

DECEMBER 17, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“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

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 17

Third Sunday of Advent, 1st Class

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

10:30am Solemn Mass - Holy Mother Church

Monday, December 18

Advent Feria, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Solana Clarissa & Travis Sanders

Tuesday, December 19

Advent Feria, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - James Murphy

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

Wednesday, December 20

Ember Wednesday of Advent, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rudloff

12:15pm Low Mass - Richard Lober Sr. †

Thursday, December 21

St. Thomas, Apostle, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Theodore J. Dubuque Jr. MD & Carols Dubuque †

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 22

Ember Friday of Advent, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - For the Conversion of Sinners

Saturday, December 23

Ember Saturday of Advent, 3rd Class

8:00am Low Mass - For the Intentions of the December Ember Days Participants

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - The Siblings of Bob Lober

10:30am Solemn Mass - World Peace

12:30pm Solemn Prime

12:00am Solemn Midnight Mass - Russell and Marie Mayhew †

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, December 21

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Raymond Pekny

Thurifer: Garrett Krings

Acolyte 1: Luke Ball

Acolyte 2: Joseph Pekny

Torchbearers: Gus Pekny, Vincent Pekny

Sunday, December 24

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Engel, Liam Miller

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Thurifer: Mark Stamos

Acolyte 1: Gabriel Davidson

Acolyte 2: Jackson Huber

Crucifer: Michael Ruggiero

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gus Pekny

Torchbearers: Ezio LaZella, Jack Daub, Dominic

Ruggiero, Patrick Daub, Rocco Cortese, Thomas

Stein

12:30pm Solemn Prime

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

2nd MC: Champion Purgahn

Thurifer: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 1: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 2: Raymond Pekny



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 17 - 24: CHRISTMAS NOVENA
DEC 17: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE
DEC 20, 22 & 23: ADVENT EMBER DAYS
DEC 24: SOLEMN PRIME OF CHRISTMAS EVE -
AFTER THE 10:30 SOLEMN MASS
DEC 25 - JAN 2: OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE OC-
TAVE OF CHRISTMAS

MUSIC NOTES:

Processional:

March on a Theme of Handel, A. Guilmant (1837-1911)

During Offertory:

Fugue in G Minor, "The Little", J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

During Communion:

Alma Redemptoris, B. Hellebusch (1825-1885)
 Ecce Panis Angelorum, Luc Jakobs (b. 1956)
 Conditor alma siderum, Gregorian

During Recessional:

Toccata, Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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

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/5080E49ABAA2BA3FB6-46136477-christmas>

Or Text: 573-330-8839

Registration Deadline 12/10/2023



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

SOLEMN PRIME of CHRISTMAS EVE

12:30 PM December 24



Saint Francis de Sales Oratory

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**



A REMAINING CHRISTMAS

AN ANNUAL ORATORY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 7, 2024

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

Following the 10:30 AM Mass on January 7th, come 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 17: St. Cecilia
December 24: St. Martha

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 10

LOOSE:	\$3,462.00
ENVELOPES:	\$16,224.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$1,252.46
TOTAL:	\$20,938.46

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: \$7,359.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$252,000.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$381,627.49
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$129,627.49

ARCHDIOCESAN
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
2023-2024

\$110,964.00

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



CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE INFANT KING

December 17.

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Sa-pi-énti-a, * quae ex óre Altíssimi prodí-
sti, attingens a fine usque ad finem, fórti-ter su-ávi-
ter disponénsque ómni- a : véni ad docéndum nos
ví-am prudénti-ae. E u o u a e.

V. Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum.
R. Aperiatúr terra, et gérmínet Salvatórem.

Orémus. Aures tuas, quáesumus, Dómine, precibus nostris accommoda: et mentis nostrae ténebras, grátia tuae visitatiónis illústra: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia saecula saeculórum. 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.

ADVENT EMBER DAYS

The Ember Days of December Preceding the Nativity are this coming week. These days are traditionally days of fasting and abstinence. Though they are not strictly required by the Church, they are a good practice for the Faithful. Interested Oratory Members and friends are invited to participate in these days with the Oratory Clergy. Specifically, this means fasting and partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday (two small meatless meals, one full meal with meat) and then Fasting and abstinence on Friday. Those who participate will have themselves and their intentions remembered at the 8am Saturday Mass on December 23rd. To participate, please send your name(s) to Abbé Nicholas, (sfds@institute-christ-king.org).

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!

Bundle Up and Join us for...

Bon Réveillon de Noël:

Awakening the Christmas Season

With a celebration in the courtyard after Midnight Mass

Bring a charcuterie tray or your favorite Holiday fare, and drinks of your choice to celebrate Christ's birth.

Hot Cocoa Bar will be available for the kids to enjoy!

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASS

SCHEDULE:

NO TUESDAY 6:30PM MASS

NO WEDNESDAY 12:15PM MASS



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGHLIGHTS





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 **SECOND** publication of the Banns.

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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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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.

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

December 17: Clary Redd

December 24: Michael Hayworth

December 31: Vincent VandenBergh

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

December 17: M. Daub / F. Aufmuth

December 24: T. & P. Fichter / D. Stamos



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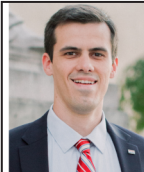
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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
Gravola Ave. and Ohio Ave.

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:

wfeld@charter.net

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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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