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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent DECEMBER 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

The eight days before Christmas have had special Scripture readings which summed up all of "salvation history." Today, our readings tell us who Jesus is: He is "God with us." He is "Son of David" (and therefore the fulfillment of the promises made to David,) and he is "Son of God." He is born of the Virgin Mary.

In its original context, the first reading had nothing to do with the Messiah or Christ. Ahaz was a rather corrupt king; his neighbor kings wanted him to join in a revolt against Assyria, the empire which was threatening to conquer the entire Middle East.

On Isaiah's advice, Ahaz refused to join the revolt. Thereupon, his neighbor kings threatened to invade Judah and replace Ahaz with their own puppet king. Isaiah tells Ahaz that it won't happen; Ahaz can't believe Isaiah. Isaiah thereupon tells Ahaz to ask for a sign from God; Ahaz pietistically and hypocritically refuses. Thereupon Isaiah gives him the sign: "A maiden shall conceive and bear a son..."

The "sign" in the original context was the birth of Ahaz's son, Hezekiah. By the time Hezekiah was weaned, the threat was over. Through the centuries, however, the words were given a new context, a context of hope for the future. Matthew uses them as a convenient way of expressing the fulfillment of our hope: The Messiah, Godwith-us, is born of the Virgin.

The second reading is from the opening words of Paul's letter to the Romans. Jesus is "Son of David;" this means he is fully human, and that he is the fulfillment of the promises made to David. He is "Son of God." We think of his eternal coming forth from the Father. Paul, however, says that he becomes "Son of God in power" through his resurrection. In other words, he manifests his divinity by rising from the dead. He calls on all, Jew and Gentile, to believe in him.

In the Gospel, Joseph is presented as a "just" (or "upright") man, who does not know what to do. He knew that the child was not his. The Torah said that women who committed adultery after their betrothal and before their marriage should be stoned.

The word "upright" (or, better, "just") means that he tried to do everything right, according to the will of God, and not merely according to the letter of the Law. At this point, he receives a message in a dream that the child is of the Holy Spirit. Joseph followed in faith.

What kind of faith do we have? Whether or not we see signs and wonders, let us strive for the faith of Joseph, a faith born of upright living – the desire always to do what God wants of us.

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we come to this final Sunday in Advent, we are given the foretelling of what is to come. Now granted we all know Christ is coming at Christmas but remember that as we hear these readings proclaim we experience them as if they are happening for the first time. They become alive and new. We are reminded though like the first weekend that we must be vigilant for He is almost here means not only at Christmas, but in the second coming. The good news of this Sunday is the foretelling and Importance of the fact that Jesus is not just the Christ/the Messiah, but He is God with us. He is the coming of the Lord that was foretold. God took on our flesh so that we may take on His divinity. We don't become gods, as some other religions believe, but we become united as one IN God. We experience this now in the gift of His flesh and blood in the Eucharist we receive in our being, as it prepares us for the day our flesh is taken into His being. This unity we experience in the here and now to prepare us for the immensity of what this gift is about. God is love. He loves you so much He came to save you and wants you to be with Him eternally united in that love. And we get the foretaste of that love in the gift of the Eucharist and the birth of Jesus Christ. His enfleshment is our rescue. Be ready, He is coming.

As you may have noticed we have a new image in our Church of the Venerable Fr. Augustine Tolton. We are so proud to have such a presence in our community of this great and hopeful future saint. If you don't know his story, learn it! This image will help teach you. I asked the artist, who is local, to tell his story and not just convey his image. They have done this so well. So, after Christmas we will have short little blurbs about differing parts of the image to explain it. Each week read the explanation and take an opportunity to go back and pray with the image to allow his story to move us. This is an early Christmas gift to us! Let us enjoy it as we then come to learn the story it tells. To start, most may not know that the parish and university were one. St. Francis Solanus was the original name of Quincy University. St. Francis Solanus was the name of the college at the time Gus attended school here. Our parish, especially through the Franciscans played a part in his education and path. This church was only a year old when, Gus was ordained and sent home to Quincy. I can imagine he came here to this Church to see the exciting new structure, and maybe I am just wishfully thinking, I can only imagine he would have said mass here in our Church at some point. Let us pray for his canonization cause and for God's miracles through his intercession be seen and recognized!

As we look ahead to this final week, the last opportunity for confession is Wednesday December 21 from 4-5. Fr. Rafal and I both will be there to hear confessions. There will be no Saturday morning mass, no Saturday morning or afternoon confessions. Our mass times follow the Christmas schedule not the weekend schedule. Monday December 26 there will be 6:30 a.m. mass as Fr. Bruns will be home and has offered to take it, so Fr. Rafal and I can go home. Please remember at the Christmas masses to make it a point to welcome guest and visitors. Make them feel at home. Let them know how grateful we are they are here, and feel free to let them know they are always welcome here. Please be accommodating and patient and hospitable. We have such an opportunity to evangelize with our welcome. And to prepare for all of this, pray for all who will be here this Christmas, especially those who may be away or may be here for the very first time. We have the opportunity for them to not only encounter the little baby Jesus, but also the gift of Christ present in each of you.

Lev. Steven Alisman

WeekdayMass Intentions

Dec. 19 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Billy Moore	• <u>This week in the Parish:</u> • <u>Monday, Dec. 19</u>
Dec. 20	6:30 a.m.	John Horman	• 6:30 a.m. Mass • 7:00 p.m. Rosary
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Margaret & Jerome Blaesing	• <u>Tuesday, Dec. 20</u>
Dec. 21	6:30 a.m.	Norma Hoffman	6:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Jerry Little & Fr. David Beagles	• 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilt
Dec. 22	6:30 a.m.	Rollie Peters & Patricia Bockenfel-Meac	 5:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Rosie Madison	• <u>Wednesday, Dec. 21</u>
Dec. 23 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield	 6:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Adoration
Dec. 24 Saturday		For the priests of St. Francis Solanus and their families	 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice <u>Thursday, Dec. 22</u> 6:30 a.m. Mass
		Christmas Day	 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting
Dec. 25 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Doug Frese & Garry Hess	• Friday, Dec. 23 • 6:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday a	n us in praying at 6:30 in the F	yer Every Sunday g Evening Prayer every Friars Choir to the left of the	 Saturday , Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m Midnight
Liturgy of that mark day with the Churd participat	f the Hours, th ts the hours of prayer. It is a ch and we all	<u> </u>	If you have purchased a gift for the Giving Tree, please return it with th tag firmly secured by the 11 a.m. M today, December 18. December 21 from 4-5 p.m. will be your last opportunity for confession before Christmas.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday December 26 and January 2.

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Week of	Weekly			Fiscal Year Totals to date			
12/11/22	Budget Goal	Difference			Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
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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.

A special collection for **Catholic Children's Home** in Alton will be collected on Christmas Day. For the past 143 years CCH has served thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home. These are some of the most vulnerable people in our society and with your help the CCH will continue to serve their special needs in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

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! 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.

Moms Together will be taking a break this week due to school holidays. Please join us for our next meeting Tues., January 3 from 9-10:30 in the parish center. For more information contact Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

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.

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.

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: <u>Fr. Duc Pham, OFM:</u> Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, IN. 46225 <u>Fr. More Torres, OFM:</u> San Jose Friary, 701 E. Pyron Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78214-2798 Fr. Kurt Hart<u>rich, OFM & Fr. Don Blaeser, OFM,</u> St. Peter Catholic Church, 110 W. Madison, Chicago, IL.

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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

Thank you to all who purchased Christmas fruit baskets. The shelves in the food pantry will be stocked for awhile! The Holy Name men wish to thank all of you for your support this past year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Knights of Columbus News

We are taking a couple of weeks off for the Holidays so there will be no Thursday night raffle or Friday night chicken dinners until the first week of January. Best wishes to all of you as you celebrate Christmas with your family and friends!

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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.

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests

followed by Benediction from 3-4 p.m. today at St. Bridgid Church in Liberty. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

Also, the Adoration Chapel at the Church of St. Peter in Quincy is looking for a few more Adorers. Please call Mary Voorhis, 217-653-3127 or

Gina Wolf, 217-257-9966, if you have an hour to give.

Forty Hours Devotion at St. Anthony Church, Quincy

Is ongoing this weekend through this 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. You are welcome to come and spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord.



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.

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 this Monday, **December 19**. Please put Sam's name on the gift and include him and all seminarians in your prayers! Our DRE Liz Alonzo will be purchasing 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.

Advent Collection to Benefit the Food Pantry

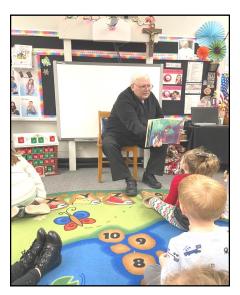
If you are looking for a good way to prepare for Christmas this Advent season, we have a suggestion: Each day add a grocery item to a bag or box and on Christmas Eve donate the items to our Food Pantry. Bags with this list can be found at the entrances to church. Below are some ideas for items that are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



A big Jhank you!

The Ladies of St. Francis gifted the school the beautiful, white outdoor nativity set, which is facing 18th Street for everyone to enjoy as they pass by. A solar-powered spotlight also has been placed near it. The nativity set provides another way to show the importance of our Catholic faith to all. The students and staff are excited and grateful to add this meaningful decoration to the school environment.



Deacon Wayne Zimmerman read The Night Before Christmas to Catherine Bruening's preschool class recently. Guest readers were invited to share stories to close out the Scholastic Book Fair.

> St. Francis School students in kindergarten through fourth grade held their Christmas program last Tuesday evening in the church.





Dec. 24-25	24-25 Altar Server - Communion Minister Weekend		Usher		eader	Greeter	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Drake Dodd Collin Meehan Reese Meehan	Amy Kaiser Rick Gengenbacher Shirley Walbring Vieve Veith		Jim Kaiser John Veith John Benz Ryan Klauser Gary Terwelp Paul Eling	Brad Hummel		Peggy Kaiser
Saturday 6:00 p.m	Madilynn Henrichs Lia Henrichs James Petty	Cindy Cook Bobbie Talken Sue Holbrook Tim Reichert				aureen Prudy Patterso karewicz Kristine Bickhau	
Saturday 8:00 p.m.	Erica Arnold Spencer Arnold Hayley Hoffman	Marcia Steinkamp Rebecca Wear Sarah Lugering Alice Arnold		Steve Obert Marty Karhoff 4 Needed Please		nis Stein- camp	
Saturday 10:00 p.m	Isabel Cramsey Reno Venvertloh Urban Venvertloh	Ric Hinkamper Samantha Cramsey Brenda Wand		Jason Cramsey Marty Karhoff Mike Holbrook Sam Vranjes Jim Waterkotte		lonica kamper	Doris Karhoff
Saturday Midnight	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Damian McDonald One Needed Please		Karl Venvertloh Greg Ehrhardt Philip Kemner Mary Ann Thomas Don Olps Mike Fessler		achel terkotte	Jerry Meyer Betty Kaufmann
Sunday Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp Paul Steinkamp	Katherine Cramsey	Ro	ge Venvertloh Emilie Venvertloh Jame Roger Gallaher Mary Terwelp ack Terwelp Larry Venvertloh		s Cramsey	Brenda Wand Nancy Friye
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