



The Epiphany of the Lord January 1, 2017

Parish Events

Sunday, January 8

9:30 am RCIA

Monday, January 9

6:00 pm Baptism Class

6:00 pm PSR

6:30 pm Wolf Pack 22

7:00 pm Rosary

Wednesday, January 11

8:35 am School Mass*

6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, January 12

3:00 pm Liesen 4th Grade Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Schuerman Girl Scout

6:30 pm Scripture Discussion

Friday, January 13

3:00 pm Genenbacher/Schuetz

6:30 pm Klauser Girl Scouts

Upcoming Events

- 1/15 Cursillo Carry in Dinner
- 1/15 RCIA
- 1/16 NO PSR
- 1/16 NO SCHOOL
- 1/17 Young Mom's Together
- 1/17 Pastoral Council
- 1/18 8:35 am School Mass
- 1/18 Bible Study
- 1/18 Protecting Gods Children
- 1/18 Boy Scouts
- 1/18 St. Francis Men's Prayer Group
- 1/19 Finance Council
- 1/19 Schuerman Girl Scout
- 1/19 Scripture Discussion



Fr. Don's Doodling's

Strange things happen when Christmas falls on a Sunday. To begin with, since Advent always starts on a Sunday, we had four full weeks of Advent, whereas most of the time the 4th week gets truncated. In fact, think about it, next year, er, no, I mean THIS year, Christmas will fall on a Monday. Which means that the 4th week of Advent will consist of a single day, Sunday.

Now that I've said that, think of what will happen on December 24th. It will be both the 4th Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve. I guess we'll have a kind of "Mass Marathon," with morning Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and evening Masses for Christmas. Yikes, my head is starting to hurt just thinking about it. We'd better start planning now.

But back to what I was saying about this present Christmas Season. Ordinarily the Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Well, that Sunday was January 1st, New Year Day, which is always the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. So the Feast of the Holy Family was transferred to Friday, December 30th. And the Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Family is ordinarily the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. But since the Sunday after Christmas was New Year, that pushed the Feast of the Epiphany to today, Sunday, January 8th.

The Christmas Season always concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but this year will be on Monday, January 9th. Is all this a bit mind-boggling? Why would the Church do all of this? Well, consider what would happen if each of these feasts that are *ordinarily* celebrated on Sundays were to *be* on a Sunday. We would have 4 full weeks of Christmas Season. And we'd run out of readings, since there is very little in the Bible about the time when Jesus was a child.

So the next Christmas Season, things will be a bit more "normal," with the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas, but then Epiphany will be on Saturday, January 6th, and the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 7th. Again, with the shortage of readings related to the Nativity and early life of Jesus Christ, the need seems to be to keep the celebration down to about 2 weeks.

With the conclusion of the Christmas-Epiphany Season being the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is tomorrow, Monday, we then have a swatch of Ordinary Time before the start of Lent. Sunday, January 15th, will be the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (since you can't call it the 1st Sunday after having had 5 weekdays of Ordinary Time). In fact, there never is a "1st Sunday of Ordinary Time" since the Sunday

before Ordinary Time starts is always part of the Christmas Season.

So, if you find all of this confusing, we'll have more fun with the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season *this year*. In the meantime, have a Blessed New Year.

Parish Support: Dec. 31 – Jan 1

| | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Church /School | \$40,368.26 | \$26,750 | +\$13,618.26 |
| YEAR TO DATE | \$637,454.67 | \$695,500 | -\$58,045.33 |

Miscellaneous Collections

\$1,151.00

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

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

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)

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.

Alaska Trip

This summer we are planning the first ever trip to our Sister Parish. Actually there are 6 parishes in the Diocese of Fairbanks, where friars from our Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart minister to the Athabaskan Native Americans in villages of Galena, Huslia, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Nulato, and Ruby, along the Yukon and Koyukuk Rivers.

This will be an exciting trip and we are hoping to have more parishioners come along for this first visit from St. Francis Solanus Parish. On July 23rd we will fly from St. Louis to Fairbanks, and check into a hotel for the night. On July 24th we will take a smaller plane to Galena, which is one of the major villages. Those who want and are able will help out with some of the work at the sister parishes.

We won't be able to visit all of them, but will get a good taste of life there from seeing one or two. On July 27th we will fly from Galena back to Fairbanks, check into a hotel and do some sightseeing the following day. On July 29th we will fly from Fairbanks to St. Louis, and come home from there.

We'd really like more folks to join us for this trip as it will be a good witness to the people, and to bring home more experiences that we can share with our parishioners about where our dollars are going. We have some folks who are also going on a cruise after visiting the villages. But we really need more passengers just to go to the villages and back home to help us obtain lower air fares.

If you're interested, or if you want more information, please call Fr. Don at the Parish Office, 222-2898. We ask you to do so in the next few days, as we are at the point of making reservations. This will be an exciting adventure! Come and join us!

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.



Quincy University Chili Cook-Off

January 15, 2017 from 11:00am - 3:00pm, at the Health & Fitness Center, 19th & Oak
\$5 per person and \$10 for a family at the door



Feeding the Community

What the Food Pantry Accomplished in 2016....

This past year the food pantry again served more people than last year. Our data shows that during year 2015 we served 650 different households and this past year we served 765 different households. We also served 5,167 people throughout the entire year, which is an increase of almost 1,000 from year 2015. This ministry sort of reminds one of Jesus and the bible story of the fishes and loaves because for a small pantry these results are amazing! Like Jesus, our parish members work as disciples of Christ by donating their time, groceries and money to make sure that there is enough to feed those in our community who need help. Please accept a big thank you to all of the pantry volunteers and the parishioners who keep the shelves stocked and the process going 12 months a year.

QND Fine Arts Department Music Trivia Night

Please join us for the QND Music Trivia Night on Saturday, January 21, 2017 in St. Peter's gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$100.00 per table of eight. Get your friends together, bring your own refreshments and snacks and test your music knowledge! Proceeds will support the QND Fine Arts Department. To reserve a table call QND at 223-2479 or e-mail kwiemelt@qndhs.org. An registration form can be found at <http://www.quincynotredame.org/qnd-music-department-music-trivia-night/>. Reservations are confirmed when payment is received. Deadline to register is January 20, 2017. Must be 21 to participate.

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



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.

Soup Supper

St. Francis Cub Scout Pack 22 and Boy Scout Troop 22 is having a soup supper on Saturday January 28th from 4-7 pm in the St. Francis Parish Hall. The Scouts will be serving a choice of three soups - chicken noodle, chili, and hot spicy chili soup. In addition, there will be grilled cheese sandwiches, corn bread, drinks, and homemade pie for dessert. Dine in tickets are available at the door for \$6.00 each or \$20.00 for the entire family (maximum of five). Carry out orders are also available for \$6.00 per meal. Proceeds will go to the Cub and Boy Scouts of Troop 22, St. Francis Church.



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."



The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

Thank You

Recently the parish received money from The Community Foundation. The money represents the annual income from the Mike Mason Fund for St. Francis School. The majority of the Fund was raised using 10 annual golf outings between 2001 and 2010. Thanks to those who donated their time, talent, and/or treasure. You can still donate to the Fund in any amount at any time by contacting the Community Foundation at 217-222-1237.



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.



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.

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.

Quincy Cursillo Invitation

Cursillo is a spiritual renewal for Christians. Anyone age 21 or older can make a weekend. (TEC – Teens Encounter Christ is for anyone 16-21) Men and Women make individual weekends. For married couples the man makes a Cursillo before the wife. There are 8 weekends per year, 4 for men and 4 for women. Cost for a weekend is \$150 and there is a financial gift of \$75 available when needed. This covers all meals and your room for the weekend. The weekend is held from 7:30pm Thursday evening until Sunday evening. The location is at QU Franciscan Retreat Center (North Campus).

You do need someone to sponsor you. This is to help you with the application and getting you to the weekend, as well as follow-up with you.

Anyone who has made a Cursillo can be a sponsor.

Upcoming Cursillo weekends :

2017

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| Jan. 19-22 | Men's | #323 | Eric Schultz |
| Feb. 23-26 | Women's | #324 | Karen Crabtree |
| Mar. 30-Apr. 2 | Men's | #325 | Ron Clark |

Fellow Cursillistas: Be a Friend, Pray for that Friend, and Invite that Friend to make a Cursillo Weekend.

For more information contact: Larry and Rita Frese, Area Representatives, 217 936-2740 TN: email: robfrese@adams.net or Dennis and Marcia Steinkamp TN: 224-5665 or email dmsteinkamp@sbcglobal.net Visit the website: www.quincycursillo.com There are also pamphlets in the back of church.

KC Breakfast is served

K.C. Volunteer Teams will be serving breakfast every Sunday starting September 18th through April 9th From 8:30am to NOON. Featuring Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Ham, Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy & Fruit Cocktail Toast, Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice Adults \$6.99 and Kids 6-12 \$3.50 - Kids 5 & Under FREE All are Welcome!

Parish Directory Photos

For those who ***DID NOT*** purchase additional photos, your complementary 8x10s are available for pickup in the Rectory Office.



Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day

Jan. 29- Feb 4 Catholic Schools Week

Early release every Wednesday at 2:30 with bus service

PSAS Application Help

Have you considered filing for financial assistance for your children's Catholic Education and failed to do so because the application process was overwhelming? If you answered yes to this question we would like to help! Last year a city-wide committee developed a very successful process to help families complete and file for financial assistance and/or apply for a loan. Please contact your pastor or principal if you are interested in receiving personal assistance in completing PSAS and/or school loan documents. Families who elect to have this assistance will be contacted by a "Tuition Mentor" for an individual appointment to complete financial support documents. **All names of participants and their financial information will be strictly confidential.**

Lunch/ Extended Care Bills

Please pay any outstanding lunch and after care bills. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Service Hours – School Families

Please remember each family is obligated to do 10 service hours a school year. If you cannot complete these hours, a \$10 fee per hour will be charged. Service hour examples: playground, library, scouts, coaching, Parish picnic, class parties and events. If you have any questions, please call the office.



| Jan. 14 & 15 | Altar Server - Weekend | Communion Minister | | Usher | Reader | Greeter |
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| Saturday 4:30 pm | Andrew Dodd Kennady Fleer Nolan Fleer | Christina Ehrhart Johnson Amy Kaiser Knuffman Roger Knuffman Mayes Cindy Reichert Rohrer | Connie Phyllis Darlene Theresa | Tim Reichert - Head Usher Michael Bickhaus Chuck Mayes Richard Newman Russell Rohrer Richard Steinkamp | Brandy Blickhan Sheila Goehl | Peggy Newman Katie Schuecking |
| Sunday 6:30 AM | | Magdalene Ambrose Rose Keller | | John Beckman Joe Bernhardt Janet Marquette | Paul Brown | |
| Sunday 8:00 AM | Zoe Blair Alyssa Cole Marcus Ehrhart | Launa Blickhan Blickhan Auris McGee Paxton Julie Reis Venegoni Don Winking Winking | Maurice William John Pat | George Venvertloh - Head Dick Foster John Hummel Jerry Meyer Jack Terwelp Emilie Venvertloh | Bruce Broemmel Patricia Paxton | Larry Burkemper Maureen Burkemper |
| Sunday 9:30 AM | Holly Brecht Mitchell Brecht Lia Henrichs | Alice Arnold Kendrick Barbara Mitchell Ortwerth Jamie Pieper Schrage Ronald Upper Vieve Veith | Caitlin Joanne Erin | Tim Beard - Head Usher Bryant Burke Terry Kistner Ryan Klauser Terry Nall Mike Zanger | Donna Mangold Keith Wiemelt | Nancy Hufendick Betty Kaufmann |
| Sunday 11:00 AM | Allison Steinkamp Jamie Steinkamp Paul Steinkamp | Norbert Dixon Teena Fisk Connie Hoyt Dennis Hoyt Ruth Scharnhorst Joe Smith Marcia Steinkamp Woodward | Christy | Bill Fleer - Head Usher Rob Gengenbacher Marty Karhoff Don Olps Bud Voss Sam Vranjes | Mary Frances Barthel | James Doellman Doris Karhoff |

Servers for Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. Mass and weekday 8:00 am Masses for Jan. 16-20 are Amelia Koettters and Lydia Veith