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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6,8-11;
Luke 3:1-6

Although the book of Baruch speaks of the return of the Exiles from Babylonian Captivity (c. 539 B.C.), the book was probably written about 100 years before Jesus Christ.

It was written at Alexandria, Egypt, where many Jews were indifferent, and even embarrassed, by their faith. They enjoyed the high living of Hellenist culture. Baruch urges them to “look to the east” (i.e. toward Jerusalem) to be delivered from corruption.

The Gospel begins with a solemn pronouncement of the time: “In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar ... Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea ... Herod ... Philip ... Lysanias ... during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...” We can hardly imagine a greater collection of corrupt scoundrels than these! Yet this is the setting for the preparation for the Messiah, John the Baptist’s preaching.

We think that our own times are rotten, that violence and corruption are everywhere, that institutions no longer work, that the Church is retrenching, and that there seems to be no solution to our problems. In just such circumstances, God sent his Son to save us!

John the Baptist calls on us to prepare for his Coming: Straighten out the path of your life. Fill up the valleys of your depression. Bring down the mountains of your pride. Look for the salvation of God.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to learn what things have real value, and what is really worthless. Learn to choose what is of value so that we may be ready for the Coming of Christ.

--Msgr. William Carr

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The liturgical year begins with Advent. Lasting about four weeks, it is a period that intensely prepares us for the coming of the Lord. With proper readings and prayers, the Advent season celebrates the “waiting-memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; [as well as the] waiting supplication for His final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge.” In the lines that follow, we shall focus on the significance of the Advent wreath, one of the most popular Advent pieties.

The Advent wreath tells the story of Advent. Understanding the symbolisms embedded in the wreath helps one enter fully into the mystery and so captures fully the spirit of the season.

The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes eternity. The evergreen wreath symbolizes life and immortality. When most trees have shed their leaves during winter, these evergreen trees manifest their resilience at the height of the harshness of winter. The ever-greenness of the wreath reminds us of the faithfulness of God, which is always alive and fresh. This gives us hope in the time of adversity. The evergreen wreath also reminds us that we are called to share eternal life with Christ. The sequential lighting of the candle each week provides us with a tangible way to mark the progression of the Advent season. Each progression encourages us to meditate on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Each of the four Advent candles represents a special virtue to cultivate during the season.

The first candle signifies hope. The candle of the first week recalls to mind the unwavering hope we hold within us as we await the arrival of the Lord. It is also referred to as the “Prophecy Candle” because it brings to memory the numerous prophecies by various prophets in the Old Testament about the long awaited coming of the Messiah.

The second candle indicates peace. It beckons on us to value inner peace and to spread it to people around us. This second candle is also referred to as the “Bethlehem Candle” because it reminds us of the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by Joseph and Mary before the birth of Jesus.

The third, rose-colored candle, symbolizes joy. As it is lighted on Gaudete Sunday, it vividly reminds us that in our Advent journey we are now approaching Christmas. There is a sense of joy for a traveler when he realizes that he has passed more than half of the journey. This third candle is also referred to as the “Shepherd’s Candle.” Here we recall the joy with which the shepherds hurried to the manger to see the newborn Jesus.

The fourth candle epitomizes love. It reminds us of the boundless love of God, which we are called to share with everyone. The fourth candle is also referred to as the “Angel’s Candle.” It reminds us of that very beautiful scene at the birth of Jesus when the angels joyfully sang glory to God and peace to men. On His coming into the world, Jesus insisted that we should love one another as He loves us.

So far, we have endeavored to tell the tale of the Advent season by focusing on the Advent wreath as one of the popular Advent pieties and devotions. It is believed that understanding the significance of the Advent wreath will make us better appreciate its use in the church and in our homes. Beyond beautifying our homes, it helps to connect us to God in prayer. During family prayers this season, gather around the wreath, light the required number of candles according to the week and go on with your prayers. Reading and reflecting on the relevant passages according to the weekly candles or simply using the readings of the Mass of the day may also accompany your prayers. This is a sure way of participating and entering into the spirit of the Advent season.

Fr. Ken Ahanonu



Weekday Mass Intentions

December 9 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Bruce Klingele and Marian Wensing
December 10 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Clara O'Brien
	5:30 p.m.	Colleen Harvey and John Beck
December 11 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Carl Aschemann
	5:30 p.m.	Donna Rischar and Samuel Massey
December 12 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Hutmacher
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt and Carrie Neisen
December 13 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Vincent Brown and Kelly Naderhoff
December 14 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Don McCaughey and Joan McMahill
	4:30 p.m.	Sandy Koettters and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardy
December 15 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Catherine Sullivan Trimble and Launa Blickhan
	11:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Marian Wensing

This week in the Parish:

Monday, December 9

6:30 a.m. Mass
8:35 a.m. SF School Mass
6:00 p.m. PSR
7:00 p.m. Rosary
7:15 p.m. BEAR youth group meeting

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilters
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Truth Seekers
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday, December 11

6:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration
11:00 a.m. SFS DARE graduation
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. SFS Scouts
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting

Thursday, December 12

6:30 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Scripture discussion
5:00 p.m. Pack 22 Christmas party
5:30 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. OCIA
6:30 p.m. Scripture discussion

Friday, December 13

6:30 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting

Saturday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
4:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 9 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation.

Our Mass schedule is: Monday 6:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. (school Mass) and 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass Times:

**Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, 9:00 and Midnight.
Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.**

Week of 12/1/2024

Week

YTD

Regular Collection	\$26,074.51	550,566.14
Loose Collection	\$1,536.59	\$39,297.75
Total Collection	\$27,611.10	589,863.89
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$704,000.00
Difference	\$-4,388.90	\$-114,136.11

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$10,279.00
YTD: \$93,115.11

Get Well Wishes for Fr. Arisman: If you would like to send get well cards, Christmas cards/gifts, etc., please send them to Fr. Zach Samples at St. Agnes in Springfield and he will deliver them to him. Please address the cards and/or packages as follows:

**Fr. Steve Arisman
C/O Fr. Zach Samples
St. Agnes Catholic Church
245 N. Amos Ave.
Springfield, Il. 62702**

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 | |

Holiday Greetings from Fr. David: Warm greetings and blessings from the southeastern part of the state! Now in my third year here in Crawford County, I feel like I was with you and Fr. Arisman just the other day. I pray the holidays are richly blessed for you and your families. Life is good in my two parishes in Robinson and Oblong, and I love the prison ministry. The folks there are so hungry for hope and words of comfort. My friends in the Lord, I wish great things for you. I miss you. Please take good care of yourselves and each other and have a wonderful holiday season!

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

Attention Giving Tree Shoppers: We have had gift requests for a violin and an accordion. If anyone can contribute one of these gently used items you can call Barb Nisbet, 217-257-9473 or Mary Ann Cornwell, 217-430-0528. Also, 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.



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!

Young Adult Advent Retreat December 15

Hosted by the Norbertines of Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., Mass at 9:00. Talks and prayer in the afternoon. Please bring your own lunch. Reach out to theforgespringfield@gmail.com with any questions.

Holy Name News: The next Holy Name meeting is this 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. 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.

Check out the new St. Francis Parish App!

Scan the QR code to install the new app, select "Find my church by name" pick St Francis Quincy



Ladies of St. Francis News:

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.

Rest In Peace

Jerry Carnivale

January 15, 1942—November 27, 2024

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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.

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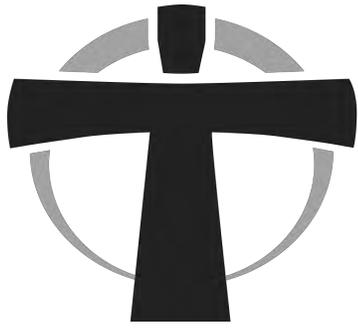
St. Anthony Parish Advent Mission

Led by Hannibal native Sister Clementia

Thursday, December 12 from 6-7 p.m. is the talk "Hope and Waiting," followed by a candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the crèche, Adoration and Benediction.

Friday, December 13 from 6-7 p.m. is the talk "Hope and Healing," followed by Adoration, confessions and Benediction.

Saturday, December 14 from 4-5 p.m. is the vigil Mass followed by a dinner talk, "Hope and Identity." There will be another vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by an ice cream social and vocations panel for ages 16-30.



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BEAR Mass & Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 7 - Cookie Sale after 4:30pm Mass
Sunday, December 8 - BEAR participants serve Mass
Cookie Sale after 7, 9, and 11am Masses

QCT's Cinderella

Thursday, Dec 12 @ 7:30 - There are 6 tickets available.
More can be purchased if need be but time is of the essence.
The cost is \$27. Please contact Mrs. Pelty ASAP if interested.

Dinner & Shopping

Monday, Dec. 23 - Meet at Walmart for Dinner at Subway (provided by BEAR)
and shopping for our Christmas giving.
Arrive at 7:15. Pickup at 8:30.

There will be a brief recess in activity from Dec. 24 - Jan 13

Coordinator Jane Ann Pelty (217) 222-2898 x101 jpelty@stfrancissolanus.com

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



For the second year in a row St. Francis School seventh grader Madelynn Cragg (#32) was chosen to receive an Illinois Elementary School Association Sportsmanship Pin during the 7-3A Regional 14 games. Madi is a three-sport athlete. Congratulations Madi!



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School News: The Scholastic Book Fair, hosted by the PTO in October, raised about \$2,000. Purchases from the proceeds include 45 new books for the library, several classroom library books and a giant building set for indoor recess. Thank you to Nicole O'Banion, Danielle Jacobs and Casey Grave for chairing the event. PTO also had a very successful bingo night last month and raised about \$1,600. A special thank you to the PTO Board: Kim O'Leary, Catherine Bruening and Kati Kuhn.

December 14-15	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Isaiah Wear Gwenyth Jones Chloe Terwelp	Logan Callahan John Venegoni Nancy Venegoni Rebecca Wear	Russell Rohrer Jim Waterkotte Dick Mitchell	Harold Vahle Jerry Meyer Tim Reichert	Martin Makarewicz Maureen Makarewicz	Betty Kaufmann Joleen Patton Gift Bearer Sheila Goehl
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Theodora Gengenbacher Alexandra Gengenbacher	Sue Winking Gary Winking Craig Budde Vieve Veith	Gary Hilgenbrinck Larry Venvertloh Scott Venvertloh	Jack Terwelp Mary Terwelp Perry Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle	Jan Zeidler Larry Klausner Gift Bearer Brad & Lisa Soebbing
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Lillian Wheeler Owen Wheeler Xavier Wiewel	Ric Hinkamper Jayna Klausner Holly Hummel Leila Weppler	Joseph Wiewel Bradyn Klausner John McDowell	Ryan Klausner Troy Hummel Steven Eling	Bruce Broemmel Monica Hinkamper	Brian Dreier Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Teresa Weiman
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Aubree Fry Evan Fry Piper Steward	Bridget Ehrhart Marcia Steinkamp Alice Arnold One Needed Please	Melissa Arnold Marty Karhoff Don Olps	Steve Obert Bud Voss One Needed Please	Kent Fry Dennis Steinkamp	Doris Karhoff Jane Haas Gift Bearer Kayleigh Ketchum
Saturday Morning Mass Server <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		December 14, 8:00 a.m. December 15, 9:00 a.m.	James Bickhaus and David Bickhaus Adayre Klausner			

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

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| Mary Futterer | Mary Hickey |
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