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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 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;  
Matthew 3:1-12

Two hundred fifty years before Isaiah wrote, God promised that the dynasty of David would last forever. (See 2 Samuel 7:11-17.) But the descendants of David were a sorry lot. They were weak, corrupt, and faithless kings. Nevertheless, Isaiah — and the rest of the Bible preserves the tradition which contradicted their experience.

Isaiah sees that a “righteous shoot” shall spring from the “dead stump” of Jesse (David’s father). Isaiah calls on us to have hope, even when it contradicts our experience. Isaiah gives a beautiful picture of paradise which will come when the Messiah comes: The wolf shall be guest of the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid ... etc.

In the second reading, Paul urges us to have hope because of the example of patience in our spiritual ancestors. He urges us to accept each other because Christ has accepted us: Whether we are Jew or Gentile, the Lord has had mercy on us all. Therefore we should glorify him by our charity toward each other.

The Gospel is a fiery sermon of John the Baptist. He calls the good people of his day (the Pharisees) a “nest of snakes!” He calls for everyone to turn his life around in order to escape the punishment his sins deserve. No one likes to hear a hurtful truth; but the truth is necessary for our spiritual conversion.

Let us pray today that we may have hope even when things seem hopeless, and that we may always follow the truth — even when it hurts.

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this second Sunday of Advent, we hear very familiar readings. Isaiah tells us of the shoot of Jesse and how it will blossom. Who is Jesse? Jesse is the father of King David. Do you have a Jesse tree in your house that you work through Advent with your family? If not, I highly encourage you to get one and go through it with your family together. It helps us grow in our faith and understanding of the family tree of Jesus Christ. Understanding this lineage helps us understand Christ even more.

We hear in Isaiah who this eternal King is and what He will do. The good news is that Isaiah tells us this kingdom isn't just for the Israelites but will be a beacon for the gentiles, for us! St. John the Baptist makes his call to repentance and belief in Jesus Christ. We hear who St. John the Baptist is and how he is the fulfillment of the prophets. St. John the Baptist speaks bluntly against the Pharisees and Sadducees, calling them a brood of vipers! He issues their condemnation unless they truly repent and believe in Jesus and the baptism in the Holy Spirit that He offers. This is a warning for us as well. Make sure that we heed this warning and change our lives during this Advent season. Focus more on your hearts and souls and lives changing and not just on preparing your homes and food. These are good things that can remind us of the change and light and joy we should have in our souls.

This week we celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception. Please make it a priority for you and your family to come to Mass Monday, December 8. There are no vigils Masses the night before because it is a Sunday, BUT there are many Mass times available at our parish, as well as the parishes in our area. Holy Day Mass times at St. Francis are 6:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m., and 5:30.p.m. Come join us.

On November 27, 2025, Rev. Daren J. Zehnle, KCHS died at 47 years old from a massive stroke. Fr. Zehnle and I have been close friends for over 25 years. We worked a lot together as brother priests, especially for things with the cause for Fr. Tolton. I am very sad. I miss my friend dearly, as I know many of you will. Please pray for Fr. Zehnle's family, his friends, the Quincy University students, his brother priests, and all who loved him. He made a major impact on so many. His funeral will be here Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m. There will be a lot of people coming, so please be patient and welcoming to all who come through our doors for the funeral. Thank you to all who will make this day beautiful. Please also pray for the repose of his soul, as well as Fr. Joseph Ring, another priest of the diocese who died just a couple of weeks ago.

Thank you to all who made the Christmas Holiday Bazaar successful! It is a lot of work and a wonderful way to welcome so many through our doors who may never have entered otherwise. A great tool of evangelization as well as fundraising. Thank you!

Lastly, as we are in the season of inclement weather, please make sure you have the parish app downloaded on your phone and notifications on, so that if something would be changed or canceled, we can get the information out to you. Mass will never be canceled, but other events may be. Even if it is just Fr. Ken and I at Mass, we will still have the scheduled Masses at the scheduled times for the scheduled intentions. Also, please be very careful coming in and going out to cars. I can dispense individual people from the obligation of Mass for grave reasons, if you speak to me ahead of time. BUT, remember, I cannot dispense my entire parish from Mass. If it is a true danger for you to go to Mass, the obligation is not there. I say this for those who shouldn't be coming, not to those who want this as an excuse not to go to Mass. If you are too afraid to leave the house, except maybe for the doctor or pharmacy or grocery store for necessities, then your obligation is not there. If you are willing to go shopping or go out to eat or get your hair done or drive somewhere to sled, then you and your family should be coming. Church law does not oblige you to risk your life to attend, especially our older generations. Just be smart.

*Father Arisman*

## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>December 8 Monday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Isabelle Daly and Ann Goehl
	5:30 p.m.	Jean Goodwin and Katy Lunt
<b>December 9 Tuesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Regina Blickhan and Roger Cook
	5:30 p.m.	Martha Henderson and Austin Hermann
<b>December 10 Wednesday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Sally Andrews and Gary Brink
	5:30 p.m.	Harry Edward and Michael McAfee
<b>December 11 Thursday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Phyllis Lugering and Fr. Tom Shaughnessy
	5:30 p.m.	Stan Musholt and Gene Jansen
<b>December 12 Friday</b>	6:30 a.m.	Mary Reckers and Charles and Irene Milder
<b>December 13 Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Vincent Brown and DD Fischer
	4:30 p.m.	Carl, Connie and Fr. Gary Bernhardt and Donald Klingele
<b>December 14 Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Kay and Bob Brinkman and Launa Blickhan
	11:00 a.m.	John and Ruth Holman and Rosie Madison

**Week of 11/29/2025**      **Week**      **YTD**

**Collections to Support the Church**

Regular Collection	\$22,011.70	\$580,148.91
Loose Collection	\$1,484.50	\$39,992.73
Holy Days, Special Collections	\$774.00	\$7,632.10

**Total Collection**      **\$24,270.20**      **\$627,773.74**

Budget Needed Support	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$584,850.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-3,579.80</b>	<b>\$42,923.74</b>

**This week in the Parish:**

**Monday, December 8**

**The Immaculate Conception**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass  
1:00 p.m. QCS meeting  
5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass  
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

**Tuesday, December 9**

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. Women's Prayer Group

**Wednesday, December 10**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
3:00 p.m. QCS meeting  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Holy Name meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir practice  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning committee  
7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

**Thursday, December 11**

6:30 a.m. Mass  
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
1:00 p.m. QCS Business Managers  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
6:00 p.m. Troop 22 Christmas Party

**Friday, December 12**

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

**Saturday, December 13**

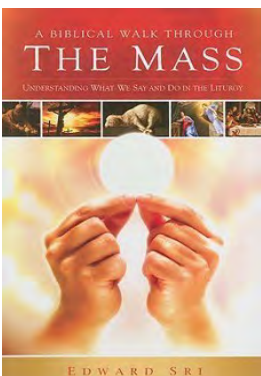
8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:00 a.m. Girl Scouts  
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. Mass

Annual School Fund	\$1,387.03	YTD: \$87,843.52
<b>Budget Goal for School Support</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>YTD: \$76,650.00</b>

### Thought of the Week: Inspiration

I have found that discouragement is a devil that needs to be driven from our lives with inspiration. I need a daily dose of inspiration: books, movies, music, quotes, friends, family, history, prayer, reflection, meditation, and laughter, always laughter. Find the inspiration you need and drink from those waters each day.

Matthew Kelly



### Saints Study Final Fall Session Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. in the parish center.

Join us as we explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy, and understand their profound significance. The goal of this study is to renew our faith and

deepen our love and devotion to the Eucharist. All parishes are welcome. Bring a friend!

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

This Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be NO anticipated Mass on Sunday, December 7. On Monday there will be Mass at 6:30 a.m., 8:35 a.m. school Mass and 5:30 p.m.

### *Rest in Peace*

*Mary Lou Rakers*

*December 25, 1939—November 22, 2025*

*And*

*August Jacobs*

*September 11, 1937—November 20, 2025*

### Parishioner Don Bergman is Turning 100 Years Young

Don's family invites everyone to his 100th birthday celebration open house **this Sunday, December 7**. Stop by the Quincy Senior Center from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and congratulate Don on this milestone event. The Senior Center is located at 639 York St.

### St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake and Sausage

**Breakfast** will be Sunday, December 14 from 7 a.m.-Noon. Adults \$14, children \$7, five and under free. Dine in or carry out. St. Anthony is located at 2223 St. Anthony Rd. in Quincy.



**Giving Tree Ministry:** This year we have the opportunity to help our fellow parishioners have a brighter Christmas. You will find tags on the trees located around the Church, with requested gifts

listed on them. If you can help, take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it with the tag **secured on the outside**, and place it under one of the trees in the Sanctuary, **no later than 11 a.m. on December 21**. You will find name tags on the tree that say "Nursing Home." Some ideas for residents: water bottle, soft throw blankets, stationery, stamps, socks, soap, holiday decorations, large print word search. Please no more than 2-3 items per resident. If you purchase a gift card, please remember the Gene Grawe cards that are available at St. Peter Church Lobby. If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Cornwell at 217-430-0528 or Barb Nisbet, 217-257-9473.

**Holy Name News:** The next Holy Name meeting is this Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in the parish center. This will be our Christmas banquet. Funds donated for the meal will go to the food pantry.

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday night Big Raffle drawing is up to \$16,077. Tickets are sold from 6-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00. Friday Night Chicken Dinners have returned. Coming up for KC members is the Christmas Cheer on December 14 and the Kids Christmas party on December 13. Check out the daily calendar winners and much more at [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org).

***Christmas Cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes***

*It's time for our church families to address Christmas cards for our parishioners who live in nursing homes or memory care facilities.*

***Good Samaritan Home:*** Phyllis Ehrhardt, Phyllis Hemm, Betty Klingele, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt, Carlene Wolf, Kenneth Talken, Lana Krigbaum

***Illinois Veterans Home:*** Vicki Kurtz, Leo Luttrell, Barbara Nauert.

***Quincy Healthcare:*** Charlotte Poore, Norma Russell, Judith Schmitz, Margie Bernhardt

***Sunset Senior Living:*** Charlotte Adam, Michael Mason, Janet Waterkotte, Gayle Happekotte, William Jansen, Dori Ohnemus, Joan Keller

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

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

***Adams Pointe Senior Living:*** William Postle

***Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center:*** Dorothy Huber

***Bradford Villa:*** Paul Bower

***Bickford of Quincy:*** Pat Hussong, Carolyn Rupp

***Barry Health Care:*** Barbara Niewohner

*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 15.***

*If you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call Susan Mast, 217-430-3234.*

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

- The Ladies of St. Francis wish everyone a blessed and healthy Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

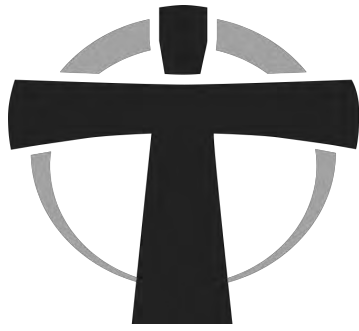
The Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendar Raffle helps many local charities. Cost is \$25 and you have a chance to win every day of the year with over \$24,000 in cash prizes. **They really make great Christmas gifts!** The raffle calendars are available at the Knights east building during business hours, or by calling Mike Schlipmann, 217-653-9318 or John Veith, 217-653-0258. Thank you for your support!

Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs your help to serve our communities. Please consider purchasing a grocery gift card when you're buying Gene Grawe gift cards at St. Peter. The cards you purchase are left at the office to be donated to the Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

**Socks and Underwear Collection:** New socks and underwear—all sizes for men, women, and children— can be donated in the red totes each Sunday during Advent. These donations will help the Ladies of Charity serve our community all year long and will stay local. Thank you for your help!



*Congratulations and Welcome  
Isla Reign Otte  
Daughter of Keith and Sierra Otte  
And  
Joanna Therese Carter  
Daughter of Nolon and Sarah Carter  
Baptized into the Catholic faith  
November 30, 2025*



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**Thank you, Ladies!** There has been a need for shades in the school gym. Bright morning and afternoon sun is intense during P.E. classes making it difficult to see in the gym. There is also a need to block natural light during stage performances. The Ladies of St. Francis made a donation to cover the cost of light filtering shades in the gym for ten double windows. We appreciate this generous and helpful gift.

### Immediate Job Opening at QND

QND is seeking qualified candidates for a **Maintenance/ Groundskeeper** position. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference **by Friday, December 12** to QND Principal Mark McDowell at [mmcdowell@qndhs.org](mailto:mmcdowell@qndhs.org). Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 an hour. More information is available upon request.

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## BEAR UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Francis' youth group for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Mondays 6:45-8PM at St. Francis School

\*\* unless otherwise stated \*\*

NOV 2 ALL SOULS ADORATION @ ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY 7-8 PM

NOV 10 NO MEETING

NOV 17 CHURCH / RECTORY TOUR W/FR. ARISMAN

NOV 24 MEETING (DETAILS TBD)

DEC 1 MEETING (DETAILS TBD)

DEC 8 NO MEETING (FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)


DEC 15 LAST 2025 MEETING (DETAILS TBD)

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Come for the fun - Stay for the faith

DECEMBER 8-14	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. IC Holy Day	Gibson Holbrook <i>One Needed Please</i>	Patti Blickhan <i>One Needed Please</i>	Michael Bickhaus Mark Meyer James Doellman	Michael Eling Marty Karhoff Roberta Meyer	Angela Gutting Patricia Paxton	Doris Karhoff <b>Gift Bearer</b> Connie Gordon
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	Anthony Alonzo Damien Alonzo Michael Alonzo	Logan Callahan Steven McMillen Christine Fisk Michelle Obert	Kevin Genenbacher Adam Hightower Zachary Maas	John Veith John Obert Jerald Meyer	Angela Gutting Stephen Davis	Thomas Ennis Karen Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> Betsy Terwelp
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Theodora Gengenbacher Alexandra Gengenbacher	Cindy Grawe Jane Gregory Don Winking Pat Winking	John Benz Paul Eling Larry Klausner	Scott Venvertloh Terence Obert James Wilper	Jan Zeidler	Sandra Banning Joan Beard <b>Gift Bearer</b> Roch Schulte
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Peyton Kendrick Alexander Lawrence Sebastian Lawrence	Anne Betts Robert Haas Brad Kendrick Caitlin Kendrick	Neal Blickhan Jason Costigan Joseph Darnell <i>One Needed Please</i>	Troy Hummel Aaron Kerkhoff	Bradley Hummel Donna Mangold	Mary Fitzsimmons <i>One Needed Please</i> <b>Gift Bearer</b> Amanda Gengenbacher
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Samuel Bruening Evan Reichert <i>One Needed Please</i>	Christine Duvall Carol Steinbrecher Michael Wand Helen Zimmerman	Richard Mitchell Melissa Arnold Brent Frericks	Diann Cole Marty Karhoff Steven Obert	Rebecca Wear Pam Frericks	Doris Karhoff Brenda Wand <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jamie Friye
<i>Saturday Morning Mass Server</i> <i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		<b>December 13, 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>December 14, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Whitney Ormond Kendra Cramsey			

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Irene Freiburg	Bernadina "Birdie" Freund
Mary Futterer	Mary Hickey
Wilhelmina Kottendorf	Cecelia VonderHaar
Olivia Timpe	Margareth Werner

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