsize" now and not expect "the other guy" to solve the problem after the merger.

I'm just trying to answer some of the questions that I've been hearing. There are thousands of questions that, as yet, have no answers, such as:

Who are the priests who will be coming here?

Where are Fr. Don and Fr. Bob going?

What changes will be made by the priests who come here?

Etc., etc., etc.

That's just a sampling of what you all want to know. Beyond that there are rumors. Ah, yes. What would life be like in Quincy without rumors? Crazy rumors. Outlandish rumors! I suggest that when you hear something that is astounding, that sounds outlandish, ask yourself if it sounds reasonable. If not, then dismiss it as exactly what your logical mind tells you: it's a rumor, it's not true.

Sadness like this calls for patience. So, let's take this one day at a time, and pray. I'm praying for all of you, and I hope it's reciprocal. Together we will all handle the truth as it plays out one day at a time.

# Mass Intentions

March 16	6:30 a.m.		March 20	6:30 a.m.	Joe Cramsey
Monday	8:00 a.m.	In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Friday	8:00 a.m.	John Maxwell, Sr.
March 17	6:30 a.m.		March 21	8:00 a.m.	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	John & Connie Liesen	Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Albert, Ada, Anna & Nicholas Linken
March 18	6:30 a.m.		March 23	6:30 a.m.	Vivian Reckers
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.			8:00 a.m.	Gert Sohn
	5:30 p.m.	Patricia Meado			Charles & Jeanette Carlson
March 19	6:30 a.m.		Sunday	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Joyce Cowser		11:00 a.m.	Patricia Meado



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### Office of the Bishop

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." -Rev 3:20  
March, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves Jesus by helping people in need in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

For migrant farmworkers in California's San Joaquin Valley, workdays during the grape harvest begin at 6:00 a.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. Some workers have lived in the valley for years, renting nearby trailer housing, and others live in towns nearby. Still others are recent migrants from Mexico and Central America. Catechists and lay ministers serve all these workers by visiting migrant camps near the vineyards where they work. They bring religious instruction and share prayer, theological reflection, and Catholic social justice teaching about the inherent dignity and rights of migrant workers like the people they serve.

Through funds from the collection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the pastoral care of migrants, refugees, and travelers collaborates with local dioceses to visit and attend to the needs of underserved migrant farm workers and others who live on the margins.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Please support the collection and answer the knock of Jesus by helping people in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*† Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

### Parish Support: Feb. 29- March 1

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$27,797.55	\$28,200	-\$402.45
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$850,353.68</b>	<b>\$987,000</b>	<b>-\$136,646.32</b>

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$6,329.55

### Parish Support: March 7-8

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church/School	\$17,420.62	\$28,200	-\$10,779.38
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$967,774.30</b>	<b>\$1,015,200</b>	<b>-\$47,425.70</b>

### Miscellaneous Collection

\$1,580

## 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 Glee's, 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](mailto:joselynsmith62301@yahoo.com) or 653-3021.

For additional information, contact QND Choral Director, Monica Scholz [mscholz@quincynotredame.org](mailto:mscholz@quincynotredame.org) or 217-223-2479, ext. 328.

## Another opportunity to show your commitment to QND!

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 collection basket or they can be mailed to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Contributions benefit the 43rd Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit [www.quincynotredame.org](http://www.quincynotredame.org). Thank you for your consideration!

## 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.

## Souper Bowl of Giving Campaign was a Big Success

A big thank you to Thrive Chiropractic and parishioners who participated in Souper Bowl of Giving for the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry received a large amount of soup, crackers and other items from Thrive Chiropractic Clients and our own parishioners. Adam and Dr. Daryle Hightower also purchased a matching donation for the items brought to Thrive Chiropractic.

## Open Positions

QND has the following positions open for the 2020-2021 school year:

Full-Time Science Teacher  
Full-Time Math Teacher  
Part-Time Choral Director  
Part-Time English Teacher

Must have secondary certification. All candidates should send a cover letter, resume with credentials, and 2 letters of reference to:

Mark McDowell, Principal,  
Quincy Notre Dame, 1400 South 11th St., Quincy, IL 62301 or email [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org).

## TEC #329 April 4-6

Teens Encounter Christ, TEC, is an opportunity for a young person to experience a special time in their life. At TEC teens learn that they are not alone at the in-between time of moving into adult life. During the three-day weekend of TEC, teens can experience being part of a vibrant, loving, and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense. TEC is very human! Team members of adults and youth from various walks of life entrust to the participants some of the struggles, joys, and feelings they have experienced in their own lives. TEC provides a space to reflect upon one's own ideals, hopes, dreams, and problems; to discover a God that you can believe in ... a Christ you can encounter as risen and alive in your midst. TEC weekends are held at the Franciscan Retreat Center of Quincy University, 18th & Seminary Road, Quincy, IL 62301. The weekend begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and ends Monday evening 6:00-6:30 p.m. Candidates ages 16-21 costs \$50.00 and observers ages 22+ costs \$100.00. Anyone of any faith denomination ages 16 and older are welcome to participate.

For more information, go to [www.greatrivertec.org](http://www.greatrivertec.org)...

## 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.

## The Ladies of St. Francis Meeting

The Ladies of St. Francis will have their first dinner and meeting of 2020 on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for fellowship and fun! Make reservations by calling Pat Hussong (217) 242-7398 NO LATER than March 25.

## The Ladies of St. Francis Card Party

April 2, 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 fruity chicken salad, veggies, salad and dessert.

Dinner will be hosted by Pat Hussong.  
Please call Pat Winking for reservations at 217-257-0416.

## 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.

## 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.](http://www.stfrancissolanus.com/school/school%20news%20and%20updates)

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



## 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!**

## Cinnamon Rolls

The Scouts BSA Troop 225, chartered by St. Francis Holy Name, is selling homemade cinnamon rolls for \$15 a dozen. Proceeds will go toward purchasing supplies for the troop.

Cinnamon rolls will be made March 28 and available for pick-up in the Parish Center after all Masses that weekend.

Please contact Jayna Klauser at 217-653-1639 or Marsha Collins, 217-430-2828 or any girl in the troop to purchase.

Thank you!

## Invitation to Cursillo

Men and Women,

Do you know Christ is Counting On You! Learn how...  
Treat yourself to make a Cursillo.

Cursillo is from Thursday night until Sunday evening.  
Cursillos are held at QU Franciscan Retreat Center. All lodging and meals are included. Cost is \$165 for a weekend. Partial Monetary Gift is available to defray cost of the weekend. Each person attending has a sponsor that will offer assistance in getting to a weekend.

Upcoming weekends:

Men's – March 26-29, 2020

Damian McDonald will be Rector(Leader).

Women's – April 23-26, 2020

Cursillistas if you are not on an email list from Larry and Rita Frese, please send your email address to them at [rsfrese@gmail.com](mailto:rsfrese@gmail.com)

We want to keep you informed about events.

## Lenten Eucharistic Adoration at St. Francis

We will be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on  
Wednesdays, until Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8.  
The time slots are for one hour.  
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass



# St. Francis Solanus School

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15 and 29: FOUND Youth Group  
7th-9th grades 6:30 at St. Peter Church  
March 16-20: Spring Break  
March 25: Scotties Skate Night – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
March 29: First Reconciliation at 3:00 in the church  
March 31: SPRING PHOTO DAY (optional)

### FACTS Tuition Applications

QCES Foundation recommends that families wanting to apply for financial aid with tuition have their personal financial information entered into FACTS by Tuesday, March 31. Later applications will be accepted, but money may not be available.

### Open Position

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](mailto:lshepard@stfrancissolanus.com).  
Thank you!

## Congratulations!!

Marsha Collins, who is one of our parishioners, and who teaches in our school, was nominated, then awarded, a 2019 District Award of Merit from Scouts BSA-Mississippi Valley Council. This is for her work with multiple levels of Scouts BSA. She received this honor last Thursday night. Out of hundreds of adult Scouting volunteers in this council, six were chosen for the award.  
Congratulations, Marsha!



### SOCKS Choir

The SOCKS Choir will be singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Cardinals vs. Brewers game on Saturday, August 15 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

The game starts at 6:15 p.m.

We have to sell 300 tickets to have the opportunity to do this. The tickets are on the left field side, 200 level and they cost \$20 each. You can purchase your tickets from any SOCKS member or Miss Payne.

We will sell tickets March 3 – April 3.

Delivery of your tickets will be in mid April. We have to pay for the tickets up front, so make checks payable to St. Francis Solanus School or send cash.

We are beyond excited!

Please join us and celebrate our St. Francis Solanus School and SOCKS!

### School Lunch Next Week: March 16~20

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

# No School - Spring Break

March 21-22	Altar Servers - Weekend	Communion Ministers		Ushers	Readers	Greeters
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Drake Dodd Ian Lynch	Amy Kaiser Cindy Reichert Darlene Mayes Christina Ehrhart	Barbara Sibbing Bridget Ehrhart Bobbie Talken Kirby Wiemelt Marsha Collins	<b>Tim Reichert</b> Chuck Mayes Greg Ehrhardt Jim Kaiser Michael Eling Mary Ann Thomas	Rebecca Wear	LouAnn Grady Joleen Patton
<b>Sunday 6:30 a.m.</b>		Magdalene Ambrose Rosemary Duesterhaus Sarah Lugerig		Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks Paul Brown	Reg Ankrom	
<b>Sunday 8:00 a.m.</b>	Brayden Bozarth Lanie Fesler Drake Gibson	Steve Peters Craig Budde Sue Winking Maurice Blickhan	Cindy Peters Gary Winking Launa Blickhan Jane Gregory Carolyn Briddle	<b>Paul Eling</b> Scott Venvertloh Joe Eling Larry Venvertloh Gary Terwelp Roch Schulte	Bruce Broemmel	Margaret Steinbrecher Joe Venvertloh
<b>Sunday 9:30 a.m.</b>	Ellie Fesler Collin Meehan Dylan Schrage	Erin Schrage Shirley Walbring Julia Liesen Carol Haistings Carol Darnell	Chris Duvall Terri Liesen Vieve Veith Leila Wepler	<b>Terry Kistner</b> Rob Haistings Gary Darnell Bing Lammers Terry Nall Mike Fessler	Brad Hummel Thomas Hummel	Andrea Gruger Jeannie Thomas
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Baylee Holman Matthew Holman Morgan Winking	Marcia Steinkamp Samantha Cramsey Mike Holbrook Anne Meyer Amanda Garnett	Jamie Friye Sue Holbrook Debra Beard Carla Slough	<b>Bill Fleeer</b> Jason Cramsey Matthew Schulte Brent Frericks Joseph Obert Dale Peters	Dennis Steinkamp Pam Frericks	James Doellman Sylvia Collins
<b><u>Weekday Mass Servers</u></b>		<b>March 21 (Sat.): 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>March 23-27: 8:00 a.m.</b>		<b>Aubrey Waterkotte &amp; Laura Steinkamp</b>		



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- Mary Hickey
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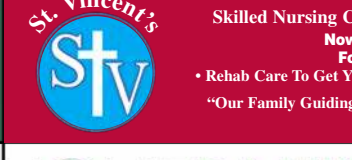
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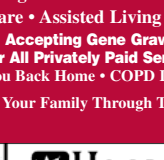
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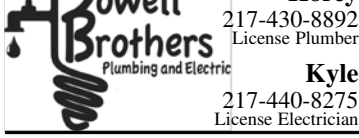


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