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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 Christmas*

**DECEMBER 25, 2022**

During the Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14;  
Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7;  
Luke 2:15-20

During the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10;  
Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Following ancient custom, there are three different Mass formularies for Christmas (or four, if we count the Vigil.) In the Fourth Century, pilgrims to the Holy Land walked the five or so miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem where they celebrated Midnight Mass at the Grotto of the Nativity. After Mass, they returned to Jerusalem, arriving just about dawn, where they celebrated another Mass at the Church of the Resurrection (also called the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.) After a bit of sleep, during the day, they gathered for still another Mass.

The Midnight Mass tells of the fulfillment of the expectation of the coming of the Messiah. The Mass has many “light” themes: “The people in darkness have seen a great light...” “Lord, you make this holy night radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light...” “The grace of God has appeared...”

The Gospel tells of the humble birth of Jesus at Bethlehem; there is no room for the Holy Family, so he is laid in a manger. The only ones invited to share the joy of birth are outcast shepherds.

The Mass at Dawn is sometimes called the “Shepherds’ Mass” for it tells of the shepherds coming to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Messiah. God saves us not because of any goodness in ourselves, but solely from his loving-kindness. We are undeserving of God’s blessings, just as the shepherds were. But God calls us to his mercy.

The Mass during the Day proclaims the “cosmic dimensions” of Jesus’ birth. All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of God. In former times, God spoke in varied and partial ways through the prophets; now he has spoken to us clearly by his Son.

The Gospel is the prologue to John’s Gospel: From all eternity, the Word exists with the Father. All things were made through him, for him, and unto him. Everything that comes to life, lives because of him. The eternal Word of God becomes flesh! He empties himself to become one of us in order to save us!

It is a fine old custom to attend each of the three Masses on Christmas. But if we cannot, we should capture the message in our lives. God humbles himself to be born a baby in the obscurity of Bethlehem. Yet this child who is so alone and humble at birth is the Lord of all things. He left his external glory to become one of us to save us. In gratitude, let us pledge him our lives.

--Msgr. William Carr

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# 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This third Sunday of Advent we call Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete translates to mean Rejoice! It comes from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Today we rejoice because the time of preparation and waiting is almost over. Like a little kid that can't wait for Christmas morning, the Church lifts our preparatory spirit of fasting and waiting for His coming, just a little, to say rejoice its almost over, He is almost here. With this excitement, it is also a warning in a way! If you haven't started preparing, you better get on it, because He is almost here! Be ready! He is coming!

The readings are both lifting and warning! Isaiah says to us to rejoice because the messiah is coming to make all things new! To bring life where it seems impossible, and to bring newness to things seemingly dead. He is our vindication, our Savior! What will this messiah do? He will open the eyes of the blind, clear the ears of the deaf, the lame will walk, and the mute will sing! He will pay the ransom to set captives free. This is what the Israelites were waiting for in the Messiah!

So that brings us to the Gospel today. John the Baptist is in prison. He sends his disciples to find Jesus and ask if He is the Christ! Wouldn't John know that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah? Yes of course but he sends his disciples so that they find Jesus and start following Him instead of John. John knows his time and mission are almost complete. He wants his followers to follow the Messiah, for this was the entire mission of John. Prepare the way for the Messiah and lead others to follow the Messiah. So, what is Jesus' answer to them when they ask if He is the Messiah? He answers quoting what Isaiah prophesied. The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the poor, the captives, have the good news proclaimed to them. What is that good news? The Messiah has come to make us new and save us! This is truly good news for us! So may we be ready! May we prepare our hearts and not just decorate our homes. We must prepare for He is coming and is almost here! Rejoice, but only if you're ready!

This last week I may have been too harsh with my words in the bulletin, but also, I was trying to be. If you haven't realized I try to be very clear. I can't fathom taking a book home from the Church unless I was told to. For a very short time you were encouraged to take them home, but only during covid when we didn't have mass in the Church. Yes, sacristans that read every day were given permission to take one home to practice those crazy words and names and places. The choir was asked to take them home so that they could practice singing to prepare for mass. This is not what I was speaking of at all, as we order enough for both things to take place. And yes, sometimes we give away publications, like word among us or books for Christmas or Easter that we tell you to take or the Augustine Institutes' Lighthouse Catholic Media materials. These are all different realities. We buy the Pray Together and music issue books for the Church, so that they are here when you and everyone else comes to mass to be able to use.

What I was speaking of was, the church needs those books in the pews as they are for use in the mass at the Church. I used the word stealing because without those books many sitting in the pews do not have what they need then to participate in the mass. If you are taking them home for the homebound or for your personal prayer, that is not why we order these specifically. Someone told me that it should be allowed for you to do this because you give. Although that is an emotional sentiment, that is not a logical mindset. By that same mind set you should be able to take anything in the church building home because you give, pots and pans from the hall, or vestments and vessels, or statues, or the roman missal etc. You would never think to take those things home, I would hope. That may seem extreme, but these books in the pews are for ALL to use at the church and not for our own personal use.

We buy a subscription as a parish to The Word Among Us for people to use personally at home. One may buy a Daily Roman Missal for personal use at home. One may get a subscription to many differing publications for personal use, like Magnificat. I may have been harsh in my language and should have explained more or maybe toned it down a little, but the things in the pews need to stay so that all have the ability to follow the mass and sing along with us. The only reason I was stronger in my words is this isn't the first time I have written this in the bulletin or said this from the pulpit. The strong language came because for the first time since I have been here, a third of the church doesn't have a Pray Together and many many many "music issues" are missing, even though we ordered way more than before. These books missing makes it impossible for people to follow the mass or sing along as we should. Especially as we welcome many visitors for mass in this upcoming season, we need to have books for them to use to welcome them, and hopefully encourage them to not just visit, but stay. If we don't have materials for them to use when they are here, we aren't being very welcoming. So, in less strong words than stealing, please bring them back so that they may be here for all to use.



# Weekday Mass Intentions

<b>Dec. 12 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Barbara Mayfield
<b>Dec. 13 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Vincent Brown
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Christine Schmitt & Michael Voshake
<b>Dec. 14 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Rosa Lee "Rollie" Peters
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Right to Life
<b>Dec. 15 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	John Horman
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Marilyn Burgtorf & Alan Frericks
<b>Dec. 16 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Rollie Peters & Paul "Butch" Steinkamp
<b>Dec. 17 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Neil Ridder & A Special Intention
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Carl, Fr. Gary & Connie Bernhardt
<b>Dec. 18 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Bill & Katie Brink and Russell Goehl
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Ryan Burke & Paul Kemner

**This week in the Parish:**

- **Monday, Dec. 12**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- **Tuesday, Dec. 13**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 3:00 p.m. School Christmas Program
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- **Wednesday, Dec. 14**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Nurses Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- **Thursday, Dec. 15**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. RCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Council
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting
- **Friday, Dec. 16**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- **Saturday, Dec. 17**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

**Evening Prayer Every Sunday**

Come join us in praying Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6:30 in the Friars Choir to the left of the sanctuary. This 15-minute prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church that marks the hours of the day and sanctifies the day with prayer. It is a beautiful, ancient prayer of the Church and we all are encouraged to participate. All materials and instruction are provided. Hope to see you there!

**Adoration this Wednesday**, December 14 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. in the church. If you have an hour to give, please consider signing up to be an Adorer. Sign up online or in the gathering space.

*The song and prayer books must be left in the church for everyone to use. If you took one from our pews, please return it as so many already have been taken. If you would like to have one for your own use please contact PAM printers @ 217-222-4030 .*

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			Difference
	12/4/22	Budget Goal	Difference	Totals	Budget Goal	Difference	
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$29,006.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$ 2,406.50	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$560,394.14	\$611,800.00	\$ (51,405.86)
Loose Collection	\$ 1,591.50	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 371.50	Loose Collection	\$ 30,409.14	\$ 28,060.00	\$ 2,349.14
Annual School Fund	\$ 2,673.25	\$ 3,440.00	\$( 766.75)	Annual School Fund	\$ 63,373.87	\$ 79,120.00	\$ (15,746.13)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,271.25</b>	<b>\$ 31,260.00</b>	<b>\$2,011.25</b>	<b>Total Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$654,177.15</b>	<b>\$718,980.00</b>	<b>\$ (64,802.85)</b>

**November Special Collections**  
 Alaska—\$3,888.23; All Saints—\$2,821.00; Campaign for Justice and Hope—\$1,513.75  
 Cemetery Collection—\$2,296.00; Food Pantry—\$7,582.00



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve, December 24:  
4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m. and  
Midnight Mass.  
Christmas Day, December 25:  
9 a.m.**

**Attention Ministry Volunteers!**

Please take a look at your calendars for the new year and submit any dates you are **NOT available** to serve in your assigned ministry from January 7 through March 26, 2023. If you have recently been trained in a new ministry, please call the parish office, so you can be entered into the scheduling program. Thank you for your service to St. Francis!

**Forty Hours Devotion at St. Anthony Church, Quincy**  
Friday, December 16 through Sunday, December 18 to observe the Eucharistic Revival Year as part of our final preparations for Christmas. The church will be open for adoration throughout this time, pausing only for Masses. Two people need to be present in the church at all times as Adorers. If you could help - call St. Anthony Parish at 217-222-5996. Even if you can't be an Adorer, you are welcome to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.

*Please donate socks and underwear! Once again this year totes will be in the main and north entrances of the church. All sizes are needed and appreciated!  
Everything collected will stay locally. If you have any questions - contact Deacon Dennis or Pat Holbrook, 217-257-4384.*

Please observe our snow rules!  
**Use the areas that have been plowed, cleared and salted.** After a large snow the west front steps won't be completely cleared and the middle door will remain locked to discourage its use. This saves a lot of labor to clean off all of the steps.  
If an event has to be cancelled due to weather you can consult the myparish app. We also will post it on Facebook and the parish website.

***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.***

***If you have purchased a gift for the Giving Tree, please return it with the tag firmly secured by the 11 a.m. Mass on December 18.***

**Holiday cards for priests and seminarians**

*If you would like to send a holiday greeting to priests who served at St. Francis, or a seminarian from our diocese, here are their addresses:*

**Fr. Duc Pham, OFM:** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, IN. 46225

**Fr. More Torres, OFM:** San Jose Friary, 701 E. Pyron Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78214-2798

**Fr. Kurt Hartrich, OFM & Fr. Don Blaeser, OFM,** St. Peter Catholic Church, 110 W. Madison, Chicago, IL. 60602

**Br Ed Arambasich, OFM,** St. John the Baptist, 3508 Bankview Dr., Joliet, IL. 60431

**Fr. Robert Barko, OFM,** St. Anthony Padua, 3140 Meramec St., St. Louis, MO. 63118

**Fr. David Beagles,** 207 E. Walnut, Robinson, IL., 62454

**Sam Doellman,** Bishop Simon Brute College,  
2500 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, IN., 46222

**Logan Klitzing & Alex McCullough,** St. Meinrad, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN., 47577

**Kade Zanger,** Our Lady of Guadalupe , P.O. Box 147, Denton, NE., 68339.

**Holy Name News**

Next meeting is Wed., December 14 at 6 p.m. Holy Name will be selling holiday fruit baskets again this year. Cost is \$20. Get your order in early by calling or texting 217-440-0875. All proceeds go to the food pantry.

**Knights of Columbus News**

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$45,969. Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday Night All You Can Eat Chicken Dinners. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$13; children 12 and under \$6; under 5 eats free. Sunday morning breakfast is back, first Sunday of the month only, 8:30-noon; \$12, children \$6.

*Christmas cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes*

**Good Samaritan Home:** Kathleen "Kitty" Bueter, Phyllis Hemm, Ruth Hoebing, Phyllis Lymenstull, Elaine Martin, Norma Obert, Jean Powers, Joyce Weiss, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt.

**Illinois Veterans Home:** Tom Gott, Leo Luttrell, Donna Rischar, Ronald Whittaker.

**Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living:**

Barbara Mitchell, Judith Schmitz, Norma J. Russell, Betty Klingele.

**Sunset Home:** Jack Cosgrove, Ann Harness, Michael Mason, Bernice Walz, Janet Waterkotte.

**The Arbors at Adams Pointe:** Stan Bartley, Jean Frericks, Barbara Kaiser, Marvin Russell.

**Cedarhurst:** Margaret Andrews, Margherita Schutte, Marjorie Spoonmore.

**Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center:**

Dorothy Huber.

**LaBelle Manor Care Center, LaBelle, Mo.:**

Carol Adolfs.

There will be a bin in the back of church and one in the Parish Center to drop off the cards. In each card please sign your name and indicate you're from St. Francis church. Put the resident's name and nursing home on the outside of the envelope. DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE. **Deadline to drop off the cards is Mon., December 12.** Please call Susan Mast, 217-222-5345, or smast@slpsd.com, if you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

Gifts purchased for a gift basket for our seminarian Sam Doellman may be turned in at the parish office by **December 19**. Please put Sam's name on the gift and include him and all seminarians in your prayers!

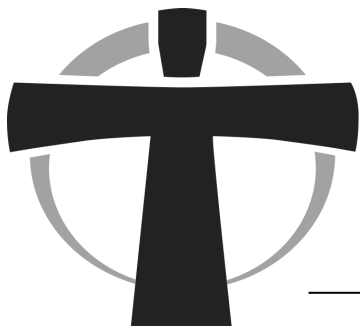
**Knights of Columbus calendar raffle—365**

chances to win in 2023. Cost is \$25 per calendar. Call Mike Schlipmann, 653-9318 or John Veith, 653-0258 or come by the clubhouse to make your purchase. Proceeds support Council 583 charities.

**Advent Collection to Benefit the Food Pantry**

*If you are looking for a good way to prepare for Christmas this Advent season, we have a suggestion: Each day add a grocery item to a bag or box and on Christmas Eve donate the items to our Food Pantry. Bags with this list can be found at the entrances to church. Below are some ideas for items that are most needed:*

- |         |                     |         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Dec. 1  | Box of cereal       | Dec. 13 | Pancake mix         |
| Dec. 2  | Peanut butter       | Dec. 14 | Can spaghetti sauce |
| Dec. 3  | Macaroni and cheese | Dec. 15 | Spaghetti           |
| Dec. 4  | Canned tuna         | Dec. 16 | Pork & beans        |
| Dec. 5  | Simple crackers     | Dec. 17 | Canned soup         |
| Dec. 6  | Can of mixed fruit  | Dec. 18 | Applesauce          |
| Dec. 7  | Can of corn         | Dec. 19 | Syrup               |
| Dec. 8  | Can of green beans  | Dec. 20 | Jelly               |
| Dec. 9  | Hamburger helper    | Dec. 21 | Dish soap           |
| Dec. 10 | Instant potatoes    | Dec. 22 | Toothpaste          |
| Dec. 11 | Canned chicken      | Dec. 23 | Bar Soap            |
| Dec. 12 | Tuna helper         | Dec. 24 | Toilet paper        |



# St. Francis Solanus School

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Third grade teacher Mrs. Rebecca Wear was awarded the December Operation Innovation grant from the Quincy Optimist Club. She is pictured with her students and Mr. Ken Klauser from the Optimists. Mrs. Wear will use the grant to purchase items for science, engineering, technology, art and math activities in her classroom.





School families gathered in the cafeteria to create Christmas cards for parishioners in assisted living and nursing homes.


**Thank you God for your mercy!**

This past week PSR students and St. Francis School students attended reconciliation in the church in preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 17-18	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Thomas Wiewel Dylan Fischer	Darlene Mayes Phyllis Knuffman Roger Knuffman Kirby Wiemelt	Dick Mitchell Harold Vahle Dennis Kendrick Jim Waterkotte Philip Kemner Michael Eling	Michelle Obert	Betty Kaufmann Patti Blickhan  <b>Gift Bearer</b> John Obert
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	Damien Alonzo Philomena Alonzo	Pat Winking Cindy Venvertloh Cindy Peters Steve Peters	Don Winking Perry Terwelp Larry Venvertloh Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp Tim Venvertloh	Roseann Gosnell	Joan Beard Sandra Banning  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Isabel Cramsey Austin Genenbacher	Samantha Cramsey Leila Weppler Randy Wheeler Ronald Upper	Jason Cramsey Neal Blickhan Karl Venvertloh Mike Patterson Bryant Burke John McDowell	Bruce Broemmel	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Rob Frese
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Kaden Marth Ben Eling	Karrie Cramsey-Groll Debra Beard Sue Holbrook Mike Holbrook	Marty Karhoff Ron Gengenbacher Brent Frericks Drew Erwin Steve Obert	Maryann Cornwell	Patricia Tomczak Nancy Hufendick  <b>Gift Bearer</b> Doris Karhoff
<b><u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u></b>		<b>Dec. 17, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Brady Koetters and Amelia Koetters</b>		

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*Our twelve Angels*

Colletta Middendorf	Mary Wavering	<h2>12 Little Angels Collection</h2> <p><i>A Tuition Assistance Fund in honor of the twelve little girls who died from the school fire of 1899.</i></p> <p><b>Every Donation Makes a Difference!</b></p>	 <p>Artwork by Delaney Beard</p>
Mary Althoff	Josephina Bohne		
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