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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 25, 2026**

Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17;  
Matthew 4:12-23 or 4: 12-17

A better translation of today's first reading might help. It might read, "In former times he degraded Zebulun and Naphthali, but in the latter time, he will make glorious the way of the sad, the land west of the Jordan, and Galilee of the nations."

The territory of Zebulun and Naphthali was the first to be conquered by the Assyrians in the time of Isaiah. But Isaiah promised that Ahaz and his son Hezekiah would be protected from the Assyrian onslaught.

Jesus was reared in the area called Zebulun and Naphthali; it was considered pagan Galilee by the religious professionals at Jerusalem. The contempt was expressed by Nathaniel when he said, "Can any good come from Nazareth?"

In God's providence, however, this "pagan" territory was eager to hear the Good News. Light for the entire world came from this land of "darkness." Matthew sees the "prophecy" of Isaiah fulfilled in Jesus, the light of the world. Jesus calls on us to reform our lives, for the kingdom is near.

The second reading (the "continuous reading") is usually not connected with the other two Scriptures. The Corinthians were torn apart by dissension, bickering, and infighting. They were a fairly "low rent" people, terribly insecure, who wanted to "be somebody." Paul tells them that true wisdom is to be found in the cross of Christ. If they belong to Christ, they cannot be divided or torn by dissension.

One of the messages today is that God can write straight with crooked lines. He can make somebodies out of nobodies, and bring light to those in darkness. He can even change our lives, if we let him!

--Msgr. William Carr  
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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The prophet Isaiah speaks today to a people who knew what it meant to live in darkness—fear, uncertainty, and loss shaped their daily lives. Yet into that reality God makes a bold promise: *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”* This is not wishful thinking or shallow optimism. It is the assurance that God does not abandon His people in their struggles. Light comes not by escaping hardship, but by God entering into it and transforming it from within.

That promise comes to fulfillment in the Gospel as Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee, calling ordinary men in the midst of ordinary work. His first words are an invitation and a challenge: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Christ’s light calls for a response—leaving behind what holds us captive and trusting Him enough to follow. Here at St. Francis Solanus, we are reminded that discipleship begins not when life is perfect, but when we allow Christ to meet us where we are and lead us forward in His light.

As I said last weekend at Sunday Masses, we are working on projects for security. Door glass, locks, and more security cameras. If you would like to support that project, please do so. As many of you are aware, we had lightning strike the tower last year, which effected many things, including the organ. In the process of fixing the organ, which will not be complete until May or so, we are being given the option of adding some digital components to the organ. I am told this is the time to do that work, while also being told it is very worthwhile to add, if we can get the funding. The project would cost \$100,000. If anyone would like to fund that project or help to fund that project, it would be a great addition. Please let me know if you are interested in the organ addition. We have many exciting things going on here at St. Francis, and many more soon to announce.

*Father Arisman*



*“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.”* Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

*From Parish Link, Diocese of Springfield*



## *Weekday Mass Intentions*

<b>January 26 Monday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Richard and Joan Dietrich and Mary Lou Rakers
<b>January 27 Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Tally McDonald and Louis and Johanna Venegoni
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Jean Goodwin and Mary Reckers
<b>January 28 Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Martha Henderson and Niall Clark
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Howerton and Marcia Ryan and the Ryan family
<b>January 29 Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman and Charles and Irene Milder
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Mary Reckers and Katy Lunt
<b>January 30 Friday</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	Tally McDonald and Fr. Tom Shaughnessy
<b>January 31 Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Virginia Brinkman and Jean Goodwin
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Jean Gross and Shirley Bornman
<b>February 1 Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	The Parishioners of St. Francis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Donna Kerkhoff and Patrick Haugh
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	John and Ruth Holman and Wayne Six

### This week in the Parish:

#### Monday, January 26

6:30 a.m. Mass  
4:45 p.m. PSR  
6:45 p.m. BEAR youth group  
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

#### Tuesday, January 27

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis quilters  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:15 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 28

6:30 a.m. Mass  
8:35 a.m. SFS Mass  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### Thursday, January 29

6:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. St. Francis Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
5:30 p.m. Mass  
6:00 p.m. Scripture Discussion  
6:30 p.m. OCIA  
6:30 p.m. Troop 22 meeting  
7:00 p.m. St. Francis Men's Fraternity

#### Friday, January 30

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

#### Saturday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Mass  
8:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
10:00 a.m. Cursillo meeting  
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
4:30 p.m. Mass

**Week of 1/18/2026**      **Week**      **YTD**

#### **Collections to Support the Church**

Regular Collection	\$34,219.35	\$780,421.16
Loose Collection	\$1,726.00	\$51,077.12
Holy Days, Special Collections	\$45.00	\$45,945.85

**Total Collection**      **\$35,990.35**      **\$877,444.13**

Budget Needed Support	<b>\$27,850.00</b>	<b>\$779,800.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$8,140.35</b>	<b>\$97,644.13</b>

Annual School Fund	\$1,161.90	YTD: \$140,105.55
<b>Budget Goal for School Support</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>YTD: \$105,850.00</b>

**Thought of the Week:** Our Lord does not come down from Heaven every day to lie in a golden ciborium. He comes to find another heaven which is infinitely dearer to Him—the heaven of our souls, created in His image, the living temples of the Adorable Trinity.

-Saint Therese of Lisieux

*Welcome  
Madelyn Vahlé  
And  
Terry Spencer*

*We are delighted you have chosen  
St. Francis as your parish home*

*Wedding Anniversary  
Recognition Mass*

On February 14-15 we will be honoring those couples who are celebrating Milestone Anniversaries in 2026 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 2026, **please complete this form and return it to the Rectory by Friday, February 6.**

**Name:**

**Date of Anniversary:**

**Years Married:**

**Mass you will attend on February 14  
or 15: 4:30 7:00 9:00 11:00**

*Rest in Peace*

*Calvin Richard "Dick" Mudd  
June 23, 1944—January 17, 2026*

**Francis Fraternity Men's Group Upcoming Events:**

**January Gatherings:** Thursday, January 29, 7-8:15 p.m. Worship. Inaugural Mass for the Francis Fraternity.

**February Gatherings:** Thursdays 7-8:15 p.m. February 5, Formation Pillar—Discussion on Lenten preparation in the parish hall. February 12, Worship Pillar, Penance Service and Adoration in the church. February 19, Service Pillar, Room set-up for the BEAR youth group. Meet at the school. February 26, Fellowship Pillar, Euchre tournament at the KofC.

**The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at Walgreens** is starting up again February 18-March 25, Monday-Friday between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The kick-off dinner and information session will be Sunday, February 1 at 5 p.m. in the gathering space at Blessed Sacrament in Quincy. For more information contact Colleen Maalouf at 619-395-0625 or [cvmaalouf@gmail.com](mailto:cvmaalouf@gmail.com).

**Exciting news from BEAR** (our youth group for 6-8th graders). BEAR has been granted a dedicated "home base" in St. Francis School. This permanent space will allow our middle schoolers to grow in prayer and fellowship in a room of their own! To make it a welcoming environment, we are seeking **new or gently used** donations. We need **seating** such as couches, armchairs or bean bags; **furniture** such as coffee tables, side tables or shelving and **décor** such as area rugs, floor lamps and pillows. If you have something that might work, text a photo to Grant at 217-602-9293. We would be happy to come pick up the item. Thank you for your prayers and for supporting the youth at St. Francis.

**Download the Parish App in 2026!** Get up-to-the-minute parish information, monitor your serving and giving opportunities, stay spiritually connected, and much more. Just go to the app store and download **SPI Catholic** for free.

**2025 Giving Statements are ready. New this year:**

If you have an email on file with the parish, you will receive a link that allows you to view and print your statement. Act now because this link will expire on February 1. Your statement is also available in the parish app. Click on your profile, go to "My Giving" and "Giving Statement." If you have electronic giving you also can access the statement through Online Giving.

**Holy Name News:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 11 at 6 p.m., followed shortly by the Holy Name Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Stay tuned for all of the details!

**Knights of Columbus News:** The Thursday Night Big Raffle jackpot is up to almost \$17,000. Tickets are sold from 6:00-7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00. Friday Night Chicken Dinners also are back. Drive-through or eat in from 5-7 p.m. Half a chicken with all the sides for \$14 in the drive-through. Eat-in is buffet style. Don't forget to check out the daily calendar winners and much more at [quincykofc.org](http://quincykofc.org).

Thank you so much to our parish community and school children who addressed holiday greeting cards to parishioners who reside in nursing homes and memory care facilities. This was part of the parish's annual Christmas card shower. This special holiday gift means so much to those parishioners and their families. A total of 2,211 cards were delivered.

**Catholic Women's Group Planning Meeting:**

*Please join us on **Sunday, February 1 from 7-8 p.m.** in the parish center for a planning session for the St. Francis Catholic Women's Group. We will hear about the St. Francis Men's Fraternity that formed recently, and ways we can collaborate to create a version similar for women. For more information contact Kelly Lunt 217-617-1566 or Karen Weiman, 217-242-5513.*

**Lenten Bible Study: Bishop Barron's Seven Deadly Sins/ Seven Lively Virtues**

During Lent we examine our spiritual lives and take stock of what is going right and wrong. Bishop Barron says a classic way of doing this is to look at the "7 deadly sins and their antidotes, the corresponding virtues." Sin separates us from God. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron explains the nature of these sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each one, giving practical advice on how to instill this virtue in your own life. We will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 -8:00 in the bride's room on February 17 and 24 and March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Study guides will be available. If you want to order a study guide, indicate that when you sign up. Sign up by emailing [jvenegoni6808@comcast.net](mailto:jvenegoni6808@comcast.net) or texting 217-242-6497 or 217-430-2234 by February 12.

**Ladies of St. Francis News:**

We pray you had a Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year. The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 after the 5:30 Mass. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Call or text Helen Zimmerman to reserve your spot, 217-242-6692. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

**Chili Cook-Off** - The Mart Heinen Club of Quincy University will be holding its 36th annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the QU Health and Fitness Center and Hall of Fame Room, 19th and Oak Street. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family at the door. Sample various chilis and soups and vote for your favorites!

**Lenten Retreat from the Springfield DCCW:**

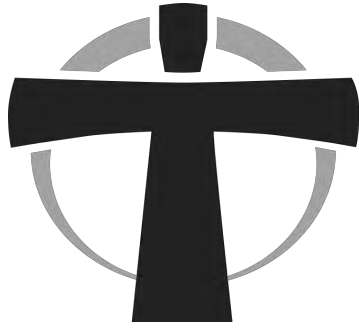
**Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass.**

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women to their annual Lenten Retreat at Villa Maria in Springfield, **February 24- 25** with Retreat Director, Sister Margaret Schreiber OP, PhD. What a wonderful time for spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship and much more! All are welcome! Registration forms with cost and further information is available in the gathering space. Deadline to register is February 14. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan, 217-822-1928, for more information.

**Fourth Annual Quincy Holy Family Fest: Equip 2026**

March 7 at Quincy Notre Dame. Guest speakers Pete and Tricia DeMaio and Megan Murphy will bring amazing content, along with Mass, lunch, kids programming, and time to interact with other families. **Register today at [www.quincyhollyfamilyfest.com](http://www.quincyhollyfamilyfest.com).**

**The St. Francis Hospital Ministry** is looking for volunteers to do hospital visits. They need people who can do weekly visits and those who can serve as backup. Please call Mary at 217-553-8871 for more information.



# St. Francis Solanus School

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**Catholic Schools Week is January 25 — January 31**



## **Preschool and Kindergarten 2026-2027**

Will your family have a student in preschool or kindergarten during the 2026-27 school year? Our **Kindergarten Round-Up is Thursday, March 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2026. **Preschool Open House is Monday, February 2 from 6-7 p.m.** Registration for preschool through eighth grade begins in February. St. Francis School also is exploring the idea of expanding the number of full-day preschool spaces for the 2026-27 school year. If you might be interested in full-day preschool for a three or four year old, email the school at: [school@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:school@stfrancissolanus.com) with the following information: First and last name of the child; Age of child as of 9-1-2026; Parent first and last name; Parent phone number; Parent email and Interest in full-day or half-day preschool. Answering the survey DOES NOT register the child for St. Francis preschool.

### **More Upcoming School Dates:**

- . *Friday, February 13—NO SCHOOL. Required faculty retreat.*
- . *Monday, February 16—NO SCHOOL. Presidents Day.*
- . *Friday, March 20—NO SCHOOL.*
- . *March 28 - April 6—Spring Break*

To all the volunteers who keep St. Francis Solanus running...a **big thank you** and an **important question:** Are you compliant with Safe Environment? Per the U.S. Bishops, all parish volunteers are **required** to be compliant with our Safe Environment policies. It is critical that you check your status now. If you're not up to date, take the steps needed before you continue to volunteer.

To check your status and get up to date, go to Catholic Mutual Group's website at

[springfieldil.cmgconnect.org/](http://springfieldil.cmgconnect.org/) and click **Sign In**. (If you don't have an account yet, fill out the fields under **Register for a New Account**.)

Once logged in, your dashboard will show the required training. Click **Start** to begin.

Next, print, complete, and email the DCFS CANTS Form to [safeenvironment@dio.org](mailto:safeenvironment@dio.org). You can also get a copy from the parish office.












Finally, submit your background check information. Once your account is certified by the Diocese (this may take up to 2 weeks), you will receive an email from [webmaster@cmgconnect.org](mailto:webmaster@cmgconnect.org). For any other questions, contact Grant at [gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:gwilson@stfrancissolanus.com) or 217-602-9293.



### **Quincy Catholic Schools Chess Tournament**

*Saturday, February 21. Registration is at 8 a.m., with games starting at 8:30 in the St. Peter School Cafeteria. Children in K-8th grade are eligible to play, even if they didn't attend Chess Club meetings. Games will be divided into age groups, depending on how many students sign up. The tournament should be over by 12:30. Cost is \$10 per student. Please register by February 17. Contact Chris Gill for more information, 573-719-9331 or [fishgills1208@gmail.com](mailto:fishgills1208@gmail.com).*

January 31- February 1	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	Callie Longlett Owen Wheeler Lillian Wheeler	Amy Kaiser Martin Makarewicz Maureen Makarewicz <b><u>One Needed Please</u></b>	Kevin Genenbacher Greg Ehrhardt Richard Mitchell	Jim Kaiser Thomas Ennis Russell Rohrer	Sheila Goehl <b><u>One Needed Please</u></b>	Peggy Kaiser Theresa Rohrer <b><u>Gift Bearer</u></b> Sheila Goehl
<b>Sunday</b> 7:00 a.m.	Theodore Gengenbacher Alexandra Gengenbacher	Joan Beard Cindy Grawe Jane Gregory John Benz	Roger Gallaher Gary Hilgenbrinck George Venvertloh Lawrence Venvertloh	Terrence Obert Ed Zanger	Kay Gallaher Emilie Venvertloh <b><u>Gift Bearer</u></b> Amber Terwelp	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Alexander Lawrence Sebastian Lawrence Xavier Wiewel	Ted Genenbacher Donna Mangold Marty Steinkoenig Leila Weppler	Jason Cramsey Karl Venvertloh Troy Hummel	Joseph Wiewel Samuel Zanger Gary Darnell	Sarah Genenbacher Tom Hummel	Jill Arnold Blickhan Anne Meyer <b><u>Gift Bearer</u></b> Amanda Genenbacher
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 a.m.	Evan Reichert Carter Steinkamp Isaac Steinkamp	Christina Rose Doris Karhoff Carol Steinbrecher Helen Zimmerman	Adam Hightower Brent Frericks Marty Karhoff	Drew Erwin Rose Willer Henry Voss	Alice Arnold Pam Frericks	Jane Haas Nancy Hufendick <b><u>Gift Bearer</u></b> Amanda Venvertloh
<b><u>Saturday Morning Mass Server</u></b> <b><u>Children's Liturgy of the Word</u></b>		<b>January 31, 8:00 a.m.</b> <b>February 1, 9:00 a.m.</b>	Quinn Wiewel Liz Gengenbacher			

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 <p><b>TV Mass for Shut-ins</b> The Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus broadcasts Mass for the Shut-ins every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Channel ABC (Basic Cable Channel 3). If you know of someone who would benefit from a missal with Sunday and Daily Liturgies, CONTACT Terry Obert and we will send a Pray Together Missal FREE OF CHARGE. <b>Terry Obert, Faithful Navigator, 217-257-2164</b></p>		 <p><b>Knights of Columbus #583</b> Pray For Pro-Life and Vocations</p>	
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