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## INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

### Saint Francis de Sales

Today we celebrate the solemnity of a saint who is revered by the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest: Saint Francis de Sales.

He achieved the greatest height in the mystical life by taking the every day road, bringing many souls to great freedom through true love.

The originality of Saint Francis de Sales is not found so much in his doctrine, but in his idea of the world. It is not for Christians to flee the world, but to live in it with God, and to live in it well. The Salesian Order invites reflection on the idea of vocation. Each of us has a vocation that is unique, personal, and beautiful. The Lord calls us to holiness so that each one of us can be fulfilled, but we do not all answer this call.

We have some very important gifts in life and these are given freely. Grace is here, and it sustains us, but it never replaces our own initiative. It is not as if the Lord follows our decisions and endorses them. We often make decisions only after seeing results. Whether it is in our studies, our successes, failures, or major projects, is it not natural that in all this God leaves us the freedom to choose? We were created with a free will. The least we can do is refrain from contradicting the spirit of abandonment to the will of God, and instead restore the truth by our actions.”

In life, we need to have both self-initiative and a sense of abandonment. Self-initiative and the spirit of abandonment are sort of like cats and dogs; when raised together, they get along wonderfully. For us, our education comes from a life of charity and union with God.

There are people of the world whose soul loves God and who wish to move ahead spiritually, and who do so generously and cheerfully. They are among the souls who love God and want to go to Him without tying knots in their brain. They go to God simply and freely.

Canon Antoine Boucheron



**Sunday, January 29, 2017 - Feast of St. Francis de Sales**

## *The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary* **CANDLEMAS DAY**

This feast, celebrated on February 2, commemorates both the Purification of our Lady, forty days after the birth of our Savior, and the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. Simeon, a very old man and the embodiment of Israel's expectancy, and Anna, were granted the privilege of seeing the Christ Child: *Simeon received an answer from the Holy Spirit. That he should not see death, until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.*

The Blessed Virgin went to the temple like every other mother, in profound humility, to fulfill the letter of the law for her purification, although she needed none. And being desirous to offer everything to God, she offers the most precious thing she has, her divine Son.

The celebration was begun in Fourth Century Jerusalem. In the East, it was regarded as more of a feast of Our Lord, but Pope Sergius I decreed that it should be preceded by a penitential procession to St. Mary Major in Rome. Thus it became predominantly a feast of the Blessed Virgin.

The Purification is now a festival of light. The blessing and distribution of candles dates from the Tenth Century. The blessed candles are carried by the clergy and faithful in the procession and recall to mind the manifestation of Christ, the Light of the world: "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel." It is the oldest of Marian feasts, and our Lord's coming in His temple is the beginning of His work of purification and sanctification foretold by the prophets. It is therefore fitting that the feast be kept during the Christmas season, but outside of Christmastide.

*Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore Your majesty, that as Your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple, clothed with our flesh, so we also may be presented to You with purified souls.*

### **BLESSING OF THROATS IN HONOR OF SAINT BLAISE**

**Friday, February 3rd**

**6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Blessing of the Throats**

Saint Blaise wrought many miracles and is invoked in dangerous diseases of the throat. The Church sanctions a special blessing of throats on his day, February 3.

Holding the blessed candles near the throat, in the form of a cross, the priest says:

*"Through the merits and intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, God deliver thee from all diseases of the throat, and preserve thee from every other evil. In the name of the Father ..., Amen."*

**If at all possible, please receive the blessing on his Feast day, February 3, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Blessing also on Sunday, February 5 after each Mass.**

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Saturdays - Permanent Mass Time Change**

**Mass is now at 9:00a.m. on Saturdays**

**TODAY - Sunday, January 29**

Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick's Oratory with his Excellency, Bishop David L. Ricken, DD, JCL - 10:00 a.m.

Reception in O'Brien Hall following High Mass

**Thursday, February 2nd - Candle Mass**

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

6:00 p.m. Candle Blessing & Procession Followed by High Mass

**Friday, February 3rd - First Friday**

6:00 p.m. Mass followed by blessing of throats

## **GAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TODAY - Sunday, January 29**

With great joy and solemnity we will celebrate this week the Feast of Saint Francis de Sales. More than ever do we need the wisdom, supernatural optimism and example of this great *saint, spiritual director and missionary*. He is one of the principal Patrons of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

We would like you to know that all the faithful, assisting at Holy Mass on **Sunday, January 29** in one of the Institute's churches or oratories may gain a plenary indulgence under the ordinary conditions.

As a matter of fact, several years ago the Holy See privileged the Institute's members and its faithful with a **plenary indulgence** for the main feasts of the Institute, which are: **The Feast of Christ the King** (last Sunday in October) and the Feasts of the **Immaculate Conception** (Dec. 8), **St. Francis de Sales** (Jan. 29), **St. Thomas Aquinas** (Mar. 7) and **St. Benedict** (Mar. 21).

## **Feast of St. Blaise, Feb. 3**

St. Blaise, one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. This was the time of persecution under Licinius; St. Blaise remained hidden in a cave on Mt. Argeus for safety. From the Golden Legend we read:

*...the birds of heaven brought to him meat for to eat. And it seemed to him that they came to serve him and accompany him, and would not depart from him till he had lift up his hands and blessed them. And also sick men came to him and anon were cured and healed.*

It is said that Jesus Christ appeared to him three times. Wild animals came to him for healing, never disturbing him in prayer, though. But St. Blaise is most noted for saving the life of a child who was choking on a fish bone. The child's mother sought out and beseeched St. Blaise for help; the good saint placed his hand atop the head of the lad, made his prayer to God for the child and all others who were in need of health benefits, and the prayer was immediately granted.

Another time a poor widow woman whose pigs were borne away by a wolf humbly prayed to St. Blaise that they might be returned to her. "Good woman," he said as he smiled, "anger thee not, for thou shalt have again they swine." Miraculously, it was the wolf who returned them to her.

St. Blaise was captured by Agricola, governor of Cappadocia, whose gods, Blaise informed him, were fiends. The prince was enraged and Agricola tried to get him to recant his faith. While in prison, it was the widow women with the pigs who brought him food. He refused to worship the false gods, and underwent physical persecution. Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and prove the power of their gods; they drowned. When he returned to land, he was martyred by being beaten, his flesh flayed with iron wool combs and then beheaded, martyred for the faith along with seven women and two children.

Because of the cure of the boy's throat, St. Blaise is patron against troubles of the throat. St. Blaise is also the patron of veterinarians and against attacks of wild animals. He is represented in art as a Bishop holding two crossed candles, with wool combs, or in a cave surrounded by wild animals. By the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, his great popularity was proven by 35 churches dedicated to him in Rome alone. His remains rest in the Basilica over the town of Maratea, Italy.

**FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR: JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5, 2017

<b>Sun., Jan. 29</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass/organ	<h2 style="margin: 0;">ST. FRANCIS DE SALES</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church, Institute Patron (1st Cl., W)</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>PLENARY INDULGENCE CAN BE GAINED</i></p>	†James Connelly <i>by Carol Ariens</i>	Hanzel Fonferek Julius Fonferek
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>High Mass</b> Chorale		Michael Kanzenbach <i>by William &amp; Laura Kanzenbach</i>	Sacristan: Kaleb Kerscher MC: Paul Jessel Thurifer: Jacob Mihalski Acolytes: Tyler Reif & Nathan Reif Candle: John Neumann, Aaron Rasmussen, Sebastian Ellis, Paul Mihalski Crucifer: James Kanzenbach
<b>Mon., Jan. 30</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Martina</b> , Virgin & Martyr (3rd Cl., R) Commemoration for the Pope	†Leo & LaVerne LeMere <i>by Anne LeMere</i>	Nathan Reif Tyler Reif

### HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - following Holy Mass

<b>Tues., Jan. 31</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. John Bosco</b> , Confessor (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope	Curt & Traci Weis family <i>by Jayson &amp; Dawn Cisler</i>	Peter Kanzenbach John Kanzenbach
<b>Wed., Feb. 1</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b> , Bishop & Martyr (3rd Cl., R) Commemoration for the Pope	For those who have not one to pray for them <i>by Carrie Fonferek</i>	Hanzel Fonferek Julius Fonferek
<b>Thur., Feb. 2</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Presentation of Our Blessed Lord &amp; Purification of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (2nd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope	Dave & Beth Kerscher <i>by Kent &amp; Laura Kerscher</i>	Bart Stillwell OPEN
<b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>High Mass</b> Chorale		†Dalen Skaletski <i>by family</i>	Sacristan & MC: Paul Jessel Thurifer: Francis Neumann Acolytes: Vic Neumann & Hanzel Fonferek Candle: Julius Fonferek, Sebastian Ellis, Aaron Rasmussen OPEN Crucifer: John Neumann

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

<b>Fri., Feb. 3</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <u>First Friday</u>	<b>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> , (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope & St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr <i><b>Blessing of the throats after Holy Mass</b></i>	Intentions of the member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers <i>by Confraternity of Christian Mothers</i>	Tyler Reif Nathan Reif
<b>Sat., Feb. 4</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <u>First Saturday</u>	<b>Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> (3rd Cl., W) Commemoration for the Pope & St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor	†MaryAnn DeBaker <i>by John &amp; Margaret Gwidt</i>	Peter Kanzenbach John Kanzenbach

<b>Sun., Feb. 5</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> Low Mass/organ	<h2 style="margin: 0;">FIFTH SUNDAY</h2> <h2 style="margin: 0;">AFTER EPIPHANY</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">(2nd Cl., G) Commemoration for the Pope</p>	Carol Ariens <i>by Anonymous</i>	Kaleb Kerscher Aaron Rasmussen
<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>High Mass</b> Chorale		Intentions of Monsignor the Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King	Sacristan: Jerry Jessel MC: Nathan Reif Thurifer: Peter Cisler Acolytes: Tyler Reif & Hanzel Fonferek Candle: Francis Neumann, Nicholas Reif, John Kanzenbach, Adam Mihalski Crucifer: James Kanzenbach

#### CONFESION SCHEDULE

**Sunday** ..... 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. & 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.  
**Daily** ..... 30 minutes before every Holy Mass  
**Upon appointment** ..... Call the rectory

#### DEVOTION SCHEDULE

**Tuesday** ..... Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration  
**Wednesday** ..... St. Joseph Novena after Holy Mass  
**Friday** ..... Sorrowful Mother Novena after Holy Mass  
**Monthly** ..... Infant Jesus Novena (17th to 25th)

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# Welcome, Bishop Ricken!

## *Confirmation Reception & Banquet*

### **Reception in honour of David L Ricken, DD, JCL, Bishop of Green Bay**

The Reception, offered by the faithful of St. Patrick's Oratory will take place in O'Brien Hall, immediately following the Confirmation & Solemn High Mass **TODAY, Sunday, January 29, 2017**

This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and greet our beloved Bishop, thanking him for all his continuous support.

*Due to the limited occupant capacity of O'Brien Hall, first priority is given to the confirmands, sponsors, and their families.*

**Those attending must have signed up in advance.**

## **SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP**

St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri, will be hosting a Sacred Music Workshop during the weekend of March 10-12, 2017. The intensive two-day program will include Gregorian chant instruction by Canon Wulfran Lebocq, spiritual talks by Canon Aaron Huberfeld and instructions in polyphonic music by Nick Botkins, master of our choirs. This workshop will end on Sunday, March 12, with Solemn High Mass celebrated by Canon Huberfeld.

Registration by phone (314)771-3100/email [sfds@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:sfds@institute-christ-king.org) before February 19. Lodging/accommodations: Special Rates available at Residence Inn St. Louis Downtown. Call Marriott Reservations at (866)448-7500 ("Sacred Music Workshop"). Price per person: \$95.00

## **Latin Mass Association**

### **Annual Meeting Sunday, February 26, 2017**

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the LMA-Latin Mass Association will be held in O'Brien Hall.

The terms of office for board members Charles Ostermann and Philip White will expire. If you would like to nominate any current member of the Association for this election, please submit their name (as well as your own) in writing to any board member or mail to:

**Latin Mass Association P.O. Box 1116 Green Bay WI 54305-1116.**

As a courtesy to your nominee(s) you may wish to ask if they desire to enter the election prior to nominating them. For a nominee to be included on the ballot, nominations must be received no later than Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Voting will take place after both the 8:00am & 10:00am Masses with the annual meeting to follow the 10:00am Mass. *Refreshments will be served.*

**All LMA members in good standing are encouraged to attend!**  
**~Oratory Members may Join the LMA~**

## **First Friday Family Pot Luck & Prayer Night**

**WHEN:** This Friday, February 3, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**WHAT:** Come join us for a pot luck dinner, we will provide the main meal. Enjoy family prayer time lead by one of the Fathers. Social/activities to follow.

**WHERE:** From Above Gathering Place and Bakery  
1599 Western Ave. Green Bay, WI 54303

**RSVP:** Contact Carrie Zehms at [920-494-3253](tel:920-494-3253) or email [fromaboveyouthcenters@gmail.com](mailto:fromaboveyouthcenters@gmail.com)

## **\*DON'T FORGET SCRIP\***

### **PERMANENT MASS TIME CHANGE**

**Saturday Masses will now be at 9:00 a.m.**

There will no longer be an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays

## **COMPANY OF THE IMMACULATE**

### **UPCOMING GIRLS' GROUP MEETING**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**When:** Saturday, February 4, after the **9:00 a.m.** Holy Mass.

**Where:** O'Brien Hall

**Who:** All girls ages 5 and up.

*Younger girls are also welcome if an older sibling or parent is present.*

**What:** In preparation for the upcoming Lenten season, the girls will learn how to make (and taste) a Lenten favorite-homemade pretzels!

**Also note:** They will also have the opportunity to learn the art form of paper quilling. Each girl will be able to make beautiful designs to decorate their own greeting card.

*Come and join us for a morning of fun with friends! See you there!*

**\*\*Please be sure to bring your own breakfast & beverages. RSVP to [bjneumann@tm.net](mailto:bjneumann@tm.net) for questions or if you are planning to attend.**

## **ST. MICHAELS PATROL**

### **UPCOMING BOYS' GROUP MEETING**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**When:** Saturday, February 4, after the **9:00 a.m.** Holy Mass.

**Where:** O'Brien Hall

**Who:** All boys up to age 18 welcome.

*Younger boys are welcome if an older sibling or parent is present.*

**What:** The boys will be participating in an activity to be announced.

**\*\*Please be sure to bring your own breakfast & beverages.**

You Must register your son(s) for the event using the following link: <http://goo.gl/DpioT4> if you are planning on attending.

## **Collections**

**Weekly Collection - Sunday, January 15 - \$2,809.20**

**Weekly Collection - Sunday, January 22 - \$2,579.90**

## **CATECHISM CLASSES**

Our weekly catechism classes have resumed. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:00-5:50 p.m. in O'Brien Hall. Please meet at 4:55 p.m. in the Church for prayers. To sign up or for any questions, please contact Canon Boucheron.