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Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
27 December 2009



MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00am: Low Mass
George Maty
10:00am: High Mass
Mildred Diaz
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

MONDAY DECEMBER 28

HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00am: Low Mass
Lloyd Rupp
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

5TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00am: Low Mass
Souls in Purgatory
6:30pm: Low Mass
For the Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30

6TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00am: Low Mass
Ethel Ford
12:15pm: Low Mass
Daniel Bohmen
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

7TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:00am: Low Mass
Deceased Members of the Kroetch Family
6:30pm: Adoration and Benediction

FRIDAY JANUARY 1

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Holyday of Obligation
8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
Ed Eller
10:00am: High Mass
Mr. & Mrs. John Francis Grimm
6:30pm: Low Mass
Someone who is Dying

SATURDAY JANUARY 2

VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART

8:00am Low Mass
Alice Rose & Bob Martinek
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:00am: Low Mass w/organ
Edwin Harding
10:00am: High Mass
Paul E. Dubuque
5:00pm: Adoration & Benediction*

SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates
10:00am: High Mass
MC: Matthew Serafino
Thurifer: Stephen Kukielski
Acolytes: Abram Brandwein, Michael Stamos
Crucifer: Sean McCann
Choir MC: Vinnie Scanga
Torchbearers: Evan Underwood, Sam Aufmuth, Kellen Kenney, Stephen Kenney, Ronell Kenney, Joseph Grahek

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidates

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley
10:00am: High Mass
MC: Matthew Serafino
Thurifer: Anthony Daub
Acolytes: Michael Stamos, Joseph Grahek
Crucifer: Abram Brandwein
Torchbearers: James Schmidt, Kellen Kenney, Stephen Kenney, Ronell Kenney, Christopher Stamos, Patrick Stamos

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Candidate, Steven Gilroy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am: Low Mass
Acolytes: Joseph Buckley, Dominic Buckley
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*Please use North Door only.



From the Rector's Desk...

My dear Faithful and Friends at St. Francis de Sales Oratory,

Holy Mother Church offers generous gifts to all of us on the last day of the year: She offers a plenary indulgence if the hymn “*Te Deum*” is recited publicly on the 31st of December. “O God, we praise you, and acknowledge you to be the supreme Lord. Everlasting Father, all the earth worships you. All the Angels, the heavens and all angelic powers, All the Cherubim and Seraphim, continuously cry to you: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts ...” The beginning of the *Te Deum* expresses perfectly how we are throughout the whole year: glorifying God in the liturgical action of the Church. To sing this hymn of jubilation gives a fitting closure to all our actions. Please come and join our community, the priests, our oblate, sisters, and candidates in our grateful worship in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

The celebration of Christmas and the end of the calendar year gives me an opportunity to thank you all in the name of my superiors in the Institute and in the name of our whole community for all the goodness you have shown to us. Your generosity made it possible that we could continue on our arduous and laborious way to a full restoration of St. Francis de Sales church. This last year the Oratory became even more a part of the St. Louis community. In this development toward a growing presence in all aspects of life, the Oratory of the Institute does not rely on hectic activism, but is centered around and based on the heart of the Catholic life: the Sacred Liturgy. It is of great importance for all of us that the “complete community” of the Institute here at the Oratory (with priests, oblates, sisters, and candidates) sings *Lauds*, *Sext* and *Vespers* daily and that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed every day between 5 and 6 in the afternoon. For all of us – including you, dear faithful – this liturgical vigor is the source of countless graces.

At the end of this calendar year I invite you therefore to appreciate more than ever the great gifts God offers to us here every day. Let us join the heavenly choir of angels in our prayers and good works, which are all a sign of our awareness of God’s generosity and care for us and our families. May God the Almighty bless and reward you all for all that you do to help us make the Kingdom of God powerfully visible among us!

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Canon Michael K. Wiener, Rector

SERVER SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

10:00am: High Mass

MC: Abram Brandwein

Thurifer: Michael McCann

Acolytes: Vinnie Scanga, Scott McCann

Crucifer: Sean McCann

Torchbearers: Curt Wichmer, Cole Underwood, Evan

Underwood, Sam Aufmuth, Thomas Serafino, Francesco

Scanga

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 20:	Loose	\$ 920.00
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$4,591.00</u>
	Total:	\$5,511.00
Christmas Flowers YTD:		\$ 895.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Why I Like Being at the Oratory

The other day my children and I were playing a game. The game consisted of my saying random words and the three oldest children telling me whether the words were "normal," "good," or "beautiful." For many words they had different answers, but for the word "Church" there was no hesitation: "beautiful" was the unanimous answer.

My father was a Protestant minister who, along with my mother, instilled in me a great love for beauty and also a deep love for God and the Scriptures. Shortly after I married, my husband and I became Catholic, bringing great sorrow to my loving parents. Though they do not realize it, the values that they taught me are what led me to the Catholic Church which "only needs to be known to be loved".

When we joined the Catholic Church we sought the most beautiful liturgy we could find. This eventually led us to St. Francis De Sales. Its timeless liturgy embodies for us the rich history of the Church that we had been so long without, and that so many have sacrificed and died for. In short, it embodies the organic growth of the Church that has existed since Christ established it.

In this liturgy, my family can truly worship in a way that brings to the forefront of our minds our love for Jesus Christ, his sacrifice, and our love for the Church which, in turn, faithfully brings that sacrifice to us. I am so thankful that my children do not see the Church as normal, or even merely as good, but as unquestionably beautiful.

—Kellene Goff

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, December 27: St. Anthony

Next Sunday, January 3: St. Francis de Sales

Institute 2010 Calendars

The 2010 wall calendar featuring the 1962 liturgical year and beautiful photographs of various Institute apostolates is now available. **Copies can be obtained in the church hall after Sunday Masses, and can also be called for at the rectory office.** A donation of \$2.00 is requested to cover costs.

In addition to the usual wall calendar, 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.



Rectory Office Closed

The Rectory office will be officially closed between Christmas Day, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1. This will provide some welcome rest for the clerics and candidates, and allow the office staff to catch up on projects.

However, if there is a sick call or other emergency, please do call the office and a priest will respond.

Canon Wiener and his staff wish all of you a holy and joyful Christmas.



CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

PRO-LIFE

St. Francis de Sales Pro-Life Apostolate stands in prayer outside Planned Parenthood every fourth Saturday from 9am-11am. Women have left because someone was standing outside the abortion mill. Will you be that someone?

If you would like to join this peaceful demonstration, please contact Mrs. Mary Maschmeier at defenseless@sbcglobal.net, or call 314-346-9052.

Thank you to everyone who joins in this effort.

Home School News

The St. Francis de Sales Home School Co-Op highschoolers return Wednesday, January 6th, which is the Feast of the Epiphany. Please make every effort to have all your children ready—homework done and everyone on the premises in time for their first classes. The Co-Op grammar school children return on Wednesday, January 20th.

In the continuing celebration of Christ's birth, the **high school drama class will present a play**—a story of magic and wonder, of great deeds and incredible adventures. The marvelous and magical play "Becoming Arthur" is to be performed **Saturday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 10th, at 3:00 p.m. in the church hall.** Admission is \$2.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. All admission fees help to offset production costs, with all remaining funds donated for Oratory restoration.

Coming soon—the **grade school drama class will present "Princess and the Pea" January 31st.**



Confirmation Classes...

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

Catechism classes, which have already begun, are held each Thursday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. They will continue until the date of Confirmation, May 15, except for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 27
8:00am Low Mass w/organ
10:00am High Mass

Monday, December 28
8:00am Low Mass

Tuesday, December 29
8:00am Low Mass
6:30pm Low Mass

Wednesday, December 30
8:00am Low Mass
12:15pm Low Mass

Thursday, December 31
8:00am Low Mass
5:00pm Benediction & Te Deum
(Plenary Indulgence available at Benediction)

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

-Holy Day of Obligation-
Friday, January 1
8:00am Low Mass/organ
10:00am Solemn High Mass
6:30pm Low Mass/w organ

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 6
8:00am Low Mass
12:15 Low Mass
6:30pm High Mass

Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence may be gained on Thursday, December 31, when the **Te Deum** is sung in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Usual conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence apply: Receiving Holy Communion, confession and prayers in the intentions of the Holy Father. A plenary indulgence is the forgiveness of all temporal punishments due to sins which are already forgiven. To obtain a plenary indulgence it is necessary to be detached from all kind of sin in the moment of acquiring the indulgence.

Every Tuesday...

Holy Mass at 6:30 pm followed by devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at her altar.





The St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanks...

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank each and every one who donated to the Giving Tree. We are very happy to announce that all 52 Families we helped were given a very nice Christmas.

Special thanks to the "M" family who took seven ornaments from the tree to make sure one family would have a good Christmas. Another person "J" was a Guardian Angel and wrote a check to help cover any ornament that was not taken. Maybe you were another angel that we do not know about who did something extra so we want to thank you, also.

Christmas is about Love and Sharing with many. Thanks for Loving and Sharing with the poor in the neighborhood.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is so blessed to be a part of St. Francis de Sales Oratory.



Friends of St. Francis de Sales Oratory, Inc.

As the year nears its end, some of you may be considering making a charitable contribution using your IRA funds. If you are one of these, please take note of the following:

"Anyone who is 70-1/2 years old or older can make a charitable donation of up to \$100,000 directly from his or her IRA without incurring income tax if the donation is made BEFORE January 1, 2010. If you are interested in making a tax-free donation directly from your IRA before the end of this year to support the restoration of St. Francis de Sales oratory, please contact Canon Michael Wiener or Mr. Jon Roche. St. Francis de Sales Oratory does not give legal or tax advice. For advice about legal or tax matters, you should contact a lawyer or accountant."

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 just to catch up on the latest news in the lives of your friends.

Mothers of the Visitation

The Mothers of the Visitation is a group of women who help out mothers primarily post partum with meals. If you are registered at the Oratory and would like assistance with meals after your baby is born, or would like to assist the mothers in our endeavors by helping to prepare meals, please contact the following:



Mrs. Jenny Pekny 314-457-1993 (jennypekny@charter.net)

It is most helpful if arrangements can be made prior to your baby's arrival. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today, December 27:

8:00 am seating: Aaron Kukielski

10:00 am seating: Frank Aufmuth

Next Sunday, January 3:

8:00 am seating: Thomas Leith

10:00 am seating: James Kahre

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

Adoration and Benediction



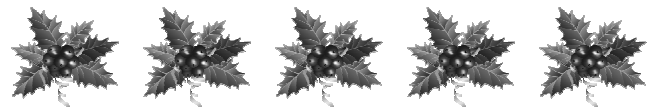
Just a reminder that we now have an expanded schedule for Adoration and Benediction:

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Every day of the week at 5:00 p.m.

This addition was made for the benefit of our Sister Adorers, and is open to all the faithful as well. On these days, please use the North Door only.

There is an exception to this schedule. If an evening Mass is being said, there is no evening Adoration.



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