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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.

First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16;
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

The First Sunday of Advent is often thought of as the beginning of the Church year. A good case can be made for thinking of Easter as the real beginning of newness. But at least, today, we begin a new series of Scripture readings.

During this new liturgical year, outside of Lent and Easter, our Gospel readings for the most part will be taken from the Gospel according to Luke. (This past liturgical year they were taken from Mark; next liturgical year they will be taken from Matthew.)

Advent means "Coming." We renew our hope in the three "Comings" of Christ: His Coming in history (at Bethlehem and in his public life); his Coming in mystery (in each Eucharist and moment of grace); and his Coming in majesty (the "Second Coming" or Parousia at the end of the world).

Advent is a time of preparation, of hope, and of joy. We prepare for Christmas by realizing its true meaning. We also prepare for the Coming of the Lord in Holy Communion and in each moment of grace. And we must prepare for his final Coming by living each day as if it may be our last.

We renew our hope. God has not abandoned us! He sent his Son to save us; he has sent his Spirit into our hearts; nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. Our attitude toward this world and toward life must always be different because Christ has come, will come, and does come!

Finally, if we become a people of hope, we can also be a people of joy even though there is still suffering in the world. We do our best to care for those in need, but when we are helpless we still proclaim hope and joy: For everlasting joy awaits all of us in heaven.

During the Advent season, part of our preparation is to deny ourselves certain "liturgical joys" as we prepare for the great festival of Christmas. The organ and other instruments are not played solo, and are used only if needed to sustain the singing. Flowers are not permitted in church during Advent, except on the Third Sunday. The "Glory to God" is omitted from Advent Masses. These are reminders of the glorious joy which will come on Christmas.

It is difficult to think of preparation and hope when the world is already celebrating Christmas. But somehow we must realize that preparation is necessary if we truly appreciate the Coming of the Lord.

Our first reading speaks of a "righteous shoot" which shall come from David. This surely contradicted the experience of God's people with centuries of worthless descendants of David! The second reading is Paul's hope that the Lord strengthen us so that we shall always be prepared for the glorious Coming of the Lord. The Gospel is taken from Jesus' Eschatological Sermon – the Sermon on the Last Things. If the world were to end today, would we be ready for Christ's Coming?

--Msgr. William Carr

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Well, IT JUST GOT REAL!

With the new liturgical year, we are celebrating Advent. A time to examine the most real thing in our lives: Our faith. Yes, it certainly just got real. The time is here when God will fulfill his promise and we need to be ready. The purple candles remind us that we are part of a fallen world that longs for redemption.

The rose candle tells us that we have hope because we know our redemption is in Christ. This is a time to joyfully look at how we live our lives. There is always room for spiritual growth and we need to take some time to reflect on how God is calling us to a refreshed and renewed relationship.

As we light the first candle this week the light shines through the window of our heart inviting the Holy Family to find a place to lay the infant child. In this light we are able to examine our time spent with our Lord and see where there is potential, through grace, for new, vibrant growth. Our faith tells us that Christ wants to draw near but he awaits our invitation. With this invitation through prayer, grace will lead us to that which keeps the light burning brightly. Striving to live out the virtues, the corporal and spiritual works, our devotions and the Sacraments with intention and purpose we draw closer to the manger where we hope to glimpse the Christ child that has been promised.

When our eyes see what our hearts desire, well, IT JUST GOT REAL! As I write this, I just left the Monday night Rosary for peace that tonight was prayed also for Fr. Arisman. It was an amazing evening for the parish to come together to pray for our pastor. We are certainly united by the Holy Spirit with Fr. Arisman as he bears this cross and journeys through his recovery.

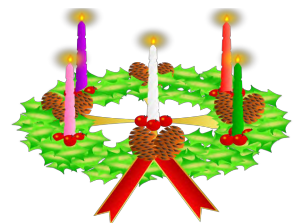
I am thankful for the volunteers who pray for each priest daily. Everyone has been so kind, expressing their support for Fr. Ken and I as we navigate through. We are thankful to Fr. Arisman for inviting us to serve as parochial vicars and to now trust us to continue while he is away. I think God has put us all in good hands and we will persevere in faith.

At times like this we can work together and take pride in the great parish that is St. Francis Solanus. We are working with a great team at the parish and the school and when it gets real, they step up to do all they can to help keep things working, and to make things better.

The first week of Advent is a good time for us to take stock of the blessings we receive in our life and what our response has been. If you are like me, it could always be better. I can always improve my attitude, my reverence could be sharper, gossip – well that goes without saying. Start simple and God will do the rest. Light the candle and let the light of your heart shine. Examine your life, make a good confession and have a great Advent! Hopefully it won't be long and you will say, IT JUST GOT REAL!

In Christ our Redeemer,

Fr. Bruce Scott



Weekday Mass Intentions

December 2 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Donna Rischar and Dan O. Brinkley
December 3 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Bruce Klingele and Marcia Tushaus
	5:30 p.m.	John Busse and Monica Pavlick
December 4 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	The Brandt family
	5:30 p.m.	Nancy Terwelp and David Russell
December 5 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Amy Waterkotte and Ron Klass
	5:30 p.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Janet Hellhake Shaughnessy
December 6 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Joe Genenbacher and Joanie Heegar
December 7 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Donna Rischar and John Ohnemus
	4:30 p.m.	Donald Klingele and Erin Moore
December 8 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	Albert Linken and Launa Blickhan
	11:00 a.m.	Dick Knepler and George Schneider

This week in the Parish:

Monday, December 2

6:30 a.m. Mass
 8:00 a.m. Blanket Project
 12:00 p.m. QCS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. PSR
 6:00 p.m. CYO Board meeting
 7:00 p.m. Rosary
 7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

Tuesday, December 3

6:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
 1:00 p.m. QCS meeting
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
 7:00 p.m. Men's Saint Study
 7:00 p.m. Women's Saint Study

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 a.m. Mass
 8:35 a.m. SFS Mass
 9:30 a.m. Adoration
 4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. SFS Scouts
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. QCS meeting
 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, December 5

6:30 a.m. Mass
 10:30 a.m. Quilters event
 1:00 p.m. Scripture discussion
 1:30 p.m. QCS Pastors meeting
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 6:30 p.m. Finance Council
 6:30 p.m. OCIA
 6:30 p.m. Scripture discussion

Friday, December 6

6:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 9:00 a.m. SF Holiday Bazaar
 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
 4:30 p.m. Mass

Week of 11/24/2024

Week

YTD

Regular Collection	\$20,557.70	\$524,491.63
Loose Collection	\$1,436.00	\$37,761.16
Total Collection	\$21,993.70	\$562,252.79
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$672,000.00
Difference	\$-10,006.30	\$-109,747.21

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$616.00
 YTD: \$82,818.11

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Marcia Tushaus

August 24, 1942—November 18, 2024



Socks and Underwear Collection

Once again we will be collecting new socks and underwear for those in need.

Men and women, young and old, all sizes are needed! Marked totes will be at the West main door and North doors of church for drop-off.

All donations will stay local.

You may call Deacon Dennis or Pat Holbrook with any questions at 217-257-4384. Thank you!

Reverse Advent Calendar to Benefit the Food Pantry

If you are looking for a good way to prepare for Christmas, throughout the Advent Season, we would like to suggest this idea to you. Each day you 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:

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| Dec. 1 - box of cereal | Dec. 14—can of spaghetti sauce |
| Dec. 2 - peanut butter | Dec. 15—spaghetti |
| Dec. 3 - macaroni and cheese | Dec. 16—pork and beans |
| Dec. 4 - canned tuna | Dec. 17—canned soup |
| Dec. 5 - simple crackers | Dec. 18—applesauce |
| Dec. 6 - can of mixed fruit | Dec. 19—syrup |
| Dec. 7- can of corn | Dec. 20—jelly |
| Dec. 8 - can of green beans | Dec. 21—dish soap |
| Dec. 9 -hamburger helper | Dec. 22—toothpaste |
| Dec. 10 - instant potatoes | Dec. 23—bar soap |
| Dec. 11—canned chicken | Dec. 24—toilet paper |
| Dec. 12 - tuna helper | |
| Dec. 13— pancake mix | |

Attention Giving Tree Shoppers: If you plan to purchase gift cards for your Giving Tree family, please consider buying them from the Gene Grawe Fund, which will benefit our Catholic schools. The fund's office is located inside St. Peter Church.

Holiday Cards for Priests

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

Fr. James Wheeler, OFM, Fr. Bob Barko, OFM:

724 N. 20th St., Quincy, Il. 62301

Fr. Rafal Pyrchla:

400 N. Whitetail Circle, Mt. Zion, Il. 62549

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. More Torres OFM:

Mission San Luis Rey Parish, 4070 Mission Ave.,

Oceanside CA 92057

Fr. Duc Pham OFM:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, IN 46225



Saints Study! Beginning December 3 at 7 p.m. in the parish center and running through February. The book that's being used is called "Finding Peace in the Storm" by Dan Burke. Please come ready to discuss the first two chapters at the December meeting. For more information about the study or ordering the book call Kelli Lunt, 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.

Collection for the Retired Fund for Religious

Please give as generously as possible next weekend, December 7-8. This crucial campaign benefits over 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

Holy Name News: The next Holy Name meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. Join us for a brief meeting followed by a nice meal to celebrate the Christmas Season. This year, instead of selling fruit baskets we will be taking donations at the December meeting to benefit the food pantry.

Knights of Columbus News: The Thursday night raffle jackpot is up to \$24,047. Tickets are on sale from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8. Our delicious Chicken Dinner is back this Friday. Come out and get half a chicken and all the sides for \$13. Eat in or drive through from 5-7 p.m.

Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

Good Samaritan Home: Phyllis Ehrhardt, Phyllis Hemm, Betty Klingele, Barbara Niewohner, Joyce Weiss, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt, Carlene Wolf.

Illinois Veterans Home: Vicki Kurtz, Leo Luttrell, Ronald Whittaker.

Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living: Norma Russell, Margie Bernhardt, Charlotte Poore, Judith Schmitz.

Sunset Home: Charlotte Adam, Regina Blickhan, Michael Mason, Doris Ohnemus, Bernice Walz, Janet Waterkotte, Gayle Happekotte, William Jansen.

The Arbors at Adams Pointe: Jean Frericks, Barbara Kaiser, Angela Huner.

High Point Residence (formerly Cedarhurst): Margaret Andrews, Marjorie Spoonmore, Nancy Walker, Ann Harness.

Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center: Dorothy Huber.

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 16.

If you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call Susan Mast, 217-222-5345.

Theology on Tap Returns! Join area Catholics on **Tuesday evening, December 3 from 6-8 at The Fuzzy Bubbler (111 Jail Alley)** for the return of *Theology on Tap* to Quincy. Father Daren Zehnle will discuss the legend of Saint Nicholas punching the heretic Arius and what it might teach us about the birth of Jesus Christ. Drinks are available for purchase starting at 6, with the talk starting at 6:45.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

Thank you to everyone who donated a winter hat for our November Ladies dinner meeting. They were delivered to the Ladies of Charity and will help many to stay warm as the days get colder. The Ladies of St. Francis will start meeting again in March. Stay tuned to this space for more details! We wish everyone a blessed Advent.

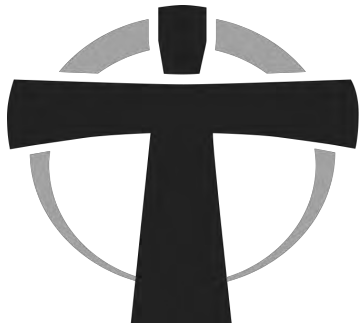
QCES Foundation "Faith in Our Future" Campaign Supports our efforts to ensure Catholic education is within reach for many families. This year, more than 100 students received \$130,000 in tuition assistance. Your generosity keeps students in the classroom, maintains strong enrollment, and helps to ensure that Catholic education continues to thrive in our community. To learn more call 217-779-3157 or visit quincycatholicschools.org. Donations may be made online through the QR code.



Check out the new St. Francis Parish App!


You will find lots of helpful features like Mass times, bulletins, our calendar, and announcement blasts. The old St. Francis Parish app will be discontinued soon and the new app will be available as part of our new Parish StaQ software package. Just scan the QR code to get started!





St. Francis Solanus School

INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE



BEAR
 "Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"
St. Corbinian, pray for us!

Make an Advent Wreath!
 Monday, Nov. 25 - Please RSVP to Mrs. Petty. Supplies and snacks provided.

St. Francis Solanus Library Meeting
 Monday, Dec 2 - Explore the SFS library & watch a movie!

Confession, Adoration, & Mass
 Wednesday, Dec. 4 - First Wednesday of the month.
 Confession & Adoration 4 - 5:30pm and Mass 5:30pm

BEAR Mass & Bake Sale
 Saturday, & Sunday, Dec. 7, & 8. Bake Sale after each Mass.

QCT's Cinderella
 Thursday, Dec 12 @ 7:30 - There are 10 tickets available.
 The cost is \$27. Please contact Mrs. Petty ASAP if interested.

Taco Night!
 Monday, Dec. 16 - A Mexican Feast to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

There will be a brief recess in meetings from Dec. 17 - Jan 8. The Jan. Schedule will be sent before Dec. 15
 Coordinator Jane Ann Petty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com

Who: 6th - 12th grades Where: SFS Parish Hall When: Mondays 7:15 - 8:30



Maurice Blickhan, husband of Launa Blickhan, presents school Principal Julie Radel with a plaque for the school office in his wife's memory. Launa served as school secretary from 1983 until 2008. A memorial bench for Launa will be placed on the school playground next spring.

Quincy Catholic Schools Board Update

To address requests for more financial data concerning our schools, representatives from the QCS Provisional Advisory Board, in collaboration with the parish priest, will host Financial Learning Sessions at each parish and school. Come be informed about the financial realities of operating a school.

Each session will focus on the specific financial information for that location, while financial data for all four schools will also be available. You are invited to attend any or all sessions:

- December 4 6:30-7:30 p.m.: St. Francis parish center
- December 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Blessed Sacrament gathering space
- December 17 6:30-7:30 p.m.: St. Peter Church
- December 19 6:30-7:30 p.m.: St. Dominic School Cafeteria.














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December 7-8	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Quinn Wiewel Brady Koetters Mackenzie Sousa	Darlene Mayes David Pillars Rose Pillars Steve McMillen	Andrew Wemhoener Zachary Maas Greg Ehrhardt	Jim Kaiser Michael Eling Philip Kemner	Angela Gutting Steve Davis	Patti Blickhan Tom Ennis Gift Bearer Connie Gordon
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Eli Terwelp Chloe Terwelp	Craig Budde Don Winking Pat Winking Steve Peters	Joyce Frericks Tim Venvertloh Kevin Genenbacher	Kevin Frericks Robert Harman Jim Wilper	Carolyn Briddle	Terry Niemann Joan Beard Gift Bearer Sarah Luger
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Bo Weiman Hunter Terwelp Molly Costigan	Joanne Ortwerth Robert Haas Shirley Walbring Terry Kistner	Jason Costigan Karl Venvertloh Neal Blickhan	Joseph Darnell Jim Wilper Terry Nall	Aaron Weiman Thomas Hummel	Jill Blickhan Nancy Friye Gift Bearer Kevin & Betsy Terwelp
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Nathan Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp Carter Steinkamp	Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer Sue Holbrook Rich Zeidler	Mike Holbrook Rose Willer Sam Vranjes	Evan Reichert Drew Erwin Mike Fessler	Teri Fessler Karen Steinkamp	James Doellman Jane Haas Gift Bearer Kayleigh Ketchum
<u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u>		December 7 8:00 a.m.	<u>Two Needed Please</u>			
<u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u>		December 8 9:00 a.m.	Liz Gengenbacher			

Please check your email for the update on the new Scheduling System

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Our twelve Angels

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