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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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;

Luke 2:22-40 or Luke 2:22, 39-40

[There are alternate Biblical texts that may be used
 for the first and second readings.]

We desperately need fathers who sacrifice themselves for their families. We need fathers and mothers who are firm in discipline with their children, but in whose hearts Christ's peace and love always reigns.

Children will grow to be like their models, their parents: If parents are undisciplined, children will likewise be undisciplined. If parents are indifferent in their faith, we can't expect children to be any different. Today we pray that our families will model themselves after the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

Our first reading is from *Sirach*. In older Bibles, this book is called *Ecclesiasticus*, a word which means "Church Book." It was called that because it was the most frequently used Old Testament book in the liturgy. The book is Hebrew poetry, in couplets.

Today's reading is plain common sense: Each member of the family needs to respect every other member. Each member of the family must realize his/her distinct role.

The second reading expands on this theme: Husbands are not wives, nor are wives husbands: each has a distinct role. Children are not parents; they must not usurp the parental role; nor can parents abdicate their responsibility to guide their children.

The Gospel scene is forty days after Jesus' birth. The Savior of the world, born in obscurity, is presented in the Temple. Two old people come and bear witness that he is the promised one. The Gospel was probably selected because of the last two sentences: The family returned to Nazareth, and Jesus grew, filled with wisdom and grace. And he was obedient to Mary and Joseph.

--Msgr. William Carr

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

This weekend we focus on the Feast of the Holy Family. A beautiful feast day that reminds us of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their love as a family. It is such a beautiful feast day to remind us that although there are great difficulties we may encounter as a family, as long as the Lord is the center, Jesus, and all are focused on the will of the Father in heaven, we can endure every trial and overcome any difficulty.

We may be asked for impossible tasks as a family, but with Christ at the center of our family, as He is in the Holy Family, the impossible becomes possible. Model your families after the Holy Family and see the many blessings that come from the very gift of Family.

We also celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God this Monday. Since it is a Monday this year, it is NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! We have a mass for the vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a mass at 9 a.m. on the feast. This day we remind ourselves of the gift of Mary as her oldest title, Mary the Mother of God, the Theotokos. What a blessing we have in the Blessed Mother, as even her title tells us who Jesus is more and more. She always leads us and points us to her son.

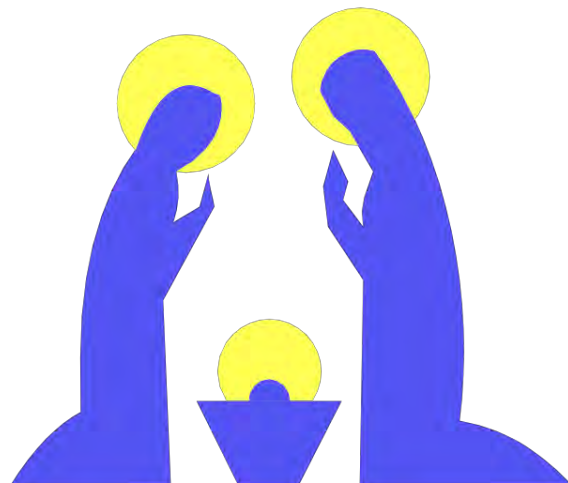
Lastly, we are still in Christmas. Keep your trees, decorations, lights, etc. up! Christmas has just begun and we must turn the tide of this cultural Christmas that has upended how Christmas is to be celebrated. The world used to follow our lead, but we started following the lead of the world, and we need to turn that back around.

Keep wishing people a Merry Christmas and remind them we are in the 12 days of Christmas right now (December 25-January 5). Keep celebrating and know it's ok to keep sending Christmas cards. What a blessing we have as Catholics to know that we prepare well, but we celebrate more! Enjoy this Christmas season.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas day and I wish you many blessings into the New Year. May we get excited for the new year in our parish as well! The Lord has many blessings and much excitement for the coming year! Happy New Year to you all!

Merry Christmas! Keep your families holy in the example of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!

Rev. Steven Aismann



Weekday Mass Intentions

January 1 Monday	9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
January 2 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Alice Adair and Richard Venvertloh
	5:30 p.m.	Sandra Koettters
January 3 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and Don Holtschlag
	5:30 p.m.	Leo Domzalski and Roy Dean Bizaillion
January 4 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Shirley Bornman and Mary Costigan
	5:30 p.m.	Judy Sohn and Allison Holbrook
January 5 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Tom Ketchum and Janice Blickhan-Foreman
January 6 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Alice Adair and Jim Meyer
	4:30 p.m.	Donald Klingele and Mary Dadant
January 7 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Terry Niewohner and Mary Huckstep
	9:00 a.m.	Bill & Katie Brink and Rosie Madison
	11:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis

This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, January 1** Happy New Year!
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- **Tuesday, January 2**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. The Belonging
- 7:00 p.m. Dying Without Fear talk
- **Wednesday, January 3**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 4:00 p.m. Adoration
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Catholics Returning Home
- **Thursday, January 4**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 12:00 p.m. QCS meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting
- **Friday, January 5**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5996
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- **Saturday, January 6**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

Week of 12/24/2023	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$28,917.50	\$659,890.55
Loose Collection	\$1,670.31	\$41,780.26
Total Collection	\$30,587.81	\$659,890.55
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$755,875.00
Difference	\$352.81	-\$95,984.45
Annual School Fund	\$2,649.00	
Capital Campaign	\$2,070.00	
Christmas offering	\$20,144.20	

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

Mass times for New Year's Day

***The Feast of the Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy Mother of God.***

***This is a holy day, but not a holy day of
obligation this year:***

Sunday, December 31—5:30 p.m. Vigil

Monday, January 1—9 a.m.

No 6:30 a.m. Mass.



Christmas Memorials

These individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and will be remembered during the Christmas season.

Edward Brocksieck

Kelly Rossmiller

Merle Smith

Barbara Smith Nichols

Charles Smith

Paul Steinkoenig

Howard Yates

A holiday greeting from Fr. Beagles

Dear Parish Family:

I earnestly pray this humble note finds you all doing very well in the Lord! I miss you all, and I pray for you as I take great comfort in your prayers for me and my ministry.

Thank you!

I enjoy my parishes here and am surprised I enjoy the prison chaplaincy, too. I didn't know what to expect at the prison. But the men there are eager to learn about Jesus and His love and acceptance of them.

While the towns here are on the smaller side, I do stay very busy. There is so much I must do myself as the only priest, and I am not a spring chicken anymore!

I sure wish so many miles did not separate us! Still, we are together in prayer, especially the Eucharist, and I trust that in the next realm we "will have all the time in the world."

To Fr. Arisman and Fr. Rafal, to Deacons Wayne and Dennis, the school staff and students, the stellar office staff, wonderful rectory staff, array of gifted musicians and volunteers, indeed to the **entire St. Francis Solanus Parish Family**, I extend a heartfelt prayer that you enjoy great Christmas joy and peace, and blessings aplenty in the new year!

Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Has the Covid pandemic brought feelings of restlessness or loneliness to your life? If so, we would like to welcome you back to St. Francis Solanus Parish.


*We have a special ministry for people like you who have been away from the Church. **Please join us for a six-week series that begins this Wednesday, January 3 in the parish center at 6:30 p.m.** We would like to address your questions and make you feel at home once more in the Catholic Church. For more information please call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.*

Thank you from Deacon Dennis and Pat Holbrook

The St. Francis family is always so generous and this year was no exception. We thank you for your many donations of socks and underwear. There will be more warm feet this year because of your support! The Ladies of Charity will have plenty to distribute to the many needy men, women, boys and girls. You are in our continued prayers and we hope you are blessed in 2024!

Dying Without Fear

A talk from Deacon Dennis Holbrook



Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM
St. Francis Solanus Parish Center - Quincy, IL
All are welcome to attend!

Living a Christ-centered life means we can face suffering and death without fear. I pray that this talk will enlighten our perspective on this topic and how our relationship with God can truly help us approach the end of our earthly life. Ray Wheeler will accompany us that evening with music and songs.

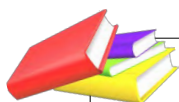
Holy Name News: Happy New Year from the Holy Name men! Our next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at 6 p.m.

Knights of Columbus News

We are taking a few weeks off for the holidays from The Thursday Night Raffle and Friday Night Chicken Dinners. We will start back up this week with the raffle January 4 and chicken dinner on January 5. The next Sunday morning buffet breakfast is January 7 from 8:30-Noon. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.

Contribution statements—If you would like a copy of your giving statement for 2023 please call or email the parish office by Wednesday, January 10 at 217-222-2898 or church@stfrancissolanus.com. You will only get a statement if you request one.

The Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who participated in our 2024 Calendar Raffle. We wish you good luck! There are still raffle calendars for sale with 366 chances to win cash in 2024 for only \$25 per calendar. Call John Veith, 653-0258 or Mike Schlippman, 653-0075 for more details or to purchase a 2024 raffle calendar. Your purchase helps support KofC charities, including our Catholic schools, coats for kids, and food pantries. Thank you for your support!



New in the Parish Library!

Families with toddlers can now stop by our parish library located in the north entry area to pick out some wonderful Catholic board books to read with your children. You may borrow a book for use during Mass and return it after Mass. To take a book home, fill out the corresponding card in the box and return the book within the month. We hope these books will provide many spiritually enriching opportunities for you and your children or other young family members.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

The Ladies of St. Francis wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Please be thinking about an opportunity to become an officer of the Ladies of St. Francis. In May the current officers will have served two years and it's time for some new ladies to take over and try some new and exciting ideas with this wonderful group of faith-filled women. Think about this opportunity to share your gifts and talents with this group, your parish and our community. We will organize a nominating committee at our next meeting Tuesday, March 19. Please be willing to volunteer! Thank you.



The Advent Christmas Tree Committee wants to thank each of you who took an ornament or two from the tree to fulfill the Christmas wishes of one of our parishioners. There were many times we were brought to tears as we sorted and distributed the gifts. Your generosity was definitely from the heart! You are the living gospel!

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Benefitting the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip
Sunday, January 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at
QND \$9 for adults, \$5 for children. Kids under 5 eat free.**



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



St. Francis Solanus School

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Merry Christmas!

Sunday, **January 7** - Bear is hosting
Coffee & Doughnuts
after 7am & 9am Mass
Monday, **January 8** -
regular meetings resume with
Game Night & Pizza

 **BEAR**

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

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

Our school is still enrolling students for the half-day, three day a week preschool class. The child must have had their third birthday to enroll and may be up to age five. This class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:10-11:00. Jennifer Mast and Connie Sibbing are the teacher and assistant.

*Contact Principal Julie Radel if you are interested in learning more at
jradel@stfrancissolanus.com or
217-222-4077.*

*Happy New Year!
Enjoy your holiday break.
We'll see you January 4*

School Dates to Note:

Thursday, January 4—School begins.

January 28-February 2—Catholic Schools Week

Friday, February 2—PTO Family Glow Dance.

Sunday, March 3—First Reconciliation for second grade, 1:30 in church.

Saturday, April 20—Confirmation and First Communion for third graders at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

January 6-7	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Quinn Wiewel Thomas Wiewel Emily O'Leary	Dick Mitchell Darlene Mayes Nancy Venegoni Amy Kaiser	Jim Kaiser Mark F. Dietrich Michael Bickhaus	Dennis Kendrick Brian Dreier Michael Eling	Helen Zimmerman	Theresa Rohrer Russell Rohrer Gift Bearer Randy Zecchel
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Gabriella Groll Isaac Steinkamp	Gary Winking Sue Winking Karrie Cramsey-Groll Jane Gregory	Joe Bernhardt Perry Terwelp Roch Schulte	Scott Venvertloh Larry Klauser Jack Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle	Jerry Meyer Gift Bearer Kathy Klauser
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Carson Kerkhoff Piper Darnell Lincoln Darnell	Andrew Wemhoener Ann Betts Ronald Upper Ric Hinkamper	Rob Haistings Bing Lammers Joseph Wiewel	Mike Zanger Samuel Zanger Joseph Darnell	Monica Hinkamper	Nancy Friye Jill Blickhan Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	August Venvertloh Reno Venvertloh Urban Venvertloh	Michelle Meyer Ted Meyer Marvin Knuffman One Needed Please	Brent Frericks Steve Obert Marty Karhoff	Mike Holbrook Mike Fessler Don Olps	Karen Steinkamp	Margaret Steinbrecher Doris Karhoff Gift Bearer Jamie Friye
<u>Saturday Morning</u> <u>Mass Server</u>		January 6, 2024	Brady Koettters			



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