

JANUARY 7, 2024
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.”

- 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)



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, January 7

**The Feast of the Holy Family,
2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Rigo Berto Osequera

10:30am Solemn Mass - Annie Andorf

Monday, January 8

Mass of the 1st Sunday after Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass - Matthew Fichter

Tuesday, January 9

Mass of the Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass - Bob and Theresa Lober's
children's spouses

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

Wednesday, January 10

Mass of the Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass - Stephanie Evers

12:15pm Low Mass - James Murphy

Thursday, January 11

Mass of the Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass - Michael G. Lober

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, January 12

Mass of the Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass - Doris M. Berce (†)

Saturday, January 13

**Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord,
2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Anne Marty Family

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Schafbuch Family

10:30am Solemn Mass - Nathan Andorf

SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 7

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Engel, Liam Miller

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Liam Aufmuth

Thurifer: Michael Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 2: Sam Huber

Crucifer: Charlie Kahre

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Benedict McCann

Torchbearers: Gabriel Davidson, Jackson Huber,

Nicholas Huber, William Lipp, Peter McDonald,

Michael Podesta

Thursday, January 11

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Raymond Pekny

Thurifer: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 1: Garrett Krings

Acolyte 2: Joseph Pekny

Torchbearers: Vincent Pekny, Gus Pekny

Sunday, January 14

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Peter Grgurich, Michael Podesta

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Joseph Pekny

Acolyte 1: Ethan Westbrook

Acolyte 2: Brentan Hickey

Crucifer: John Paul Davidson

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Liam Aufmuth

Torchbearers: Joseph McDonald, Oliver Purgahn,

Dominic Shany, Ben Cassibry, Dominic Ruggiero,

Henry AuBuchon



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: A REMAINING CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY 25: CATECHISM CLASSES RESUME

JANUARY 28: SOLEMN VESPERS AT 6:00PM

JANUARY 28: CHILI COOKOFF!

JANUARY 29: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

FEBRUARY 2: PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY

FEBRUARY 11-13: 40 HOURS DEVOTION

BEESWAX CANDLES FOR PURCHASE ON JANUARY 21 & 28

After the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses
in the Church Hall



HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTERY AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The current Mother of Perpetual Help altar in the north transept dates from roughly 1941 and was originally the St. Francis de Sales altar. At that time it was decided to move the Perpetual Help image to the front of the church to make it more prominent and visible. The former Perpetual Help Shrine was turned into the baptistery, since baptisms previously had to be performed in the sacristy on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm.

Before it received its makeover replete with mosaics, the Perpetual Help shrine was a beautifully decorated room with an image procured from Rome of the Perpetual Help, many banks of candles, a *chandelier* or free-standing candle-holder and a low gated entrance. Candles could be purchased for 5 cents as early as 1913. One can still read above the doorway of the baptistery, in the gold mosaic trim, the phrase "Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us." The Men's Sodality sponsored the furnishing of the chapel, since "Mary's Help" was the patron of the sodality. On January 10, 1913 the image of the Mother of Perpetual Help was displayed for the first time. Pope Pius X blessed this image himself and authorized the indulgences.

The long-planned renovation of the Perpetual Help shrine took place from 1925-1927. The redecorated shrine received glittering Byzantine-style mosaics and the brilliant deep blue of lapis lazuli stone, all reminiscent of the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia in Ravenna in its color scheme and star-studded concentric circles. Although the Byzantine style of mosaics could, to some, seem out of place in a Gothic church, few would deny the absolute beauty of this space.

The redecorated Perpetual Help shrine was mentioned by esteemed historian Msgr. John E. Rothensteiner in 1927: "The magnificent altar, the richly carved pulpit, the highly artistic stained glass windows and, *above all*, the chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, with its sparkling mosaic covered walls and ceiling, make St. Francis de Sales one of the sights of the city. *History of the Archdiocese of St. Louis: in its various stages of development from A.D. 1673 to A.D. 1928*

The cost of the redecoration was \$8500 (over \$140,000 in 2023 dollars). The Men's Sodality oversaw the collection of donations to cover the costs. By February of 1928, \$5000 had been collected. The Perpetual Help shrine was solemnly consecrated on the Feast of the Assumption, on August 14, 1927 and was installed with a procession. The Frei Art Glass Co. installed the mosaics in the shrine, the front tower mosaic of St. Francis de Sales, and the St. Michael mosaic over the gym door. In 1929 the Frei Company's mosaics division, Ravenna, split off from the company and was run by Paul Heuduck, who later installed the mosaics in the Cathedral Basilica with his son Arno. Unfortunately, the original shrine altarpiece seems to have gone missing. It was similar to our other altars in appearance and featured the Perpetual Help image with angel. Although the baptistery dates from 1941, the baptismal font was not installed until December of 1943.



CATECHISM CLASSES RESUME

Catechism Classes will be resuming on Thursday, January 25th at 5:00pm. For more information please contact the rectory office.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS TODAY

Due to *A Remaining Christmas* Party, there will be no coffee and donuts in the church hall after either Masses today. Thank you for your understanding.

**Total Confessions heard
at the Oratory for
December: 654**

MOVIE CLUB AT THE ORATORY

If you're interested in meeting up with family, friends and fellow parishioners for regular movie nights, please contact Vincent Cortese at cenocortese@gmail.com or text at (314) 243-6308

ORATORY CLEANING TEAMS

January 7: St. Benedict
January 14: St. Anthony
January 21: St. Cecilia

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

January 7: Vince VandenBergh
January 14: Mark Everetts
January 21: Clary Redd

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

January 7: A Remaining Christmas
January 14: J. Valenza / N. Dibley
January 21: J. Thorpe / M. Dvorak

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: 589

DECEMBER 31

LOOSE:	\$3,877.00
ENVELOPES:	\$9,915.40
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$2,875.87
TOTAL:	\$16,668.27

CIRCUMCISION: \$3,532.00
VANCO ONLINE NOVEMBER: \$11,908.11
VANCO ONLINE DECEMBER: \$16,386.63

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$283,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$459,654.87
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$176,154.87

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INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
2023-2024

\$110,964.00

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



SEEK24: BE THE LIGHT

“You are children of the light! You belong to Christ, and He has called you by name.”

This week, here in St. Louis, members of the Institute of Christ the King had a vocations booth at the 5-day SEEK conference put on by FOCUS missionaries. Over 20,000 college students were in attendance. Many participants were at the Oratory during the week, assisting at Mass and taking tours of the church. The future is bright!





From The Rector:

Dear Oratory Members and Friends,

Merry Christmas to you all! I pray that Christmastide has been a time of peace and relaxation for you and your families this year. Though the world has resigned itself to the dullness of mid-winter, my prayer is that you are still enjoying the bright Christmas trees and manger scenes erected in your homes. Nothing can drive winter sadness and depression away like the commemoration of God coming into the world!

2023 was an active year for the Oratory. We continue to see consistent participation in the Sacramental life of the Church within our walls, including many baptisms and marriages. Educational opportunities by way of Thursday Catechism and the Homeschool coop continue to draw consistent interest from our members. Our music program, youth groups and punctual events contribute to the rounded Catholic Culture that the Institute wishes to promote for the benefit of Christ's Church.

Your prayers, participation in Oratory life and support of all our endeavors have been a source of encouragement to the Canons, oblates and oblate candidates of de Sales. Certainly, we will continue to serve Holy Mother Church regardless of the accolades and notice received. However, your demonstrated appreciation has joined an additional sweetness to our labors!

Thank you to all who have sent gifts to the priests and oblates this Christmas season. Additionally, thank you to all who help make our regular schedule of events possible, especially to our devoted choir members who never cease to elicit the praise of visitors time and time again by way of their superbe singing during the numerous liturgies offered at the Oratory, our volunteer group who organizes and staffs potlucks, parties and other events, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Coop volunteers, as well as the numerous individual consultants for the unending renovation and restoration projects on our campus. Finally, I want to thank the vicars, oblates and candidates for their consistent devotion to their duties, as they are invaluable for the execution of everything we offer here.

We look forward to seeing you in 2024. Several new projects are in the works and will be unveiled in due time. Let us never forget though that all of these things avail us nothing if they are not done for the love of our God. Please continue to prioritize your prayer life going forward, availing yourselves of the weekly Adoration, daily Masses, Confessions, Public Devotions and opportunities to serve the liturgy by singing or serving.

May the Christ Child grant many graces through this prayer life as we go forward into 2024!

In Christo Rege,

Rev. Canon Benjamin Coggeshall



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:



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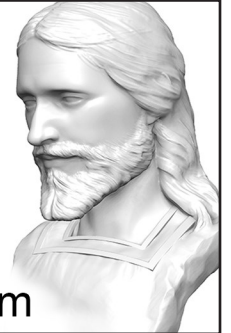
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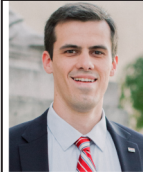


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Gravola Ave. and Ohio Ave.

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:

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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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