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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 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

### **NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

What difference does Jesus Christ make in your life? When you are at work or at play, does your faith in him make you any different from others? When you are relaxing with friends, or when you are enjoying recreation, are you any different because you know Christ Jesus?

Jesus Christ should be the meaning of every dimension of our lives. If we truly live for Christ, we don't need to parade it or to always talk "God-speak." People will know we are Christians by the way we live. They will see in our lives the reflection of Jesus Christ. Our deeds will speak louder than our words.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 (in the "Roaring Twenties") when civic and social life was divorced entirely from religion. It was the time of the rise of Totalitarian dictatorships. Among religious people, it was a time of sentimentality without substance.

We claim Christ as our King: All laws of nations must be subject to his moral reign. We claim Christ as our King: We cannot be content with mere sentimentality in our private religion; we are called to profess our faith publicly and boldly.

Our first reading is from Ezekiel. The metaphor of "shepherd" was used for the leaders of Israel, both secular and religious. Unfortunately, during Ezekiel's time, those leaders were corrupt. The Lord says that he himself will become our shepherd, our leader. He will rescue the scattered and lost sheep; he will protect all the sheep of his flock.

The fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians is a great sermon on the resurrection. Death is the great enemy, the great fear, of all people. But not for the Christian! Christ has risen from the dead. He is the "first fruits" or the cause of our own resurrection. Because he has risen, we, too, shall rise; death cannot hold us.

What, then do we ever have to fear? At the end of the world, all peoples will appear before the Lord. He will judge them on the basis of what they have done – or failed to do – to others. We shall be very surprised to hear that whatever we did – or failed to do – to our neighbor in need, we did (or failed to do) to Christ himself. Let us strive to see the image of Christ in every person. In this way we shall truly proclaim that he is king over our lives.

--Msgr. William Carr
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### 34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. First check out the mural of Christ the King and High Priest in our main entryway above the door. Look up! It's a great rendition. All the world is gathered together by our eternal King. This feast the readings seem strange. We would think kingship, and so we would expect a conquering mighty King.

The readings talk about a good shepherd and whether we did corporal works of mercy. This, brothers and sisters, is the kingship of Christ. He is a King who seeks out the lost and separates the good and bad. He is a King who comes to take account for how we have followed how He called us to live. When our King returns, He expects you have lived this life of faith, and if we don't, it's eternal punishment. If our King returns and finds you have lived this life of faith as He commanded, the righteous are welcomed to eternal life! Our Eternal High Priest and King is very different in what He sees as power and might. He sees it as an opportunity for justice, mercy, and most especially true and self-giving love.

Lastly, we are just beginning the feasibility study for our capital campaign. I know things have been delayed, so more information is coming soon. I highly encourage you to see the opportunity to give before the end of the year to the campaign if it helps you with your tax write offs! An opportunity to support the parish while getting the maximal gain in lesser taxes.

We have gained so many new families lately! If you are one of them, please come find me so I can meet you! If you see new faces, keep reaching out and welcoming them; they may be one of these wonderful new families, or they may be someone who is thinking of joining the parish! What a great opportunity to be good stewards of Hospitality. St. Francis keeps growing! Praise the Lord for these new blessings and your loving welcome!

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! Remember to truly remain a thankful people for all the blessings God gives us! See you in this very short Advent season! Prepare the way of the King, a little helpless baby.

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### Weekday Mass Intentions

November 27 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien		
November 28 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Louis & Joanna Venegoni		
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hardy and Allison Holbrook		
November 29 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Priscilla Morrison and Fr. Tom Shaughnessy		
wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Thompson Poore and Rosie Madison		
November 30 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	John Ohnemus and Mary Huckstep		
marsaay	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. William Dietrich		
December 1 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Al Dempsey		
December 2	8:00 a.m.	Martha Koetters		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	John Maxwell and Terry Niewohne		
	7:00 a.m.	Pete & Betty Harmon and Karen Holtschlag		
December 3 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Bockenfeld Meado and Jeff Bockenfeld		

Week of 11/19/2023	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$15,679.50	\$519,271.26	
Loose Collection	\$1,949.00	\$33,495.79	
Total Collection	\$17,628.50	\$519,271.26	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$604,700.00	
Difference	-\$12,606.50	-\$85,428.74	

Annual School Fund	\$736.00
Capital Campaign	\$140.00

Thank you for your continued support of our Faxish and School.

#### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, November 27

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. 9 Lessons rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

#### Tuesday, November 28

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 3:00 p.m. 9 Lessons rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies dinner meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

### Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:35 a.m. SF School Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

### Thursday, November 30

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. 9 Lessons rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting

### Friday, December 1

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Digital Scrapbooking
- 12:30 p.m. 9 Lessons rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice

#### Saturday, December 2

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 9:00 a.m. Holiday Bazaar
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass



The parish nurses will be conducting blood pressure screenings after all Masses next weekend.

The St. Francis Holiday Bazaar is December 2! 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Donations are being accepted for homemade baked goods and baskets. For more information or to make a donation call Angel Miranda, 217-316-0038 or angelmiranda112308@gmail.com.

Precious Moments from a collector's set will be on sale. Proceeds will go to St. Francis Church.

### Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

<u>Good Samaritan Home:</u> Kathleen "Kitty" Bueter, Phyllis Ehrhardt, Phyllis Hemm, Jean Powers, Joyce Weiss, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt.

<u>Illinois Veterans Home:</u> Tom Gott, Vicki Kurtz, Leo Luttrell, Donna Rischar, Ronald Whittaker.

<u>Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living:</u> Betty Klingele, Barbara Mitchell, Norma Russell, Judith Schmitz, Carlene Wolf.

<u>Sunset Home:</u> Charlotte Adam, Regina Blickhan, Ann Harness, Michael Mason, Doris Ohnemus, Bernice Walz, Janet Waterkotte, Ken Nelson. <u>The Arbors at Adams Pointe:</u> Stan Bartley, Jean Frericks, Barbara Kaiser, Marvin Russell. <u>Cedarhurst:</u> Margaret Andrews, Marjorie Spoonmore, Nancy Walker.

#### Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center: Dorothy Huber.

There will be a bin in the back of church and a bin inside the main entrance to the parish center to drop off the cards, which will be delivered in time for Christmas. Please sign your name in each card and state you are from St. Francis Solanus Church. Put the resident's name and nursing home on the outside of the envelope. **DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE.** 

### The final deadline for submitting cards is Monday, December 11.

If you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call Susan Mast, 217-222-5345. The Liturgy Committee will be selling Advent Wreaths and candles as well as cemetery cones, saddles and wreaths after all Masses November 25-26 and December 2-3.

The Liturgy Committee is seeking individuals or families to light the Advent wreath at the beginning of each Mass. If your family is interested in volunteering please contact Donette Cannady at 217-653-8442. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3.

#### **Socks and Underwear Collection**

From now until Christmas our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for those in need. Totes will be at the West main door and North doors of church for drop-off. All sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls. All donations will stay local and support our parish, school and Ladies of Charity. You may call Deacon Dennis Holbrook with any questions at 217-257-4384. Thank you!

## Advent Parish Mission at St. Peter, Quincy Sunday, December 3-Tuesday, December 5

This Advent parish mission will focus on the Eucharist as part of our National Eucharistic Revival. Presented by Fr. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB, a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. His parish mission will begin with the homily during all Masses on December 3 and continue with Parish Mission Conferences at 6:30 p.m. on December 4 and 5.

Fr. Kolbe's Sunday homily will be posted to the St. Peter social media accounts if you are unable to attend Mass.

St. Anthony Church Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, December 10, 7 a.m.-Noon. Dine in or carry out.

For advance meat orders call 217-257-2108.

There's sausage, chops, ribs, and cooked links.

Orders taken November 1-December 1.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Food and drinks served after the meeting. We plan to sell holiday fruit baskets again this year. We'll be making up the baskets on December 16 at 9 a.m. Some of our elves can deliver baskets if that's needed. It's never too early to place your order; \$20 each. Call or text John at 217-440-0875.

#### **Knights of Columbus News**

Thursday night raffle is growing. Tickets are on sale from 6-7:45, drawing at 8 p.m. The First Sunday Breakfast Buffet is December 3 from 8:30-Noon. Friday night chicken dinners will start back on December 8 from 5-7 p.m. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.



December 9 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center. The speaker will be Fr. James Wheeler, OFM, with a talk titled, "Mary, Our Pondering Mother." Reserve your spot by Monday, December 4 at noon by calling the parish office or Brenda Wand, 217-740-9797.

The menu includes breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries and drinks. Gluten free available.



**Nativity Displays** — Please stop by the parish center the **weekend of December 9-10** after all Masses to view a variety of Nativity sets representing different eras and interpretations of the event of the birth of the Savior in a humble manger. Bring the whole family and continue to remind yourselves that His birth is "the reason for the season!"

Catholics Returning Home is a program for non-practicing Catholics who have questions about returning to the Catholic Church.

The first session begins Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

#### Ladies of St. Francis News:

All ladies are invited to our holiday dinner this

Tuesday, November 28. We will enjoy Mass at 5:30
and dinner at 6:30 with ham, au gratin potatoes,
herb-roasted vegetables, and cheesecake.

There will be Christmas carols by the QND chorus,
a presentation on the Twelve Little Angels by
Diane Andrew and possibly a surprise visitor!

Please plan to join us in giving thanks for our many
blessings and to celebrate the beginning of Advent.
Please bring a non-perishable item to be
donated to our food pantry.

You may make your reservation by calling
Jan Zeidler, 217-779-0290 by November 26.
Dinner cost is half price at only \$5 per person.

Please join us for the festivities!

## The public is invited to join a Service of Lessons and Carols

in which the Christmas story will be told through scriptures, songs and hymns, featuring the Quincy University Choirs.

Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Church.

Pre-music begins at 6:30. Light refreshments will
follow the program.

This event is free.



### St. Francis Community Assistance is Thankful...

For our generous parishioners who keep the food pantry shelves stocked by bringing in groceries or donating money to help serve those in need.

- For our many volunteers who show up week after week to complete the many tasks that are needed to serve so many in our parish and community.
- For the office and school staff who help us with so many things, like bulletin articles, client direction, Panera Bread, food drives and general guidance.

We thank all of you and count you as a blessing!







Book Fair!—St. Francis School is hosting an online and in-person Literati Book Fair. Books for preschoolers through adults will be for sale.

Here's the link to the online fair:

https://efairs.literati.com/?school=saint-francis-solanus-school-quincy-il.

#### It is open for orders now.

Books will be shipped to school by December 18.

The in-person book fair will take place

December 4-8 in the school library.

Adults may shop on Thursday, December 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. Shoppers will be able to take the books home that night.

There's also a **preview event** Sunday, December 3 from Noon-3 p.m. in the school library.

Enjoy cookies and shopping. Enter through the College Avenue door.



PTO hosted a Bingo Night November 9.
A large crowd of all ages attended.
PTO plans to host another Bingo Night in the spring.

December 2-3	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus	Bobbie Talken William Niewohner Bridget Ehrhart Christina Ehrhart	Tom Liesen Michael Bickhaus Harold Vahle Tom Ennis John Veith Mary Ann Thomas	Steve Davis	Betty Kaufmann Janice Wiemelt <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Isaac Steinkamp	Roseann Gosnell Tony Freiburg Paulette Freiburg Jane Gregory	Terry Obert Joe Bernhardt Jerry Carnivale Scott Venvertloh Paul Eling Gary Terwelp	One Needed Please	Terry Niemann Joan Beard <b>Gift Bearer</b> Brad & Lisa Soebbing
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Owen Wheeler Sam Bruening Peyton Kendrick	Caitlin Kendrick Carol Darnell Leila Weppler Joanne Ortwerth	Gary Darnell Neal Blickhan Rob Frese Terry Nall Karl Venvertloh Joseph Darnell	Simon Bruening	Nancy Friye Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Priya Mamdani Teo Mamdani Mackenzie Sousa	Marcia Steinkamp Michael Wand Christina Rose Debra Beard	Evan Reichert Drew Erwin Rose Willer Ron Gengenbacher Sam Vranjes Diann Cole	Dennis Steinkamp	Brenda Wand James Doellman <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<u>Saturday Morning</u> Mass Server		December 2, 2023	Brady Koetters and Jack Costigan		



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