

DECEMBER 10, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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Mr. James Marck
Director of Sacred Music

“Do not desire to be what you are; desire to be very well what you are.”
- St. Francis de Sales

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Schedule

Mass 8:00am and 10:30am

Monday - Saturday

Mass 8:00am

Tuesday

Mass 6:30pm

Wednesday

Mass 12:15pm

First Fridays

Mass 6:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult the bulletin

SACRED DEVOTIONS:

Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 8:00am & 6:30pm

Adoration

Thursday 6:30pm

CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before all Masses
(1 hour before 8am Sun. Mass)



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan & Joseph Fitzpatrick ††

10:30am Solemn Mass - Joseph Jacob Shany

6:00pm Solemn Vespers

Monday, December 11

St. Damascus, Pope & Confessor, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Thomasin Hesselmeier

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Ryan Hilliard

6:30pm Low Mass - Friends & Benefactors of St. Francis de Sales Oratory

Wednesday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan & Joseph Fitzpatrick ††

12:15pm Low Mass - James Murphy

Thursday, December 14

Advent Feria, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Peter McDonald

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 15

Advent Feria, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Joseph Thumas

Saturday, December 16

Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am Solemn Mass - Nighisti Tecele & Family

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & Martyr, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Theodore Henry & Joseph Timothy Myers ††

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - The Poor Souls in Purgatory

10:30am Solemn Mass - Holy Mother Church

SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Engel, Peter Grgurich

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Acolyte 1: Emil Johnson

Acolyte 2: John Wichmer

Crucifer: Liam Aufmuth

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Thomas Daub, Patrick Daub, Rocco

Cortese, Michael Westbrook, Roland Purgahn

Ciaran Daub

Thursday, December 14

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Luke Ball

Thurifer: Garrett Krings

Acolyte 1: Vincent Pekny

Acolyte 2: Campion Purgahn

Torchbearers: Raymond Pekny, Ezio LaZella

Saturday, December 16

6:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Joseph Pekny

Acolyte 1: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 2: Michael Podesta

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Gus Pekny, Vincent Pekny, Ezio

LaZella, Dominic Ruggiero

Sunday, December 17

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: John Wichmer, Michael Podesta

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: John Paul Davidson

Acolyte 1: Maximus AuBuchon

Acolyte 2: Ethan Westbrook

Crucifer: Louis VandenBergh

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Giuseppe Cortese, Ciaran Daub,

Charles Armstrong, Joseph McDonald, Benjamin

Lowe, Vincent Pekny



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 10: SOLEMN VESPERS OF THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC 14: LAST DAY OF CATECHISM CLASS

DEC 15: SOUTH CITY PLAYERS *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* 7:00PM IN ORATORY GYM

DEC 16 - 24: CHRISTMAS NOVENA

DEC 16: RORATE COELI MASS

DEC 17: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

DEC 24: SOLEMN PRIME OF CHRISTMAS EVE - AFTER THE 10:30 SOLEMN MASS

 **St. Francis de Sale Oratory**

Event Volunteers Committee Presents the

December 17th 2023

Christmas Cookie Exchange

For Information Contact:

SFDS.Event.Volunteers@gmail.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49ABA2BA3FB6-46136477-christmas>

Or Text: 573-330-8839

Registration Deadline 12/10/2023



Christmas at the Oratory

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

8:00am-Low Mass

10:30am-Solemn High Mass

12:30pm-Prime of Christmas Eve

11:30pm-Christmas Carols

11:45pm-Procession to the Manger

MIDNIGHT-Solemn High Mass

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

8:00am-Low Mass

10:30am-Solemn High Mass

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Saturday, December 16th to Sunday, December 24th
after each Mass

Novena Prayer at the crib
and O Antiphon (starting Dec. 17th)

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

RORATE COELI MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER
16TH AT 6:30AM

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
ORATORY

Solemn Vespers Second Sunday of Advent

 Saint Francis de Sales Oratory

ETIQUETTE AND KINDNESS:

A PRACTICAL CLASS FOR ADULTS

****Last Class on Dec 14th.
Class will resume in January**





A REMAINING

CHRISTMAS

AN ANNUAL ORATORY CELEBRATION

Come celebrate the birth of the Christ Child at our annual celebration:
A Remaining Christmas!

Enjoy great food & festivities as a family to celebrate this wonderful holiday season! This event is **FREE**, but donations are always appreciated. *RSVP required for entry; limited space available.*

Register each member of your family by using the QR code:



ORATORY CLEANING

December 10: St. Anthony
December 17: St. Cecilia

PLANNED GIVING

Please remember St. Francis de Sales Oratory in your Will or Living Trust. An appropriate Will or Trust provision would be:

"I give _____ to The Friends of St. Francis de Sales Oratory, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, for the Oratory's unrestricted use."

INSURANCE ASSESSMENT

The Oratory's biggest annual financial obligation continues to be that of our property and liability insurance assessed by the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

Our **2023-2024** insurance assessment is **\$110,964.00**. We are relying on your continuous prayers and generous donations which you exercise by using your insurance envelope. Please help us off set this cost by donating today. Thank you very much!

STEWARDSHIP

JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024
WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,500.00
ORATORY FAMILIES: 569

DECEMBER 3

LOOSE:	\$5,144.00
ENVELOPES:	\$12,541.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$934.14
TOTAL:	\$18,619.14

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: \$2,422.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$241,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$360,689.03
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$119,189.03

ARCHDIOCESAN
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
2023-2024

\$110,964.00

\$9,247.00 MONTHLY \$2,311.75 APPROX. PER WEEKEND



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA HIGHLIGHTS:



CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year's Christmas Cards are now available for purchase at the Oratory Office. Featuring Bartolomé Estebán Murillo's *The Nativity* on the cover, they come in packs of 10 cards with envelopes included. The packs are priced at \$20.00 each or for a special discount, purchase 3 packs for \$50.00. Last Year's edition is on sale for \$12.00 (*while supplies last*)

The recipients of these Christmas Cards will be remembered at Holy Mass by the U.S. Provincial Superior on Christmas Day!

HELP RESTORE THE SACRED HEART RETREAT CENTER!

A new chapter in the Institute's life in the United States has begun. Divine Providence has given us the future Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. Please consider joining us in this great new mission for the good of souls in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Savior! Learn more about the future retreat center and how you can help at institute-christ-king.org/retreatcenter or by scanning the QR code:



COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

December 10: A. Podesta / J. Stein
December 17: M. Daub / F. Aufmuth



GIVING TREE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Francis de Sales Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking donated Christmas presents to give to the poor in our neighborhood. See the 'Giving Tree' in the Church Hall for details.



"Clothe me, O Lord, a new man who is created in justice and truth"



Serve your fellow man, His Church, and Him. Join us ...
knightsofstjohn.com kscommandery973@gmail.com

WEDDING BANNS

Mr. & Mrs. David and Linda Pipes announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Stephanie Pipes, to Mr. Nathaniel Hanners, son of Mr. & Mrs. Chad and Kay Hanners on December 30, 2023 at St. Francis de Sales Oratory. If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, he is bound to let the Rector know as soon as possible.

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

WEDDING BANNS

Mr. Mark Kemna would like to announce his approaching marriage to Miss Lara Sabin on December 30, 2023 at St. Mary's Assumption Church in St. Louis, MO. If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, he is bound to let the Rector know as soon as possible.

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Work of Mercy

Many hands make for light work! The Guild of St. Anne's Sewing Room is looking for volunteers to assist with some light mending and repairs of altar linens.

This Advent Season is a good opportunity to offer a Work of Mercy. Experienced or Beginners are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of December 2023 to assist with these mending needs.

Sponsored by: The Guild of Sts. Joachim and Anne
Contact: SFDS.Sewing.Room@gmail.com



THE SOUTH CITY PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT...

a Midsummer Night's Dream



Come one, come all...

December fifteenth

7:00pm

Gym of St. Francis de Sales

2653 Ohio Ave St. Louis Ave, 63118

Suggested Donation:
\$5 per guest
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donations go to
St. Francis de Sales church

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

December 10: Mark Everetts

December 17: Clary Redd

December 24: Michael Hayworth



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

You're invited to a private showing of *It's A Wonderful Life* on Gaudete Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 3:30pm. The venue is a small theater owned by a Catholic proprietor in Washington, MO called Cinema 1 Plus.

The cost of a ticket is \$10 per person and the price includes a small popcorn and 16 oz. drink. Prepaid seating is required to attend.

If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Samantha Podesta by text at (314) 583-9210.

CO-OP CHRISTMAS PARTY:




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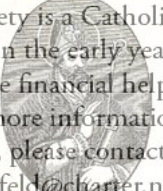


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GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES
OF THE
St. Francis de Sales Benevolent Society
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
Gravois Ave. and Ohio Ave.

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 this charitable and friendly group, please contact Mr. Wally Feld at: wfeld@charter.net



ORGANIZED APRIL 19, 1874
By 55 Members

TO ALL OUR GUESTS...

Canon Coggeshall 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 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 or 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 active 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.

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