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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.

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;

1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

There are several ways of understanding today's first reading from Deuteronomy. Recall that the Deuteronomic tradition came long after Moses. Deuteronomy is a series of sermons and moral admonitions which are placed on the lips of Moses. Very likely they are part of the prophetic tradition.

The prophet held a distinct place in Israel. Peasants and kings feared the prophet, for his word came from God. The prophet was independent of priest and monarch. His voice was the conscience of Israel.

Today's reading may be the justification of the prophetic mission: Moses promises that prophets will arise from among the people, and they must be listened to, for they will speak with the authority of God.

But tradition found another meaning in this passage. Israel looked forward to the time when the Prophet par excellence would come. He would be like Moses; he would surpass Moses; he would be the Messiah.

The Gospel is the fulfillment of this expectation: Jesus speaks with authority, and not like the Scribes of the Pharisees. They split hairs and talked of cases; Jesus speaks with the authority of God himself. He heals in the power of the Spirit.

The second reading, the continuous reading, is St. Paul's admonition to celibacy and virginity because "the time is short." He means that the Second Coming of Christ is near. But it really was *not* near. Nevertheless, the celibate state and the state of virginity for the sake of the Lord are holy. The Church cherishes these in order that men and women may more freely serve the Lord and his Church.

A theme of today's Mass might be: To whom do we listen? Are we willing to hear the voice of God, even when he calls us to change? Will we listen to his authentic representatives in the Church, or do we seek those who tickle our fancy and suit our own whims?

--Msgr. William Carr

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## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel for today shows us what happens every day in our lives - the spiritual battle. We see that Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and we see, "a man possessed by an unclean spirit." He began to cry out, "What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? You have come to destroy us. I know who you are: the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:23-24). The demon says to Jesus, "I know who you are."

In the biblical world, to know someone's name means to have some authority over him. Satan, saying I know who you are, does not want to glorify Jesus, but wants to suggest that he has power over Him. And Jesus shows His power. The evil spirit really exists, it is not an invention of a priest or the church.

There is truly a spiritual battle going on within us, between Jesus and his angelic army, and Satan and his devilish army. Nowadays, we often reduce evil to the fact that it is the absence of good, and the evil spirit in the Holy Scripture is a symbolic figure. However, the truth is completely different.

Jesus lives and really exists, just as the evil spirit really exists. The evil spirit does not want to be talked about or revealed. It prefers to live in the shadow and influence us in such a way that we call it bad luck, fate or misfortune.

Our hope for victory is in Jesus, which is why we must be like the crowd: "They were amazed at his teaching: for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." (Mark 1:22). We are to be fascinated by Jesus. His word and life. Fascinated by discovering Him, accepting Him into our lives. That is why it is so important to develop your personal relationship with Jesus. This will protect us from evil. Only in this way will we defeat Satan. Satan flees from Jesus, bends his knee before Him. Jesus, as true God, has the power to win. If we live Him, we will also win, not with ourselves, but with Jesus.

We need a strong faith to be able to fight with the devil. I am always pleased to see your faith, especially when you bring your whole family to church on Sunday. We need this witness of faith and our commitment to the Lord. Our faith is important to all of us. We try to share this faith with others.

God calls us to be disciples of Christ. We as a parish family do a lot for those who seek Christ and need material help. We have many groups in our parish and we pray for those who are least fortunate. Our food pantry feeds many people from our area. That's awesome. I am always pleased to see all of you working very hard for the Kingdom of God. This is our goal: to bring Christ closer to those who are far from the Church or maybe just got lost on the way.

We are all on the same journey of faith. Our parish is a blessing and we are a blessing for each other. When each of us does something for our parish it has a great impact on our community. We need to support each other and be there for each other. God is with us always. Let us be open to God's grace in our lives.

I would like to encourage those who are interested in the trip to Poland to sign up. Please see me or Mecki Kosin to show your interest. We still have open places. It's going to be a fun trip with great food. My pastor from my home parish, whose name is Boguslaw Czech, will be very happy to welcome you to my hometown and celebrate a Mass with the pilgrims in my parish church. I know my mom is excited also to get to know my parishioners who care about me and love me and want to travel the long distance to meet her. My mom is always thankful to God for my parishioners. She is very pleased that I am in good hands. Join me and our fellow parishioners in this great adventure!

**Szczesc Boze!** (God Bless You)

*Father Rafal*

# *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>January 29 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Don Holtschlag
<b>January 30 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Sharon O'Donnel and Stan Musholt
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Alice Adair and Don McCaughey
<b>January 31 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Carl Stegeman Jr. and Nate Gilbert
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Allison Holbrook and Tom Gott
<b>February 1 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Pat Holbrook intentions and Tom Gott
<b>February 2 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Janis Blickhan-Foreman and Roger Cook
<b>February 3 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Arisman intentions
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Linda Cornwell and Stan Musholt
<b>February 4 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Rosie Madison and Gloria Struck
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Kennedy and Jerry Gunn

## This week in the Parish:

- **Monday, January 29**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
- 1:30 p.m. QCS meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PSR
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting
- **Tuesday, January 30**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
- 2:00 p.m. Pastors meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- **Wednesday, January 31**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. QCS meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Catholics Returning Home
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning committee
- **Thursday, February 1**
- 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. Troop 22 Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Discussion
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA meeting
- **Friday, February 2**
- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5996 meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice
- 6:00 p.m. PTO Glow Dance
- **Saturday, February 3**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Prep
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Week of 1/21/2024	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$14,155.50	\$764,851.59
Loose Collection	\$1,304.00	\$47,516.18
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$15,459.50</b>	<b>\$764,851.59</b>
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$876,815.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$14,775.50</b>	<b>-\$111,963.41</b>

	Week	YTD
Annual School	\$1,677.20	\$125,049.98

*Thank you for your  
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## ***Job Opening***

### **St. Francis Solanus Business Manager Position Available**

Are you a dedicated and experienced professional with a passion for serving your community?

Our parish is seeking a talented Business Manager to play a crucial role in supporting our mission and ensuring the efficient administration of our parish operations.

**Position Overview:** As our Parish Business Manager, you will be at the forefront of our administrative team, overseeing financial management, human resources, and day-to-day operations. This role offers a unique opportunity to blend your professional expertise with a sense of purpose, contributing to the success and sustainability of our parish.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

- . Financial Management: Manage parish finances, budgeting, and financial reporting.
- . Administration: Oversee day-to-day operations, facilities, and parish staff.
- . Human Resources: Support and manage parish personnel, fostering a positive work environment.
- . Planning and Coordination: Collaborate with parish leadership to plan and execute events and initiatives.
- . Strategic Development: Contribute to the long-term sustainability and growth of the parish.

#### **Qualifications:**

- . Experience in Business Administration, Finance, or a related field.
- . Proven experience in financial management and administration.
- . Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- . Familiarity with church operations and a commitment to the parish's mission.
- . Experience with QuickBooks, Excel, HR and Payroll preferred.

#### **How to Apply:**

If you are inspired by our mission and ready to bring your skills to a dynamic and purpose-driven environment, we invite you to apply! Send your resume and a cover letter to **Sue Holbrook**, [sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:sholbrook@stfrancissolanus.com), or to the parish office: 1721 College Avenue, Quincy, IL. 62301, expressing why you are the ideal candidate for the Parish Business Manager position.

### **St. Francis Lenten Parish Mission**

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.**

Attention, St. Francis Parishioners!

## Help us Choose the Best Christmas Eve Mass Times for 2024



Take our survey today and let your voice be heard!  
#ChristmasEveMass #StFrancisParish #Survey2024

[stfrancissolanus.com/survey/](http://stfrancissolanus.com/survey/)

### **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!



**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 \$12,100. 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](http://quincykofc.org) for more information.

**Scholarship Opportunity**—The Women of the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are offering four, \$2,000 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic high school senior young women.

**Deadline to enter is March 30.**

If you are interested in applying, contact your high school principal, guidance office or parish office for an application, or email [shirleydallmier@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydallmier@gmail.com) for more information.

**S.D.C.C.W. Winter/Lenten Retreat**

Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 at Villa Maria in Springfield. Registration is due by February 17.

Author, historian, and educator Fr. Richard Chiola will be the featured speaker. Registration forms are available in the parish center.

**Collection for the Catholic Times** — Our nationally honored publication has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. This past year, Catholic Times launched a new website, [dio.org/catholic-times](http://dio.org/catholic-times) that features podcasts, videos, articles, Bishop Paprocki’s column and a better search tool.

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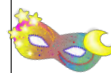


**The parish nurses will conduct blood pressure screenings after all masses next weekend.**

**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.



**2nd Annual Mardi Gras With: The Gentlemen**

*Year one was so much fun we decided to do it again!*

Join The Gentlemen to celebrate Mardi Gras at Dick Brothers Brewery on **Saturday, February 10 from 7-11 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Proceeds benefit the QCES Foundation. Tickets are available at [ticketstripe.com/MardiGras24](http://ticketstripe.com/MardiGras24).

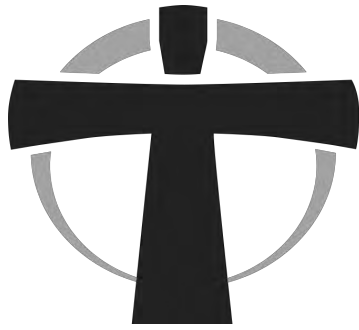


**Valentines for Seniors Card Drive January 5—February 5**

**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, Il., 62305.

If you have any questions contact: Michaelene Oldenettel at [mmays@sgop.ilga.gov](mailto:mmays@sgop.ilga.gov).



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 January schedule

## BEAR

St. Francis Solanus Youth Apostolate  
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Monday, Jan. 15 - Game Night w/ Pizza.  
Monday, Jan. 22 - Rosary Walk  
National Day of Prayer for the Unborn  
Monday, Jan. 29 - Faith Formation  
Review of Theological Virtues : Faith, Hope & Charity

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

 **CYO Registration** 

**Girls Volleyball registration is open until February 16. Games begin March 10. Cost is \$55. Sign up and information can be found at [cyoquincy.com/volleyball](http://cyoquincy.com/volleyball). Questions can be directed to Alice Arnold at 217-440-6135.**

**Kindergarten Round-Up is Coming!**  
Friday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. in the school cafeteria.  
Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2024. The teacher will explain the kindergarten curriculum, families will meet the pastor and principal, a list of tuition and fees will be distributed, and the children will engage in several fun activities.

**SFSS Open House Dates for Prospective Families**

Families will be able to talk to school families and staff in a relaxed setting. Tours of the building will be offered. Families may come and go as they please.

**Tuesday, February 20 6:30-7:30 p.m.** is for new families with prospective preschool or kindergarten students in the fall of 2024.

**Thursday, February 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** is for new families with 1st-8th grade students in the fall of 2024.

Families are welcome to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass before the event.

Families are encouraged to register with the principal, [jradel@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:jradel@stfrancissolanus.com), but it is not required.

***Come find out why generations of families have chosen St. Francis School for their children's education!***

February 3-4	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	James Bickhaus David Bickhaus Mackenzie Sousa	Patti Blickhan William Niewohner Carla Slough Teena Fisk	Jim Kaiser Michael Bickhaus Michael Eling	Tom Liesen Harold Vahle John Veith	John Venegoni	Kristine Bickhaus Brian Dreier <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Nathan Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Sarah Lugering Gary Winking Sue Winking Tony Freiburg	Roger Gallaher Scott Venvertloh Emmie Venvertloh	Joe Bernhardt Robert Harman Perry Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle	Jerry Meyer Kay Gallaher <b>Gift Bearer</b> Terry Niemann
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Sam Bruening Mak Miranda Jacob Collins	Marsha Collins Carol Darnell Joanne Ortwerth Cindy Cook	Neal Blickhan Joseph Darnell Steven Eling	Mark Meyer Gary Darnell Terry Nall	Simon Bruening	Jill Blickhan Nancy Friye <b>Gift Bearer</b> Robert Meyer
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Teo Mamdani Priya Mamdani Emily O'Leary	Debra Beard Marvin Knuffman Chris Duvall Marcia Steinkamp	Dennis Greving Mike Fessler Brent Frericks	Bud Voss Drew Erwin James Doellman	Rosanna Voss	Patricia Tomczak Margaret Steinbrecher <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<b>Saturday Morning</b> <b>Mass Server</b>		<b>February 3, 2024</b>	Quinn Wiewel and Thomas Wiewel			
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>		<b>9:00 Mass</b>	Jane Ann Petty			



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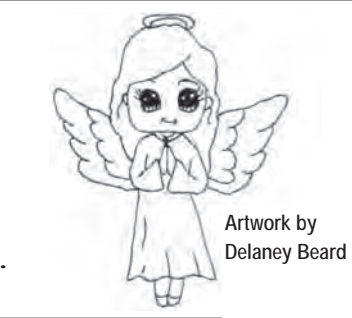
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