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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12: 12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Except for Lent and Easter, all of our Sunday Gospels will be taken from the Gospel of Luke this year. Luke is the only non-Jewish writer of any book of the Bible. He was well-educated; he was a doctor; he accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys. Luke has a sense of delicacy, and he often smoothes the "rough" language of Mark. He omits anything which would be offensive to good taste. His Gospel emphasizes the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. Luke takes note of secular history, and places Jesus in historical perspective. Women play a very important part in Luke's Gospel. Remember these characteristics as you read Luke this year.

Today's Gospel contains the first four verses of the Gospel; then it skips to the time immediately after Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Jesus goes to his hometown synagogue, opens the scroll of Isaiah to give the reading. He then sits down and proclaims that the reading has been fulfilled in their presence! The Spirit of the Lord is upon him. He is anointed to proclaim Good News to all.

The first reading today describes the renewal of the covenant under Ezra about 450 B.C. Moses had received the Torah from the Lord on Mt. Sinai about the year 1290 B.C. Then the Israelites had promised to be loyal to the covenant, but they were not. Because of their constant infidelity, the nation was destroyed, and they were captives at Babylon from 587 to 538 B.C. God delivered them; they returned home; and under Ezra they renewed their pledge of loyalty to the covenant. "Amen" means "with all my heart and soul, I agree to this!"

The second reading continues Paul's discussion on the use of all our gifts and talents for the building up of the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ. Although we shall use the short form of the reading at Mass today, read and reflect on the longer form. Each of us receives the one Body of Christ in Holy Communion. We are united with him. Through our union with the Person or Body of Christ, we become one Body in him! Therefore we must show our unity with each other by our bonds of love and caring. Each person must seek to contribute to the upbuilding of the Body of Christ, and not to tearing it apart.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I hope that this week finds you well and warm! During the bitter cold of January, we are reminded of our dependence on the objective truths given us by Almighty God. Cold temperatures can be uncomfortable, freezing temperatures can be deadly. That reality is an objective truth, time tested and revealed as true. In the reading from Ezra the men, women, and children old enough to understand were presented with the Law and they all listened attentively. It is important that the Church continue to teach God's objective truths and the Laws of the Church. This is as it has always been, a life-long process.

When we are very young, we have prayers to memorize and the postures of worship to learn. As juveniles, we begin to learn Bible stories and the catechism and we become servers. As teenagers we learn how to live out the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy, putting our faith into action. In college, through groups like Focus and Newman Centers, we continue to learn about the faith while also learning to live on our own. As new parents we learn about our faith as we teach our children. Often the faith truly becomes alive as we journey as a family to live out the objective truths and laws we have been taught all our lives. As life continues, we find more time for Bible studies, prayer groups, and we have time to reflect on how we have lived out our faith life. We recognize times when we could have been stronger in our faith. We may even come to recognize where we rejected our faith and accepted subjective truths over God's objective truths.

In writing to Theophilus, Luke testifies to the certainty of the teachings that have been given. That according to his custom Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath. Even Jesus kept the objective truth that we are to keep the sabbath, the Lord's Day. This is an objective truth that we, yes me included, can let our subjective truth talk us out of. There are many good reasons we may have for not attending Holy Mass: Illness, weather, an emergency, etc. But to simply accept the attitude of "I don't need to go" or I don't get anything out of it" is not OK. We have a duty to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as part of keeping the Lord's Day a holy day of rest, and that is an objective truth.

I hope that you also realize how important it is that we gather as a community of faith. When you are not at Mass you are missed. Our communion is not full when people are missing. Many people who have been away from Mass for a long time are returning. People have found that subjective truth does not lead to truth at all and are again seeking God's objective truths. There are many programs, apps, and books to welcome people back to the faith and to help them find the answers they seek. Let us also help by providing a warm and welcoming environment where God is found.

Catholic Schools Week is here! The theme this year is "Teach me your ways O Lord." I thank all of you for making St. Francis Solanus School a way for us to continue to pass on the faith we have been given. Offering a quality education in a Catholic environment is an important part of our parish mission and I celebrate Catholic Schools Week with all of you.

St. Francis Solanus – Pray for us!

In Christ our Redeemer,

Fr. Bruce Scott

Weekday Mass Intentions

January 27 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Janice Blickhan Foreman		
January 28 Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Louis and Joanna Venegoni		
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Pat Requet		
January 29 Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Sean Ufen and Don Holtschlag		
	5:30 p.m.	Nancy Terwelp		
January 30 Thursday	6:30 a.m.	Nan Olson		
	5:30 p.m.	Sandy Stillwell		
January 31 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Jerome and Margaret Blaesing		
February 1 Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Dick Bonebrake		
	4:30 p.m.	Maxine Wavering and Robert Duesterhaus		
February 2 Sunday	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis		
	9:00 a.m.	Dick Gengenbacher and Launa Blickhan		
	11:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman and Linda Sue Irick		

Week of 1/19/2025	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$24,295.00	\$785,199.5

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Loose Collection	\$1,293.82	\$49,804.15	
Total Collection	\$25,588.82	\$835,003.65	
Needed Support	\$32,000.00	\$928,000.00	

Annual School Fund:

Week: \$2,294.40 YTD: \$130,422.15

This week in the Parish:

Monday, January 27

6:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Ministry Team meeting

6:00 p.m. PSR

7:15 p.m. BEAR meeting

Tuesday, January 28

6:30 a.m. Mass

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

1:00 p.m. QCS Pastors meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass

6:15 p.m. Stewardship meeting

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

Wednesday, January 29

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:35 a.m. SFS Mass

9:30 a.m. Adoration

1:30 p.m. QCS Pastors meeting

5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, January 30

6:30 a.m. Mass

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

1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion group

5:30 p.m. Mass

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Friday, January 31

6:30 a.m. Mass

3:00 p.m. Girl Scout meeting

6:00 p.m. SFS Glow Dance

Saturday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Carmelite meeting

8:30 a.m. Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Mass

St. Francis School alum Larry Talken of St. Peter's parish will turn 90 on February 13. Family and friends are invited to mail cards to the address below:

> Mr. Larry Talken 4014 Prairie Ridge Drive Quincy, II. 62305

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 Donald Wiemelt July 8, 1949—January 13, 2025 And Phyllis Lugering December 11, 1947—January 19, 2025

Annual Valentines for Seniors from Sen. Jill Tracy

Create, draw or buy a Valentine's Day card for someone living in a care facility to remind them that they are loved and

remembered. You can drop off or mail the card to Senator Tracy's office **by February 7** and her staff will deliver them to senior citizens in local assisted living and long-term care facilities in the 50th Senate District. Senator Tracy's Quincy office is located at 3601 East Lake Center Dr., Suite 200, Quincy, IL. 62305.

Theology on Tap: Join Father Dominic Rankin as he teaches us how the longing of the human heart leads to the Kingdom of God.

Tuesday, February 4
Drinks begin at 6:00, talk at 6:35.
The Fuzzy Bubbler
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Right to Life of Adams County invites everyone to the documentary The 1916 Project about Margaret Sanger, the controversial historical figure and founder of Planned Parenthood, Sunday, January 26, 6 p.m. at Bethel Assembly of God in Quincy. For more information about the film go to the 1916project.com.

Help Wanted in the Parish Office!

Krista will be leaving Quincy very soon and we need a responsible person to help Chris manage the day-to-day operations. Duties include answering the phone and assisting people who stop in to the office. You will help schedule baptisms, weddings, and funerals, as well as recording these sacraments. This is a rewarding position that allows you to meet new people, get better acquainted with your fellow parishioners and assist the priests and deacons with their various ministries.

This is a part-time position with a flexible Monday-Friday daytime schedule!

Please prayerfully consider applying for this position if you think you might be a good fit. Call the parish office, 217-222-2898, if you have further questions.

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.



<u>Holy Name News:</u> Join us for our February meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. The Holy Name men will be taking down the inside manger and the trees around it after the 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday. Please stop by to lend a hand if you can.

Knights of Columbus News: The Thursday Night Raffle is up to \$25,502. Stop in or drive through for a Friday Night Chicken Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$13.

It's Tax Time: If you would like a copy of your giving statement for 2024 please call the office at 217-222-2898. You can come to the office and pick it up or we can email it to you. Thank you!

Instructions for downloading the new parish app are now available on our website, stfrancisssolanus.com.

Scroll down to the bottom of the site and click on "Get Parish App."

Ladies of St. Francis News:

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, so this is a one-time change. 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.

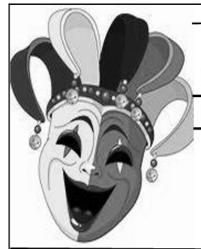
Newlyweds celebrating their first year of marriage as well as those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60-plus years of Holy Matrimony will be called forward after Communion and given a blessing. If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2025, please complete this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





"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

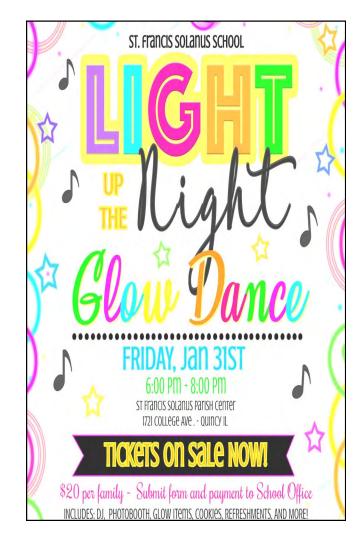
Monday, February 10 - St. Valentines Day Games & Dinner provided by BEAR.

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



Kindergarten Round Up! Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room. The child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2025 to enroll in kindergarten this August. To register for this event email school@stfrancissolanus.com.

Preschool Open House for prospective students and parents: Monday, February 5, 5-6:30 –p.m. Inquiring about Catholic Education...A night for adults who want to know more: Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. in the lower level. This is an informal evening with conversation about the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Francis Solanus School. Open to parents and grandparents of prospective students. You will NOT be pressured to enroll. If possible, please R.S.V.P. at school@stfrancissolanus.com or 217-222-4077. Enrollment opens for the 2025-26 school year on Friday, February 7 online. New students may submit

a request to enroll on the parish website, stfrancissolanus.com. Click on the "school" tab, then "enrollment."

February 1-2	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher		Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Reese Meehan Piper Steward Hunter Terwelp	Marsha Collins Christine Fisk Theresa Rohrer Jessica Veith	Joe Venvertloh Russ Rohrer Jim Kaiser	Tom Ennis Harold Vahle John Veith	Mike Bickhaus	Kristine Bickhaus Peggy Kaiser Gift Bearer Cindy Reichert
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Theodora Gengenbacher Eli Terwelp	Carolyn Briddle Anthony Freiburg Jane Gregory Vieve Veith	Kevin Genenbacher Emilie Venvertloh George Venvertloh	Don Winking Larry Klauser Joe Bernhardt	John Venegoni Jan Zeidler	Sandra Banning Joan Beard Gift Bearer Amber Terwelp
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Molly Costigan Peyton Kendrick James Petty	Ric Hinkamper Jayna Klauser Pattie Paxton Bill Paxton	Mike Patterson Karl Venvertloh Jason Costigan	Neal Blickhan Joe Darnell Bob Harman	Monica Hinkamper Brad Hummel	Anne Meyer Prudy Patterson Gift Bearer Kathy Cramsey
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Aubree Fry Isaac Steinkamp	Mike Holbrook Marcia Steinkamp Brenda Wand Mike Wand	Melisa Arnold James Doellman Brent Frericks	Drew Erwin Ted Meyer Rose Willer	Dennis Greving Dennis Steinkamp	Jane Haas Nancy Hufendick Gift Bearer Sam Vranjes
	ing Mass Server rgy of the Word	February 1, 8:00 a.m. February 2, 9:00 a.m.	Whitney Ormond Adayre Klauser			



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