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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.

Baptism of the Lord JANUARY 12, 2025

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16,21-22

The baptism of Jesus was his inaugural as the Suffering Servant of the Lord. Every prophet had an inaugural experience. Jesus' inaugural comes at his baptism. He identifies himself with sinful mankind by accepting a baptism leading to repentance and forgiveness. In so doing, he takes upon himself all the suffering and sins of the whole world.

The "Suffering Servant Songs" in Isaiah (of which our first reading is the first) tell of an "everyman" figure who humbles himself, who is gentle, and who takes all evil unto himself; by his own suffering, he vicariously heals all. This Suffering Servant Song begins with the words "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am well-pleased." In the original languages, these are almost identical with the words of the Father in the Gospel.

The Gospel according to Luke emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit. In the baptism of Jesus, Luke emphasizes that the Spirit comes upon Jesus. Henceforth, everything he does is in the power of God. The dove was the symbol of Israel. The dove here may symbolize that Jesus becomes Israel personified – or the new Israel. In himself he will save all.

The second reading is the story of the conversion of Cornelius. God is no respecter of persons; Jesus came to save all peoples of all times and places.

In our baptism, we are freed from sin precisely because in his baptism Jesus took to himself the suffering and sinfulness of the world. Jesus' other "baptism" is when he gives his life for the sake of us all; he strips away all sin and nails it to the cross. Through this "baptism" he empowers the sacraments to be signs of his salvation among us.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we receive a very poignant reminder...

"No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven."

Do you ever wonder why you're good at something? Or, why someone else is good at something?

I so often tell students that their talents – their abilities – their strengths – are all gifts from God.

Sometimes, we get so caught up in *improving* or *enjoying* our gifts, that we forget where the gift came from in the first place. I tell students that **any gift** – intelligence – athleticism – artistry – musicianship – acting – hospitality – you know them all... are gifts from God!

And, those gifts have very little to do with us. The seed planted in us to be able to...

. throw or catch a ball . manage an office

. ace a test . perform surgery

. paint, sculpt or create art . heal people

. sing a song or . grow a business

play an instrument . represent legal clients or cases

. be a star on the stage . bring God to people through

be the one who enthusiastically the Sacraments gathers people and, and, and...

Today we are challenged with the concept of **authenticity**. Do we get into the practice of acknowledging from where our gifts and blessings come?

This simple exhortation will remind us.

"He must increase; | must decrease."

It is through this constant prayer that we move, **authentically**, closer to God, receiving our gifts gratefully, honing them and lovingly sharing them. As I've said so many times... it's all about Love.

Peace and all that is good!

Fr. Bob Barko, O.F.M.

Weekday Mass Intentions

January 13 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Don Altmix		
January 14	6:30 a.m.	Louis and Joanna Venegoni		
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Carol Dietrich		
January 15	6:30 a.m.	Donald Miller		
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Becky Vogel and Phyllis Orr		
January 16	6:30 a.m.	Dan Richmiller		
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Todd Schutte and Carl Nieders		
January 17 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Harry Bernard Trimble		
January 18	8:00 a.m.	Mary Pat Requet		
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Donald Klingele and Walt Venvertloh		
	7:00 a.m.	Schulte and Frericks families		
January 19 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	11:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman		

Week of 1/5/2025	Week	YTD	
Regular Collection	\$28,759.03	\$737,538.38	
Loose Collection	\$1,049.15	\$46,912.96	
Total Collection	\$29,808.18	\$784,451.34	
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Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$864,000.00	

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$4,339.95 YTD: \$125,834.55

This week in the Parish:

Monday, January 13

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ministry Team meeting

5:00 p.m. Altar Server training

6:00 p.m. CYO board meeting

6:00 p.m. PSR

7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council

6:30 p.m. Women's Prayer group

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. SFS Mass

9:30 a.m. Adoration

11:30 a.m. QCS meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 16

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis quilters

11:00 a.m. Quincy DRE meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Finance Council meeting

6:30 p.m. OCIA

Friday, January 17

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. QCS meeting

3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting

Saturday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass

We are looking for a few new volunteers to visit St. Francis parishioners who are in Blessing Hospital. You can pick the day of the week and time of day for the visit. For more information please call Mary Fitzsimmons at 217-553-8871. Get Well Wishes for Fr. Arisman: If you would like to send get well cards or packages 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, II. 62702

Rest in Peace Terry Grussenmeyer December 31, 1948 — December 29, 2024

Travel through Portugal with Fr. Bob Barko in 2026 Visit Lisbon, Fatima and more! An informational

meeting will be held on Monday, January 13 at 6 p.m. at Quincy's Discount Travel to discuss the details. Please call 217-228-1122 to RSVP.

Three-day Mission for the Whole Family

January 12, 13, 14 at St. Brigid Church in Liberty. Free will offering.

Featuring Emmy-nominated actor Frank Runyeon who brings scripture to life with drama and humor. The mission starts Sunday, January 12 with a presentation titled Luke: Stories on the Road; Monday, January 13, Sermon on the Mount and Tuesday, January 14, Hollywood vs. Faith. All talks start at 7 p.m. To learn more about Mr. Runyeon visit frankrunyeon.com.

St. Edward Church Annual Whole Hog Breakfast

214 S. State Rd., Mendon
Sunday, February 9, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sausage and pancakes, biscuits and gravy
All you can eat for \$12; 10 and under \$6
To place a meat order call Lindsey, 430-7437 or email
stedwardsmeatorders@gmail.com.

St. Francis Scouts Soup Supper: Saturday, January 25 from 4-7 p.m. in the parish center. Choice of three soups: chicken noodle, chili and spicy chili. Also grilled cheese, corn bread, and dessert. Dine-in tickets are \$9 each at the door or \$27 for the entire family (limit of 5). To-go orders also available and half-gallon bulk orders, too. Proceeds will go to Cub Scout Pack 22 and Scouts BSA Troop 22 of St. Francis

Thank you! To Marty Karhoff, Denny Kendrick and all of the volunteers who showed up and cleared all of the steps and sidewalks of the church and school this past Monday, January 6.

Check out the new St. Francis Parish App!

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



Career Opportunity: Contact the Niemeyer Agency to learn about the benefits of being a Knights of Columbus Agent. Match your faith with your career goals. Set your own work schedule and activities. Unlimited earning potential, competitive compensation, and more. Contact the agency at niemeyeragencymail@kofc.org or 618-526-7991.

Every Monday at 7 p.m. we gather to say a Rosary for Peace. All are welcome. Help us keep this tradition alive and join us in the chapel. The Rosary also is said Monday through Friday at 6 a.m., Saturday mornings at 7:30 before Mass and on Sunday morning at 6:30 before the 7 o'clock Mass. Please join your voice with ours and help make this world a safer place for all.

<u>Holy Name News:</u> The men of the Holy Name wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year! There will be no meeting in January, so please join us for our February meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m.

Knights of Columbus News: The Knights also wish everyone a Happy New Year! The Thursday Night Raffle and Friday Night Chicken Dinners will return January 9 and 10.



Souper Bowl of Giving for Food Pantry

Parishioners are being asked to bring soup and crackers from now until the Super Bowl on February 9 to support the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please bring canned soup and crackers to help stock the food pantry.

Ladies of St. Francis News:

We pray you had a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. Due to a conflict with the parish center, our first dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Reservations can be made by calling or texting Helen Zimmerman at 217-242-6692. The first Card Party of the new year will be Thursday, March 6. Stay tuned to this space for more details!

Wedding Anniversary Recognition Mass

On February 8-9 we will be honoring those couples who are celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2025 at all Masses.

Newlyweds celebrating their first year of marriage as well as those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60-plus years of Holy Matrimony will be called forward after Communion and given a blessing. If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2025, please complete this form and return it to the Rectory by Friday, January 31.

Name:

Date of Anniversary: Years Married:

Mass you will attend on February 8 or 9:

4:30 7:00 9:00 11:00



- 16+ and Older —

Mardi Gras -theme

Coloring Night!

UNMASK YOUR HIDDEN TALENT!

Saturday – MARCH 1 St. Francis Parish Hall

5:30 pm (after 4:30pm Mass)

Our 2nd Coloring Night event – hosted by: St. Francis WELCOMING COMMITTEE

What will we be Coloring?

ALL-OCCASION CARDS that are sent out to various Parishioners across the year.

But you may also keep any Cards you color too!

Cards & Coloring supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own as well.

Will there be food and drinks?

TACO BAR with all the fixins', Salad, and Sweets. Light refreshments also provided. **B.Y.O. ALCOHOL** or drink of choice.

Anything else I need to know?

BACKGROUND MUSIC... New Orleans-style! And a little light entertainment. 50/50 Raffle - so remember to bring along some cash!

Free-Will Donations will be accepted ... all monies will go to our School for SUPPLIES used-up often across the year.

RSVP <u>REQUIRED</u> RSVP <u>DEADLINE</u>: FEB. 23

RSVP Contact: JULIE ERWIN cell: (217) 257-5313 email: julie.gunn@comcast.net



A Message from Dr. Chris Gill, Chief Administrative Leader, Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools on the School Financial Education Sessions:

In response to valuable community feedback, financial education sessions were recently held in December at each of the four parishes to provide an in-depth look at the financial dynamics of Quincy Catholic Schools. These sessions were designed to ensure transparency and help the community understand the financial picture of our Catholic elementary schools.

Key topics covered included school income and expenses, parish support for schools, fiscal year income, and the financial challenges faced by our parishes. Highlights emphasized that payroll and benefits represent the largest expenses, and projections show a growing parish subsidy will be needed over the next three years due to anticipated enrollment trends. The sessions underscored the shared responsibility of tithing and the vital role it plays in sustaining our schools.

The Provisional Advisory Board and the Corporate Board remain actively engaged in evaluating the future of Quincy Catholic Schools to determine the best path forward. Updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

If you were unable to attend a session but would like to learn more, please click here to get more information and/or contact Dr. Chris Gill at dcgill@quincycatholicschools.org.



"Friends Who Bear the Love of Christ"

Dodgeball

Monday, January 13 - St. Francis School Gym Drop off & pick up @ St.Francis Solanus Church main entrance. Water provided by BEAR.

Altaration & Pizza

Monday, January 27 - Altaration Lesson. Pizza & water provided by BEAR.

Board Game Night

Monday, February 3 - Bring a snack to share. Water provided by BEAR.

BEAR Cookie Sale

After Masses on Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9 Cookie sale for St. Valentines Day.

St. Valentines Day Dinner

Monday, February 10 - St. Valentines Day Games & Dinner provided by BEAR.
Please RSVP to jpetty@stfrancissolanus.com

Altaration \$ Pizza

Monday, February 24 - Altaration Lesson. Pizza & water provided by BEAR.

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





Pancakes rescheduled: QND has rescheduled its Pancake Breakfast to this Sunday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

January 18-19	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	William Hea Piper Steward Lillian Wheeler	Amy Kaiser Michelle Obert Joleen Patton Andrew Wemhoener	Tom Ennis Zachary Maas Jim Kaiser Russell Rohrer Joseph Wiewel John Veith	Mike Bickhaus Shelia Goehl	Peggy Kaiser Angel Miranda Gift Bearer Adriane Jones
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Markius Lugering Chloe Terwelp	John Benz Arlene Hendren Emilie Venvertloh Donald Winking	Gary Hilgenbrinck Mary Terwelp Janet Marquette John Beckman Lawrence Venvertloh Scott Venvertloh	Carolyn Briddle Janet Zeidler	James Doellman Terry Niemann Gift Bearer Kay Gallaher
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Jack Costigan Isaac Curry Will Hummel	Katherine Cramsey Donnette Cannady Peggy Koetters Donna Mangold	Ron Gengenbacher Diann Cole Jason Cramsey Troy Hummel Ryan Klauser <u>One Needed Please</u>	Gerald Koetters John McDowell	Mary Fitzsimmons Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Bruce Broemmel
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Samuel Bruening Benjamin Eling William Eling	Alice Arnold Marvin Knuffman Shirley Walbring <i>One Needed Please</i>	Dennis Greving Rob Frese Donald Olps Mike Zanger Neal Blickhan Drew Erwin	Pam Frericks Helen Zimmerman	Nancy Hufendick Doris Karhoff Gift Bearer Connie Gordon
	rning Mass Server urgy of the Word	January 18, 8:00 a.m. January 19, 9:00 a.m.	,		



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