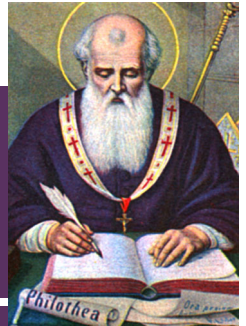


Welcome to the faith community of

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



We, the community of St. Francis de Sales Parish, seek to **LIVE JESUS** through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit by ministering to the needs of our brothers and sisters through Word, Worship, Education and Service.

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY
of
Advent

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You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.
Matthew 24:44

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass of Anticipation: Saturday, 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. (English); 5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 a.m.

School Mass: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. (*During School Year*)

Communion Service: Thursday, 7:00 a.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (Bilingual);
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.;

Tuesdays—Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.;

Fridays, 7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.;

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Nathan Rittenbacher	Lisa Amburgey
Joan Roell	Patricia Catarello
Diane Ponzio	Donna Andersen
Joe Ponzio	Beau Roddy Family
William	Nancy Allen
Lily	Eleanor Gerald
Tess Adams	Melissa Butts
Thomas Potjeau	Robert Haimann
Kelly Hughbanks	Dennis Butek
Tami Irwin	Nancy Rittenbocker
Jim Mansky	Les Malsch
Tony Ascolani	AnneMarie Janikowski
Sam Scott	Lucille Morales
William Burke	Kristen Perry
Carol Peck	Connie Cambell
Tom Peck	Bronte Aitken
Mary Dade	Bev Schorsch
Anthony Ferrini	Mary Ann Cherney
Kiera	Matt Merkt
Marion Donner	Benjamin Evan
Germaine Clifford	Schramm
(Dr.) Katarzyna Zaremba	Nathan Moro & Family
David	Nancy Hrdlicka
Lou Rogers	Ed Muisenga
Wayne Rogers	Tom Lasorda
David Squire	
Jill Logterman	
Joan Huntress	
Bill Smarslik	

CARING FOR THE ALTAR

11/28-12/3—Sandy Derrick

12/5-12/10—Nancy Lazzaroni

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

11/28—TEAM 5

12/5—TEAM 6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and protect our servicemen and women in harm's way, especially Jason Liss, 101st Airborne, Iraq.

SAVE THE DATE

Men's Emmaus Retreat (English) at Inspirational Ministries on Dec. 2, 3, & 4. For information please call Jim at (815) 814-7028.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHECK PRESENTATION

Your Knights of Columbus Council 1647 will be presenting a check, earned by our parishioners and Knights at Farm Technology Days this past July, to Fr. Jim and the Project 2017 Committee at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. We invite everyone to meet in the Parish Center for the check presentation. This will also be the last Knight's of Columbus Sunday breakfast until May of 2017 because the Masses will be held in the Parish Center during our church renovation. Please join us at this historic event. Thank you to all who have made this possible.

SATURDAY, November 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

2:00 p.m. Lesly, Lindsey & Lainey Tapia
Presentation

5:15 p.m. † Casey & Bertha Mikrut

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

7:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the George Leedle
Family and Joseph & Elmina Mancini

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Perren and Gary Bergsma

10:30 a.m. † Dan Corboy and Edward Blechner

5:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

MONDAY, November 28, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Jane Monahan

TUESDAY, November 29, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Tom Geldermann

WEDNESDAY, November 30, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Fr. Patrick Brennan

9:00 a.m. † Patricia Otten and Lawrence Daggett

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Communion Service

FIRST FRIDAY, December 2, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Rita Leahy

FIRST SATURDAY, December 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners

5:15 p.m. † Rita Leahy, Patrick & Dolores Brady and
Alan McBride

SUNDAY, December 4, 2016

7:30 a.m. † Irene & Dan Kavanaugh

9:00 a.m. † Eleanor Gorski and Dan Samyn

10:30 a.m. † Rodica Burce and Health Intentions of
AnneMarie Janikowski

5:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Advent season is a time to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, as well as a time to prepare our minds and hearts for his second coming at the end of the ages. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day you Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

Advent reminds us of the need to be watchful for the Lord in the many ways he comes into our lives. In Word and Sacrament, in charity and justice, in prayer and devotion, Christ comes into our lives with his saving power. Advent is a season of joyful expectation and hope. It is a time to prepare the way of the Lord. May this Advent Season fill us with hope as we open our hearts to Christ!

God's Blessings,

Fr. Jim Schuerman

Queridos Miembros de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales,

Hoy es el primer domingo de Adviento y el comienzo de un nuevo año litúrgico. Adviento es un tiempo para prepararnos para la Navidad, recordando la primera venida de Cristo en su nacimiento. También, es un tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones para la segunda venida de Cristo en el fin de los tiempos. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: "Estén despiertos, porque no saben en qué día vendrá su Señor." (Mateo 24, 42)

Adviento nos recuerda la necesidad de esperar al Señor que viene. En Palabra y Sacramento, en caridad y justicia, en oración y devoción, Él viene para salvarnos. Adviento es un tiempo de espera y esperanza – un tiempo para preparar el camino del Señor. ¡Que abramos nuestros corazones para recibir a Jesucristo nuestro Señor!

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre Jim Schuerman

RINGING THE BELLS

Once again SFDS will be "Ringing the Bells" for the Salvation Army. Eighty-five percent of money collected stays in Walworth county.

There are sign up sheets in the parking lot entrance to the church. Won't you please consider giving an hour of your time to this worthwhile cause.



THE ONE % CHALLENGE

Are you ready to take the challenge? Please join Fr. Jim in the Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Mass on Dec. 3, 10 and 17 to take the "One % Challenge to Get to Know Jesus." The "One % Challenge" was developed by the *Evangelical Catholic* in collaboration with our Milwaukee Archdiocese: "The One % Challenge is to help you to get to know Jesus by taking one percent of your day (15 minutes) to pray with Scripture for 30 days." We hope to see you there!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

All bulletin submissions must be emailed to bulletin@sfdslg.org or submitted in writing to the parish office. Thank you!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER NEWS

The Catholic Daughters held their 92nd anniversary dinner at Anthony's restaurant. Rita Leahy was honored posthumously for her 60 years of membership and devoted service. Kathy Vorpapel joined us as we honored her mother. Our next meeting will be Dec. 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please plan to join us. Please call Lois Maywald, regent, with any questions.

175TH ANNIVERSARY

A special committee is working on a St. Francis de Sales commemorative book for our parish's 175th anniversary next year. We are gathering historical photos and memorabilia from our church. If you have anything that you could share, please bring it to the parish office. We can scan items and get them right back to you.

Our Church's



175th Anniversary

HOLIDAY MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The staff of Derrick Funeral Home understands that the holidays are a hard time of year for some people. Whether you have lost someone recently or years in the past, the holidays can bring up good memories and can also bring up some heartache. On Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel of Derrick Funeral Home, we will be holding our annual Holiday Memorial Program. It is a fantastic program filled with prayer, song and fellowship to follow. We would like to extend an invite to all families to join us in this special holiday memorial program. If interested in attending please call (262) 248-2031 and let them know how many will be in your group.

THE WEEK AHEAD – NOV. 27 TO DEC. 4

Sun –

Mon – 6:00 Spanish Prayer Group
6:00 Spanish RCIA

Tues – 7:30-7:00 Adoration
6:30 RCIA
Hispanic Council

Wed – 10:00 Bible Study
11:15 Shepherds of Christ
6:00 Prayer & Worship
6:30 Parish Council

Thurs – 7:00 Chorale
7:00 Hispanic Ministry

Fri – 1:00 Cemetery Meeting
6:00 Emmaus Women (Spanish)
6:00 Liturgical Dancers
7:00 Legion of Mary

Sat – 9:30 AA
7:00 Emmaus Men

Sun – 8:00-12:00 Advent Breakfast
9:00 REP Gr. 5K-5
9:00 School Mass
6:30 Life Teen

ANNUAL WINTER OUTERWEAR COLLECTION

Boxes will be in the Center throughout November for your very good condition winter coats, hats, boots, gloves, etc. Blankets are also welcome. Share your warmth with those in need. We bring these items to the Clothes Closet for free distribution as well as supplying our local Catholic Charities worker.

Submitted by the Human Concerns Committee

Feast of St. Francis de Sales

**REVERSE
RAFFLE**

**\$10,000 GRAND
PRIZE!**

(Many other prizes)
Cost \$100 per ticket
Drawing to be held on
JANUARY 24, 2017
Doors open 5:30 p.m.
Pasta dinner 6:00 p.m.

*Celebration on Wells
422 Wells St.
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin*

Benefiting
St. Francis de Sales Parish

Tickets available beginning December 2.
Purchase after any weekend Mass in the Parish Center, or during the week in the Parish Office.

262-248-8524

PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

Amid the hustle and bustle of getting ready for one of the busiest holidays of the year, try to keep Christ in Christmas by reading a short meditation each day or helping your family find ways to keep the Advent & Christmas season holy. We have many adult and children's books in the library to help you.

ADULT

♦ **In Conversation With God**—Wonderful book! Daily meditations for Advent and Christmastide. Following the thread of the Liturgy, this book gives many practical hints for deepening one's relationship with God, and improving one's character through daily work and family life.

♦ **Advent Begins at Home**—Family Prayers and Activities

♦ **Advent Light-Threshold Bible Study**

♦ **Fathoming Bethlehem**—Advent meditations

♦ **The Incarnation Birth and Infancy of Jesus Christ** by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

♦ **The Word Made Flesh—The Meaning of the Christmas Season** by Karol Wojtyla

♦ **Day by Day Through Advent**

♦ **God is in the Small Stuff at Christmas**

♦ **Christmas Legends to Remember**

♦ **The Hired Man's Christmas**—A true story of love and forgiveness between fathers and sons

♦ **The Christmas Journey**

♦ **The Christmas Box**

CHILDREN/ELEMENTARY

♦ **The Birth of Jesus and Other Bible Stories**

♦ **Santa and the Christ Child**

♦ **The Legend of the Candy Cane**

♦ **The Legend of the Christmas Tree**

♦ **The Real 12 Days of Christmas**

♦ **The Baby Born in a Stable**

♦ **The Happiest Search**

♦ **Donkey Daniel in Bethlehem**

♦ **Mary's Story**

♦ **Ben's Blanket and Baby Jesus**

♦ **NEW DVD-Veggie Tales-The Star of Christmas & The Toy that Saved Christmas**

NEW DVD-Nicholas-The Boy Who Became Santa

GENEROUS HEARTS

We are excited and gratified at all your responses to our letters. The problem may be great, but by your



response, everyone in the parish will benefit. We encourage all of you to participate in our program and pray to hear from all of you next Sunday. To pledge, please visit GenerousHearts.WeConnect.com or text Generous to 555888. Thank you for your generosity.

THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

“Blessed Alanus writes that many of the brethren had appeared to them while reciting the rosary, and had declared that *next to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there was no more powerful means than the Rosary to help the suffering souls!* Numerous souls were released daily who otherwise would have been obliged to remain in purgatory for years” – St. Alphonsus Liguori

“The holy souls are eager for the prayers of the faithful, which can gain indulgences for them. Their intercession is powerful. It is unbelievable what they can do for our spiritual good, out of gratitude they have towards those on earth who remember to pray for them. Pray unceasingly. We must empty purgatory!” - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday, during adoration, at 5:30 p.m. The rosary is also prayed at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 7:30 Saturday morning.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2016

End To Child Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

CATHOLIC FUNERALS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

From the Sacramental Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

(Continued from last week...)

The Rite of Committal

22. What is the Rite of Committal? After the Funeral Mass or Funeral Service without a Mass, the body is taken to the cemetery for burial. The Rite of Committal, or final farewell, is prayed at that time.

23. Where should the Rite of Committal take place? Ordinarily, the Rite of Committal takes place at the graveside. According to the ritual, it may take place completely in the church, completely in the cemetery, or partly in the church and partly in the cemetery. Often, inclement weather determines where the Rite of Committal takes place. If done in a cemetery chapel, the final leave-taking should not seem to be hurried. The prayers of committal recognize that the place of interment or entombment has been transformed by means of Christ's death and resurrection.

24. Must a Catholic be buried in a Catholic Cemetery? The normal situation is to bury a Catholic in a Catholic cemetery. However, a Catholic may be buried in another cemetery according to circumstances. Non-Catholics may also be buried in a Catholic cemetery with Catholic family members, relatives, or friends. A member of the clergy of the Church of the one being buried can certainly be invited to conduct burial services at the gravesite.

25. Can a flag be substituted for the funeral pall over the casket during the Liturgy? No. The casket should be covered with the white pall as a reminder of baptism.

Cremation

26. Can Catholics be cremated? Yes, the bodies of Catholics may be cremated. Cremation is permitted as long as the body is not cremated as a protest against the Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead. Families do not need to ask for church permission for a loved one to be cremated.

27. What kind of container is appropriate? Worthy containers, such as the classic funeral urn, are appropriate. Keeping the ashes in pieces of jewelry, in statuary, or other objects are unacceptable practices.

28. Where are the ashes to be placed? The ashes must be placed in a grave or niche in a mausoleum known as a columbarium. They are never to be kept in the possession of the family or scattered, since these practices are not the reverent disposition the Church requires.

29. May the ashes be present for a Funeral Mass? It is strongly preferable for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. After the Mass the body may be cremated. If, for extraordinary reasons, this is not possible, the ashes should be present. If the ashes are not present, the Funeral Mass prescribed in the ritual is not celebrated. In that case, a memorial Mass may be appropriate.

30. May the ashes be mixed with cremated remains of other individuals, pets or other objects? No. Because of our belief in the resurrection of the body, we find such practices repulsive. This practice has never been acceptable.

Memorializing the Deceased

31. What are good ways to memorialize the deceased? There are a number of ways to memorialize the deceased. One traditional way is through Mass offerings. Having Masses celebrated for the deceased is a laudable Catholic practice. Since Catholics believe in praying for the dead, this remains a fitting way to memorialize the deceased. Other ways would be to give something to the parish memorial/endowment fund or to the poor or another worthy cause in memory of the deceased.

To be continued next week...



St. Francis de Sales Parish School
Home and School Association Presents

ADVENT BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
St. Francis de Sales Parish Center
8:00am-12:30pm

BREAKFAST

Treat the whole family to a delicious breakfast buffet, including fresh-from-the-griddle pancakes, fluffy scrambled eggs, potatoes, farm-fresh bacon, sausage and beverage. \$7.00 Adults * \$6.00 Senior Citizens * \$5.00 Children 4-12 yrs. * Under 4 yrs. free

BAKE SHOPPE

These delicious homemade goodies are loved by all. Mouthwatering assortments of cookies, pies, breads, cakes, and other treats will be featured, all homemade with lots of TLC by the many talented bakers of St. Francis de Sales.

POINSETTIA SALE

A winter tradition...6 1/2" pots available in standard and premium styles. Evergreen wreaths, greenery and citrus trees will also be offered. Pre-ordering is available.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00.

Thanks to our wonderful donors we have the following prizes to offer:

- A Beats by Dre Headphone – Donated by the Fasano Family
- B American Girl Doll – Samantha with Outfits & Book – Donated by the Greenberg Family
- C Lego Package – Donated by the Lynch Family
- D \$200 Cash – Donated by a Friend of St. Francis de Sales School
- E Polaroid Camera Package – Donated by the Frazier Family

PLEASE JOIN US!!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Lisa Parker and Geri Braun enjoy leading this year's RCIA Candidates and sponsors on their faith exploration journey. St. Francis is fortunate to have Brooke Johnson, Marilyn Damore and Jackie Zaskowski, along with her husband and sponsor Greg Zaskowski in our RCIA group this year. We invite everyone in our parish to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey. *(Photo credit Veronica Anne Photography)*



THANK YOU

Thank you to Derrick Funeral Home for once again providing calendars for our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Dec. 3 - Dec. 4	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	Helene Churchill Shirley Zientarski OPENING OPENING	George Melcher Wilbur Metz OPENING	Renee Howell	Gene Bulla Sue Bulla Gwen Faust Marcie Hollmann Monica Serna Dick Zagorski Janice Zagorski	Alan Howell - 1 OPENING - 2
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Barbara Giovannoni Mary Ludtke Carole Nevin Jeanette Polyock	Arlene Breuninger Kathy Giese Don Voit Ron White	Maureen Redmer	Elaine Johnson Richard Kelman Jeanne McCarron Bridget Payne Rita Popelka Maureen Redmer Bernie Williams	OPENING - 1 OPENING - 2
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Maureen Allenstein Michelle Luba Louella Rogers OPENING	Charles Robinson OPENING OPENING OPENING	Daniel Derrick	Maureen Allenstein Ann Desecki Corrine Haimann Michelle Luba Nancy Mancuso Lois Maywald Kristin Olson	OPENING - 1 Madi Serdar - 2
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	OPENING OPENING OPENING OPENING	Ken Cramer Jeanette Goldsmith Michael Johnson Robert Weidner	George Frisch Christopher Hicks	Linda Contant Nancy Corboy Pat Cramer Laura Jeanne Deane Donna Smith Julie Vitullo OPENING	Bernadette Frisch - 1 Abigail Deane - 2

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Immediately after the engagement and before any date is set for the wedding, the couple is asked to make an appointment with the priest. Six months is the normal time required for preparation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office at (262) 248-8524 for Baptismal preparation/registration.

SPANISH CELEBRATIONS

Bautismos en Espanol: Para bautismos en Espanol por favor comuniquese con Esmeralda Perez Sanchez: (262) 295-8419.

Platicas bautismales: Cada cuarto sabado del mes.

Quinceaneras, presentaciones y bodas: Comuniquese con Antonia Mata: 262-812-4047