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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 the Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 8, 2023

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.

--Msgr. William Carr
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This weekend is the liturgical end of Christmas with the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow. The traditional end of Christmas was always February 2, the presentation of the Lord in the temple. In the Epiphany we have the revelation of Christ to the world. In the baptism we celebrate the beginning of Christ's public ministry and the model for us to follow in the transforming waters of the new baptism in the Holy Spirit. In the feast of the presentation of Jesus in the temple we celebrate the light of Christ In the world to cast out the darkness. In these profound days of these mysteries of our faith, much is spelled out for the revelation of our salvation.

Next weekend we have the pleasure of welcoming our bishop Thomas John Paprocki to the parish for a pastoral visit and confirmation. Every five years the bishop will make one of these visits. He will meet with the staff, the councils, and you the people to come to know you all more. He wants to hear from you and us to hear directly from him. While here he will also confirm our children and give them their first communion. It is an honor to have our chief shepherd of our diocese, our apostle, our high priest here with us. Where the bishop is gathered with his priests and people, there is the church. So let us welcome him with great fervor.

He will be here for confirmation at 1p.m. on January 14, and he will also celebrate the 4:30 mass. Also if you are a member of the parish council, the finance council, or the school board, please save the date of his visit and leave the opportunity for dinner and discussion open around 6 p.m. in the parish hall after the evening mass. Please attend these liturgies and welcome him to our parish. Tell him of the great things happening here and let him know of our devotion to the bishop of our diocese.

In a few weeks, Feb. 11-12, Steve Agrisano will play at all of the masses here at St. Francis Solanus, and then Feb. 13 and 14 he will give us a parish mission. Please keep these dates available and make the time. Steve is a big name in the Catholic world, especially in the Catholic music world. It is very exciting to have him here! Some have asked if they can help sponsor his visit or offset the substantial cost to bring him here. If you or your business would like to make a donation to this event, please contact the parish office and we will be very excited for the help and for any kind of advertising for the sponsorship of the event. I am always grateful for those who step forward to make these wonderful events possible.

Thank you to all those who attended the memorial mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI this past Wednesday. It is so very humbling to see so many come to pray for the repose of the soul of this faithful servant of servants of God. If you have not read his encyclical, "God is Love," please do so, or read any of his writings. He is a great teacher on a level all can grasp. What a humble and gentle shepherd. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

Lastly, many have asked what a "first offering" is in the envelopes. It offsets the cost to the parish of the envelopes themselves. It helps us pay for the cost of printing and shipping these envelopes. Usually, we collect about half of the year's cost or less of what is needed to pay for this need. Anything you give to this cost is greatly appreciated.

In the new packet of envelopes you will receive a monthly capital campaign envelope. You may put in monthly, you may donate directly from your investment accounts or retirement accounts, tax free directly to the parish, or make a large one-time donation. You will be hearing much more about the many projects this capital campaign is going to fund, but also for a more specific pledge, in which what you have already given may be included in that pledge. We have much to take care of and most of it needed to be done some time ago! I thank you in advance for any of your help in responding to the Lord's call to provide for the needs of the parish.

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Weekday Mass Intentions

Jan. 9 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Paul Kemner			
Jan. 10	6:30 a.m.	Norbert & Dorothy Kirner & Michelle Dusterhaus-Tang			
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help			
Jan. 11 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Paul Kemner			
	5:30 p.m.	John Busse			
Jan. 12	6:30 a.m.	Paul Kemner			
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Ed Huner			
Jan. 13 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Gerald Schutte			
Jan. 14 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	James Zanger			
	4:30 p.m.	Keith Wiemelt			
Jan. 15 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	John Horman & Floyd Wiewel			
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis			
	11:00 a.m.	Ralph & Marilyn Willer			

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, ^I the daily prayer of the Church that marks the hours of • the day and sanctifies the day with prayer. It is a I beautiful, ancient prayer of the Church and we all are encouraged to participate. All materials and Instruction are provided. Hope to see you there!

6:30 a.m Mass 8:00 a.m Blanket Project 6:00 p.m PSR 7:00 p.m Rosary Tuesday, Jan. 10 6:30 a.m Mass 9:00 a.m Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 12:45 p.m Principal's Meeting 6:30 p.m Pastoral Council 6:30 p.m Truth Seekers 7:00 p.m The Belonging Wednesday, Jan. 11

This week in the Parish:

6:30 a.m Mass

9:30 a.m Adoration

Monday, Jan. 9

2:00 p.m SFS Staff Spiritual Formation

5:30 p.m Mass

6:00 p.m Catholics Returning Home

6:30 p.m Liturgy Planning Committee

7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, Jan. 12

9:00 a.m Ladies of St. Francis Quilting

2:00 p.m Scripture Discussion Group

5:30 p.m Mass

6:00 p.m RCIA

6:30 p.m Scripture Discussion Group

6:30 p.m Troop 22 Scout Meeting

Friday, Jan. 13 6:30 a.m Mass

Saturday , Jan. 14

8:00 a.m Mass

8:30 a.m Reconciliation

1:00 p.m Confirmation 3:00 p.m Reconciliation

4:30 p.m Mass

Happy Birthday!

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

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	1/1/23	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$14,407.00	\$ 26,600.00	\$(12,193.00)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$694,505.72	\$718,200.00	\$ (23,694.28)
Loose Collection	\$ 991.40	\$ 1,220.00	\$ (228.60)	Loose Collection	\$ 34,220.02	\$ 32,940.00	\$ 1,280.02
Annual School Fund	\$ 1,501.75	\$ 3,440.00	\$ (1,938.25)	Annual School Fund	\$ 93,182.62	\$ 92,880.00	\$ 302.62
Total	\$16,900.15	\$ 31,260.00	\$(14,359.85)	Total Capital Campaign As of 12/27/2022	\$821.908.36 \$95,682.65	\$844,020.00	\$ (22,111.64)

December Special Collections:

Alaska — \$4,747.76; Catholic Children's Home — \$2,505.00; Cemetery Collection — \$0.00; Christmas Flowers — \$4,172.00; Christmas Offering \$22,330.00; Food Pantry \$6,178.00; Immaculate Conception \$2,534.00; Religious Retirement \$2,119.00

Bishop to Visit

Bishop Paprocki will visit St. Francis Sat., January 14. He will celebrate a Confirmation Mass for our third graders at 1 p.m., then he will be the celebrant for our Mass at 4:30.

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.

Trivia Fans! Two upcoming opportunities to benefit worthy causes. A Music Trivia night will be held January 21 for the QND Music Department. The trivia begins at 7 p.m. in the St. Peter's gym. Registration deadline is January 14. For more information contact
Jill Steinkamp, 217-257-2253.
St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fowler will have its trivia night and a silent auction Sat. February 11, starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact
Dana Haxel, 217-242-8200.



Sessions will start again Wed., February 1 and run for 13 weeks (except Holy Week). Sessions will be from 2-4 p.m. in the Bride's Room. There is no charge for this group, which is non-denominational. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat Holbrook for more information, 217-257-2570.

New! Scripture Discussion Group

required preparation.

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

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!



St. Francis Scouts Soup Supper

Sat., February 11 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Choose from **HOT** or regular chili or chicken noodle soup served with a grilled cheese, cornbread, dessert and a drink. Tickets are \$9 each or \$27 for a family. Carry-out meals also available and bulk soup. Buy tickets at the door or from a Scout, or call 217-779-3584. Thank you for supporting Pack 22 and Troop 22/225.

There will be an hour of **Adoration for Priests** followed by Benediction on Sun., January 15 from 3-4 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1119 S. Seventh St., Quincy. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

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 is back every Thursday night. 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 also are back from 5-7 p.m. All you can eat. Dine in or carry out.

It's not too late to buy a K of C calendar. A winner is drawn every day of the year!



Souper Bowl for Food Pantry

If you are a client of Thrive Chiropractic you can help the St. Francis food pantry by bringing soup and crackers to the clinic from now until Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. Your donations will be matched by Thrive owners and parishioners Dr. Daryle Hightower and husband Adam. They invite all parishioners to bring soup and crackers to the entrances of church and add to the supply.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The Ladies hope everyone is enjoying the Christmas season and wish you all many blessings in the new year!



Retreat for married couples offered in Springfield -

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

3/17/2023 – 3/19/2023 – Villa Maria Conference
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Center, Springfield, IL and 3/31/2023 – 4/2/2023 – Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO.

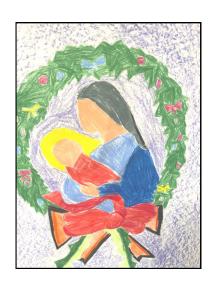
Friend of Catholic Education Dinner

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.

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!







Thank you to Bruening Heating,
Air and Fireplaces for their
generous donation of an air
purifier for the school library.
Pictured are Marty Bruening with
his children Eli and Emmalyn, both
students at St. Francis School.







Seventh graders completed drawings of the Holy Family before their Christmas break.

Jan. 14-15	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus Morgan Patton	Michelle Obert Patti Blickhan Joleen Patton John Obert	Joe Venvertloh Mary Ann Thomas Philip Kemner Greg Ehrhardt John Veith Jim Waterkotte	Nancy Venegoni John Venegoni	Betty Kaufmann Karen Venvertloh Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh	
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp	Gary Winking Sue Winking Roseann Gosnell Bridget Ehrhart	Roger Gallaher George Venvertloh John Benz Perry Terwelp Mary Terwelp Jack Terwelp	Steve Davis	Sandra Banning Emilie Venvertloh Gift Bearer Kay Gallaher	
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Annabelle Henrichs Madilynn Henrichs	Kristy Henrichs Jayna Klauser Carol Darnell Ric Hinkamper	Ryan Klauser Jason Costigan Gary Darnell Troy Hummel Diann Cole Melissa Arnold	Bruce Broemmel	Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Gerald Koetters	
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Hailey Terwelp	Jamie Friye Sue Holbrook Doris Karhoff Laura Ohnemus	Bud Voss Mike Holbrook Marty Karhoff Don Olps Drew Erwin Steve Obert	Rosanna Voss	Patricia Tomczak Nancy Hufendick Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp	
Saturday Morni Ma	<u>nq</u> ss Server	Jan. 14, 8:00 a.m.	Quinn Wiewel & Thomas Wiewel			



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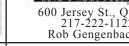


TV Mass for Shut-ins

The Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus broadcasts Mass for the Shut-ins every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Channel ABC (Basic Cable Channel 3). If you know of someone who would benefit from a

missal with Sunday and Daily Liturgies, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal FREE OF CHARGE.

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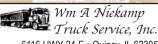
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