

*December 25, 2011*

Christmas Day

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



## ORATORY CLERGY:

**Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, STD, JCL**  
Vicar General, Provincial

**Rev. Canon Michael K. Wiener**  
Rector, Episcopal Delegate

**Rev. Canon William E. Avis**  
Vicar

**Rev. Father Jean-Pierre Herman**  
Assistant Priest in residence

**Abbé Alex J. Barga**  
Sacristan

## ORATORY STAFF:

Mr. Walter Feld  
General Manager

Miss Anna Brandwein  
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Jon Roché  
Accounting Manager

Mr. Nick Botkins  
Director of Sacred Music

**We have a natural inclination to give commands and an aversion to obey. Yet it is much more useful to obey than to command.**  
- St. Francis de Sales

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

### Sunday

Mass 8:00; 10:00am

### Monday - Saturday

Mass 8:00am

### Tuesday

Mass 6:30pm

### Wednesday

Mass 12:15pm

### First Fridays

High Mass 6:30pm

### Holy Days

Mass 8:00am & 12:15pm

High Mass 6:30pm

## SACRED DEVOTIONS:

### Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 8:00am & 6:30pm

### Adoration

Thursday 6:30pm

## CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before all Masses



**INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST**



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 25

#### NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

12:00am Solemn High Mass

“Pamela J. Berry, RIP”

8:00am Low Mass

“Tom & Stephanie Evers”

10:00am High Mass

“Don Kreher”

### MONDAY DECEMBER 26

#### ST. STEPHEN, DEACON & PROTOMARTYR

8:00am Low Mass

“Elwyn Kahre, RIP”

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 27

#### ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:00am Low Mass

“Adan Zelaya & other Deceased Family Members”

6:30pm Low Mass

“The Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory”

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28

#### THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00am Low Mass

“Hannah Clinton”

12:15pm Low Mass

“Ross Bourgeois”

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 29

#### FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

8:00am Low Mass

“Thatcher Hallock”

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 30

#### SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

8:00am Low Mass

“Carapella Family”

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

#### SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

8:00am Low Mass

“Sister Joyce L. Volpine, SND, RIP”

### SUNDAY JANUARY 1

#### FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

8:00am Low Mass

“Leonard & Sunny Serafino”

10:00am High Mass

“Don Kreher”

## SERVER SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

12:00am Solemn High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Stamos

Thurifer: James Schmidt

Acolyte 1: Cole Underwood

Acolyte 2: Curt Wichmer

Crucifer: Kellen Kenney

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Abram Brandwein

Torchbearers: Christopher Stamos, Mitch White,  
Dominic Haley, Christopher Hall, Vince Cortese, Carl  
Aufmuth

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Candidate

10:00am High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

Thurifer: Scott McCann

Acolyte 1: Sean McCann

Acolyte 2: Michael McCann

Crucifer: Joseph Heppelle

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Ryan Post

Torchbearers: Scott Varian, Peter Kahre, James Kahre,  
Christopher McCann

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidate, Curt Wichmer

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Abbé Alex Barga, Joseph Reidy

6:30pm Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidates

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidates

12:15pm Low Mass

Acolyte: Abbé Alex Barga

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Grahek, Abbé Alex Barga

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Cole Underwood

Thurifer: Abbé Alex Barga

Acolyte 1: Cody Bickel

Acolyte 2: Wolfgang Davidson



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 27 to January 1 - Second Survey. Please participate!**

**Saturday, December 31, 8:00 AM Low Mass; 5:00 PM Benediction & Te Deum**

**Tuesday, January 31, 5:00PM - Visit of His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidate, James Schmidt

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidates

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Candidate

10:00am High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

Thurifer: Joseph Grahek

Acolyte 1: Stephen Kenney

Acolyte 2: Isaiah Kenney

Crucifer: Mitch White

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Michael Stamos

Torchbearers: Curt Wichmer, Thomas Serafino, Ryan Haley, Sam Aufmuth, Frank Cortese, David Kenney

### **ORATORY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

St. Francis de Sales Oratory publishes an email newsletter twice a month. In it we inform you, dear faithful, about recent news at the Oratory and allows us to keep in touch with a large number of individuals and families and to present photos of Oratory and Institute events in a cost-effective manner. If you would like to receive our Email Newsletter, please send us an email to: [sfds@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:sfds@institute-christ-king.org).

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

St. Francis de Sales Oratory has to rely heavily on volunteer work. If you are interested to help us in any volunteer activity, please contact the office at 314-771-3100.

We wish to use this opportunity to thank all those generous souls who helped us in the past and continue to support our work of revitalization through their invaluable competence and exceptional generosity.

Canon Wiener

### **WELCOME, VISITORS**

**LET US TREAT YOU TO A CUP OF COFFEE**

The clergy, staff, and lay faithful of St. Francis de Sales Oratory are always pleased when new visitors come to this beautiful church to join us in the celebration of Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form. We have a coffee hour after each of our Sunday Masses. Please join us and the coffee and donut are on us—just let the cashier know you are a first-time visitor.

This is also a reminder to all our Oratory faithful that the Sunday coffee hour is a good time to renew old friendships and make new ones, or to welcome people who are attending Mass here for the first time.

### **INTRODUCING “SHOPWITHSCRIP”**

We are pleased to introduce you to a powerful, new fundraiser for St. Francis de Sales Oratory. Everyone can contribute with very little effort and with NO additional strain on your budget. Put your regular household shopping dollars to work by spending money with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program!

Please contact our office or Gretchen Clinton in the hall after Mass.



## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### MY DEAR FAITHFUL AND FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY,

In the name of the superiors, canons, oblates, seminarians and sisters of the Institute, the Institute's community here at St. Francis de Sales Oratory wishes you and your family a holy and blessed Christmas.

As the angels announced and shepherds proclaimed, the long awaited, precious Gift has come. The three Masses of Christmas today reflect the tri-fold mystery of Our Savior's birth: "He is born of the Blessed Virgin, in the stable of Bethlehem; he is born by grace, in the hearts of the Shepherds, who are the first fruits of the Christian Church; and he is born eternally from the Bosom of the Father." (Gueranger)

We unite our hearts and voices to the eternal chant of the Angels, of the Church on Earth, and of all the saints in Heaven, "Glory be to God! Peace be to Men!" From the earliest canticles of joy and gratitude expressed by the Psalmist, none can compare with the songs we sing today to welcome the birth of our Redeemer, so far as our joy and gratitude should be proportionate with the magnitude of the Gift we are given.

Last Saturday the Oratory inaugurated its first "Gaudete Benefit Gala", in the spirit of "always rejoicing in the Lord." In this sold-out benefit, we were lifted up by the best music the Oratory has to offer, with both instrumental and vocal performances by those who regularly offer their talents to God in the Sacred Liturgy Sunday after Sunday. It was a great honor to be able to share with many guests, some for the first time, to experience the beauty and majesty of the Church's music tradition. In addition to our gratitude to all the musicians who performed under the able direction of Mr. Nick Botkins, I would like to acknowledge especially our debt to the organizers who contributed their talents and resources to make the event a great success: Mrs. Catherine Unseth, Mrs. Mary Hayworth and Mr. Mike Kenney. Thank you all for your participation!

**Canon Michael K. Wiener**

## CARDINAL BURKE TO VISIT THE ORATORY JANUARY 31 AT 5:00 PM

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will visit St. Francis de Sales Oratory on Tuesday, January 31, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Cardinal Burke will be the celebrant of a Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

After the ceremony all the faithful are invited to the church hall for a reception in the Cardinal's honor.

## CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

End of the year Tax receipts will be available after both Masses on the first three Sunday's in January in the oratory hall. After Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will mail all remaining letters.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,900.00**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: DECEMBER 18**

LOOSE: \$1,070.00

ENVELOPES: \$5,185.00

**TOTAL: \$6,255.00**

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL: \$545,100.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP: \$290,958.24

SHORTFALL: (\$254,141.76)

**HALL RESTROOM RENOVATION YTD: \$27,005.00**

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us!**

**St. Joseph, pray for us!**

**St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!**



**THE SUPERIORS, CANONS,  
SEMINARIANS, OBLATES  
AND SISTERS OF THE INSTITUTE  
WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012.**

**IN THE NAME OF ALL MEMBERS OF  
THE INSTITUTE, ESPECIALLY THE  
COMMUNITY AT  
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY  
WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR CON-  
TINUOUS FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH-  
FUL GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR  
WORK IN THE  
VINEYARD OF THE LORD.**

## **SURVEY PLEASE PARTICIPATE!**

Last year's survey helped us to understand better the demographics of our community and once again we will ask for your help in gathering information about the present community at the Oratory. The survey provides us with important information, which will serve us in our work for all faithful in the St. Louis region.

Whether you are a member of the Oratory, a frequent attendee, or an occasional visitor, your contribution to this survey will be an invaluable help. Any answer given will be completely confidential, as no identifying information will be asked.

The survey will be taken over a period of 5 weeks. You may fill out a paper form, which will be provided in the upcoming bulletins, or an online version of the form: <http://www.tinyurl.com/StFdS>. Thank you very much for your help!

Canon Michael Wiener

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE ORATORY**

### **Sunday, December 25**

Nativity of Our Lord  
8:00 AM Low Mass; 10:00 AM High Mass

### **Monday, December 26**

St. Stephen, Protomartyr  
8:00 AM, Low Mass with organ

### **Saturday, December 31**

7th Day in the Octave of Christmas  
8:00 AM Low Mass;  
5:00 PM Benediction & Te Deum  
(Plenary Indulgence available at Benediction)

### **Sunday, January 1**

Octave Day of the Nativity  
8:00 AM, Low Mass; 10:00 AM High Mass

### **Monday, January 2**

Holy Name of Jesus  
8:00 AM, Low Mass with organ

### **Friday, January 6**

Epiphany  
8:00 AM Low Mass; 6:30 PM High Mass

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## **PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS**

### **Feast of the Holy Innocents Prayer Vigil for Abortion Victims**

Wed. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – 10am  
Downtown Planned Parenthood  
Boyle and Forest Park

Questions/Sign-Up – Contact Mary Maschmeier at  
[defenseless@sbcglobal.net](mailto:defenseless@sbcglobal.net) or 314-346-9052



## ORATORY ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The priests of St. Francis de Sales Oratory will be happy to answer your questions and provide you with the necessary instruction.

Call the rectory to speak with Canon Wiener, Canon Avis or Father Herman.

### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS



Want to become a Knight of Columbus? Know a Catholic gentleman who is not a Knight? Why not invite him to be a brother Knight? Contact Mr. Frank Aufmuth, Grand Knight 314-580-2425.

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. All Knights are welcome to attend.

### ORATORY CHOIR

If you enjoy singing sacred *a cappella* music from the enormous treasury of the Catholic Church, if you relish the prospect of singing in one of the most beautiful churches in St. Louis, if you welcome the challenge of performing extraordinary repertoire - then the Saint Francis de Sales Choir is for you.

Prior experience in choral singing is essential, and you must be able to read music.

Contact Nick Botkins for audition details:  
314-771-3100

### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

#### Today, December 25:

8:00 No Coffee Hour

10:00 No Coffee Hour

#### Sunday, January 1:

8:00 Stephen Chicosky

10:00 William Haines, Sr.

#### Sunday, January 8:

8:00 Thomas Leith

10:00 Mike Kenney

In order to give more long-range visibility to this schedule, we are printing assignments two weeks in advance as well as the current Sunday. If you cannot meet your commitment call Tom Leith at 314-435-8494, or email him at [trleith@alum.wustl.edu](mailto:trleith@alum.wustl.edu).

Thank you, everyone, for your help!

### GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES OF THE St. Francis de Sales Benevolent Society

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH  
Gravois Ave. and Ohio Ave.



ORGANIZED APRIL 19, 1874  
By 55 Members

The Benevolent Society is a Catholic Men's organization that was founded in the early years of St. Francis de Sales church for the financial help of its members in time of need. For more information on the this charitable and friendly group, contact Mr. Dick Carr at 314-772-9489 or Mr. Wally Feld at the Oratory. 314-771-3100.

### ORATORY CLEANING

The Oratory Cleaning Crews put the church in order after the final Mass each Sunday. This involves light dust mopping and clearing the pews of handouts, etc. New volunteers will be most welcome and can call the office at 314-771-3100

Here are the next assignments:

**Today, December 25:** St. Benedict

**Sunday, January 1:** St. Francis de Sales

**Sunday, January 8:** St. Martha

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## **INFORMATION SHEET**

**Church name & address**

**St. Francis de Sales Oratory #238950**

**2653 Ohio Avenue**

**St. Louis MO 63118**

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Phone number: 314. 771. 3100

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# TO ALL OUR GUESTS...

Canon Wiener and the faithful of St. Francis de Sales Oratory welcome you, and hope that your time in the “Cathedral of South St. Louis” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to St. Francis de Sales, co-patron of the  
INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

According to the liturgical tradition, and the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because the reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and in full communion with the Catholic Church should present themselves for Holy Communion.

We pray for the full visible unity among all Christians.

To receive more information about the Oratory please fill out a contact card available at the entrance of the church. If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the rectory. St. Francis de Sales Oratory is an Oratory of the INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

All contributions to the Oratory are sincerely appreciated and are tax deductible.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY INFORMATION:

### INFANT BAPTISM:

Parents requesting Baptism must be registered members of the Oratory.

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

For instructions please contact the Rectory.

### HOLY MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry at the Oratory must call the rectory for the proper instructions.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Members facing surgery, serious illness, or even death may call (314) 771-3100.

### TOURS:

Public tours are available Monday-Friday.  
Contact the Oratory office for availability.

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