

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“Our Lord will give us peace in this life only when we humble ourselves and suffer patiently.” - **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 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 †

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Pope Francis

10:30am Solemn Mass - Maria Raphaella Nguyen-Truong †

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Rosemary Lober

**** No 6:30pm Low Mass**

Wednesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Nicholas Fichter

**** No 12:15pm Low Mass**

Thursday, December 28

Holy Innocents, Martyrs, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - James Murphy

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 29

5th Day of the Octave of Christmas, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Tony & Liz Scott Family

Saturday, December 30

6th Day of the Octave of Christmas, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Tommy Fichter

Sunday, December 31

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Dr. Rublinda Casino

10:30am Solemn Mass - Mary Kate Andorf

SERVER SCHEDULE

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, Patrick Daub,

Dominic Ruggiero, Rocco Cortese, Thomas Stein

12:30pm Solemn Prime

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

2nd MC: Campion Purgahn

Thurifer: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 1: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 2: Raymond Pekny

Monday, December 25

Midnight Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Brentan Hickey

Acolyte 2: Ezio Lazella

Crucifer: Mark Stamos

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Elias Johnson, Nicholas Huber, Dominic

Ruggiero, Vincent Pekny, Jackson Huber, Emil Johnson

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 1: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 2: Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Cullen Dittmar

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Charlie Kahre

Torchbearers: Joseph McDonald, Charles Armstrong,

Roland Purgahn, Oliver Purgahn, Vincent Pekny

Thursday, December 28

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Gus Pekny

Thurifer: Abbé Nicholas Tousignant

Acolyte 1: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 2: Vincent Pekny

Torchbearers: Luke Ball, Joseph Pekny



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 17 - 24: CHRISTMAS NOVENA

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

DEC 26: NO 6:30PM MASS

DEC 27: NO 12:15PM MASS

**DEC 25 - JAN 1: OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE OC-
TAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

JAN 6: THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

JAN 7: A REMAINING CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

SOLEMN PRIME of CHRISTMAS EVE

12:30 PM December 24



Saint Francis de Sales Oratory



RELIC VENERATION

Of The Crèche of Our Lord. After
Christmas Midnight Mass and both
Masses on Christmas Day.



Saint Francis de Sales Oratory



Sunday, December 31

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Peter Grgurich, Michael Podesta

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Mark Stamos

Thurifer: Charlie Kahre

Acolyte 1: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 2: Joseph Shany

Crucifer: Sam Huber

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Torchbearers: Emil Johnson, Brentan Hickey, Joseph
Shany, Peter Grgurich, Campion Purgahn, Finn Daub

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



A REMAINING CHRISTMAS

AN ANNUAL ORATORY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 7, 2024

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.* This is a potluck style event; please sign up to bring a dish.



Scan this code with your phone to sign up to bring a dish or to volunteer to help with event.



Scan this code with your phone to RSVP or Contact Canon Bell: canon.bell@institute-christ-king.org

ORATORY CLEANING

December 24: St. Martha
December 31: St. Veronica

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 17

LOOSE:	\$2,359.00
ENVELOPES:	\$8,828.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$2,429.99
TOTAL:	\$13,616.99

STL HOUSE OF OBLATE FORMATION: \$1,545.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$262,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$395,244.48
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$132,744.48

ARCHDIOCESAN
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
2023-2024

\$110,964.00

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



CHRISTMAS NOVENA TO THE INFANT KING

Ant.
2.

O mundi Dómi-na, *ré-gi-o ex sémi-ne orta,
ex tu-a jam Christus pro-céssit alvo, tamquam spon-
sus de thá-la-mo : hic ja-cet in præ-sé-pi-o, qui et sí-
de-ra re- git.

V. Crástina die delébitur iníquitas terræ.
R. Et regnâbit super nos Salvátor mundi.

Orémus. Concéde, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut nos Unigéniti tui nova per carnem Natívitatis líberet; quos sub peccáti iugo vetústa sérvitus tenet. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Iesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sácula 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.

THANK YOU!

The Rector, on behalf of the Clergy and Oratory Community would like to thank Mrs. Adele Browsers, Mrs. Tammy Aufmuth and all the other members of the St. Ann Sewing Guild for making a set of brand new communion rail cloths for the Oratory!



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 26, 2023
No 6:30pm Mass

Wednesday, December 27, 2023
St. John Wine Blessing
After 8am Mass
No 12:15pm Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2023
5:30pm Te Deum with Benediction

Monday, January 1, 2024
8:00am Low Mass
10:30am Solemn Mass

Friday, January 5, 2024
Epiphany Water Blessing
After 8am Mass

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

For those wishing to have a Canon come and bless their house for the Epiphany, Send email to: sfds.epiphanyhouseblessing@gmail.com Include name & complete address. All requests must be sent before the 31st of December.



SOUTH CITY PLAYERS “A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM”



MOVIE CLUB AT THE ORATORY

Do you enjoy watching good films, eating good food, and spending time with good company?

If you're interested in meeting up with family, friends and fellow parishioners for regular movie nights, or would like more information about future events, please contact Vincent Cortese at:

Email: cenzocortese@gmail.com

Text: (314) 243-6308

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!

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
(DEC 26 - JAN 1)**

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

December 24: Michael Hayworth
December 31: Vincent VandenBergh
January 7: Chuck Brandwein

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

December 24: T. & P. Fichter / D. Stamos
December 31: M. Everetts / Herr Family
January 7: M. Miller / A Remaining Christmas



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.

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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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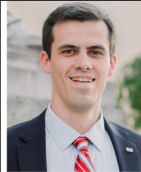
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The Benevolent Society is a Catholic Men's organization that was founded in the early years of St. Francis de Sales church for the financial help of its members in time of need. For more information on this charitable and friendly group, please contact 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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