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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.

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord JANUARY 7. 2024

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Among Germans and Latins, Epiphany celebrated primarily the coming of the "three kings" or the Magi. In the ancient Church, Epiphany was the second greatest feast in the Church Year (after Easter!) It celebrated the glorious manifestation of God-in-the-flesh especially in three mysteries: The Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding feast of Cana. Epiphany is actually older than Christmas as a festival.

Nowadays, Epiphany celebrates the universality of God's love. The message of the Gospel is for all peoples of all times and all places. It is intended for Gentiles as well as Jews.

Each of the texts of Mass refers to the inclusion of Gentiles (non-Jews) in salvation: "You have revealed your glory to the nations." (Opening Prayer) "Nations shall walk by your light." (First Reading) "Lord every nation on earth will adore you." (Responsorial Psalm) "In Christ Jesus, the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews..." (Second Reading)

The Magi or Wise Men were Gentiles. The irony is that they came from afar to honor the King of kings, while those who were near were either indifferent or hostile. The Bible does not tell us how many Magi there were; it merely says that there were three gifts. The gifts are symbolic: gold for nobility; frankincense for divinity; and myrrh (an embalming spice) prophetic of the Lord's saving death.

The star has many possible explanations. It may be a literary device. Perhaps it was a celestial phenomenon such as Halley's Comet or a conjunction of planets. The message is clear: The star leads us to the Light of the World, the One who came to save all peoples of every nation. Wise men follow in faith!

--Msgr. William Carr
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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Blessed Epiphany to you all! Merry Christmas! We are just finishing the 12 days of Christmas and are still in the Season of Christmas! In this weekend's readings we talk about Jerusalem as the light to the nations and Christ as the light of the world witnessed by the Magi. The three kings come to see the prophecy fulfilled in Jesus Christ as the new Jerusalem that is a light for the whole world in the person of Jesus Christ. The wise men bring the good news of Jesus' birth to the whole world. This is truly amazing news as they are witnesses to the fact that Jesus came not just for the Israelites, but for all people and all nations to make them His own. Once you encounter Jesus, all in your life is different, and nothing can be the same! How truly amazing is the encounter of the Magi, and each one of us, with the little baby Jesus, who is our salvation.

Don't forget to take a sheet home, and a new piece of chalk to bless your homes. Don't forget to see the opportunity to consecrate your homes and families and lives to the Lord as we begin this new year! I wish you all a Happy New Year and many blessings to each of you and our parish. We have so much to be thankful for here at St. Francis, may God continue to bless and watch over each and every one of you this coming year! I am so grateful for you, and so excited for the opportunities ahead of us this year to continue our growth and our encounter with the living God in this wonderful parish community, so that we may be witnesses to the whole community around us to who Jesus truly is as King and God and Sacrifice. So excited for what is ahead for our parish!

Blessed Epiphany to you all! Merry Christmas to you all! Blessings and Happy New Year!



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# Weekday Mass Intentions

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January 8 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Don Steinkamp and Stan Musholt		
January 9 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Dadant and Don McCaughey		
	5:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardy		
January 10 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Gene Willer and Don McCaughey		
	5:30 p.m.	Allison Holbrook and Mary Costigan		
January 11 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Mary Huckstep and Joe Genenbacher		
	5:30 p.m.	John Maxwell		
January 12 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Sharon O'Donnel		
January 13 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Clara O'Brien		
	4:30 p.m.	Keith Wiemelt and Don McCaughey		
January 14 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	John & Ruth Holman and Elaine Martin		

Week of 12/31/2023	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$22,187.29	\$696,725.84	
Loose Collection	\$1,876.32	\$43,656.58	
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$24,063.61	\$696,725.84	
Needed Support	\$30,235.00	\$786,110.00	
Difference	\$-6,171.39	-\$89,384.16	

Annual School Fund	\$1,763.00	
Capital Campaign	\$5,105.00	
Christmas offering	\$9,239.00	

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

### This week in the Parish:

### Monday, January 8

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
- 1:00 p.m. Principal's meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Altar Serving training
- 6:00 p.m. Webelos meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary
- 7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

### Tuesday, January 9

- 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

### Wednesday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. Pastor meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Catholics Returning Home
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Name meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning committee
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

### Thursday, January 11

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting
- 3:00 p.m. Welcome Committee meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. OCIA
- 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Meeting

### • Friday, January 12

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. QCS meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Choir practice

### Saturday, January 13

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 9:00 a.m. Altar Server training
- 10:00 a.m. Cursillo Prep
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:30 p.m. Mass

## Christmas Memorials

These individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and are being remembered during the Christmas season:

Richard, Elizabeth and Dickie Cox Karhoff/Davis/Sohn families Leonard and Mary Makarewicz Cheryl Moore Sohn/Matticks families

Congratulations and Welcome
Asher Lee Meyer
Son of Kasey and Caroline Meyer
Baptized into the Catholic faith
December 17, 2023

Amelia Mae Lucey Daughter of Blake and Katyann Lucey Baptized into the Catholic faith December 31, 2023

**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.

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 office will be able to start printing

statements AFTER January 22.

Welcome New Members
Roger and Eileen Sullivan
We are so pleased you have
chosen St. Francis Solanus as your
new parish home.



<u>Happy Birthday!</u>
Dr. Frank Gianfriddo
turns 100 on January 9.
Congratulations on your
milestone birthday!



Make a New Year's resolution to keep your marriage a priority.

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2/2/2024-2/4/2024—St. Peters, Mo. 3/15/2024-3/17/2024— Cape Girardeau, Mo. 4/5/2024-4/7/2024—St. Peters, Mo.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> Our next Holy Name meeting will be Wednesday, January 10 at 6 p.m. Food and drinks will be served after the meeting. Time to plan for our Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner!

#### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Thursday Night Raffle is back with a jackpot over \$11,500. 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. Sunday morning buffet breakfast this Sunday, January 7. Buffet style, all you can eat for \$12. Serving from 8:30-noon. Visit quincykofc.org for more information.

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Thank you!

#### New in the Parish Library!

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!

- ullet 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.

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

### **Abortion Recovery Assistance**

Join us for a 10-week support group starting in late January. Sponsored by Care Net Pregnancy Services. For registration or inquiries call 217-223-8200 or laura@carenetquincy.org.

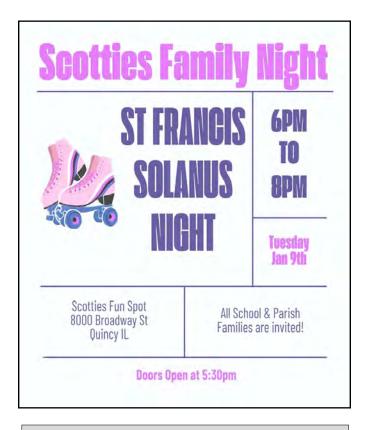






Retired St. Francis School teachers got together recently for a Christmas lunch.

L-R: Connie Bergman, Jan Koester, Vicky Mitchell, Maureen Makarewicz, Carla Slough, Connie Tenhouse, Barb Peters and Mary Jane Bauer.



### 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.

January 13-14	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Isaiah Wear Chloe Terwelp Hayes Frericks	Jessica Veith David Pillars Rose Pillars	Tim Reichert Mark Dietrich Joe Venvertloh	Michael Bickhaus Brian Dreier Zachary Maas	Rebecca Wear	Betty Kaufmann Tim & Cindy Reichert <b>Gift Bearer</b>
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Gabriella Groll James Petty	Logan Callahan John Venegoni Sarah Lugering Cindy Venvertloh Tony Freiburg	Roch Schulte Gary Terwelp Roger Gallaher	Paul Eling Jerry Meyer Scott Venvertloh	Ron Gengenbacher	Jane Dietrich  Kay Gallaher  Terry Niemann <b>Gift Bearer</b> Brad & Lisa Soebbing
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Molly Costigan Owen Wheeler Peyton Kendrick	Samantha Cramsey Becky Gengenbacher Bruce Broemmel Carol Haistings	Jason Cramsey Rob Haistings Diann Cole	Jason Costigan Samuel Zanger Neal Blickhan	Rick Gengenbacher	Nancy Friye Jill Blickhan <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Will Eling Ben Eling Sam Bruening	Chris Duvall Anne Meyer Michael Wand Marsha Collins	Melissa Arnold Dennis Greving Sam Vranjes	Bud Voss Don Olps Rose Willer	Maryann Cornwell	James Doellman Brenda Wand <b>Gift Bearer</b> Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Saturday Morning Mass Server January 13, 2024		January 13, 2024	Two needed please			
Children's Litu	ırgy of the Word	9:00 Mass	Liz Gengenbacher			



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