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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.

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14;  
Mark 1:1-8

Jewish tradition expected that everything would be instantly perfect when the Messiah came. There would be justice, peace, an end to all suffering and death, plenty of food and of the good things of earth for every faithful person. It didn't happen that way.

The primitive Church saw the problem: Jesus *IS* the Messiah; why then aren't things perfect? The Church proclaimed that all would be perfect when Jesus the Messiah returned in his glory. And that would be very soon. But it didn't happen.

Our second reading is a sort of rationalization at the delay in the glorious Coming of Christ (the Parousia.) It tells us that a day is as a thousand years, and vice versa, in God's eyes. According to his time frame, it has only been a couple of days since Jesus ascended to heaven. What happens when our expectations are not fulfilled? Do we lose hope? Are we embittered?

Our first reading is from the second part of Isaiah; it was written toward the end of the Babylonian Captivity. The Jews in exile expected liberation; they expected that the Messiah would come immediately and that all would be perfect.

The reading begins the section of Isaiah called "The Book of Consolation." The captivity (service) of the Jews is at an end, but they must make ready for the Coming of the Lord.

Jewish tradition taught that the Messiah would come instantly *IF* everyone repented at exactly the same time! It's not bad theology! If we all repented and prepared, surely the Lord would come in glory.

The Gospel is the beginning of Mark's Gospel: John the Baptist calls on us to "turn our lives around," to make straight a way for the Lord. If all of us do, then surely we would see the glory of the Lord.

--Msgr. William Carr

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This weekend's readings we hear about the comfort of the Lord and how he comes to save us. And for us to know that our salvation is near he sends us a messenger. A voice crying out in the desert that we make straight a pathway for the Lord most especially of our heart. That we cry out from the mountaintops like that messenger this good news of the Lord and his coming. This brings us to John the Baptist this weekend who does just this. He cries out in the desert announcing the way of the Lord. He calls us to conversion to prepare for the coming of our God. He announces the greatness of God and humbles himself. We need to follow the example of John the Baptist in our own life of faith. We need to echo his words, "He must increase; I must decrease."

Someone in the parish tailored the parish's really old gold cope. They did such a phenomenal job. It was starting to tear, and they made it look perfect again. I can't remember who that was so I hope you're reading this and will come forward and let me know. I thought I knew who it was, but it wasn't. So please catch me after mass or call the parish office and let me know if it was you.

Last weekend we had a wonderful experience with lessons and carols. If you don't come to that I really do encourage you to come to that next year. Make the time, it is well worth it. Bring your children they will love it. Thank you to Jesse Mose for all he does to make this possible every year. Thank you to the QU choirs and musicians for all that they have done this year. Thank you to the QU professors and all their work in making this possible. You get to sing your favorite Christmas carols and hear wonderful music to prepare for the coming of Christmas, as well as preparing your heart with the scriptures. Thank you also to Dr. McGee, our Parishioner and president of the university. It is a great relationship we have with now Quincy University, and I am very grateful for it.

This week we were able to finish the audio-visual work in the hall, and we were able to fix the clock tower and bells. We are moving along in our projects. I also finished the work I have been doing on a master's degree to become a better administrator. The degree is from the University of St. Thomas Houston as a Masters in Ecclesial Administration and Management. It is a Master of Science in administration and management to be exact. This program has been immensely helpful already, and I can't wait to use what I have learned in the program to continue to lead better in our parish.

As we begin to put the Manger scene out, we're trying a new tradition. There will be a basket of straw nearby. I encourage you and your children to come forward and take a piece of straw from the basket and place it in the Manger scene. This way we all participate in preparing the Manger for the Lord. Even if you leave early or if you hightail it out of here as fast as you can, for once I encourage you to come over and place a piece of straw in the Manger. This way we all can participate in making a home for the Lord in our church and in our hearts.



# *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>December 11 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Roger Cook
<b>December 12 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Terry Niewohner and Mary Huckstep
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Huckstep
<b>December 13 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Vincent Brown
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Allison Holbrook
<b>December 14 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Clara O'Brien
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Janis Blickhan Foreman and Sharon O'Donnel
<b>December 15 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Sharon Waterkotte and Larry Costigan
<b>December 16 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Ed Huner and Mary Costigan
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Carl, Fr. Gary & Connie Bernhardt and Billy Moore
<b>December 17 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Bill & Katie Brink and Bob Brinkman
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Ryan Burke and Jeff Steinkamp

## This week in the Parish:

### Monday, December 11

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. SFS PTO meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

### Tuesday, December 12

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:15 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging

### Wednesday, December 13

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. QCS Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

### Thursday, December 14

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting

### Friday, December 15

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5996 meeting

### Saturday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

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

### **Week of 12/3/2023**

### **Week**

### **YTD**

Regular Collection	\$24,058.50	\$571,755.05
Loose Collection	\$1,473.78	\$36,724.09
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$25,532.28</b>	<b>\$571,755.05</b>
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$665,170.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$4,702.72</b>	<b>-\$93,414.95</b>

### **November Special Collections:**

Alaska—\$3,680.18  
 All Saints—\$3,035.25  
 Annual School Fund—\$13,953.17  
 Campaign for Justice & Hope—\$1,149  
 Cemetery Collection—\$2,585.10  
 Capital Campaign—\$12,203  
 Food Pantry—\$5,916

Annual School Fund	\$5,755
Capital Campaign	\$1,292.59



### **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!

### ***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 Sylvia Brocksieck.

#### **Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living:**

Betty Klingele, Barbara Mitchell, Norma Russell, Judith Schmitz, Carlene Wolf, Fr. Irenaeus Kimminau, Charlotte Poore.

#### **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.

### **Holiday Cards for Priests and Seminarians**

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

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

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

**Fr. Bob Barko OFM** (new address): 26W171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL. 60187

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

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

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

**Alex McCullough:** St. Meinrad. 200 Hill Dr. St. Meinrad, IN 47577

**Thomas Marten:** Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Dr. St. Louis, Mo. 63119

### ***Congratulations and Welcome!***

*Ambrose Oak Holtschlag*

*Son of Micah & Victoria Holtschlag;*

*Catherine Faye Rogers*

*Daughter of Jason & Janelle Rogers;*

*Garrett W. Spradlin & Silas R. Spradlin*

*Sons of Eric and Kourtney Spradlin*

*All baptized into the Catholic Faith*

*at St. Francis Solanus.*

*We also welcome Janelle Rogers, who was received and confirmed into the Church at St. Francis Solanus.*

### **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 available to serve at any of the Holy Week services please update this as well. Thank you!



**Holy Name News:** The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Food and drinks served after the meeting. Please order your holiday fruit baskets soon! Profits go to the St. Francis Food Pantry. 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. Each basket is \$20. Call or text John at 217-440-0875.

### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Thursday night raffle is growing to \$11,000. Tickets are on sale from 6-7:45, drawing at 8 p.m. Friday night chicken dinners will start back. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Drive through or eat in. For \$13 you'll get half a chicken and all of the sides. We'll have karaoke on Saturday December 16 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Visit [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org) for more information.

### ***Are you looking for stocking stuffers?***

*The Knights of Columbus raffle calendars make great Christmas gifts with chances to win cash every day in 2024 for only \$25 per calendar. Buy them at the bar or call John Veith at 653-0258 or Mike Schlipmann, 653-9318 for more details or to buy a calendar. Your purchase will help support Knights charities, including our catholic schools, Ladies of Charity, Birthright and many others.*

*Thank you for your support!*

### **Ladies of St. Francis News:**

Thank you to our special visitor from the North who dropped in on our Ladies meeting November 28! He and Mrs. C. passed out candy to all of our guests. The Ladies of St. Francis will not meet again until March. So have a blessed Advent and **mark your calendars for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.**



### ***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:*

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

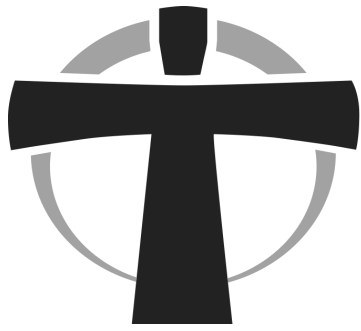
Thank you!

***The Liturgy Committee will be putting up the large trees by the altar Saturday, December 16 at 9 a.m. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to join them.***

### ***You're invited to help fill our Manger—***

*Father Arisman and the Liturgy Committee would like to invite everyone to fill the stable in our Nativity. After Mass anytime this week please come to the Nativity at the front of church and add a handful of straw from one of the baskets to our stable.*

***Nativity Displays —*** Please stop by the parish center **this weekend, 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!"



# St. Francis Solanus School

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Eli Terwelp, Sadie Hilbing and Emmalyn Bruening volunteered to learn to be altar servers. Currently, new servers are shadowing experienced servers.

## 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.

### School Dates to Note:

**Monday, December 11**—PMO and QND Choir concert at St. Peter Church 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 18**—Christmas program in church for K-5, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 20**—Christmas parties for preschool-8th grade, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 20**— End of the second quarter. Christmas break begins with 11:30 a.m. dismissal.

**December 21-January 3**— No School. Christmas break.



St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate  
"Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"

## 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

December 16-17	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday 4:30 p.m.</b>	Thomas Wiewel Quinn Wiewel Reese Meehan	Phyllis Knuffman Roger Knuffman Jessica Veith Kirby Wiemelt	Brian Dreier Mary Ann Thomas Tom Ennis	Tom Liesen Michael Eling Harold Vahle	Zachary Maas	Betty Kaufmann Janice Wiemelt <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel
<b>Sunday 7:00 a.m.</b>	Chloe Terwelp	Jan Zeidler Kay Gallaher Sue Winking Gary Winking	Rich Zeidler Jerry Meyer Ed Zanger	Roger Gallaher Roch Schulte Robert Harman	Steve Davis	Kathy Klausner Larry Klausner <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sarah Lugerig
<b>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</b>	Makayla Patton Macy Patton Ginger Grawe	Becky Gengenbacher Kristen Patton Cindy Grawe Ronald Upper	Mark Meyer Steven Eling Mike Patterson	Melissa Arnold Jason Cramsey Gary Darnell	Rick Gengenbacher	Nancy Friye Prudy Patterson <b>Gift Bearer</b> Rob Frese
<b>Sunday 11:00 a.m.</b>	Paul Steinkamp Nathan Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Sue Holbrook Mike Holbrook Chris Duvall <b>One Needed</b>	Don Olps Mike Fessler Bud Voss	Steve Obert Dennis Greving <b>One Needed</b>	Rachel Waterkotte	Margaret Steinbrecher James Doellman <b>Gift Bearer</b> Sam Vranjes
<b>Saturday Morning Mass Server</b>		<b>December 16, 2023</b>	<b>Jacob Collins and David Bickhaus</b>			



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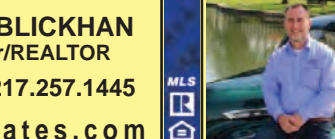


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