



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2017

Parish Events

Sunday, January 1

6:30 am Mass
8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Monday, January 2

Closed Parish Office & Parish Center

6:00 pm Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes
9:00 am Young Mom's Together
6:30 pm Liturgy Planning Committee

Wednesday, January 4

8:00 am Mass*

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm St. Francis Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, January 5

6:00 pm Couples Prayer Group
6:30 pm Schuerman Girl Scout
6:30 pm Scripture Discussion

Friday, January 6

3:00 pm Schlipman 3rd Grade Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Klauser Girl Scouts

Saturday, January 7

Private Events

Upcoming Events

1/8	RCIA
1/9	PSR
1/9	Wolf Pack 22
1/10	Grief Support Group
1/11	8:35 am School Mass
1/11	Cub Scouts
1/11	Boy Scouts
1/12	Liesen 4 th Grade Girl Scouts
1/12	Schuerman Girl Scout
1/12	Scripture Discussion
1/13	Genenbacher/Schuetz Girl Scouts
1/13	Klauser Girl Scouts

New Year's Eve

4:30pm Mass



New Year's Day

6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM



Fr. Don's Doodling's

Happy New Year! And I hope and pray that the year 2017 is indeed not only happy but healthy and holy as well. And you know, we can make it all of that. Instead of thinking that it's what will happen in our world or to us that makes the year happy, let's consider the idea that it is within our power to make this a good year.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? Many who do will admit that within a few days or weeks the resolutions have gone out the window. Well I have a suggestion, and instead of calling it a New Year's resolution, let's call it a "Happiness Resolution."

If you've started reading the book "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly that we gave out, one per family, on Christmas, you'll know what I'm getting at. Matthew Kelly talks about how we often live life in such a way that we resist the very things that would bring happiness.

So, here's my suggestion for a Happiness Resolution: take more time for prayer. Yes, I know your plate is full and you just don't know where you'll squeeze in time for prayer. Well, my day is full too, often from c. 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. But I tell you, I don't know how I could possibly get along without prayer – daily prayer. If I can do it so can you.

Let's start with Sunday Mass. Every Sunday. Not just once or twice a month. It sets the tone for the week, and you begin feeling God being with you throughout each day. If you say you don't get anything out of the Mass, read what Matthew Kelly says about that. He's got some priceless remedies. Lots of folks make a practice of reading and praying over the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. That kind of "primes the pump," so that you're not hearing them cold, but are ready to go deeper into the Word of God that you've already pondered.

And praying with Scripture leads to a second suggestion. Take time for daily prayer. Many of you already do this. And of course, there are more ways to pray than Carter has little liver pills. Our world has virtually exploded with creative ways of praying. You can go to the web for gobs of resources. There's the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website, *USCCB.org*, and Loyola Press' 3-Minute Retreat, or try typing "Franciscan Prayer" and you'll find a bunch of possibilities.

But we don't have to get complicated. It's a matter of attention. Those of you who heard my homily on Christmas may remember the idea of accessibility – God made Himself totally accessible to us. That means we can choose to get in touch with God anytime, anywhere. But God can't get in touch with us if we are

totally busy and chronically distracted. We need to be accessible to God. Call it prayer, call it attentiveness, whatever. It means giving ourselves to God, and not while doing something else. Find the form of prayer that gets you deeply in touch with God, and see if you don't find the rest of your life improving greatly from this "Happiness Resolution." Again, let's make it a Happy New Year!

Thank You

A great big thank you to all of you who have favored us Franciscan friars with cards, gifts, edible goodies and love. We are forever grateful and we feel your warm embrace. May God reward you for your kindness and give you a New Year filled with blessings.

Parish Support: Dec. 24-25

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church /School	\$47,352.75	\$26,750	+\$20,602.75
YEAR TO DATE	\$630,071.34	\$668,750	-\$38,678.66

Miscellaneous Collections

\$5,841.21

Parish Financial Summary

	YTD 10/31/2016	YTD 10/31/2015
Operating Receipts	\$ 670,017	\$613,354
Operating Expenses	\$754,008	\$733,587
Operating deficit	(\$83,991)	(\$120,233)
Parish Hall Debt	\$850,886	\$1,166,007

Status 2016-17

Annual Catholic Services Appeal as of 11-9-16

ACSA Goal for St. Francis Solanus	\$115,476.00
Paid to Date	\$21,050.00
Amount Remaining to be paid	\$94,426.00

Thank you, Thank you, THANK YOU!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who gave so generously to the parish this Christmas. The Christmas collection was abundant, and also more gifts for the Capital Campaign, and the Giving Tree gifts for our families in need. We thank you and promise to remember you in our prayers. Your generosity is what has helped to make this Christmas a very joyful one, filled with the spirit of what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. May he bless you especially in the New Year.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

To enrich your spiritual journey as you start the new year, explore these items found at the kiosk--

Life Is Worth Living--cd by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic orators of the twentieth century. This presentation is made up of three separate talks, "The Anxiety of Life," "Is Christianity Easy?" and "The Problem of Love," given by Archbishop Sheen on his television program *Life is Worth Living*, which aired throughout the 1950's.

The Curé d'Ars --booklet by George W. Rutler--Here is the amazing account of how this simple man, without great expectations beyond saving souls, transformed an insignificant backwater parish in traumatized, post-revolutionary France, against all the odds. Remember, if you would like listen to the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD's on your handheld devices, just go to <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mp3club> to download any of the more than 100 MP3's available at \$3.50 each, or join the "MP3 of the month club" for \$3 per month. Enrich your faith life any time with talks delivered to you in digital format.

Young Moms Together

Looking for a chance to meet other moms of young children? Spend time in prayer and spiritual reflection, with coffee and conversation. Come together to form and strengthen friendships as you encourage each other to grow in the Catholic faith.

Young Moms Together will be gathering again this week--on Tuesday, January 3, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Bride's Room, Solanus Hall.

All young mothers are welcome to attend whenever possible, and children, Kindergarten age and younger, may accompany Mom. Questions?-- call or text Jane Haas, facilitator, 217- 257- 0533.

Grief Support Group

Fr. Duc is organizing a grief support group night on Jan. 31 at 6pm in the Bride's Room. If you would like to share your experience of the death of a recent loved one, please call Fr. Duc to register 217-222-2898 ext. 104 or email at fatherduc@gmail.com. (Bring a photo)

Thank You

We have received letters from the Franciscan Missionary Union thanking you for the latest contributions of \$3,480.27 for our Sister Parish in Alaska. They really appreciate your generosity and your prayers.

Electronic Giving

Why not start the 2017 by using the electronic giving option for your weekly or monthly contributions. This applies to the collections for Church, School, and the Alaska fund. All special collection envelopes should continue to be used as normal. This procedure is very easy to sign up for and is very secure. Contact the parish office for more information at 222-2898.

Contribution Statements

Parish Contribution Statements for 2016 will be mailed out during the week of January 23.

Thanks, Advertisers

Please be sure to patronize the businesses that advertise in our Parish Bulletin. When you're considering purchasing products or services, be sure to look first at our ads in the Bulletin. We thank them for providing our weekly Bulletin.

Give a Gift to the QCES Foundation & Help a Child Receive a Catholic Elementary School Education

As you consider your end-of-the-year giving plans, please consider a gift to the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation's "*Leave a Legacy of Faith*" Annual & Endowed Scholarship Fund. Since the campaign was launched in September, more than \$175,000 has been donated, but much, much more is needed. In partnership with the four parishes, the QCES Foundation has awarded more than \$200,000 in tuition assistance to 130 families with 212 children, for the current school year. And each year, the demonstrated level of financial need continues to increase. For more information about the "*Leave a Legacy of Faith*" Annual & Endowed Scholarship Fund, please pick up a brochure in the back of church or the Parish Center entry way, or contact Paul Rittorf, executive director of the QCES Foundation, at 217-779-3157 or prittorf@quincycatholicelementaryschools.org.

St. Francis Community Assistance



Thanks to all who helped in the St. Francis Community Assistance Quarterly Appeal. Your generosity primarily helps to fund groceries for those in our parish and community in need. Groceries and money are always appreciated.



(Left to right: Becky Goodwin, O.F.S., Rosanne Roy, O.F.S., Thérèse Ream, O.F.S., Robie Orf, O.F.S., and Deacon Dave Ream, O.F.S.)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Quincy, IL

On December 11, 2016 Becky Goodwin, O.F.S. and Robie Orf, O.F.S. through the *Rite of Admission* became members of the Secular Franciscan Order. Becky and Robie became Candidates in the Secular Franciscan Order through the *Rite of Admission* during the Fraternity's monthly Gathering. The Celebrant for the service was the Fraternity's Spiritual Assistant Deacon Dave and the *Rite* began with a Liturgy of the Word. Becky's and Robie's request to be admitted into Candidacy was accepted by Fraternity Minister Rosanne. Robie and Becky each received a copy of *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order* and a Tau cross which is the official "habit" of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States. In addition to wearing the Tau cross, both Becky and Robie have chosen to begin using the initials O.F.S. after their names as a public witness to their membership in the Secular Franciscan Order.

Trivia Night

Trivia Night & Silent Auction, Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church Liberty, IL
Doors open at 12:00pm ~ Trivia starts at 1:00pm
All proceeds benefit the youth Catholic Heart Work Camp trip! TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE OF ANY AGE
Food available, \$120 Donation for table of 8
All Mulligans must be purchased before trivia begins
Questions? Call Lucy Mewes at 224-458-4236
Sponsored by Teen Youth of St. Brigid/Edward/Joseph Parishes

IRA 2016 Charitable Rollover

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Francis Solanus Church, without including the amount in gross income! If you want your gift to qualify this year, the gift needs to be made by Dec.31, 2016.



Memorial Lights

The lights, called "memorials" will be set to stay lit for one year. They can be lit in order to memorialize someone recently baptized, or recently married, or a soldier in the service, someone recently deceased, etc. We ask a donation of \$100.00 for a memorial for a year, and the name will be attached on the bracket in front of the memorial light. Please see someone in our Parish Office to order a memorial. A great way to memorialize your loved one.



We are pleased to welcome the following who recently registered as a parishioner. Please make them him welcome and part of our great parish.

Melvin Koch

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of Marjorie Bergman, William Gilliland, Carol Schuering, Marilyn Beding, and Martha Doellman who died recently. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

Are You a Parishioner?

We encounter quite a few people who believe that they are parishioners, but who are not actually in our files. One of the telling signs is receiving the beautiful monthly newsletter that we send out. Every registered parishioner should be receiving it. The same is true of receiving church envelopes. If you do not get these you may not be registered.

Young adults, whether you live with your parents or are out of the family home, and whether you are married or single, you should be registered on your own. We encourage you to register and to be active, practicing Catholics.

If you come to church here at St. Francis but have never registered, or if you are in doubt about whether you are registered, we welcome you to call and we can make sure you are "official."

Trash Bag Sales

Customers may purchase trash bags there Monday through Friday from 8:30-4:30 at the Parish Office. There is a handicapped door entrance to the Parish Office that can be accessed by using the Elm Street Entrance. You must enter the door with the sign that points to the "Parish Office."

Bible Study

James - Pearls for Wise Living

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.

Wednesdays - 1pm - 3pm OR 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dates: January 18- April 19, 2017

Forms can be picked up in the rectory office.

Registration Deadline – January 4, 2017 @ 4pm

Ministry Scheduling

Attention: Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Greeters, Readers & Ushers For those ministers who do not access the schedule via the internet, your schedules are available in printed form in the back of church.



The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified, "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.

2017 Calendar Raffles

K of C calendars make great Christmas gifts! 365 chances to win cash in 2017. Call Mike Schlipmann at 223-6658 or John Veith at 653-0258 for more details or to purchase your 2017 raffle calendar. Your purchase will help support the K of C charities which includes our Catholic Schools.

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.

Don't Forget Your Gene Grawe Cards

Don't forget to stop by the Gene Grawe Fund located in St. Peters church lobby for all of your shopping. You can be done with all of your shopping in one stop. We are open Mon-Friday 7:30-5 with Thursdays open til 7PM and Saturdays 9-1.

Parish Center Reservations

Please use the email address of www.reservations@stfrancissolanus.com for questions regarding the use of the Parish Center. Your other option is to call the parish office at 222-2898 and ask to speak to Misty or Barb.



PMO Choir

It's not too late to join PMO Choir! We are accepting new students for the spring semester. PMO Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 4. 7-8 grades rehearse from 3-4 pm, and 4-6 grades from 4:10-5 pm. Sign up forms can be obtained from your school office, or contact Monica Scholz, mscholz@quincynotredame.org.



Important Dates to Remember

Dec. 21 - Jan 2 Christmas Vacation

Jan. 3 School Resumes

(Jesus is the Reason for the Season)

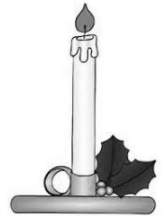
Early release every Wednesday at 2:30 with bus service



Christmas Memorials

The following individuals have been memorialized by loved ones and will be remembered in our Christmas season Masses. We thank everyone who donated toward the beautiful Christmas decorations that grace our Church. Any additional donations received will be published in next bulletin.

*Harold & Emma Brady
Gertrude Carson
Ralph & Louise Dieker
Gib & Esther Dietrich
Ray Emerick Family
Roy & Sylvia Foust
Fred Frericks
John Frericks
Joseph Frericks
Mildred Frericks
Robert Gallaher
Ralph Goehl
Mary Goehl
Robert & Mary Guenther
John, David & Jan Hoffman
John Lair Norma Leerhoff
Eugene & Joan Schenkel
Carl & Mabel Schutte
Jim Schutte
Bill Seckman
Dennis Shaffer
Donald Shaffer
Floyd & Louise Shaffer
Robert Shaffer
Pauline Shoop James L. Smith Sr.
Richard Stehl
Ferdie & Elizabeth Venvertloh
Rev. Ken J. Venvertloh
Martha Ward
Frank & Frieda Waterkotte
Frank Waterkotte Jr.
Rev. Silvin Waterkotte O.F.M.
Kenny & Ginny Whittaker
Helen Zanger
Mertz Zanger Sr.
William Zanger*



Jan. 7 & 8	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister		Usher	Reader	Greeter
Saturday 4:30 pm	Erin Carey Noah Lunt Jack Marth	Karrie Cramsey Cramsey Katherine Cramsey Klinge David Pillars Rose Pillars John Venegoni Venegoni	James Regina Nancy	Michael Bickhaus - Head Melissa Arnold Michael Eling Paul Kemner Dennis Kendrick Dick Mitchell	Geri McMillen Steve McMillen	Kristine Bickhaus Nancy Kendrick
Sunday 6:30 AM		Rosemary Duesterhaus Pam Keller		John Beckman Joe Bernhardt Janet Marquette	Reg Ankrom	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Brennan Bridle Maurice Safar Michael Safar	Joan Beard Carolyn Bridle Amanda Garnett Gregory Mary Monckton-Blickhan Venvertloh Gary Winking Winking	Jane Cindy Sue	Jack Terwelp - Head Usher Terry Obert Roch Schulte Mary Terwelp Joe Venvertloh Ed Zanger	Steve Davis Thomas Hummel	Sandra Banning Terry Niemann
Sunday 9:30 AM	Krystal Burgtorf Connor Pigg	Debra Beard Burgtorf Tom Cummings Gengenbacher Holly Hummel Kistner Anita Martin Martin	Kelly Becky Terry James (Bill)	Mike Zanger - Head Usher Tim Beard Troy Hummel Bing Lammers Mike Patterson Keith Wiemelt	Rick Gengenbacher Helen Zimmerman	Andrea Gruger Prudy Patterson
Sunday 11:00 AM	Andrew Dodd Jonathan Ohnemus Zane Putman	Rita Frese Katie Kessler Jayne Lammers Meyer Michelle Obert Ohnemus Carla Slough Steinkamp	Anne Laura Nick	Mike Holbrook - Head Drew Erwin Larry Frese John Obert Dale Peters Matthew Schulte	Ron Gengenbacher Janet Waterkotte	James Doellman Amy Steinkamp

Servers for Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for Jan. 9-13 are Isabel Cramsey and Faith Voorhis