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Mass of the Dedication of a Church
22 November 2009



**MASS INTENTIONS
AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass of the 24th Sunday after Pentecost)
8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
For William H. Erker
10:00am: High Mass
For Francis Xavier Gelin
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23

ST. CLEMENT I, POPE & MARTYR
8:00am: Low Mass
For Gregory S. Gilmer
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CONFESSOR
& DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
8:00am: Low Mass
For the Kukielski Family
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction
6:30pm: Low Mass w/organ
For the Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR
8:00am: Low Mass
For Mildred Diaz
12:15pm: Low Mass
For Loretta Deken
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

ST. SYLVESTER, ABBOT
8:00am: Low Mass
For Thatcher Hallock
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27

VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART
8:00am: Low Mass
For Brian Wissman
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

SATURDAY MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00am Low Mass
For Jude Deken
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
BEGINNING OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA**
8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
For Francis Xavier Gelin
10:00am: High Mass
For Mark & Valerie Serafino
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley
10:00am: High Mass
MC: Abbe' Alex Barga
Thurifer: Stephen Kukielski
Acolytes: Curt Wichmer, Thomas Serafino
Crucifer: Abram Brandwein
Choir MC: Matthew Serafino
Torchbearers: Scott McCann, Philip Kukielski, Joseph Grahek, Kellen Kenney, Seth McDonald, Dominic McDonald

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Curt Wichmer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Joseph Reidy, Abbe Alex Barga
6:30pm: Low Mass
Acolytes: Vinnie Scanga, Matthew Serafino

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Philip Kukielski
12:15pm: Low Mass
Acolyte: Abbé Alex Barga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Joseph Grahek
6:30pm: Adoration & Benediction
MC: Daniel Kotsko
Thurifer: Daniel Simmons
Acolytes: Michael McCann, Steven Gilroy
Torchbearers: Ben Norman, Daniel Obermeier

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, James Schmidt

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley

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From the Rector's Desk...

My dear Friends at St. Francis de Sales Oratory,

It is with joy and gratitude that we celebrate the 101st anniversary of the dedication of the church, which is the center and heart of the St. Francis de Sales Oratory. This place of divine worship with its long history and important tradition is again an anchor in the lives of many individuals and families. However, it is not the past which calls us here, nor an attraction to the "good old days," but Christ in the center of all liturgical celebrations, the Lord as High Priest and Victim. We gather here today and every week in order to participate in the Church's liturgy.

The church building, just as it was intended to be when it was consecrated 101 years ago by the bishop of Belleville, is a part of the living liturgical tradition of the Church. The architectural and cultural tradition of the edifice works with, and is a part of, the timeless, divine liturgy which draws us into Christ. In this respect, St. Francis de Sales continues to fulfill the hopeful expectations of all those faithful who sacrificed to build it a century ago.

By being a living part of the timeless tradition of the Church, St. Francis de Sales is also a beacon of hope - hope for a renewal of Christian culture in our daily lives, our neighborhood, our city, and indeed the whole country. The preservation and restoration of the church building and all parts of the campus is therefore a desire which is certainly shared by many, here and in other places.

I want to invite you therefore today to consider becoming a part of the campaign to re-build St. Francis de Sales. 101 years ago, when it was necessary to raise a large sum for the painting of the church, Father Holweck, the parish priest who was in charge of the fundraising campaign during and after the construction of the church, announced in a parish meeting an effective means to raise funds. He would send out a committee of 100 young ladies of the Sodality, two by two, to visit every family in the parish once a month for a year. Within a very short time, thanks to the charm and determination of these young ladies, they were able to raise the necessary funds!

The Oratory today is not limited to the geographic boundaries of a parish and is attended by a large number of faithful coming from all over metropolitan St. Louis and far beyond, even out of state. Perhaps, the fundraising methods of Father Holweck cannot be applied any more in the same way, but the need for dedicated and creative initiatives from all friends of the Oratory is equally necessary. When the church was dedicated in 1908 the need for substantial financial support was big; today, as we restore the church and campus for our children's future, the need for large financial infusions is equally important.

I close with the same prayer found at the end of a brief history of our church published in 1917, at the Golden Jubilee: *"May the efficacious intercession of our patron saint, St. Francis de Sales, obtain for all members of our parish the most bountiful blessings of our Lord, temporal as well as eternal."*

Canon Michael K. Wiener, Rector

SERVER SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

10:00am: High Mass

MC: Abbé Alex Barga

Thurifer: Matthew Serafino

Acolytes: Abram Brandwein, Sean McCann

Crucifer: Michael McCann

Choir MC: Vinnie Scanga

Torchbearers: Anthony Daub, James Schmidt, Cole

Underwood, Evan Underwood, Stephen Kenney, Ronnell Kenney

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 15	Loose	\$2,033.50
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>4,229.00</u>
	Total:	\$6,262.50

Thank you for your generosity!



His Highness
The Duke of Oldenburg

“The Importance of Tradition”

Toward the end of his talk at the Oratory on Saturday, October 31, 2009, His Highness quoted excerpts from an article by Prof. Plinio Correa de Oliveira, published in the Folha Sao de Paolo, one of the largest newspapers in Brazil.

Tradition defends today the very premises of civilization, and above all, Christian civilization, the most perfect civilization. Some traditions like our military traditions still live – but they are attacked. Let me explain. Consider the decades following the Second World War. Innumerable changes in peoples’ way of thinking, feeling, living, acting occurred during this period. When analyzing these changes in an overall picture, it cannot be denied that with a few exceptions they are leading toward a situation violently opposed to all our spiritual and cultural traditions we have received. These traditions are still alive, but they are constantly being attacked by radical modifications.

Obviously they will finally perish if no one stands up for them. But the end of these traditions would amount, as I see it, to the greatest catastrophe in history. Below are a few examples showing how sophistic distortions of some very precious concepts are corroding some of our best traditions:

“Goodness” – According to the modern sophism, a good person never makes others suffer. Now since effort causes suffering, only he who does not ask others for effort is good. Christian civilization modeled the peoples of the West in accordance with the principle that effort is the essential condition for the dignity, decorum, good order and productivity of life... If good is to abolish effort in all fields, does not this implicitly deprive life of the values which make it worth living? Does not this deformed goodness become the worst malefaction?

"Love of children" — According to this saccharine and flabby goodness, "love of children" amounts to sparing them every effort. People try to achieve this by thousands of techniques of instructing and forming children to lead lives without any sacrifice. Obstinate attachment to this idea has gone as far as condemning punishments in school because they make the guilty suffer and eliminating awards because they may cause complexes in the lazy. According to Christian tradition and plain common sense one of the essential goals of education is to form people for the struggle of life by making them acquire habits of effort and sacrifice. What is this "love of children" but a cruel miseducation?

"Simplicity," "unpretentiousness" — One who prefers things that require neither much taste nor much effort is supposedly "simple." Someone who feels good being vulgar is supposedly "unpretentious." ...The rules of urbanity and good manners, the way of organizing one's home, receiving people, dressing, speaking, are becoming increasingly "simple" and "unpretentious." ...life is becoming dingy; noble impulses are withering; horizons are shrinking, and vulgarity is invading everything.

"Spontaneity," "naturalness," "sincerity" — These attitudes supposedly lead one to avoid yet another form of effort: thinking, willing, and restraining oneself. They would lead one to give free rein to sensation, fantasy, extravagance, in a word, everything. Thus, the excitement of television is stamping out books with their invitation to reflection. Ideas are becoming poorer and people's vocabulary suffers with them... Some people's "sexual morality" amounts to legitimizing all kinds of disorders in order to avoid "complexes." ...

“Open-mindedness” — An "open-minded" person must accept everything. Bishops or governors, teachers or parents who do not endorse all the above absurdities are narrow-minded despots who want to maintain the yoke of taboos that have become untenable...

All the advances of these attitudes over the past decade follow the same pattern:

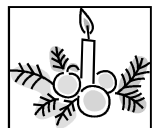
- a) A minority comes out with a "crazy" folly;
- b) the majority shudders and protests;
- c) the minority persists;
- d) the majority gradually becomes accustomed, adapts itself, and submits;
- e) meanwhile, the minority prepares a new scandal;
- f) and this scandal will be equally successful.

Thus the majority gradually enters this new world fascinated, fortified, hypnotized, like a bird in the maw of a snake.



CALENDAR

OF EVENTS



“Advent by Candlelight”

Calling All Hostesses—

St. Francis de Sales Ladies’ Auxiliary wishes to invite all ladies to join us in our first ever “Advent by Candlelight” evening at the Oratory on **Saturday, December 5**, at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. Our guest speaker will be **Father Augustine Wetta** from the St. Louis Abbey.

To sign up to hostess a table of 6-8 ladies, or to make a reservation to attend the event, please contact Mrs. Christiana Haller, ladiesauxiliary@att.net or 314-640-5165, or Mrs. Teresa Kahre, teresakahre@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, November 29

**NOVENA TO THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Sunday, November 29 through Monday, December 7

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
Tuesday, December 8

Wedding Banns

Be it known to all here present that Mr. Luke Joseph Ritter, son of Robert & Rebecca Ritter of St. Charles, Missouri, and Miss Debra Key Quinlan, daughter of Ronald & Donna Quinlan of O’Fallon, Missouri, intend to be united in Holy Matrimony on December 12, 2009. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if any one of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent either couple from marrying, you are bound to make it known to the rector as soon as possible.

This is the **first** publication of the Banns.

Thanksgiving Assistance

The collection on Thanksgiving Day will go entirely to the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at the Oratory to further their work with those in need.


The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists families who live close to the Oratory.

Christmas Novena of Masses & Special 2010 Calendar

A Novena of Masses in honor of the Infant Jesus will be offered at the Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago from December 24-January 1. If you would like to include your family and friends as well as your own intentions in this Christmas Novena, please visit www.institute-christ-king.org. Online you may request that we mail to you decorative Mass cards of the Holy Infant Jesus, which you can put inside of the standard size Christmas greeting cards you give to the family and friends who are remembered in this Novena. The suggested donation for these Mass cards is \$15 per five cards, in order to cover the printing and the shipping costs.

In addition to the 2010 wall calendar which will soon be available in the Institute apostolates, it is now possible to pre-order online (www.institute-christ-king.org) a special 2010 desk calendar commemorating the twenty year anniversary of the Institute. This desk calendar includes 365 pages of full color photos of events and apostolates worldwide, as well as a daily quote from the patron saints of the Institute. A donation of \$52 for this unique desk calendar—that’s one dollar per week—will support the work of the Institute during this year in which our 20th anniversary will be celebrated in September.

Confirmation Classes...



On May 15, 2010, at 9:30 am, His Grace, Archbishop Carlson will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at the Oratory. Please note the following arrangement regarding the preparation of this event:

Catechism classes will begin on Thursday, November 19, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. They will normally be held each Thursday thereafter, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, until the date of Confirmation, which is Saturday, May 15.

Since Homeschool Co-op children are already receiving this instruction on Wednesdays, these classes are intended primarily for the benefit of public school children. However, the classes are open to any of the faithful who wish to receive this sacrament.



Residents of the Rectory

Having grown up in Kansas, I was pleasantly surprised when, after two months of candidacy in Chicago, I was told that I was to be transferred to St. Louis. I knew I would miss the people I had met in Chicago, particularly the wonderful community of which I had been privileged to be a part. Moving to St. Louis would be another “adventure” as Canon Talarico put it, although it was not without its bitterness.

Indeed “adventure” is a word you could put to my time with the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. When I left my beloved hometown of Olathe in July of this year, I was saying goodbye to so many people and things I would miss. It was heart aching to leave my family and I prayed that what I “sowed in tears” would be “reaped in joy.” The words of Our Lord resounded in my soul as His personal reassurance: “No greater love hath one than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” That one phrase I would pinpoint (insofar as I can) as the key of my desire to be a priest. To imitate Our Lord, the Good Shepherd, who “giveth his life for his sheep” is the destiny of the priest.

The Institute has truly become a spiritual family for me. The Sacraments, particularly Holy Communion, where Our Blessed Lord gives Himself entirely to us, and the due reverence and beauty of the classical Latin Rite, which express their ultimate truth, is what drew me to the Institute. If Our Lord is not only so willing, but so eager to give Himself to me, should I not give myself entirely to Him and His priesthood?

I wish I could list all the priests and abbes who have been an inspiration to my vocation. Suffice it to say that I realize I have a quite a long way to grow in holiness, but by trusting in the never-failing intercession of the Blessed Virgin and following the spirituality of the “Doctor of Charity,” the path is not so daunting.

Now that I have lived in St. Louis for almost three months, I have come to love the city and the community of St. Francis De Sales. I thank all of you who pray for me and ask for your continued prayers!

—Daniel Obermeier

Oratory Cleaning

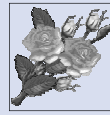


The Oratory Cleaning Crews put the church in order after the final Mass each Sunday.

New volunteers will be most welcome and can reach the coordinator, Mrs. Madeline Jordan, at 314-353-5233. Here are the next assignments:

Today, November 22: St. Martha

Next Sunday, November 29: St. Veronica



The Rector Thanks. . .

On November 2 (All Souls’ Day) the Men’s Schola was augmented by the voices of a number of visitors who added increased depth and power to the Gregorian Chant. We are very grateful to these guests. The Rector of the Oratory together with the Director of Sacred Music express their heartfelt gratitude to them and to all the choir members for the preparation and execution of the beautiful Requiem Mass. We are all very touched by the strong commitment of the Schola and we encourage those who are interested to participate in our Sacred Music program regularly.

Please contact Mr. Nick Botkins if you or friends of yours are interested in more information regarding our choirs and the generous work all members of the Mixed Choir, Men’s Schola, Ladies’ Schola, and Children’s Choir are doing here.

Help Wanted

The Oratory is in need of professional plumbing assistance. Our buildings are old and the plumbing fixtures and pipes occasionally need attention. In addition, we are renovating the convent and some of the plumbing in this old building requires repair and/or replacement. If plumbing help can be donated, the Oratory will pay for the materials.

If a professional plumber reading this could contribute some time to our renovation efforts, we ask you to call Canon Wiener at the rectory: 314-771-3100.

Attention Ladies—Your Purses!



Just a reminder to all the ladies. Please keep your purses on the floor while you are in the pews so that they are inaccessible to strangers who may come in behind you—and take them up with you to Holy Communion.

Coffee Hour Responsibilities

Today, November 22:

8:00 am seating: Aaron Kukielski

10:00 am seating: Frank Aufmuth

Next Sunday, November 29:

8:00 am seating: Mike Kenney

10:00 am seating: William Haines, Sr.

If you cannot meet your commitment call Tom Leith at 314-435-8494, or email him at trleith@alum.wustl.edu. Thank you, everyone, for your help!

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