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#### MASSES

Sunday Obligation: Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Saturday 8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year Holy Day Obligation: Anticipated 5:30 p.m. Holy Day 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

#### **EXPOSITION 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 Mary, Mother of God

**JANUARY 1, 2023** 

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

January 1 is the most ancient feast day of Mary; probably it was on this day that the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome was dedicated in ancient times. After the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., October 11 was set as the feast of Mary's Motherhood; and this day declined in importance. It went through several changes of title, including "Circumcision" and "Octave Day of Christmas." The Second Vatican Council restored its ancient title.

But this day is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation (even when it doesn't fall on Sunday) because it is New Year's Day. The Church wants us to begin our year right with God!

The Council of Tours in 567 A.D. said that the days between January 1 and 3 should be days of prayer to stamp out the debauchery of pagans. Considering the revelry of our modern times on New Year's Eve, we may wonder if the Church ever succeeded!

The first reading is the blessing of Aaron. In ancient times, blessings and curses were thought to have almost a physical effect: They caused what they said. (The blessing of Jacob by Isaac is an example of this.) For us, the blessing is a prayer; we pray that the Lord will bless us, keep us, and make his face shine on us throughout the year.

The second reading speaks of our adoption as children of God. We must be free from the entanglements of this world. Our relationship with God is so close that we can call him "Abba," an intimate term for "Father" (perhaps better translated as "daddy.")

The Gospel speaks of Mary reflecting on her heart the mystery of God become man. We need to reflect in our hearts this great mystery. The Lord became one of us in order to bring us to God. Let us live as his children this year.

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# SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Most of us know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and act fast: call 911 and go to the E.R.

Many people learn C.P.R. to try to save a person's life if their heart stops. When efforts are successful to resuscitate someone, we are so relieved and thankful to have them alive again.

Do I know the signs of a spiritual heart attack and how to act fast? If my soul flat-lines, who will act to save my eternal life?

Examination of conscience is going over your spiritual signs and symptoms. Venial sin sickens and weakens my soul. Mortal sin blocks the flow of grace into my soul; it cuts me off from God and from His Body, the Church - a spiritual heart attack. My soul is dead - I will go to hell if I die in mortal sin.

When I spiritually flat-line, it's a greater miracle than successful CPR when the priest prays the words of absolution over me. I'm spiritually alive again!

Receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year is the second Church Precept. There are five Church Precepts, which are rules for loving unity with our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and as His Body.

Am I vulnerable with Jesus, giving Him my brokenness and sin and letting Him heal me and bring me back to life? Do I seek His grace to overcome my faults? Can I look at a crucifix and honestly say that I take my sins as seriously as Jesus does?

There are Examination of Conscience guides in the back of church and the priest will help you if you don't remember how to make your confession.

But can't I just confess my mortal sins directly to God? Do I really need to go through the discomfort of telling my sins to another human person? This is like having chest pain and pressure, but telling yourself that medical tests at the E.R. will suffice. Who needs doctors?

What does Jesus say? When Jesus Christ saw the paralyzed man, he said, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." Mt. 9:2 Jesus acknowledges that sin exists. He forgives sins out loud. He addresses spiritual sickness, which is more deadly and crippling, before bodily sickness.

Jesus was sent to forgive sins. How could priests know whether to forgive or retain if they didn't hear the sins? If Jesus didn't want priests to hear and forgive sins on His behalf, He would have said something like, "don't worry about forgiving or retaining, they'll just confess directly to God." **Jesus didn't say that.** 

Old Testament priests heard people confess their sins out loud when they made a sacrifice of atonement. God knows that we are souls and bodies; we need to humbly speak our sins out loud and hear God's response. We obey God's will for how He chooses to forgive: through His priests and His Body, the Church.

The priest will keep your sins secret. His fatherly concern is for your soul's health. Through your participation in the Sacraments, the grace Christ won for you in His suffering, sacrificial death, resurrection and ascension (The Paschal Mystery) is applied to your soul. What does Jesus say after your confession? "...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." Lk. 15:7 "...this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again..." Lk. 15:24.

Peace and All Good, Liz Alonzo, DRE

# Weekday Mass Intentions

Jan. 2 Monday	6:30 a.m.	The deceased Schuering & Prisco families	<ul> <li><u>This week in the Parish:</u></li> <li><u>Monday, Jan. 2</u></li> <li>6:30 a.m. Mass</li> </ul>	
Jan. 3	6:30 a.m.	Don Holtschlag	6:00 p.m. PSR 7:00 p.m. Rosary	
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday, Jan. 3	
Jan. 4 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	James Zanger	6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 9:00 a.m. Young Moms Together	
	5:30 p.m.	"Rollie" Peters	5:30 p.m. Mass	
Jan. 5 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Roy Bizallion	6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee 7:00 p.m. The Belonging	
	5:30 p.m.	Billy Moore	7:00 p.m. Women's Saints Study	
Jan. 6 Friday	6:30 a.m.	, Right to Life	Wednesday, Jan. 4 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Adoration	
Jan. 7 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Kenneth Ballow	<ul> <li>5:30 p.m. Mass</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Choir Practice</li> </ul>	
	4:30 p.m.	Herman & Lucille Pinkelman	<ul> <li><u>Thursday, Jan. 5</u></li> <li>6:30 a.m. Mass</li> <li>9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting</li> </ul>	
	7:00 a.m.	John Horman & Howard Humphrey	<ul> <li>5:30 p.m. Mass</li> <li>6:00 p.m. RCIA</li> <li>6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting</li> </ul>	
Jan. 8 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Friday, Jan. 6 6:30 a.m. Mass	
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	<ul> <li>9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking</li> <li>Saturday , Jan. 7</li> </ul>	

## Rest in Peace

Norma Obert

June 20, 1930—Dec. 16, 2022

The Parish Office will be closed Monday January 2.

Happy Birthday!

Don Altmix turns 90 on January 13. You are invited to stop by the parish center next Sunday, January 8 between 1 and 3 for a birthday reception.

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	12/25/22	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$18,125.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$(8,474.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$677,289.94	\$691,600.00	\$ (14,310.06)
Loose Collection	\$ 3,751.61	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 2,531.61	Loose Collection	\$ 36,980.23	\$ 31,720.00	\$ 5,260.23
Annual School Fund	\$ 3,742.75	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 302.75	Annual School Fund	\$ 88,280.87	\$ 89,440.00	\$ (1,159.13)
Total	\$ 25,619.86	\$ 31,260.00	\$(5,640.14)	Total Capital Campaign As of 12/27/2022	\$802,551.04 \$91,957.65	\$812,760.00	\$ (10,208.96)

#### **Christmas Memorials**



The following individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and will be remembered throughout the Christmas season. We thank everyone who contributed to the beautiful Christmas decorations that grace our church.

Joseph & Rosa Bacher	Koziol-Hirstius families
Albert & Elisabeth Bastean	Pauline Speckhart
Bell & Verna Blersch	Tom Terwelp
Earl & Helen Doellman	Andrew & Jewel Terwelp
Jack & Thelma Duvall	Henry & Rita Voss
Fostik family	Cooper Voss

#### **Catholics Returning Home**

This six-week series begins **Wed., January 11** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. No matter how long you have been away, and no matter the reason, you are invited to join us. For more information contact Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

Moms of all ages — Join us Tuesday morning, January 3 from 9-10:30. We will share conversation, prayer and scripture while forming and strengthening friendships. If you have young children, bring them! We meet in the Parish Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from September through May. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

#### Happy New Year!

We would like to welcome everyone who has come home for the holidays, as well as the visitors who are joining us. We are delighted you're here! Please know that you are always welcome at St. Francis Solanus.

#### New ! Scripture Discussion Group

Are you interested in a deeper appreciation for the readings you will hear at Mass in the upcoming weekend? In response to your requests, we are starting a Scripture Discussion Group. This is meant to complement bible study. Each week we will get together and share our thoughts and questions about the upcoming weekend readings. There is no charge and no required preparation.

We will meet Thursday afternoons at 2 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Parish Center, **starting January 12.** Deacon Wayne will be the moderator. For more information please call him, 217-430-7792. We hope to see you there!

Please support the Catholic Times—A special collection will be taken up next weekend for this important, award-winning communication tool for our diocese. Each issue includes important announcements, lessons in the faith, inspirational stories and the bishop's column. You may use the second collection envelope or give online at dio.org/give. Thank you!

> Do you know someone in the hospital or a nursing home who would like a visit from one of our priests or deacons? If so, please call the parish office at 217-222-2898.

#### Holy Name News

Happy New Year! There will be no Holy Name meeting in January. The next meeting will be Wed., February 8. Our next activity will be the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry on February 22.

#### Knights of Columbus News

The Big Raffle returns on Thurs., January 5. The jackpot is up to \$49,667. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8 p.m. Friday night chicken dinners return on January 6 from 5-7 p.m.

First Sunday of the month breakfast will be January 8, 8:30-noon.

Women's Saints Study — Join us this Tuesday, January 3 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This month's featured saint is St. Dymphna. Bring a friend! For more information contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566.



### QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, January 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children; children 5 and under are free. All proceeds will benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

#### Friend of Catholic Education Dinner

Please join us Sat., February 4 at the Atrium for the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation dinner. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at ticketstripe.com/FOCEDinner2023 or by check to Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, 1721 College Ave. This year's dinner will honor Fr. Roy Bauer. For more information contact Sara Reuschel at director@quincycatholicschools.org or 217-779-3157.

## Ladies of St. Francis News:

Our DRE Liz Alonzo has purchased classroom sets of bibles for our school students with funds from the Ladies. And a special thank you to Father Arisman for suggesting the purchase of the nativity scene that has been placed on the school grounds at 18th Street.



Deacon Dennis Holbrook and Pat Holbrook would like to thank everyone for their generosity to the Advent Socks and Underwear drive. Also, on behalf of all the families who received gifts from Giving Tree donations: Thank you very much!

#### Franciscan Educational Scholarship

Please take some time to reflect on giving to the Franciscan Scholarship to benefit a student at our school. If you would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to the QCES office, 1721 College Ave., or drop it off at the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to: QCES Foundation. Thank you!



#### **School Schedule January 3-6**

Monday, January 2 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 3 School resumes

Wednesday, January 4 Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Staff meeting

**Thursday, January 5** PTO meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Friday, January 6** Report cards sent home **Spirit Day**—Wear purple SFSS t-shirt. Students may wear a shirt underneath the purple t-shirt for warmth. Out of dress code bottoms may be worn. Donate \$0.25 or more. Fourth grade will choose the charity.

January 16 NO SCHOOL to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### Weather Related School Cancellations

If St. Francis Solanus School needs to be cancelled due to bad weather, school families can hear the announcement in several ways. The school will send out a <u>text message</u> to parents and guardians via FACTS. It also will be announced that Quincy Catholic elementary schools are closed on local TV and radio stations. Also, our school will post the message on our official school business Facebook page, St. Francis Solanus School-Quincy, Illinois.





Students started their Christmas break with class parties December 16. School resumes Tues., January 3.

Jan. 7-8	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dylan Schrage	Jessica Veith Teri Struck Kirby Wiemelt Kristen Patton	Jim Kaiser Russell Rohrer Dick Mitchell Tom Ennis Dennis Kendrick Harold Vahle	Chryssia Hea	Katie Schuecking Theresa Rohrer <b>Gift Bearer</b> John Obert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Chloe Terwelp Adler Hamann	Gary Hilgenbrinck Pat Winking Cindy Venvertloh Jane Gregory	Don Winking James Terwelp Scott Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh Jerry Meyer Paul Eling	Carolyn Briddle	Joan Beard Emilie Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> Joe & Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Isabel Cramsey Owen Wheeler	Cindy Grawe Ric Hinkamper Brad Kendrick Samantha Cramsey	Jason Cramsey Rob Haistings Bing Lammers Rich Zeidler Mike Zanger Jeannie Thomas	Steve McMillen	Brian Dreier Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Hayes Frericks Mackenzie Sousa	Marsha Collins Michael Wand Alice Arnold Anne Meyer	Mike Fessler Joseph Obert Brent Frericks Sam Vranjes Diann Cole Steve Obert	Ron Gengenbacher	Brenda Wand James Doellman <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		Jan. 7, 8:00 a.m.	1 needed please		



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