

## **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 20, 2016**

### **Parish Events**

#### **Sunday, November 20**

9:30 am RCIA

10:00 am Secular Franciscans

7:00 pm Gengenbacher Prayer Group

#### **Monday, November 21**

3:00 pm Medley 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

6:00 pm PSR

7:00 pm Rosary

#### **Tuesday, November 22**

8:00 am Communion Service followed by Novena

#### **8:35 am School Mass\***

6:30 pm Parish Picnic Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

#### **Wednesday, November 23**

#### **NO SCHOOL**

8:00 am Mass \*

#### **Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

#### **NO SCHOOL**

Lammers Family Event

Sparow Family Event

#### **Friday, November 25**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

#### **NO SCHOOL**

2:00 pm 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

#### **Saturday, November 26**

Terwelp Family Event

### **Upcoming Events**

11/27 RCIA

11/28 PSR

11/29 Ladies of St. Francis Christmas Gathering

11/29 Frerick's Prayer Group

11/29 Pivotal Players Group

11/30 School Mass

11/30 Steinkamp Webelos Den Meeting

11/30 Boy Scouts

11/30 St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

12/1 Schuerman Girl Scout

12/1 Scripture Discussion

12/2 Arnold 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

12/3 Schlipman 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girl Scouts

12/3 Couples Prayer Group

### **Fr. Don's Doodling's**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis ends with a Mass in Rome today, Nov. 20, 2016. During this past year, Pope Francis has taken one Friday each month to meet with a specific group of people in a jubilee celebration. He has met with refugees, the elderly, new born children in a hospital and the homeless.

On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis made one of his extraordinary visits. He met with over 6 thousand homeless folks at the Vatican in Paul VI Hall and, standing vicariously for all Christians, asked them to forgive him. The poor and socially excluded came from 22 European nations for the audience. "I ask your forgiveness," he said, "for all the times that we Christians stand before a poor person or a situation of poverty and look the other way...the heart of the Gospel is the great message of poverty and that we — Catholics, Christians, all of us — must form a church that is poor for the poor. All men and women from any religion must see in the poor the message of God who comes close to us and made himself poor to accompany us in life."

This Year of Mercy has meant a lot to me personally. I believe, as does Pope Francis, that mercy, forgiveness, having a place in our heart for the poor and socially excluded, and doing our part to reach out to them, are important for us as Catholics, Christians. I'm sorry to see this Year of Mercy come to an end today. However, I hope this does not spell the end to our efforts to be people of mercy. In reality, it should be just the beginning — the catalyst that moves us to get in touch with the needs that are all around us, and to rise to the occasion to do what we can to show mercy.

The need may be right around the corner, in our own neighborhood, among our own relatives, even in our own home. I have heard stories that rend my heart of how some people are suffering here in Quincy, and which I can do only so much to alleviate. Sometimes we throw up our hands and say, what can I do to change all this?

It reminds me of the story of a woman who was on a beach by a sea on which hundreds of starfish were beached and would die if they did not return to the water very soon. She was picking them up one by one and flinging them back into the water. Someone watched her for a while and then remarked to her, "There are thousands of starfish here. What difference do you think you can make?" She responded, "It makes a difference to this one...and this one...and this one...."

As we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving Day this week, let's count the times when someone has shown mercy to us and made a difference to us. And

maybe, just maybe, we will begin to get in touch with many, many things for which we are grateful. And the more we are filled with gratitude, the more we are moved to pass on the mercy, the kindness, the love that has been shown to us. And little by little we CAN make a difference – to this one...and to that one...and....

Finally, from Wednesday thru Saturday I will be with my sister, who is grieving the loss of her dear husband, Frank, but who is giving thanks for their 44 loving years together. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## **ACSA**

A month ago I announced to you that the diocese has agreed to reduce our **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** goal this year by about \$20,000.00. We suggested this to rectify an accounting error. We are grateful to the Diocese of Springfield for making this change. We are also grateful to many of you who have made your pledge for the ACSA this year. We encourage every family to make a contribution as part of our effort to be a Stewardship Parish. In gratitude for this “bonus,” let’s see if we can come a lot closer to meeting our goal for this year of \$115,476.00.

## **Mass Changes on Tue. & Wed.**

There will be no school on Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. So, on Tuesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a School Mass at 8:35 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday there will be a Communion Service followed by the St. Anthony Novena. On Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. Please tell your friends who come to Mass on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## **Thank You**

Please continue to keep vocations in your daily prayers. Think about asking your children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren if this is the possible life for them. A big THANK YOU to Duker and Haugh for providing the vocation prayer cards. May Pope Francis continue to inspire us every day.

*-The Vocation Committee*

## **Advent Candles & Wreaths**

Candles and wreaths will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of Nov. 20 and 27 in north entrance.

## **Thanksgiving Food Blessing**

Parishioners can bring a food item of their choice that they will be serving at their Thanksgiving meal to Mass at 9am Nov. 24 for a blessing.

## **St. Elizabeth Memorial Mass**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity honor our deceased members:

Esther Bassett OFS died 9-6-15

Thora “Toby” Jones OFS died 11-25-15

Frances Ellerman OFS died 12-12-15

Mavis Powell OFS died 2-3-16

Angela Ley OFS died 7-6-17

Mary Ann Middendorf OFS died 8-18-16

Florence Ehrhardt OFS died 9-22-16

Rita Koch OFS died 11-1-16

## **Advent Decorations**

We will be putting up Advent decorations and the Giving Tree on Nov. 26 at 9am. Anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated.

## **Ladies of St. Francis**

*Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!!*

Christmas is just around the corner, and we’d like to help put you in that happy holiday spirit. Each and every lady in St. Francis Parish is invited to our annual Christmas dinner on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> in the beautifully decorated Solanus Hall. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the cost of \$6.00. Reservations **MUST** be in by noon on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> to Edna at 224-3957. We’re to make this evening relaxing, enjoyable, entertaining, and fun for all. We hope to see all our ladies who attend our gathering faithfully and truly WELCOME, and we hope to see many new faces of the parish.

The More, the Merrier!!

## **Updating our Parishioners**

We are currently updating all of our parishioner/family information for our church database. If you had your photo taken for the directory then we have already changed your information. For those who did not get a photo taken, please help us out and give us a call at the parish office 222-2898 to verify and update your information. It has been at least 8 years since we last updated our database and many have moved, changed phone numbers, and added more children to their families. Thank you for helping with big undertaking.

## **Bilingual Mass**

Please join us on Dec 11 at 1:30pm for a bilingual mass celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A reception will follow and **EVERYONE** is welcome.

## Christmas Card Shower for Nursing Home Residents

It is time for our Church families to send cards to our parishioners who are in nursing homes. There will be a drop box in the back of Church. The cards will be delivered in time for Christmas. On each card, sign your name and state you are from St. Francis Church. Put the nursing home resident's name and nursing home on the outer envelope. **PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE. THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 11.** If you know anyone from our parish who is not on the list, please call Susan Mast (222-5345) or Jane Gregory (885-3042).

### Good Samaritan Home

Mildred Chandler  
Mary Costigan  
Cynthia Fischer  
Marjorie Hufendick  
Helen Jehling  
Alice Johnson  
Paul Kenning  
Arlene Koch  
Marian Lammers  
Barbara Lane  
Phyllis Lymenstull  
Alan McLaughlin  
Patricia Thompson

### Sunset Home

Lucille Cookson  
Dee Fortman  
Pat Grave  
Eva Mae Higgins  
Dorothy Schutte  
Florine Sparrow

### Sycamore Healthcare Center

Vivian Duffy  
Dorothy Janssen  
Tena Rubison

### The Arbors at Adams Pointe

Carol Clow

### Illinois Veterans Home

Charles Bridle  
Norma Vahlkamp  
James Winston

### Timberpoint Health Care

Donna Bockenfeld  
Eleanor Willer

### St. Vincent's Home

Henrietta Benz	Marian Jochem
Maxine Gengenbacher	Joan Liesen
Harold Hughes	Leo Stegeman
	Mary Wester

## Parish Center Reservations

Starting immediately we encourage everyone to use the email address of [www.reservations@stfrancissolanus.com](mailto:www.reservations@stfrancissolanus.com) if you have questions concerning making or changing a reservation in the Parish Center. Your other option is to call the parish office at 222-2898 and Misty or Barb will help you.

## Parish Support: Nov. 12-13

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$17,480.55	\$26,750	-\$9,269.45
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$406,036.89</b>	<b>\$508,250</b>	<b>-\$102,213.11</b>

## Miscellaneous Collections

\$1,922.00

## Baptisms

**Nolan Alan Venvertloh,**  
Son of Jeffrey & Brooke Venvertloh

**Welsey Allen Arens,**  
Son of Cody & Jaclyn Arens

**Abel Robert Jacobs,**  
Son of Nicholas & Danielle Jacobs

**Riley Ayden Sparks, Kylie Jayden Sparks,  
& Lilly Anna Sparks,**  
Children of Matthew Sparks & Bernadette Ervin

**Dylan Lucas Taylor,**  
Son of Alexander & Robyn Taylor

**Treyton Robert Venvertloh,**  
Son of Robert & Pamela Venvertloh

**Layden Noah Wolf,**  
Son of Tyler & Megan Wolf

## St Francis Fall Harvest Food Drive

The annual Parish Fall Harvest Food Drive will be held from November 5, 2016 through Thanksgiving on November 24, 2016. Grocery Sacks are located at church entrances for your convenience. Groceries may be brought to the Food Pantry in the parish center basement or to church.

Also, monetary donations are appreciated. If you decide to make a cash donation, please write 'bike' on the check or envelope so that it may be used for a match provided by the Wiewel Family Bikathon.

## Holy Name Breakfast Winners

The St. Francis Holy Name Society would like to thank all of those who made this year's Pancake Breakfast successful. The following are the winners of the Boy Scout Raffle.

### Butcher Block Gift Certificates

\$200 Mary Humphrey

\$100 Roche Schulte

\$50 Kelvin Hufendick

10 lbs. sausage Ellen Schutte

5 lbs. sausage Kate Stadler

## Assumptions Catholic Store

Assumptions (Catholic Store) will be selling Advent candles, wreaths, calendars, books and gifts from 10:00 am to noon in Quincy on Saturday, December 3. They will have tables set up in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall (located behind the church at 1009 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street). Take advantage of this great opportunity to purchase a variety of Advent and religious Christmas gift items. This will be their last sale in Quincy for 2016. Assumptions store is located in Macomb, IL at 101 South Side Square.



### Important Dates to Remember

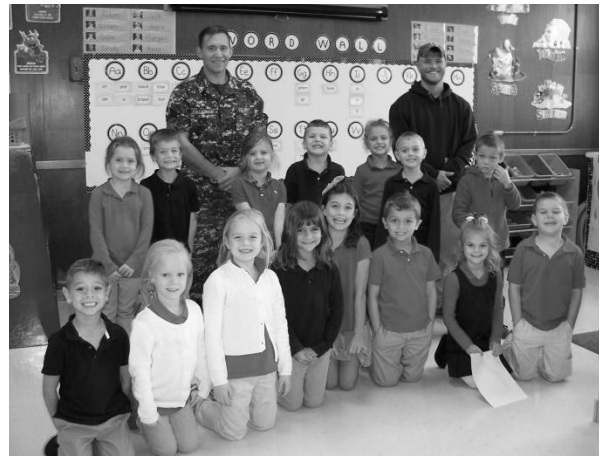
Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Break – NO School  
Dec. 4 First Reconciliation at 3:00 in the church  
Dec. 21 - Jan 2 Christmas Vacation  
(Jesus is the Reason for the Season)  
\*\*\*Early release every Wednesday at 2:30 with bus service\*\*\*

### \*\*\*Schedule Change\*\*\*

Confirmation on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
Graduation date to Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM

### Parking Lot Information – Drop off

Dear Parents,  
As you may notice, we are putting the pieces into place for our new morning drop-off procedures in our St. Francis parking lot. After meeting with city engineers, ordering the proper equipment, and working with generous volunteers (especially Shane McDermott), we are ready to implement our new policy. A letter has been sent to all families, sharing expected details of the new, improved drop-off system. We would encourage you to re-read that very important letter and prepare to follow the new process that is now in place. We will officially begin this process on Monday, November 28, but wanted to give you a little time to prepare and change any morning routines you currently have, especially with the traffic flow. We appreciate in advance your support and cooperation for the safety of our students!



### Veteran's Day

We were so happy to have 2 very special veterans visit our Kindergarten class last Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> on Veteran's Day! Kyle Ketchum-Callarman is currently in the Navy and will soon deploy to Okinawa, Japan for a 2-year tour. Joel Hill served in the Army and the Army Reserves, and did a tour in Iraq and another tour in Afghanistan. They visited with the children, answered questions, worked on a project with the American Flag, and shared some refreshments. We are most grateful to these gentlemen for their dedication and service to our country!

### Congratulations!

We are happy to announce that three of our St. Francis teachers have been awarded a "Classroom Assistance Program" grant from the Western Catholic Union Quincy Branch. Amy Wiewel, Grade 5, was chosen to receive a \$250 grant to purchase STEM activities. Jamie Marshall, Grade 1, was chosen to receive a \$250 grant to purchase "OSMO Add Ons" for classroom iPad systems. And finally, Maureen Makarewicz, Grade K, was chosen to receive a \$250 grant to purchase an OSMO Genius Kit. Out of 16 grants submitted, only 6 were selected. We are thrilled that our school was blessed to have 3 of the 6 grants awarded! We are very thankful to the WCU for their tremendous support to our school and our community! Congratulations, teachers!

Lori Shepard, Principal

### Cookie Dough

Please note that cookie dough will NOT be delivered on the 16<sup>th</sup> as the letter states. Partial orders will be delivered on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# James

## Pearls for Wise Living

Taught by Jeff Cavins, Renowned Catholic Bible Teacher!

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Like the book of Proverbs, it is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. These teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

- Session 1- Introduction
- Session 2 - Chapter 1:1-18: Wisdom for Tough Times
- Session 3 - Chapter 1:19-27: Wisdom and Pure Religion
- Session 4 - Chapter 2:1-13: Wisdom and the Law of Love
- Session 5 - Chapter 2:14-26: Faith Works with Wisdom
- Session 6 - Chapter 3:1-12: Wisdom is Known Through Speech
- Session 7 - Chapter 3:13-18: Wisdom: False and True
- Session 8 - Chapter 4:1-10: Wisdom in Relationship
- Session 9 - Chapter 4:11 - 5:6: A Wise Perspective for Living
- Session 10 - Chapter 5:7-12: The Wisdom of Patience
- Session 11 - Chapter 5:13-20: The Wisdom of Confession and Prayer



Dates / Times	Registration
Wednesdays - 1pm - 3pm OR 6:30pm - 8:30pm Dates: January 18- April 19, 2017 * <b>Online Only option available.</b>	Forms can be placed in the weekly collection or mailed to the rectory office. <b>Registration Deadline – January 4, 2017 @ 4pm</b>
Location	For More Information
St. Francis Rectory – Parish Center 1721 College Ave. Quincy, IL 62301	Brad Kendrick - Coordinator / Facilitator Email - bdken11.1@gmail.com Cell - (217) 430-2593

### James Registration Form

11-part study. Each session will be approx. 2 hrs.

Price per workbook: \$27.00

Checks payable to: St. Francis Solanus  
 1721 College Ave.  
 Quincy, IL 62301

Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ State _____
Zip	_____ Phone _____
Email	_____
Parish	_____

**Circle which session you will be attending:**      (1) 1 - 3pm Session      (2) 6:30 - 8:30pm Session  
 (3) Online Only Option

November 26 & 27	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	William Bickhaus Faith Voorhis	Charles Carlson Christina Ehrhart Amy Kaiser Dick Mitchell	Gerald Deters Michael Irvine John Maxwell Bradley Smith	Michael Bickhaus - Head Greg Ehrhardt Jim Kaiser Jerry Meyer Mary Ann Thomas John Veith	Patricia Gable Tom Huynh	Kristine Bickhaus Joleen Patton
Sunday 6:30 AM		Mike Happekotte Rose Keller		John Beckman Janet Marquette Kris Niewohner-Powell	Reg Ankrom	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Marcus Ehrhart Detrik Venvertloh Kassidy Venvertloh	Joan Beard Maurice Blickhan William Paxton Cindy Venvertloh	Launa Blickhan Patricia Paxton John Venegoni Ann Wesbecher	Jack Terwelp - Head Usher John Hummel Mary Terwelp Larry Venvertloh Tim Venvertloh Edwin Wellman	Bruce Broemmel Nicholas Koettters	Nancy Venegoni George & Emilie Venvertloh
Sunday 9:30 AM	Dylan Foley McKenzie Foley Dylan Schrage	Debra Beard Kelly Burgtorf Marvin Knuffman Ronald Upper	Ann Betts Caitlin Kendrick Erin Schrage Vieve Veith	Mike Zanger - Head Usher Mike Patterson Steve Schrage Jeannie Thomas Keith Wiemelt Rich Zeidler	Alice Arnold Jan Zeidler	Jill Blickhan Prudy Patterson
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jonathan Benz Brianna Holman Jonathan Ohnemus	Jacob Benz Sheila Benz Connie Hoyt Laura Ohnemus	John Benz Sue Holbrook Dennis Hoyt Marcia Steinkamp	Bill Fleer - Head Usher Rob Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff Steve Obert Dale Peters Sam Vranjes	Mike Holbrook Dennis Steinkamp	Doris Karhoff Patricia Tomczak

Servers for Saturday, November 26 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 are Isaac Hinkamper and Olivia Hummel