

MARCH 2, 2025

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us.” -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)

Thursday 6:30pm - 7:30pm



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, March 2

Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class

8:00am Low Mass - For the Release of Souls From Purgatory

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30am Solemn Mass - Canon Coggeshall

Monday, March 3

Votive Mass for Peace

8:00am Low Mass - Constance Madelon Martin †

6:30pm Solemn Mass - Tereza Frollova

Tuesday, March 4

St. Casimir, Confessor

8:00am Low Mass - Lydia & Spencer Roth/Rose

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

8:00am Low Mass - Zachary Minnich †

12:15pm Low Mass - Barga Family

6:30pm Solemn Mass - Alfred & Beth Bulcher

Thursday, March 6

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest

8:00am Low Mass - Msgr. Gilles Wach

6:30pm Adoration

Friday, March 7

St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Carrie Davis

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm Solemn Mass - for the intentions of Lieu Nguyen

Saturday, March 8

Lenten Feria

8:00am Low Mass - Intentions of Nighisti Tecla

Sunday, March 9

1st Sunday of Lent, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Sherry Hall

10:30am Solemn Mass - John Mauretto †

SERVER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Mark Stamos

2nd Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Ethan Westbrook

Acolyte 2: Emil Johnson

Crucifer: Gabriel Davidson

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gus Pekny

Torchbearers: Ezio LaZella, Joseph Shany, Patrick Daub, Jackson Huber, Rafe Daub, Joseph McDonald

Monday, March 3

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Benjamin Jackson

Thurifer: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 1: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 2: Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Michael Ruggiero

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Thomas Connolly

Torchbearers: Michael Ruggiero, Vincent Pekny

Tuesday, March 4

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Michael Ruggiero

2nd Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 2: Dominic Ruggiero

Crucifer: Ezio LaZella

Torchbearers: Vincent Pekny,

Wednesday, March 5

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 1: Dominic Ruggiero

Acolyte 2: Ezio LaZella

Crucifer: Cullen Dittmar

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Torchbearers: Gus Pekny, Vincent Pekny

Friday, March 7

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Thomas Connolly

Thurifer: Gus Pekny

Acolyte 1: Joseph McDonald

Acolyte 2: Campion Purgahn

Crucifer: Raymond Pekny

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Mark Stamos

Torchbearers: Ezio LaZella, Joseph Shany, Peter



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2: EDUCATING CHILDREN IN THE FAITH, 9:30AM CHURCH HALL

BEGINNING OF THE 40 HOURS DEVOTION

MARCH 5: ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 7: FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

MARCH 15: FLORIANI CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

MARCH 19: FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 21: FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT

MARCH 25: FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

MUSIC NOTES

Mass Ordinary

Mass II, "(Kyrie fons bonitatis)"

During Communion

Ave Regina Caelorum, Orlandi Di Lasso (1532-1740)

Ave Verum Corpus, Giacomo Carissimi (1604-1674)

O Salutaris Hostia, Josquin des Pres(c.1450-1521)

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, (March 9) Daylight savings will begin. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you turn in on Saturday night.

McDonald, Dominic Shany, Athanasius Thompson-Briggs, Oliver Purgahn

Sunday, March 9

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Engel, Thomas Stein

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Elias Johnson

Acolyte 1: Henry AuBuchon

Acolyte 2: Joseph Shany


Crucifer: Dominic Ruggiero

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Maximus AuBuchon

Torchbearers: Giuseppe Cortese, Ciaran Daub, Nicholas Huber, Jack Daub, John Wichmer, Charles Armstrong,



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY CHOIR
Arvo Pärt's **BERLIN MASS**
adorns the liturgy of
THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
FRIDAY MARCH 7 6:30 P.M.



Forty Hours Devotion
March 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Daily Adoration
*Solemn Mass in the
Presence of the Blessed
Sacrament on March 4th.*
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Sign Up Sheets for the Forty Hours Devotion are in the North & South Vestibules.

YOUTH GROUP SALE!

The Troops of the Immaculate and St. Michael's Patrol will have a sale on March 2nd & 1st Sunday of Lent (after all Masses)

Prepare yourself for Lent!

We recently made Sacrifice Beads so you can keep track of your Lenten sacrifices and good works to offer to God. We are also selling veils to wear at Holy Mass. Take a look at what we have to offer to start this Holy Season on the right foot!



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 **2024-2025** insurance assessment is **\$119,164.00**. 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!**

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."

2024 CONTRIBUTION

STATEMENTS AVAILABLE NOW!

Please contact Mr. Roche at (314) 771-3100 ext. 118 or email him at [jroche\(@\)institute-christ-king.org](mailto:jroche@institute-christ-king.org) to receive a printed or emailed copy.

We have recieved 187 requests for electronic copies. This has already saved the Oratory more than \$153.

PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY

Join Missouri Right to Life on Wednesday, March 26, at the State Capitol for the Pro-Life Action Day. The keynote speakers are Susan Bane and Rebecca Weaver with the American Association of Pro-Life OB-GYN's. Registration begins at 10:00am with a noon rally in the Capitol rotunda. Bus transportation is available at various stops in the St. Louis area. Sign up by going to www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday or calling 314-434-4900.

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 servicepayments.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.



STEWARDSHIP

Oratory Families: 560

WEEKLY GOAL: \$13,500.00

FEBRUARY 23

LOOSE:	\$2,404.00
ENVELOPES:	\$11,169.40
ONLINE DONATIONS:	\$763.73
TOTAL:	\$14,337.13

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$445,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$474,291.97
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	\$28,791.97

**ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENT
PROPERTY / LIABILITY INSURANCE
2024-2025**

\$119,172.00


\$9,931.00 MONTHLY \$2,482.75 APPROX. PER WEEKEND



PLENARY INDULGENCE
FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
MARCH 7TH


Masses at:
 8:00 AM
 6:30 PM Solemn High Mass

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent:
 March 7 at 5:30pm
 March 14 at 6pm
 March 21 at 5:30pm
 March 28 at 6pm
 April 4 at 5:30pm
 April 11 at 6pm
 April 18 at 8:00am



ORATORY CLEANING TEAMS

March 2: St. Benedict
 March 9: St. Anthony
 March 16: St. Cecilia

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

March 2: Patrick Daub/James Kahre
 March 9: Andrew Wegrzyn/Steven Kenney
 March 16: Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

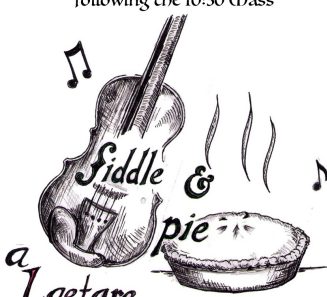
March 2: Vince VandenBergh
 March 9: Mark Everetts
 March 16: Clary Redd

ORATORY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER,
 AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.TRADITIONFORTOMORROW.COM/](https://www.traditionfortomorrow.com/)


Fiddle & Pie
 A Family Céili Dance and Potluck

Lactare Sunday, March 30th
 following the 10:30 Mass



Family Dance

Free, but RSVP



Bring a pie ~ Savory or Sweet!
 And enjoy a family-friendly dance (céili) featuring
 live Irish music, caller, and student performance
 courtesy of St. Louis Irish Arts

FLORIANI

CONCERT
 OF SACRED MUSIC



SATURDAY | MARCH 15th | 7:00 PM

St. Francis De Sales Oratory
 St. Louis, MO

FREE ADMISSION



DEAR ORATORY MEMBERS

Should you desire some suggestions to facilitate your choice in Lenten practices, please consider some of the following possibilities for your fasting, prayer and almsgiving this year:

Fasting

-Fast with the Oratory Clerics during all of Lent. Members of the Oratory may formally join the St. Francis de Sales Oratory Clerics in their Lenten fast which starts on Ash Wednesday and then ends at the Easter Vigil. The fast covers every day of Lent, except Sundays and First Class feasts, (Specifically, March 7th - St. Thomas Aquinas, March 19th - St. Joseph, March 21st - St. Benedict, and March 25th - Annunciation).

Practically, the fast means that participants are allowed one normal meal per day with two small snacks replacing the other meals. No snacking between meals is permitted on the fast days.

Participants should formally sign up in the physical book available in the church hall after both Sunday masses. The Easter Vigil Mass will be offered specifically for all those who sign up and their intentions. Registration will be closed after the First Sunday of Lent.

Prayer

- Attend Stations of the Cross and Friday evening Mass every Friday During Lent
- Attend every Thursday Adoration during Lent
- Attend every Saturday Morning during Lent or another set day of the week
- Attend the Feast Day Masses of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Joseph, St. Benedict, and the Annunciation
- Attend Sunday Vespers at St. Francis de Sales Oratory
- Attend all of the Major Holy Week Liturgies, (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Mass, Good Friday Tenebrae and Mass of the Presanctified, The Holy Saturday Tenebrae and Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday).

Alms

-Participate in the Annual Lenten Collection for the Institute's North American Province
These are only suggestions and members of the faithful may consult any of the Canons as to what would be most appropriate for them.

A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

The St. Francis de Sales Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to augment your Lent this year by performing the following Corporal Work of Mercy. A new HavenHouse has opened near Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and they have requested our help. HavenHouse is a guest house providing a place of respite for families that travel far from home for medical care. Please consider donating any of these items: cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, Lysol, Dawn, paper towels, disinfecting wipes) and personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, Kleenex). Bring items to the church hall between 3/9 and 4/13. Thank you for your sacrifice. Your St Vincent de Paul Conference.

ADULT CATECHISM

Weekly classes are now being taught by Canon Bell for deepening knowledge of the faith, every **Saturday 9:45am-11:15am**. Classes take place in the 1888 building.

Institute of Christ the King
Sovereign Priest 

2025

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this year at our new location!
Sacred Heart Retreat Center
2457 Browns Lake Drive Burlington, WI 53105

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO
<https://institute-christ-king.org/camps>



CAMPS FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES

St. Therese Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Immaculate Conception Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 13 - Saturday, July 19

CAMPS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

St. Dominic Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25

St. Michael Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 27 - Saturday, August 2

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
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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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