



March 22, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

From Fr. Bob's Desk ... Faith in the Time of Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic is confusing and frightening for hundreds of millions of people. This is not surprising. I share some thoughts with you about this from a spiritual perspective.

Resist panic. This is not to say there is no reason to be concerned, or that we should ignore the sound advice of medical professionals and public health experts. But panic and fear are not from God. *Calm and hope are.* And it is possible to respond to a crisis seriously and deliberately while maintaining an inner sense of calm and hope.

In a recent article in *America*, I learned that St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often talked about **two** forces in our interior lives: one that draws us *toward* God and the other *away* from God. The one that draws us away from God, which he labeled the evil spirit, “causes gnawing anxiety, saddens and sets up obstacles.

All events are cancelled that are regularly scheduled in the Solanus Hall Parish Center.

This includes the Little Lambs Child Care service during 9:30 Mass

In this way it unsettles people by false reasons aimed at preventing their progress.” Sound familiar? Don’t give credence to lies or rumors, or lean in to panic. Trust what medical experts tell you, not those who fear monger. There is a reason they call Satan the “Prince of Lies.”

“Do not be afraid!,” as Jesus said many times. We must claim this now!

Take the necessary precautions; don’t be reckless and don’t risk spreading the disease, but also don’t forget the fundamental Christian duty to help others. “I was sick, and you came to visit me,” said Jesus. The wonderful people of Quincy are VERY good at this! When something needs to be done, it gets done.

Remember that you’re still part of a community.

And be creative. You can meditate on the Sunday Gospel on your own, consult a Bible commentary about the readings, and see how God is present to you, even in the midst of a crisis. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Remember too that the church is not a building. It is the community.

Trust in our prayers, too. We will move through this together, with God’s help.

Mass Intentions

March 23 Monday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M.	Julius Rupp Herman & Rose Rossmiller & Children
March 24 Tuesday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M.	Ed & Mary Frese & Children
March 25 Wednesday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	
March 26 Thursday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M.	In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

March 27 Friday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M.	John & Connie Liesen
March 28 Saturday	8:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M.	Betty Venvertloh Virgil Steinkamp
March 29 Sunday	6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Vivian Reckers Michael Wiemelt Daniel Postle Ryan Michael Burke

WCU Spring Soup Day for Tuesday, March 24th has been cancelled in light of the governor's regulations.

CANCELLED!!!

Lenten Parish Mission
St. Rose of Lima Parish
March 22 - 25 by Fr. Edward Brodsky, FSSP

St. Anthony (March 20th) and St. Dominic (March 27th) will hold their fish fries with drive through and carry outs only. They will be running double lines.

St. Francis Church AND Parish Center is **CLOSED** to the public until further notice.

We encourage parishioners to take this opportunity to consider on-line giving to St. Francis.

OSV Online Giving provides you a convenient option that you may access at any time from home or your mobile device. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. There's no need to share any sensitive account information with parish staff.

The link to sign up is located on our parish website.

We also have a helpdesk available if you have problems signing up:

1-800-348-2886 – Option #2

Parish Support: March 7~8			
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$17,420.62	\$28,200	-\$10,779.38
YEAR TO DATE	\$967,774.30	\$1,015,200	-\$47,425.70
Miscellaneous Collection			
	\$1,580		

Parish Support: March 14~15			
	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$14,803.25	\$28,200	-\$13,396.75
YEAR TO DATE	\$981,173.55	\$1,043,400	-\$62,226.45
Miscellaneous Collection			
	\$1,156		

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. Thank you for your consideration!

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.

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 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

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.



Requesting Assistance from Prayer Groups

St Francis Community Assistance is again asking prayer groups to help fund the parishioners Easter Meal Boxes. If your prayer group would like to contribute, the amount can be brought to the church office or put in the collection before Easter. Please mark on the envelope 'Parishioners Easter Meal Boxes'. Thank you for your generosity in providing alms during this Lenten Season.

Horizons Soup Kitchen & 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.

Save the Date:

QND Pom Tryouts April 13-15

Monday April 13th: parent/pommer meeting at 6pm in the QND Library. Tryouts to follow til 9PM in QND Gym.

Tuesday, April 14th: Tryouts 6:30 - 9 in QND Gym

Wednesday, April 15th: Final Tryout 6 - ??? in QND Gym.

Will find out that night if you have made the 2020-2021 Team.

For any questions or conflicts please contact

Coach Jennifer Duesterhaus at qndpomcoaches@gmail.com

and I will be glad to answer any questions or to make arrangements.



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 "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 towards the items on the wish list!

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

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 Mar. 26-29th, 2020

Damian McDonald will be Rector(Leader).

Women's Apr 23-26, 2020

Cursillistas if you are not an email list from Larry and Rita Frese, please send your email address to them at rsfrese@gmail.com

We want to keep you informed about events.



St. Francis Solanus School

St. Francis Solanus School is closed to ALL access until further notice due to the Coronavirus Precautions!

SOCKS Choir

The SOCKS Choir will be singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Cardinals vs. Brewers game on Saturday, August 15th 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 3rd- April 3rd.

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!

Welcome To Our St. Francis Family

We would like to announce the hire of Lindsey Carrier, who will replace Judy Patterson, who is retiring after 20 years of wonderful service to St. Francis Solanus. Judy has been our attendance secretary and also works in the cafeteria helping to manage the students. She wears a multitude of hats and we will greatly miss her. She always has a cheerful smile and ready to greet everyone that enters our school in a positive way.

In light of that, we are now blessed to have Lindsey to replace her. Lindsey has a wide range of experience that will be valuable to our school and an asset to the main office. She has worked at Blessing Hospital as a surgical technologist, managed a hotel, was an inside sales representative for Dot Foods, and helped to manage a convenience store. She and her husband, Dustin, have 2 young daughters who attend our school and they recently completed the RCIA program to attend St. Francis Solanus Church. We are blessed to have her as a new member of our St. Francis Family. Please make her feel welcome as you visit our school.

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.

Thank you!

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 31st. Later applications will be accepted, but money may not be available.

School Lunch Next Week: March 23-27

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

No School