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Sun ay Obligation Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday **Sun ay**: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

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Monday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year

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OSITION 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.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord **JANUARY 2, 2022**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "glorious appearance." Originally, the word referred to the big showy event when a monarch visited his provinces. There were parties and banquets and parades; there was a general amnesty for prisoners; everyone enjoyed the "epiphany" of the prince.

The word came to be used in a theological and liturgical sense: It refers to the glorious appearance of Jesus Christ as King and Savior of the entire world. He is not merely the Messiah of the Jews; he is Lord of all peoples and nations and places. Epiphany is, thus, the original feast of Christ the King. Epiphany is a kind of Mission Sunday.

All of the texts of today's Mass teach urgent will of God to include the non-Jews (the Gentiles) in God's saving plan. The Magi or Wise Men (not astrologers!) represent all the nations of the world: They were not of the "Chosen," but they came from afar to do homage to Jesus. The Gospel emphasizes the irony that these people who had been in darkness work hard to find the light; meanwhile the people who should have seen the light preferred darkness.

The first reading speaks of people coming from "afar" to bring gifts to the Lord. "Afar" means that they were not worshipers of the one God. The second reading is Paul's marvel at the mystery of God's plan: He now intends to include non-Jews (Gentiles) in salvation.

In the western Church, Epiphany was associated with three events: the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Nowadays, we separate these three events. But each of them is a manifestation of the glory of Jesus Christ.

We need to examine our consciences: God intends all persons to come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. But they cannot do this unless we reach out to them. Each of us is called to be a witness of Christ to our neighborhood, our community, and to the world. If we do nothing, the world will continue to sink, and the Church will continue to lose ground. Let us pray that we may have zeal for the missions at home and abroad.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

This weekend is a big weekend for solemnities! Mary the Mother of God on Saturday morning, and the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday. Mary the Mother of God is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, but because of it falling on a Saturday, it is not this year. That doesn't mean it isn't praiseworthy, and a great thing to attend Mass on that day anyway. This is the day we remember Mary by her oldest title, "Mother of God," or "Theotokos" in the Greek. This tells us who Mary is, but it really tells us much about who her son is. As in all things Marian, she always points us to her son.

Speaking of Marian, during the Advent and Christmas seasons all the way up to the presentation of the Lord on February 2, the Marian chant for the Church is Alma Redemptoris Mater. The Adoremus Catholic Bulletin states: "This prayer tells of Gabriel's announcement, and of Mary's divine motherhood. The text is credited to Herimann the Lame, a monk of Reichenau (1013-1054). Herimann's Latinized name was Hermanus Contractus, and he is sometimes also credited with the chant melody."

The prayer is: "Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miser ere." Translated means: "Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again, To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before, You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners."

The Epiphany in the USA is moved to Sunday. The rest of world celebrates this feast always on January 6. On this day, we commemorate the three wise men, or kings, or Magi bringing their gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. These gifts tell us who Jesus is. He is King. He is God. He is Sacrifice. Even from the moment of His birth, His death and resurrection are in view. Listen to the words closely of ALL the verses of We Three Kings. They tell us the story of the Epiphany. May Christ's revelation to the world be a revelation to your heart.

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January 3 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Don Holtschlag		
	5:30 p.m.	Ken Goehl		
January 4 Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Frank & Jane Ohnemus		
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Ahern		
January 5 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Greg Walker		
	5:30 p.m.	Daniel "Otis" Cannell		
January 6 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Deb Howell		
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Ahern		
January 7 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Jerry Little		
January 8 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
	4:30 p.m.	Dan Ronchetto & Brian Aschemann		
January 9 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Hazel Ohnemus		
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	Alberta Freiburg		



Thank you to everyone that brought goodies and gifts to the Parish Office.

It was greatly appreciated!

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Fr. Arisman, Fr. David and Fr. Rafal

Weekly Collection Totals

December 26, 2021

	Collected	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Regular/ E-Giving	\$15,281.00	\$25,470.00	\$(10,189.00)
Loose Collection	\$835.00	\$875.00	\$(40.00)
Annual School Fund	\$688.51	\$3,000.00	\$(2,311.49)
Total	\$16,804.51	\$29,345.00	\$(12,540.49)

Christmas Collection \$28,472.01

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our Parish and School!

Holy Name News

Next Holy Name meeting is
January 12 at 6:00 p.m.
Food and drinks will be served
after the meeting.
All men of the Parish are invited.
Bring a friend and make a new friend!

Knights of Columbus News

2022 K of C Raffle Calendars are still on sale for \$25. There will be a winner drawn each day of 2022.

Friday night drive through Chicken Dinners are up and running each Friday from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

This includes a 4-piece chicken meal and 2 sides for \$11.

The Weekly Big Raffle with a growing

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with the drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

NEW Photo Directory

We want your photo! St. Francis will be having photo sessions in February. We would love to get all parishioners to make an appointment so we can have the most up to date directory as possible. You will have the option to sign up online or in person at the weekend Masses. Please go to www.ucdir.com to sign up, use Church Code of il 198 (lower case) and password of photos (lower case).

Christmas Memorials

The following individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and will be remembered throughout the Christmas season. We thank everyone who donated toward the beautiful Christmas decorations that grace our church. Any additional donations received will be published in the next bulletin.



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A Prayer for Protection in Time of a Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health

and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeing a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our suffering and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Quincy Cursillo

Cursillo weekends are back starting with Men's Cursillo #349 that will be held January 20–23 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located at 1909 N. 18th Street in Quincy.

During this three-day experience those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious, and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$165.00 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available if needed.

For more information or to receive an application, please call Larry/Rita Frese at 217-440-7784 or go to www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one.

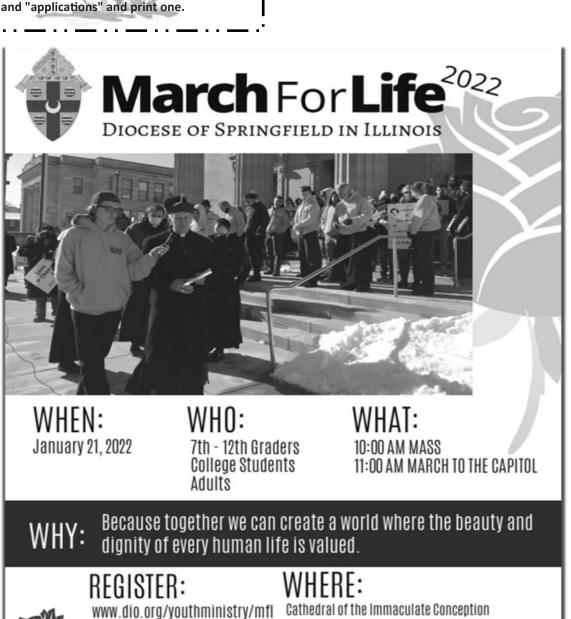
VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Sessions

Keeping our children safe is of the utmost importance at St. Francis Solanus and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. That is why we offer multiple child safety training sessions over the course of the year. If you are a volunteer, staff member or employee of St. Francis Solanus Church or School, or have contact with children in any way, you are required by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to take this training.

Session Schedule:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Sessions are held in the St. Francis Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. To register, please call the Parish Office at 217-222-2898.



Because...Life is Beautiful

Small Groups

There are many Catholic organizations helping parishes engage the faithful making them more vibrant. Their research into successful parishes tells them that having active, faith-sharing small groups is a big factor in doing this.

Maybe you remember when St. Francis participated in the "Why Catholic" program a few years ago. Maybe your group still meets using a different format. Maybe your group would get together again if you could find another format to use.

The first step for St. Francis to put together a strong Small Group program is to take an inventory of what small groups are meeting in the parish on a regular basis now. This could be a "Why Catholic" group, a Cursillo (or similar program) prayer group, a Bible study, a book discussion group, a Lectio Divina group, or any group where faith is shared. If you happen to be meeting regularly, please have a representative contact the Parish Office. We would like to know how many are in your group, the type of group, and how often you meet. This is for information only.

There is no intention to change what your group is doing now.



Welcome Back!!

Fire Truck Ride

Congratulations to Lily Holman in Pre-K who rode the fire truck to school this past week! She was so excited to have that fun experience! Thank you to the firemen who provided that opportunity for her!



January 8–9	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	2 needed please	Pat Holbrook Katie Schuecking Teena Fiskl Kristen Patton	Jim Kaiser Dennis Kendrick Tom Liesen John Obert Mark F Dietrich Dick Mitchell	Chryssia Hea	Russell Rohrer Theresa Rohrer
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp Ian Lynch	Pat Winking Cindy Venvertloh Nancy Venegoni John Venegoni	Don Winking Janet Marquette John Beckman Roch Schulte Tim Venvertloh Jim Wilper	Paul Brown	Kathy Klauser Larry Klauser
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Adam Liesen Colleen Liesen	Julia Liesen Terri Liesen Peggy Koetters Carol Darnell	Gary Darnell Andrew Wemhoener Diann Cole Mark Dietrich Ryan Klauser Melissa Arnold	Gerald Koetters	Brian Dreier Margaret Steinbrecher
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Ben Eling Kaden Marth	Karrie Cramsey-Groll Val Paden Carol Steinbrecher Norbert Dixon	Adam Hightower James Doellman Steve Obert Mike Holbrook 2 needed please	Daryle Hightower	Barbara Bockhaus Brenda Wand
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		Saturday, January 8 8:00 a.m.	Brady Koetters & Amelia Koetters		



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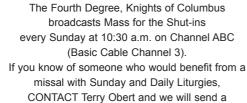


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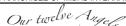
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