

DECEMBER 31, 2023
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“All our perfection consists precisely in the practical application of this principle: ‘Lord, what do you want me to do?’” - **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, December 31

**Sunday within the Octave of Christmas,
2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Dr. Rublinda Casino

10:30am Solemn Mass - Mary Kate Andorf

Monday, January 1

The Feast of the Circumcision, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Schafbuch Family

10:30am Solemn Mass - Nighisti Teclé Family

Tuesday, January 2

The Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - Vivian Garmann

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

Wednesday, January 3

Votive Mass of the Nativity, 4th Class

8:00am Low Mass - James Murphy

12:15pm Low Mass - Theresa Lober's Siblings

6:00pm Solemn Mass - Nighisti Teclé Family

Thursday, January 4

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal Sovereign
Priest**

8:00am Low Mass - Monsignor Wach

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, January 5

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

8:00am Low Mass - Doris M. Berrce †

6:30pm Solemn Mass - Maria Raphaella Nguyen
Truong †

Saturday, January 6

The Feast of the Epiphany, 1st Class

8:00am Solemn Mass - Joseph William Lawder †

Sunday, January 7

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

8:00am Low Mass - Rigo Berto Osequera

10:30am Solemn Mass - Annie Andorf

SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Liam Miller, Peter Grgurich,

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

Monday, January 1

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Charlie Kahre

Acolyte 1: Emil Johnson

Acolyte 2: Campion Purgahn

Crucifer: Joseph Pekny

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Elias Johnson

Torchbearers: Ethan Westbrook, John Wichmer,

Henry AuBuchon, Rafe Daub, Michael Westbrook,

Angelo Cortese

Wednesday, January 3

6:00pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Salvatore Vitellaro

Thurifer: Joseph Pekny

Acolyte 1: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 2: Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Cullen Dittmar

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Liam Aufmuth

Torchbearers: Raymond Pekny, Vincent Pekny

Friday, January 5

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Liam Aufmuth

Thurifer: John Paul Davidson

Acolyte 1: Joseph Shany

Acolyte 2: Joseph McDonald

Crucifer: Luke Ball

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gus Pekny

Torchbearers: Brentan Hickey Emil Johnson, Dominic

Ruggiero, Peter McDonald, Gabriel Davidson,

Vincent Pekny



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 1: THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION

JAN 3: 6:00PM SOLEMN MASS

JAN 6: THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

JAN 7: A REMAINING CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

MUSIC NOTES:

Processional:

Tu scendi dalle stella (From starry skies descending)
Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787

During Offertory:

A la Venue de Noel (At the coming of Christmas),
Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

During Communion:

Puer natus in Bethlehem, Gregorian
O Sacrum convivium, Alonso de Alba (1470-1535)

During Recessional:

Où s'en vont ces gais bergers (Where are these
happy shepherds going?) Claude Balbastre (1724-
1799)

Saturday, January 6

8:00am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Thurifer: Liam Aufmuth

Acolyte 1: Patrick Daub

Acolyte 2: Ethan Westbrook

Crucifer: Cullen Dittmar

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Torchbearers: Gus Pekny, Vincent Pekny, Ezio

LaZella, Ciaran Daub, Dominic Ruggiero, Michael

Westbrook

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: Michael Podesta, William Lipp, Gabriel Da-

vidson, Nicholas Huber, Peter McDonald, Jackson Huber

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE:

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00am Low Mass

10:30am Solemn Mass

Wednesday, January 3

8:00am Low Mass

6:00pm Solemn Mass

Friday, January 5

Epiphany Water Blessing - *after 8:00am Mass*

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Saturday, January 6

8:00am Solemn Mass

After the 8:00am Mass on Friday, January 5th there will be a solemn blessing of the Epiphany water in front of the communion rail. For efficiency's sake, the Oratory will provide the water to be blessed. Please bring your own empty water containers so that after the solemn blessing you may take some of the water home with you to use during Epiphany week. There will be a limited quantity of the blessed water so please be considerate of others who may also wish to have some of the water at home for personal use.

NO COFFEE NEXT WEEK

There will be no coffee and donuts in the church hall after either mass next week because of the Remaining Christmas party to occur there. Thank you for your understanding

SOLEMN MASS FOLLOWED BY TALK, JANUARY 3RD

On Wednesday, January 3rd there will be a Solemn Mass at 6:00 PM following the Mass there will be a talk by Fr. Michael Schmitz at America's Center Convention Complex 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101. The talk will be held at 7:30 PM so there will be ample time to get to the talk after the Mass. The talk is free to all St. Louis Residents.



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.



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ORATORY CLEANING

December 31: St. Veronica
January 7: St. Benedict

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 24

LOOSE:	\$3,094.00
ENVELOPES:	\$14,119.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$2,234.37
TOTAL:	\$19,447.37

CHRISTMAS 3 MASSES : \$14,262.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$273,000.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$414,691.85
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$141,691.85

ARCHDIOCESAN
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT
2023-2024

\$110,964.00

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



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:





**Total Confessions heard
for December = 654**

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

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SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

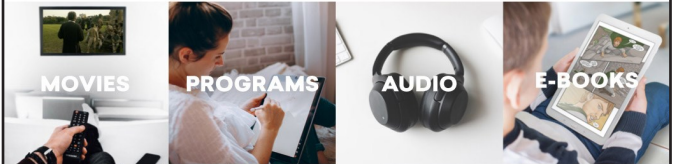
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January 7: Chuck Brandwein

January 14: Mark Everetts

January 21: Clary Redd

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COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

December 31: M. Everetts / Herr Family
January 7: A Remaining Christmas
January 14: J. Valenza / N. Dibley
January 21: J. Thorpe / M. Dvorak

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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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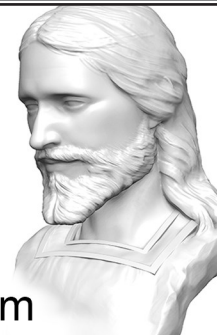
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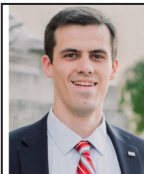
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TO ALL OUR GUESTS...

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Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to St. Francis de Sales, co-patron of the
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We pray for the full visible unity among all Christians.

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All contributions to the Oratory are sincerely appreciated and are tax deductible.

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INFANT BAPTISM:

Parents requesting Baptism must be active registered members of the Oratory.

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For instructions please contact the Rectory.

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