

**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



## ORATORY CLERGY:

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## ORATORY STAFF:

Mr. Jon Roché  
Accounting Manager

Mrs. Mary Hayworth  
Office Administrator

Mr. James Marck  
Director of Sacred Music

“Few reach perfection because most do not have full confidence in God, with total abandonment to His fatherly Providence.” -St. Francis de Sales

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

### Sunday Schedule

Mass 8:00am and 10:30am

### Monday - Saturday

Mass 8:00am

### Tuesday

Mass 6:30pm

### Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

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



**INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST**



## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sunday, December 18**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass – Scott Anthony Traubitz

10:30am Solemn Mass - Bob Keithly

**Monday, December 19**

**Feria of Advent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Eleanor Patterson

**12:15pm Low Mass** - Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, December 20**

**Feria of Advent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Ramone M. Escapa †

6:30pm Low Mass - Benefactors

**Wednesday, December 21**

**St. Thomas the Apostle, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - - Theodore J. &

Carol S. Dubuque † †

12:15pm Low Mass - Kathleen Paul Mooney †

**Thursday, December 22**

**Feria of Advent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Mary Scheindler

**12:15pm Low Mass** - Eugene Maloy †

6:30pm Adoration

**Friday, December 23**

**Feria of Advent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Grave Family Intentions

**12:15pm Low Mass**— Michael Higgins †

**Saturday, December 24**

**Vigil of the Nativity, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Stefan Petrasko †

8:45am Solemn Prime

**Sunday, December 25**

**Nativity of Jesus Christ, 1st Class**

**Midnight Mass**— Mary Brandwein & Rosemary Martinek

8:00am Low Mass – Maria Raphaella

Nguyen– Truong † & Family

10:30am Solemn Mass - Peter Frollo Family

### SERVER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joel Miller, Peter Grgrich

10:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Salvatore Vitellaro

Acolyte 1: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 2: Thomas Schuepfer

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Alex Vega

Crucifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Torchbearers: Ezio LaZella, Raymond Pekny,

Joseph Shany, Jackson Huber, Dominic Ruggiero,

Emil Johnson

**Thursday, December 22**

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 1: Trent Hickey

Acolyte 2: Jack Daub

Torchbearers: Raymond Pekny, Roland Purgahn

**Saturday, December 24**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Pekny, Camden Scobey

8:45am Solemn Prime

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

2nd MC: Campion Purgahn

Thurifer: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 1: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 2: Ezio LaZella

**Sunday, December 25**

Midnight Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Liam Aufmuth

Acolyte 2: Elias Johnson

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Raymond Pekny

Crucifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Torchbearers: Joseph Shany, Jackson Huber, Ezio

LaZella, Benjamin Lowe, Charles LeBlanc, Finn

Daub



## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 16-24: CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

**DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY**

**JANUARY 1: OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 6: EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**JANUARY 8: A REMAINING CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 29: CHILI COOK-OFF**

**FEBRUARY 3: TRIVIA NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 11: BALLROOM DANCE**

### LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear faithful and friends of the Institute,

On behalf of our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I offer you my deepest gratitude for the very large number of generous donations received in the semi-annual collection on the Feast of Christ the King for our international seminary of St. Philip Neri in Gricigliano, Italy. The total sum raised in the various apostolates of the Institute across the United States comes to over \$132,000. May Christ the King reward you abundantly for your sacrifice for these seminarians who are your priests of tomorrow!

All of the 110 total seminarians, including the 38 men from North America, pray daily for you and your intentions. Holy Mass is frequently offered in our seminary chapel for our benefactors both living and deceased.

Assuring you of my profound appreciation for your charity, I wish you and your families a very blessed time of preparation of Advent, and I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico  
U.S. Provincial Superior

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joel Miller,

Camden Scobey Salvatore Vitellaro

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Trent Hickey

Acolyte 1: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 2: Charles Kahre

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gilbert Repunte

Crucifer: Camden Scobey

Torchbearers: Joseph Pekny, Roland Purgahn,

Campion Purgahn, Ethan Westbrook, Michael

Westbrook, Gus Pekny

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

8:00am Low Mass

8:45am Solemn Prime

11:30pm Blessing of the Crib

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

Midnight Solemn High Mass

8:00am Low Mass

10:30am Solemn High Mass

**Monday, December 26, 2022**

**NO 8:00AM LOW MASS**

12:15pm Low Mass

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022**

**NO 8:00AM LOW MASS**

12:15pm Low Mass

*Blessing of St. John's wine after Mass*

**Wednesday, December 28, 2022**

**NO 8:00AM LOW MASS**

12:15pm Low Mass

**Thursday, December 29, 2022**

**NO 8:00AM LOW MASS**

12:15pm Low Mass

6:30pm Adoration

**Friday, December 30, 2022**

**NO 8:00AM LOW MASS**

12:15pm Low Mass

**Saturday, December 31, 2022**

8:00am Low Mass

5:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Te Deum and Benediction

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

8:00am Low Mass

10:30am Solemn High Mass



## AN EASY WAY TO DONATE

There is now a new and simple way to make donations securely online by using your cell phone. Open the camera function on your phone and place the screen over the QR Code below. A window banner will appear at the top from [eservicepayments.com](http://eservicepayments.com) and then follow the prompts to donate to the Oratory's general fund or restoration fund. You will also have the option to donate to the U.S. Provincial Headquarters in Chicago to support the work and mission in the USA.

If you have any questions please contact the rectory office.

Thank you very much for your charitable generosity.



## 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 2022-2023 insurance assessment is **\$103,356.00**. 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!

## DE SALES HERITAGE FOUNDATION

The **DeSales Heritage Foundation** is in existence since January 2018. This entity is a public charity, tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). All donations made to the Foundation are therefore tax deductible according to IRC Section 170. The governing instrument of this Foundation provides that its purpose is to promote and support the restoration, preservation and improvement of our church building, an historically and architecturally significant structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This narrow objective is meant to encourage companies, associations and other entities that may not wish to support religion, as such, to contribute to the important cause of the restoration of our magnificent church.

Many corporations match donations made by employees to a recognized non-profit, such as DeSales Heritage Foundation. Please inquire about your company's employee gift matching program and guidelines. If you need to provide details to qualify DeSales Heritage Foundation for your company's program, please contact us at (314) 771-3100 or [desalesheritage@gmail.com](mailto:desalesheritage@gmail.com).

## STEWARDSHIP

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,500.00

ENVELOPES MAILED: 337

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LOOSE:	\$5,369.00
ENVELOPES:	\$8,588.19
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$1,549.23
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$15,506.42</b>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$4,624.90

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$241,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$355,548.38
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	<b>\$114,048.38</b>

ARCHDIOCESAN  
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT  
2022-2023

**\$103,356.00**

**\$8,613.00 A MONTH \$2,153.25 PER WEEKEND**





**\$52,579**

**raised from**

**our 2022**

**Classical**

**Music Gala!**





## CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE INFANT KING

December 18.

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**O** Adoná- i, \* et Dux dómus Isra-el, qui Mó-y-  
 si in ígne flámmae rúbi apparu- í-sti, et é- i in  
 Sína légem dedi-sti : véni ad red-iméndum nos in  
 bráchi-o exténto. E u o u a e.

V. Rorate, cæli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum.  
R. Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.

Orémus. Excita, quæsumus, Dómine, poténtiam tuam, et veni: et magna nobis virtúte succurre; ut per auxiliúm grátia tuæ, quod nostra peccáta præpédiunt, indulgéntia tuæ propitiatiónis accéleret: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.  
R. Amen.

### Novena Prayer to the Infant King

O Divine Infant Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Please, through Thy Blessed Mother, assist me in this necessity (*mention intention here*), because I firmly believe that Thy Divinity can help me. I hope with confidence to obtain Thy holy grace. I love Thee with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I repent sincerely of my sins and I beg Thee, O Good Jesus, to grant me the strength to triumph over them. I resolve never more to offend Thee and I come to offer myself to Thee with the intention of enduring everything rather than to displease Thee. Henceforth, I desire to serve Thee with fidelity and, for the love of Thee, O Divine Infant, I will love my neighbor as myself. All powerful Infant, O Jesus, I implore Thee again, assist me in this need. Grant me the grace of possessing Thee eternally with Mary and Joseph and of adoring Thee with the angels in the heavenly court. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**  
 Friday, December 16th to Saturday, December 24th  
 after each Mass

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

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

**ORATORY CLEANING**  
 Sunday, December 18: St. Martha  
 Sunday, December 25: St. Veronica  
 Sunday, January 1: St. Benedict

LIKE ABBÉ ALEX AND ABBÉ MARK?!

Support Abbé Alex and Abbé Mark as well as our oblate candidates by purchasing our elegant, traditional Christmas Cards this year! 10 cards/envelopes per pack, (assorted designs), Recipients remembered Christmas Day at Mass by Canon Talarico. \$20/pack or \$50/3-pack. (2021 model on clearance: \$12/pack) Contact rectory.

**COFFEE & DONUT HOUR**  
 Sunday, December 18: Tim Wichmer  
 Sunday, December 25: No Coffee Hour  
 Sunday, January 1: No Coffee Hour

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**  
 Send email to: Epiphanyhouseblessing@gmail.com  
 Include name & complete address. Last week to register.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

There is still time before Christmas to purchase SCRIP gift cards to give to friends, family members and co-workers. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers as well. Each purchase helps to raise money for the Oratory! The Oratory also has a stock of gift cards on hand at popular restaurants and stores. If you place special orders by December 11th and you can pick them up before Christmas.

Mrs. Bonnie Shea will be selling the gift cards in the church hall after both Masses today and next Sunday. Please contact the Rectory Office at (314) 771-3100 for more information.

## A REMAINING CHRISTMAS: ORATORY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

RSVP before Christmas at

[remainingchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:remainingchristmas@gmail.com)



**MYSTERY. MAJESTY. MESSIAH.**  
**MIDNIGHT MASS-DEC. 24TH**  
**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY**

OHIO AVE. AT GRAVOIS

## SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

Sunday, December 18: Clary Redd

Sunday, December 25: Patrick Daub

Sunday, January 1: Chuck Brandwein



**JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER  
WHISKEY WHITE ELEPHANT!**

Please see date correction!  
01/14/2023 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Francis de Sales Convent

St. Drostan's Whiskey Club is hosting the first ever Whiskey White Elephant night at St. Francis de Sales Oratory. This event is meant to be an introduction to the newly formed St. Drostan's Whiskey Club. There will be information available on the goals/purpose of this new club.

For the event please bring a bottle of whiskey (fully wrapped or Bagged) in the \$50-\$60 price range. There will also be a drawing for a TBD NICE bottle of whiskey and a raffle for a bottle of Blanton's. Please also bring an appetizer or snack to share. RSVP required by 01/10/2023.

For information and to RSVP please email [stdrostansfds@gmail.com](mailto:stdrostansfds@gmail.com)



## BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

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](mailto:wfeld@charter.net)



## Asian Cuisine Lunch and Dinner

Soulard Farmer's Market

730 Carroll Street

Sat. 7am -5pm / Wed. thru Fri. 10am-4pm

Booths # 85 and 86



# 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.

### TOURS:

Stained Glass Window Tours are given on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30am Mass.

### ORATORY RECTORY:

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