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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time JANUARY 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

A common thread in each of today's Scripture readings is: "The time is short!" Therefore, we should change our ways and live for the Lord.

The first reading is from the parable of Jonah. This book of the Bible is an *extended parable* – a fictional story with a spectacular ending used to teach a religious lesson.

God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh to announce its destruction. Jonah, like all good Jews, hated the monstrous Ninevites; he did not want to warn them; he thought their destruction was good riddance.

He tried to escape aboard a ship; a storm came up; Jonah says that he was the cause. He is thrown overboard, swallowed by a great fish, and for three days has a chance to reconsider going to Nineveh! Our reading takes up from here. Much to Jonah's surprise, when he announces Nineveh's destruction, the pagans repent!

In the second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that the time is short. Therefore they should live in this world in expectation of the world to come.

Today's Gospel tells a story of the call of the first disciples very different from last Sunday's account. Jesus proclaims that the time of fulfillment is at hand; the reign of God is here; therefore everyone should repent. Very likely the first disciples left their homes and work in expectation that the end was coming.

What are a few short years on earth compared to eternity? In our present attitude, we might consider that the end is far away. But time has a way of speeding by geometric increments! We should live each day as if it is our last. We should always ask ourselves, "How does this word or action fit in with my eternal goal?" The time is short; live for the Lord.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Kingdom of God is at hand! The readings this weekend almost seem like we are already in Lent, but FYI Lent is just around the corner! Start your consideration now of what penance and practices you will do this Lent. Remember it shouldn't just be giving something up. Give something up, as well as do extra prayer, sacrifice, almsgiving, and service. Back to this weekend.

We hear about Jonah and Nineveh. Jonah went to warn them of their destruction for their egregious sins. Jonah hated the Ninevites so much that he fled the Lord's command. Now he is taking three days to go through the city with his warning. The people of Nineveh believed the warning, repented, sat in sack cloth (scratchy potato sack like material) and ash. Everyone talks about how the merciful and loving God didn't exist in the Old Testament, which is completely false. Here is a prime example as the Lord turned them away from the destruction that was promised because of their conversion. This is mercy.

It is never too late nor impossible to heed the warning and turn back to God. Return to the Lord and you shall be saved, not just from destruction, as in the Ninevites, but saved eternally in paradise. Jesus announces the kingdom of heaven today, but for our salvation, much like the Ninevites, we must repent and believe. Notice in both the story of Jonah and the gospel, belief AND repentance are necessary. Jesus doesn't just want your yes, He wants your heart and whole self. So many Christians miss that its both. We must not only believe, but we must call that belief into action.

This brings us to the end of the Gospel passage from Mark today. The call of Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus calls and they not only believe but respond. We must encounter Christ, hear his call, and respond. Leaving everything we were behind, so that we may be the new creation we are called to be in this encounter. Once we encounter Christ, we can never go back to our old ways, our old self, and our old work. Instead, once we have repented and believed we are never the same again, but in the best of ways! Don't be afraid to repent and believe. Don't be afraid to give your heart to the Lord. Don't be afraid to be different and new. Don't be afraid or let your hatred of some other people get in the way, to announce a turning back to the Lord like Jonah. Don't be afraid to be fishers of men, bringing them to Christ! Be those witnesses.

On behalf of Fr. Rafal and myself, I want to thank everyone for their Christmas cards, gifts, and generosity this Christmas. It means so very much to us, and I truly was grateful for the encouragement and kind words many of you wrote. It means a lot. Thank you.

Remember during the winter months, do not use the middle steps and middle door on the west side of the building. It's the giant door. We have great trouble keeping the massive steps in the front clean because of blowing and drifting and ice. We focus on the two smaller doors on the sides. Also, the big door opens with the wind and causes our heating costs to skyrocket. It will be locked in the winter months from now on for safety.

Lastly welcome to many new parishioners and families. Help people feel welcome at mass. Greet someone if they look new! Keep up your amazing hospitality and welcome! We have so much to be grateful for at St. Francis, and so much to share with everyone we encounter to tell them of the amazing things happening here! Well done to you all!



Weekday Mass Intentions

January 22 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Doris Girouard and Stan Musholt	
January 23	6:30 a.m.	Sharon O'Donnel	
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Angela Huner	
January 24	6:30 a.m.	Mary Costigan and Tom Gott	
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Alice Adair and Raymond Maas	
January 25 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien and Joe Genenbacher	
	5:30 p.m.	Allison Holbrook and Gus Nauert	
January 26 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Janet Marie Trimble	
January 27	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Bornman	
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Carl, Connie & Fr. Gary Bernhardt	
January 28 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis	
	9:00 a.m.	Carl & Jeanette Carlson	
	11:00 a.m. Fr. Carberry a	Fr. Carberry and Elaine Martin	

Week of 1/14/2024	Week	YTD			
Regular Collection	\$22,802.25	\$746,698.09			
Loose Collection	\$843.60	\$46,212.18			
Total Collection	\$23,645.85	\$746,698.09			
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$846,580.00			
Difference	\$-6,589.15	-\$99,881.91			
Annual School Fund—\$3,285.50					

YTD-\$122,957.78

,	This week in the Parish:
<u>Mon</u>	day, January 22
6:30	a.m. Mass
6:00	p.m. PSR
	p.m. Rosary
7:15	p.m. BEAR meeting
Tues	day, January 23
6:30	a.m. Mass
9:00	a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
5:30	p.m. Mass
6:15	p.m. Stewardship meeting
6:30	p.m. Women's Prayer Group
7:00	p.m. The Belonging
Wed	nesday, January 24
6:30	a.m. Mass
9:30	a.m. Adoration
1:00	p.m. Pastors meeting
5:30	p.m. Mass
6:30	p.m. Catholics Returning Home
7:00	p.m. Men's Prayer Group
<u>Thur</u>	sday, January 25
6:30	a.m. Mass
9:00	a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
1:00	p.m. Scripture Discussion
5:30	p.m. Mass
6:30	p.m. OCIA
6:30	p.m. Troop 22 Meeting
	p.m. Scripture Discussion
	ay, January 26
6:30	a.m. Mass
<u>Satu</u>	rday, January 27
8:00	a.m. Mass
8:30	a.m. Reconciliation
10:0	0 a.m. Cursillo Prep
4:00	p.m. Scouts Soup Supper
3:00	p.m. Reconciliation
	p.m. Mass

Thank you for your continued support of our school and parish!

Special Collections—December 2023: Alaska—\$4,352; Annual School Fund—\$35,155; Capital Campaign—\$19,989.62; Catholic Children's Home—\$3,560; Christmas Flowers—\$4,020; Christmas Offering—\$28,287.20; Food pantry—\$4,737.35; Immaculate Conception—\$3,376.25; Retirement Fund for Religious—\$1,920. <u>St. Francis Lenten Parish Mission</u> Save the date for our parish mission March 3, 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. each evening. The guest speaker will be Dr. Karen Shadle, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Louisville, KY.

Rest in Peace Daniel Richmiller September 27, 1948—January 12, 2024

> Congratulations and Welcome! Camberly Meats Baptized into the Catholic faith January 14, 2024

Scouts Soup Supper St. Francis Scouts BSA Committee is having a soup supper on Saturday, January 27 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish center. The scouts will be serving a choice of three soups: Chicken noodle, chili and hot and spicy chili. There will also be grilled cheese sandwiches, corn bread, drinks and dessert. Dine-in tickets are \$9 each or \$27 for the family. There's also to-go orders and half-gallon bulk orders available. Proceeds go to Cub Scout Pack 22 and Scouts BSA Troop22 of St. Francis Church. Ø.

Kick off Catholic Schools Week! With a special Coffee and Donuts next Sunday, January 28 after the 7 and 9 a.m. masses in the parish center. This special week runs January 28 through Saturday, February 3.

Thank you! To the kind person who found a hearing aid in the parking lot, thank you very much for putting this on the podium inside the church for me to find. I am so thankful for the care you took with this and appreciate your act of kindness. Marvin Mast

Thank you! To our parish community who addressed holiday greeting cards for our parishioners in nursing homes and memory care as part of our annual Christmas Card Shower. This special holiday gift means so much to those parishioners and their families. A total of 2,080 cards were delivered.

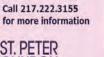
From Susan Mast and Jane Gregory.

Trip to Poland with Fr. Rafal

Good news! There is still room on the trip to Poland with Fr. Rafal May 4-15. You will be traveling with Fr. Rafal, Mecki Kosin, and her trusted driver, Peter. Stops include Warsaw, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Zakopane and Krakow and includes a stop to Fr. Rafal's home parish. Breakfast and dinner are included, along with sightseeing. Prices start at \$4,261 per person, double occupancy. Call the Travel House of Quincy, 217-222-0515 right away to guarantee your seat on this wonderful trip!



- Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25
- Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria
- Childcare available for children age 1 and older





Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Lenten Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Lenten season.

Holy Name News: Something fishy is going on with the Holy Name Men! Make plans to take your Valentine to Mass and a delicious fish dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Serving from 4-7 p.m. Eat in or drive through for \$13. **Knights of Columbus News** The Thursday Night Raffle is back with a jackpot of \$11,905. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 with the drawing at 8. We will have Friday Night Chicken Dinners every Friday until Lent when we will switch to Fish Dinners. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Eat in or drive through. \$13 will get you more food than you can eat. Visit quincykofc.org for more information. Scholarship Opportunity—The Women of the Ladies of St. Francis News: Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women The Ladies of St. Francis wish everyone a are offering four, \$2,000 college scholarships to Happy New Year! four outstanding Catholic high school senior Please be thinking about an opportunity to become • an officer of the Ladies of St. Francis. In May the young women. current officers will have served two years and it's Deadline to enter is March 30. time for some new ladies to take over and try some If you are interested in applying, contact your high new and exciting ideas with this wonderful group of school principal, guidance office or parish office for faith-filled women. an application, or email Think about this opportunity to share your gifts and shirleydallmier@gmail.com for more information. • talents with this group, your parish and our • community. We will organize a nominating S.D.C.C.W. Winter/Lenten Retreat • committee at our next meeting Tuesday, March 19. Please be willing to volunteer! Thank you. Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 at Villa Maria in Springfield. Registration is due by February 17. 2nd Annual Mardi Gras With: Author, historian, and educator Fr. Richard Chiola The Gentlemen will be the featured speaker. Registration forms are Year one was so much fun we decided to available in the parish center. do it again! Join The Gentlemen to celebrate Mardi Gras at Collection for the Catholic Times - Our Dick Brothers Brewery on Saturday, February 10 nationally honored publication has always been from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and a key communication tool for our diocese. This \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit the past year, Catholic Times launched a new QCES Foundation. Tickets are available at website, **dio.org/catholic times** that features ticketstripe.com/MardiGras24. podcasts, videos, articles, Bishop Paprocki's column and a better search tool. During the month of January please consider a

During the month of January please consider a donation through your second collection envelope or online at **dio.org/give.**

There will be an hour of Adoration for Priests followed by Benediction at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine St., Quincy, this Sunday, January 21 from 3-4 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for your priests.

Centure's Va Day

Valentines for Seniors Card Drive January 5—February 5

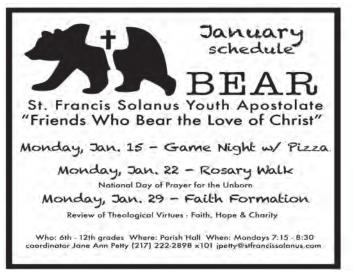
Hosted by State Senator Jil Tracy

Please drop off or mail your cards to Senator Tracy's office and she and her staff will personally deliver them to local seniors. Sen. Tracy's Quincy office is located at 3601 East Lake Centre Dr., Suite 200, Quincy, II., 62305. If you have any questions contact: Michaelene Oldenettel at mmays@sgop.ilga.gov.

St. Francis Solanus School INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE



Our parish is in the process of training new altar servers. Pictured is new server Isaiah Wear, a fifth grader. We thank these young people for volunteering to serve Christ and the parish. We are grateful for our priests and deacons for teaching them how to assist on the altar. Experienced servers have been so kind in guiding the new servers during Mass.



School Dates to Note:

January 28-February 2—Catholic Schools Week Friday, February 2—PTO Family Glow Dance. Friday, February 16—Monday, February 19— No School

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

March 23-April 1—Spring and Easter break. Saturday, April 20—Confirmation and First Communion for third graders at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

St. Francis School is still enrolling students for the half-day, three day a week preschool class. This class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:10-11:00. Contact Principal Julie Radel if you are interested in learning more at jradel@stfrancissolanus.com or 217-222-4077.

January 27-28	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Peyton Kendrick Owen Wheeler Makayla Patton	Theresa Rohrer Patti Blickhan Kirby Wiemelt Caitlin Kendrick	Joe Venvertloh Russell Ro Michael Eling John Veith Tom Ennis Dick Mitch	John Venegoni	Betty Kaufmann Karen Venvertloh Gift Bearer Judy Akers
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	David Bickhaus Gabriella Groll	Cindy Venvertloh Jane Gregory Karrie Cramsey-Groll Arlene Hendren	Emilie Venvertloh George Venvertloh Terry Obert Tim Venver Larry Venvertloh Jim Wilper	Roseann Gosnell rtloh	Joan Beard Sandra Banning Gift Bearer Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	James Petty Mickey Petty	SFS Students	SFS Students	SFS Students	SFS Students Gift Bearer SFS Students
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Allie Vranjes Mia Vranjes Hayes Frericks	Christy Woodward Carol Steinbrecher Doris Karhoff Anne Meyer	Rose WillerDrew ErwiDiann ColeMelissa ArMarty KarhoffDon Olps		James Doellman Brenda Wand Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
	lay Morning Iss Server	January 27, 2024	ry 27, 2024 Isaac Steinkamp		
<u>Children's Li</u>	turgy of the Word	9:00 Mass	Adayre Klauser		



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