

**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

*THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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## ORATORY STAFF:

Mr. Jon Roché MBA  
Accounting Manager

Mr. James Marck  
Director of Sacred Music

“We correct ourselves better by a calm and lasting repentance than by one that is bitter and angry.” - **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 3**

**The First Sunday of Advent, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Roger and Carol Hess

**NOVENA** 10:30am Solemn Mass - Catherine Grace Shany

**Monday, December 4**

**St. Peter Chrysologus, Confessor Bishop & Doctor  
Of the Church, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan &  
Joseph Fitzpatrick ††

**NOVENA** 6:30pm Low Mass - Kubacki Family

**Tuesday, December 5**

**Advent Feria, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Theresamal †

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

**Wednesday, December 6**

**St. Nicholas, Confessor Bishop, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan & Joseph  
Fitzpatrick ††

12:15pm Low Mass - Vincent Whittington

**NOVENA** 6:30pm Low Mass - Grant and Andrea Garmann

**Thursday, December 7**

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest  
3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Monsignor Gilles Wach

**NOVENA** 6:30pm Low Mass - Joan & Mike Lauder

**\*\*No Adoration**

**Friday, December 8**

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1st Class**

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

12:15pm Low Mass - Theodore J. Dubuque JR. MD. & Carol  
S. Dubuque ††

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

**Saturday, December 9**

**Advent Feria, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan & Joseph  
Fitzpatrick ††

**Sunday, December 10**

**The Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Sarah Kerrigan & Joseph  
Fitzpatrick ††

10:30am Solemn Mass - Joseph Jacob Shany

### SERVER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 3**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Peter Grgurich, Michael Podesta

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 1: Brentan Hickey

Acolyte 2: Patrick Daub

Crucifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Mark Stamos

Torchbearers: Gabriel Davidson, Benjamin Lowe,

Emil Johnson, Campion Purgahn, Jackson Huber

Ethan Westbrook

**Friday, December 8**

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Michael Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 2: Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Torchbearers: Raymond Pekny, Vincent Pekny,

Dominic Ruggiero, Joseph Shany, Dominic Shany,

Oliver Purgahn

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Engel, Peter Grgurich

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Acolyte 1: Emil Johnson

Acolyte 2: John Wichmer

Crucifer: Liam Aufmuth

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Thomas Daub, Patrick Daub, Rocco

Cortese, Michael Westbrook, Roland Purgahn

Ciaran Daub



## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOV 29-DEC 7: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
NOVENA**

**DEC 3: SOLEMN VESPERS OF THE 1ST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**DEC 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY  
OF OBLIGATION)**

**DEC 8: OFFICE CLOSED**

**DEC 3: SOLEMN VESPERS OF THE 2ND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**DEC 16: RORATE COELI MASS**

**DEC 17: CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**St. Francis de Sale Oratory**  
Event Volunteers Committee Presents the  
**December 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**Christmas Cookie Exchange**

For Information Contact:  
[SFDS.Event.Volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:SFDS.Event.Volunteers@gmail.com)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49ABAA2BA3FB6-46136477-christmas>

Or Text: 573-330-8839  
**Registration Deadline 12/10/2023**

### MUSIC NOTES

*On Sundays of Advent, the organ remains silent, with the exception of Gaudete Sunday (Dec 17) and the 5th day of the Novena to the Immaculate Conception (today, Dec 3).*

#### During Offertory

Alma Redemptoris Mater, G. P. da Palestrina (1526-1594)

#### During Communion

Ave Verum Corpus,  
Jesu Dulcis Memoria,  
Tantum Ergo,  
all by Mariano Garau (b. 1952)

**RORATE COELI  
MASS**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER  
16TH AT 6:30AM  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES  
ORATORY

**NOVENA TO THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
November 29th  
to December 7th  
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

### 2024 CALENDARS

The 2024 Institute Calendars for the American Province are now available for pick up in the church vestibules or at the Oratory office. The calendars are free of charge, though donations are appreciated.

**TODAY: RELIC VENERATION OF  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER AFTER BOTH  
THE 8:00AM AND 10:30AM MASSES**

**Solemn Vespers**  
**Today,  
The First Sunday of Advent**  
Saint Francis de Sales Oratory



*Immaculate Conception  
Novena*

**MASS TIMES**

<b>Wednesday, November 29th</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Thursday, November 30th</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Friday, December 1st</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Saturday, December 2nd</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Sunday, December 3rd</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Monday, December 4th</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 5th</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, December 6th</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Thursday, December 7th</b>	6:30 PM



**NOVENA PRAYER TO THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Oh, Virgin Immaculate, \* who wast pleasing in the Lord's sight \* and didst become His Mother, \* look graciously upon the wretched who implore thy mighty patronage. \* The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, \* continues none the less to wage war \* and to lay snares for the unhappy children of Eve. \* Ah, \* do thou, our blessed Mother, \* our Queen and Advocate, \* who from the first instant of thy conception \* didst crush the head of our enemy, \* receive the prayers that we unite single-heartedly to thine \* and conjure thee to offer at the throne of God, \* that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, \* in such wise that we may all come to the haven of salvation; \* and in the midst of so many dangers \* may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere \* sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. \* Amen. (*Raccolta 1957 ed.*)

**ORATORY CLEANING**

December 3: St. Benedict  
December 10: St. Anthony

**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: 557**

**NOVEMBER 26**

LOOSE:	\$3,069.00
ENVELOPES:	\$7,853.00
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$1,996.46
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,918.46</b>

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$231,000.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$342,069.89
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	<b>\$111,069.89</b>

**ARCHDIOCESAN  
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT  
2023-2024**

**\$110,964.00**

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



## 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](http://institute-christ-king.org/retreatcenter) or by scanning the QR code:



## 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!



### Work of Mercy

Many hands make for light work! The Guild of St. Anne's Sewing Room is looking for volunteers to assist with some light mending and repairs of altar linens.

This Advent Season is a good opportunity to offer a Work of Mercy. Experienced or Beginners are welcome to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December 2023 to assist with these mending needs.

Sponsored by: The Guild of Sts. Joachim and Anne  
Contact: [SFDS.Sewing.Room@gmail.com](mailto:SFDS.Sewing.Room@gmail.com)

## 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.

## ETIQUETTE AND KINDNESS:

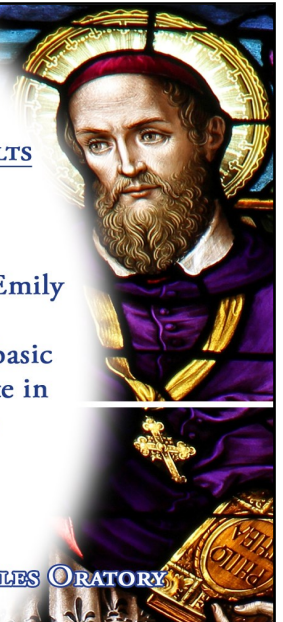
A PRACTICAL CLASS FOR ADULTS

Thursdays at 5pm During Catechism Classes.

Using Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, Emily Post and others, join us for a practical course on inserting basic elements of forgotten etiquette in your life and the lives of your children.

To register please email: [sfds@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:sfds@institute-christ-king.org)

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



## SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

- December 3: Chuck Brandwein
- December 10: Mark Everetts
- December 17: Clary Redd

## COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

- December 3: J. Jasper / M. Daub
- December 10: A. Podesta / J. Stein
- December 17: E. Johnson / F. Aufmuth



## GIVING TREE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Francis de Sales Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking donated Christmas presents to give to the poor in our neighborhood. See the 'Giving Tree' in the Church Hall for details.



THE SOUTH CITY PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT...

## a Midsummer Night's Dream



Come one, come all...

December fifteenth

7:00pm

Gym of St. Francis de Sales

2653 Ohio Ave St. Louis Ave, 63118

Suggested Donation:  
\$5 per guest  
\*\*  
donations go to  
St. Francis de Sales church

## ORATORY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER,  
AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TRADITIONFORTOMORROW.COM/](https://www.traditionfortomorrow.com/)

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA OPENING:





*"Clothe me, O Lord, a new man who is created in justice and truth"*

Serve your fellow man, His Church, and Him. Join us ...  
[knightsofstjohn.com](http://knightsofstjohn.com) [ksjcommandery973@gmail.com](mailto:ksjcommandery973@gmail.com)

### ICON ART CLASS

You can create an icon art yourself! Icons of the Mother of God, Nativity of Jesus, Angels, the Virgin of Guadalupe. Classes forming for Oratory members.

Call Patricia C. Cornell for an Appointment: 314 346 5495 (7AM best time)

## ADVERTISE HERE!

CONTACT RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION

**OFFICE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 8TH FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

### OUR MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you for your tremendous generosity: the recent Thanksgiving St Vincent de Paul collection raised \$4,950 to help our neighbors in need! Your support helps us feed families in need and keep their heat and lights on. May God bless you and your families!

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 OF THE  
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 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH  
 Gravois 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](mailto:wfeld@charter.net)

ORGANIZED APRIL 19, 1874  
 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.

### ORATORY RECTORY:

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