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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.

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Advent means “Coming.” The Lord Jesus comes in three ways: in *history* (at Bethlehem and in his public life,) in *mystery* (by his grace and in every sacrament,) and in *majesty* (at the end of the world, in glory, as our Judge.)

Today we emphasize his coming in majesty. This world will end; the Lord will return to take us to glory; we must live in hope and expectation. The coming of the Lord gives us hope: He promises that all things will work for good if we love him. He will bring good and not evil. He will save us and give us joy. We may suffer in this world for a time, but nothing can ever overcome the power of Christ who comes.

Our first reading is a cry for help, of longing for the Lord to tear the heavens apart and come down. We are weak sinners; only he can forgive and save. Our second reading is Paul’s prayer that we will persevere in holiness until the “Day” when Christ returns.

The Gospel is part of Mark’s “eschatological sermon.” We don’t know when Christ will return. It may be today. How would we want to live if we knew he would come today? Let us keep alert!

Today we begin a new cycle of Scripture readings. Our Sunday readings follow a three year cycle; this year is called “Year B.” Except for Lent and Easter, most of our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

Mark is often very blunt and harsh; but his Gospel is the most vivid of all. His Gospel is also the earliest Gospel to be written. It is customary to speak of the First Sunday of Advent as the beginning of our Church Year or Year of Grace. While this has much to say for it, the real “new year” probably should be at Easter time. Nevertheless, let us begin anew to celebrate the mysteries of Christ in our liturgy.

--Msgr. William Carr

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WATCH! This weekend we begin the shortest advent season we possibly can have! We begin with a warning from the Lord Jesus to be watchful and alert! This warning calls us to examine how to be better ready for the coming of the Lord. This is what Advent means, coming or arrival, so we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Isaiah tells us to take this time to be made new. Take this Advent season to allow the Lord to shape and mold and form us into the greatest version of yourself. The last sentence is rich and beautiful..."Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Allow the Lord this Advent season to mold and shape you to be watchful, alert, and ready for the coming of Jesus. Now and for his coming at the end of time.

This week we celebrate the Feast day of St. Nicholas on Wednesday, December 6. Teach your kids the tradition of this wonderful feast day. Have them put out their shoe or shoes outside their door and wait for the gifts from St. Nicholas over night. Maybe some fruit, a little piece of candy, a small religious item, ie., a medal or rosary or crucifix. I have also heard of St. Nicholas taking the opportunity to include a small gift that is left to the child for them to donate to the poor or hungry. And St. Nicholas hopes to teach them the gift of being grateful for any good gift. Take this opportunity to teach them the story of St. Nicholas the Bishop Myra in the fourth century. Teach them his generosity to those much less fortunate with his gifts of the dowries he left through the window of the poor young girls in a family. This made it possible for them to be married and cared for for the rest of their lives. Which is why he is the patron saint of children and unmarried people, among MANY other things. Read his story to them. This story is just one of many. Nicholas was known for his piety, his fasting, and deep prayer. Most especially he is known for his fidelity to orthodox teaching, even being well known for punching or slapping the heretic, Arius, during the First Council of Nicaea. Arius denied the divinity of Christ and tried to teach that Jesus was not eternal but instead created before time (created before the rest of creation). He is also known for his astonishing miracles. He may be one of those most well known, well loved, and amazing wonder worker of miracles from the Lord by his intercession.

Lastly start planning ahead because of this short Advent season. The last weekend of Advent is December 23 and 24. You need to go to mass that weekend to fulfill your Sunday obligation, but then we get the excitement of going immediately to celebrate Christmas Eve that Sunday evening and Christmas just after. So maybe take the opportunity to come to 4:30 to break up the masses of Advent and Christmas, even if it isn't your normal mass time. Or maybe go Sunday morning for Advent and Monday morning for Christmas to break up the masses, even if you aren't used to going on Christmas Day. This back to back is a opportunity and challenge from the Lord to shake things up to reaffirm our deep commitment to what our faith is all about. Dedication, preparation and celebration of not the present and the things of Christmas, but instead the dedication, preparation and celebration of the gift of Christ in the incarnation. Take this challenge and use it as an opportunity to refocus on the gift of devoted faithfulness to Christ, especially when it is tough!

One last thing...come join us for Lessons and Carols with the QU Choirs and myself for the opportunity to be moved by the music, sing along with, and give praise and glory to God to begin our preparation for the coming of the Lord.



Weekday Mass Intentions

December 4 Monday	6:30 a.m.	John Busse and Mary Huckstep
December 5 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Amy Waterkotte
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dietrich and Allison Holbrook
December 6 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Michael Grawe O.F.M.
	5:30 p.m.	Clara O'Brien and Rosie Madison
December 7 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	John Ohnemus
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. Harold "Butch" Venvertloh
December 8 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
	5:30 p.m.	Joe Eling and Mary Huckstep
December 9 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Austin M. Hermann and John Ohnemus
	4:30 p.m.	Don Klingele and Nate Gilbert
December 10 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	James Fischer
	9:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and Terry Niewohner
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

This week in the Parish:

Monday, December 4

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Blanket Project
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

Tuesday, December 5

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 1:30 p.m. Pastor Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Saint Study
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

Wednesday, December 6

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- **4:00 p.m. Adoration**
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Scout Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 7

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting

Friday, December 8

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- **8:35 a.m. SF School Mass**
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. QND Cross Country Banquet
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Week of 11/26/2023

Week

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	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$15,080.00	\$536,876.26
Loose Collection	\$1,754.52	\$36,250.31`
Total Collection	\$16,834.52	\$536,876.26
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$634,935.00
Difference	-\$13,400.48	-\$98,058.74

Annual School Fund	\$2,155.00
Capital Campaign	\$78.00

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

Rest in Peace

Lawrence "Larry" Costigan

February 11, 1955-November 22, 2023

and

Russell "Russ" Sparrow

April 24, 1958-November 27, 2023

Women's Saints Study

Women of all ages: Join us **this Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m.** in the parish center for our monthly study. Featured this month is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, presented by Anne Meyer. Bring a friend!

Women's Saints Study is open to all parishes. For more information contact Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513 or Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566.

This Friday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The anticipated Mass will be Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Masses will be 6:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. (School Mass) and 5:30 p.m.



The Liturgy Committee will be selling Advent Wreaths and candles as well as cemetery cones, saddles and wreaths after all Masses this weekend.

*****Next weekend we will include our former priests addresses for mailing Christmas cards.**

Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

Good Samaritan Home:

Kathleen "Kitty" Bueter, Phyllis Ehrhardt, Phyllis Hemm, Jean Powers, Joyce Weiss, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt.

Illinois Veterans Home:

Tom Gott, Vicki Kurtz, Leo Luttrell, Donna Rischar, Ronald Whittaker.

Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living:

Betty Klingele, Barbara Mitchell, Norma Russell, Judith Schmitz, Carlene Wolf, Stan Musholt, Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau.

Sunset Home:

Charlotte Adam, Regina Blickhan, Ann Harness, Michael Mason, Doris Ohnemus, Bernice Walz, Janet Waterkotte, Ken Nelson.

The Arbors at Adams Pointe:

Stan Bartley, Jean Frericks, Barbara Kaiser, Marvin Russell.

Cedarhurst:

Margaret Andrews, Marjorie Spoonmore, Nancy Walker.

Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Dorothy Huber.

Maple Lawn Nursing Home, Palmyra:

Maxine Wavering.

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.



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. Francis Community Assistance is thankful for our generous parish volunteers who deliver poinsettias and a Christmas card every year to parishioners who receive communion in their homes and all those over 90 years old. This could not be accomplished without your help!

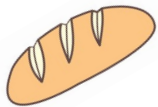
Holy Name News: The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Food and drinks served after the meeting. We plan to sell holiday fruit baskets again this year. We'll be making up the baskets on December 16 at 9 a.m. Some of our elves can deliver baskets if that's needed. It's never too 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.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the **Women's Breakfast**, 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 this Monday, December 4 at noon** by calling the parish office or Brenda Wand, 217-740-9797. Cost is \$12. The menu includes breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries and drinks. Gluten free available.

Please pick up a 2024 calendar at any entrance, courtesy of Duker and Haugh. One per household.



Help Our Food Pantry this Advent

If you are looking for a good way to prepare for Christmas this Advent Season, we would like to suggest this idea to you. 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:

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| December 1 - box of cereal | December 13 - pancake mix |
| December 2 - peanut butter | December 14 - can of spaghetti sauce |
| December 3 - mac and cheese | December 15 - spaghetti |
| December 4 - canned tuna | December 16 - pork & beans |
| December 5 - simple crackers | December 17 - canned soup |
| December 6 - can of mixed fruit | December 18—applesauce |
| December 7 - can of corn | December 19—syrup |
| December 8 - can of green beans | December 20—jelly |
| December 9 - hamburger helper | December 21—dish soap |
| December 10 - instant potatoes | December 22—toothpaste |
| December 11 - canned chicken | December 23—bar soap |
| December 12 - tuna helper | December 24—toilet paper |

Thank you!

Ladies of St. Francis News:

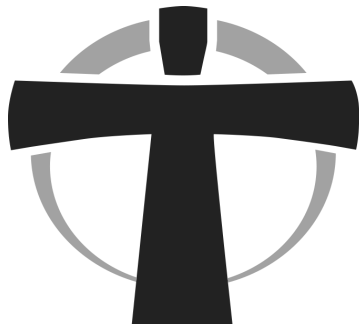
Thank you to everyone who attended our holiday dinner meeting. A special thanks to the volunteers from our Holy Name men's group for helping to serve. Also, thank you to the QND singers for sharing their beautiful voices. It was a wonderful evening! We are very blessed by our priests, Ladies, Holy Name volunteers and all of the support of our parish family and staff! Have a blessed Advent!

*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. **This 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.*

Ministry Schedules for January through April 7

will be posted soon. Please update your Mass time preferences and add any dates that you are not available **by December 11**. Easter Sunday is March 31. If you are not available to serve at any of the Holy Week services please update this as well. Thank you!

Nativity Displays — Please stop by the parish center the **weekend of December 9-10** after all Masses to view a variety of Nativity sets. They represent different eras and interpretations 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!"



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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 this Sunday, December 3** from Noon-3 p.m. in the school library. Enjoy cookies and shopping. Enter through the College Avenue door.

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St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate
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December schedule

Pop-Socket Selling (to earn money for stewardship)
Refer to Sign-Up Genius for your time or email Jane Ann for more information

Saturday, December 16 -

Buy & Wrap Gifts for Parish Giving Tree
Please email Jane Ann or call parish office to sign up.

Monday, December 18 - Faith Formation
with Nacho Bar (g/F options available)

Regular Monday Meetings will resume on January 9th

Who: 6th - 12th grades Where: Parish Hall When: Mondays 7:15 - 8:30
coordinator Jane Ann Petty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com



Advent Sock Drive

December 4th to December 15th, 2023

Help us fill Jesus' stocking this Christmas with new socks to benefit the St. Francis Food Pantry.

Drop off new socks to our **STOCKING** outside the Library on the 1st floor.



December 9-10	Altar Server Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Makayla Patton Dylan Fischer Callie Longlett	David Pillars Rose Pillars John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni	Jim Kaiser Michael Eling Joe Venvertloh	Tim Reichert Philip Kemner Greg Ehrhardt	Sheila Goehl	Tim & Cindy Reichert Patti Blickhan Gift Bearer Jane Dietrich
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Nathan Steinkamp	Carolyn Briddle Don Winking Steve Peters Karrie Cramsey-Groll	Joyce Frericks George Venvertloh Perry Terwelp	Kevin Frericks James Terwelp Jim Wilper	Jan Zeidler	Sandra Banning Larry Klausner Gift Bearer Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Alex Lawrence Hailey Terwelp Molly Costigan	Linda Burke Brad Kendrick Holly Hummel Carol Haistings	Jason Costigan Rob Haistings Joseph Wiewel	Troy Hummel Bing Lammers Neal Blickhan	Bruce Broemmel	Judy Akers Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Reno Venvertloh Urban Venvertloh August Venvertloh	Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer Carol Steinbrecher Christy Woodward	Adam Hightower Rose Willer Don Olps	Brent Frericks Drew Erwin Diann Cole	Daryle Hightower	Nancy Hufendick Patricia Tomczak Gift Bearer Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh
<i>Saturday Morning</i> Mass Server		December 9, 2023	Allie Vranjes and Mia Vranjes			



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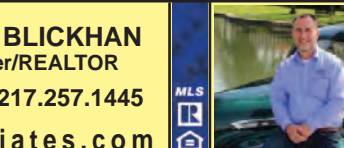


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