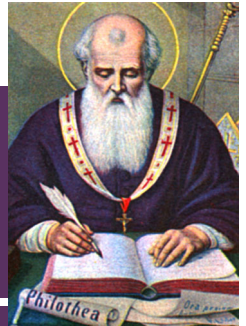


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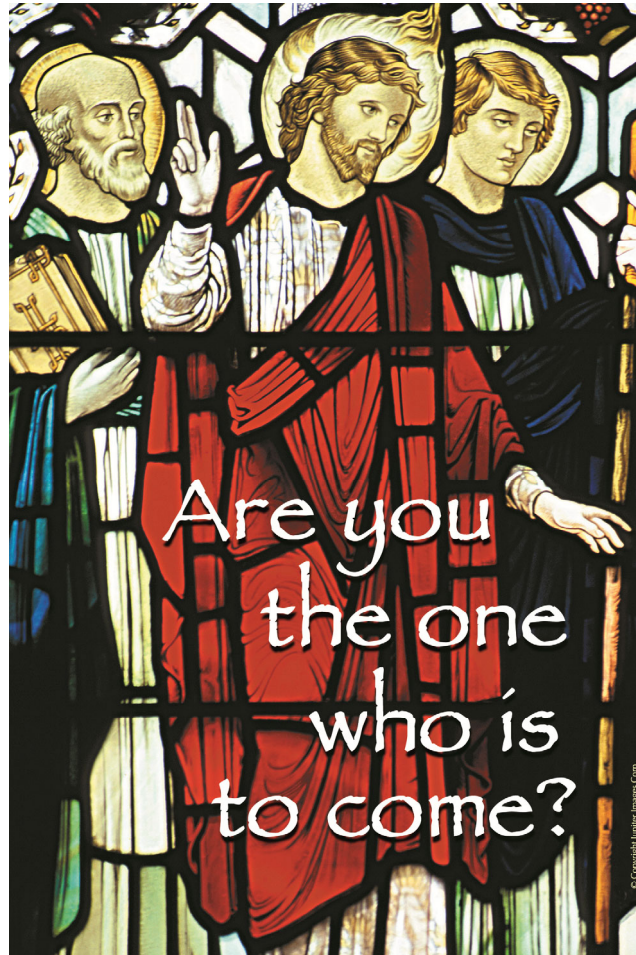
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent

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.



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.;

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

CARING FOR THE ALTAR

12/12-12/17—Kathie Murray

12/19-12/24— Environment Committee

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

12/12—TEAM 1

12/19—TEAM 3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

IN LOVING MEMORY

Born to eternal rest

Donald Brieschke

Maria Dobrsek

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

BAKE SALE

Catholic Daughters will be hosting a bake sale after all Masses on Dec. 11.



HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

There are envelopes at the entrances to the church as well as in the office for special giving for Christmas. All donations are kept local to help out our local citizens in need. May God Bless You for your continued generosity.

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Health Intentions of Blake Friesse

5:15 p.m. † Arthur & Frances Bung, Tom Geldermann,
Antonio Guillen, Jose Guillen and Maria
Gonzalez

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016

7:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the George Leedle
Family and Timothy King

9:00 a.m. † Richard Lewandowski, Peter Petrouski and
Patricia Otten

10:30 a.m. † Bobby Ruzicka, Don Corboy and Janina
Zygmud

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

MONDAY, December 12, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Catherine Johnson and Frances Minahan

6:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

TUESDAY, December 13, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Tom Geldermann

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Anthony Consolino

9:00 a.m. † John Clair

THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, December 16, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Michael & Mary Minahan and Catherine
Sesselman

SATURDAY, December 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:15 p.m. † Diane & Heather Bearce and Dr. Harold
Kestel

SUNDAY, December 18, 2016

7:30 a.m. † John & Bernadean Trotta

9:00 a.m. † Ruth Mertz and Greg Lazzaroni

10:30 a.m. † Delores Schweitzer, Mike Hinzpeter and
Svylla Kestel

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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

Tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, commemorating the appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego in 1531 at Tepeyac near Mexico City. Among the miraculous events that surrounded those appearances was that of Our Lady instructing Juan Diego to pick roses that were growing on the hillside, even though it was winter, and to take them to the bishop. Juan rolled the roses into his cloak, and unrolled it in front of the bishop. As he did so, the roses dropped to the floor, and the image of Our Lady remained on his cloak. That image is venerated to this very day in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of the Blessed Virgin, dressed in Aztec clothing, brought hope and comfort to an oppressed people.

Our Hispanic community will be honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe with an all night vigil beginning tonight, Sunday, Dec. 11. It will conclude at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12 with "Las Mañanitas", a serenade for Our Lady. Later, there will be a Mass at 7:00 pm, including traditional Aztec dancing to honor the Blessed Virgin. All are invited to attend. Please feel free to participate in all or any part of these events to honor Our Lady.

God's Blessings,

Fr. Jim Schuerman

Queridos Miembros de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales,

Mañana, el lunes, 12 de diciembre es la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, conmemorando las apariencias de la Santísima Virgen María a San Juan Diego en 1531 en Tepeyac, cerca de la Ciudad de México. La Virgen mandó a Juan a llevar rosas, creciendo en el invierno milagrosamente, al obispo. Juan puso las rosas en su tilma, y al desenrollar su tilma, cayeron las rosas, y la imagen de Nuestra Señora se quedó en su tilma. Esta imagen está venerada, hoy día, en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La imagen de la Santísima Virgen, vestida de ropa Azteca, ofreció esperanza y consuelo a un pueblo oprimido.

Nuestra comunidad hispana honrará a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe por medio de una vigilia comenzando hoy en la noche, el 11 de diciembre, y terminando a las 5:00 am, el lunes 12 de diciembre con "Las Mañanitas". Luego, habrá una misa a las 7:00 pm, incluyendo las danzas tradicionales para honrar a la Santísima Virgen. Todos están invitados a asistir. ¡Que vengan todos!

Que Dios los bendiga,

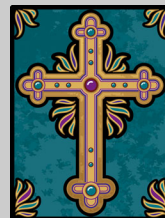
Padre Jim Schuerman

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 11

2:00 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales Church



Please mark your calendar. The parish Advent reconciliation service for individual confessions will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 in church. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas! Individual confessions are available at St. Francis de Sales parish at 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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 Vorpagel 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.

WELCOME

Does your family come to church as a family or have some members been staying home? The holidays are a good time to bring the family back together to worship our Lord.



WELCOME

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Looking for a gift idea for that special woman in your life? Does she seem to have everything? Consider giving her the chance to attend the Emmaus retreat in February. There are gift certificates available for purchase in the parish office. The retreat is scheduled for Feb. 17-19 at St. Pat's School in Elkhorn. The cost is \$75. If you have further questions, please contact Sandra Cruz 949-2384 or Nancy Lazzaroni 248-8247.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD – DEC. 11 TO DEC. 18

- Sun** – Catholic Daughters Bake Sale After Masses
KC Breakfast
9:00 REP Gr. 5K-5
12:00 Baptisms
2:00 Communal Reconciliation Service
5:30 Vigil for Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 Confirmation Class
- Mon** – 6:00 Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00 Spanish RCIA
- Tues** – 7:30-7:00 Adoration
5:30 Rosary
6:30 RCIA
- Wed** – 10:00 Bible Study
11:15 Shepherds of Christ
6:00 REP Gr. 6-8
6:00 Project 2017 Follow-up
6:30 Stewardship
- Thurs** – 6:30 School Christmas Concert
7:00 Hispanic Ministry
- Fri** – 6:00 Liturgical Dancers
7:00 Legion of Mary
7:00 Posadas
- Sat** – 9:30 AA
10:00 Baptisms (Spanish)
10:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Posadas
7:00 Emmaus Men
- Sun** – 9:00 REP Gr. 5K-5
12:00 Baptisms
6:30 Life Teen
7:00 Posadas

WE OWE YOU

Kind hearts in our parish donated many items of winter clothing and blankets to our annual collection. Warm your souls with that thought this winter. Also, needed funds were provided through the Pie and Baked goods sale in November. Without the hard work and talent of our generous bakers this would not have happened. Speaking for the many who benefit regularly from our Human Concerns efforts: May your Christmas be filled with love, peace and joy!

Submitted by the Human Concerns Committee.



ONE% CHALLENGE

TO GET TO KNOW JESUS

THE 1% CHALLENGE IS TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW JESUS BY TAKING 1% OF YOUR DAY (15 MINUTES) TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE FOR 30 DAYS.

WWW.JOHNPAUL2CENTER.ORG/ONEPERCENTCHALLENGE

The "1% Challenge" is developed by The Evangelical Catholic in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The 1% CHALLENGE trademark is a trademark owned by The Evangelical Catholic.

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. 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!

CHRISTMAS MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Homebound Catholics unable to attend Christmas Mass at their parish this year may tune in to one of the following stations for a full, eager and enthusiastic congregation. Please note: For those who can get to church, the TV/radio liturgy will not meet the Mass obligation.

Dec. 24, 2016

Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM/1640 AM, 8:30 p.m. (Christmas Vigil Mass from the Vatican)

Dec. 25, 2016

Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM/1640 AM, 6:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

WCGV-TV, Channel 24, 9 a.m.

WISN, Channel 12, 12 a.m. (Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, with closed captioning)

The Big 920 AM, 9 a.m.

Fox6 TV, Channel 6, 5:30 a.m.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.” As we await the coming of the Lord, let us rejoice and encourage our marriages to bloom by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 20-22 in Brookfield, WI and on Feb. 10-12 in Geneva, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653. Para un fin de semana en Espanol por favor llamen a Andres y Maria al 630-229-2600. Las fechas son Febrero 24-26, Junio 9-11 y Septiembre 15-17.

NOVEMBER 2016 SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION NEWSLETTER

In the archbishop’s column, “The Holy Season of Advent: New Year’s Resolutions for Discipleship,” he explains how the Advent season is a perfect opportunity to make four specific new year’s resolutions for discipleship; “Archdiocese of Milwaukee - Church on the Move” explores new and creative ways of “doing Church” through the initiatives coming from the Synod; and the faith community of St. Andrew Parish, Delevan highlights their intentional ministry to Deaf Catholics in “Parishioners to Deaf Community: You Belong Here!”

Read all three articles by visiting tinyurl.com/jb4axst.

PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Vanco is a secure online system where parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

Go to www.sfdslg.org and click on the “Donate Now” button to enroll or call Judie Weeks in the Parish Office.

Benefits for You

- ♦ Increased options and accessibility
- ♦ Review your giving history in real time
- ♦ Keep your gifts secure

Benefits for St. Francis

- ♦ Saves money on envelopes and postage
- ♦ Helps predict cash flow for budgeting
- ♦ Better collection of payment history

SIENA RETREAT CENTER

Programs at Siena Retreat Center, 5637 Erie St., Racine - call (262) 898-2590 for more info or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org and click on Retreat Programs.

Advent Taizé Choir Practice, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 .pm. Siena Retreat Center will host Advent Taizé Prayer on Dec. 19. If you would like to be part of the choir or orchestra, please contact pshutts@racinedominicans.org or call (262) 898-2590.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

As we end a month of remembering those who have gone before us in faith, another opportunity to remember our loved ones appears. During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, many of us are reminded of those who are no longer with us. If you would like to remember a loved one this Christmas Season, please consider offering a Memorial in their honor. Your donation will go toward the cost of our seasonal church decorations.

If you would like to remember your loved ones, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office, along with your donation, no later than Monday, Dec. 19. THANK YOU!! The names of those remembered will be published in a special bulletin in the beginning of January.

Yes, I wish to make a Christmas Memorial Donation in memory of:

Donation offered by:



PROJECT 2017 RENOVATION TEAM

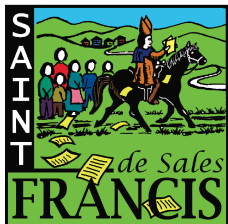
Your Project 2017 Renovation Team has been working together since January, 2016. Meeting once or twice a month as a group, (and sometimes more for specific meetings with contractors, getting bids, and researching options) a lot has been accomplished! This group has worked so well together as there are many talented individuals who all bring something to the table. Methodically working through the various aspects of the renovation, we have split into sub-groups, each specializing in different facets of the project. As we get ready to close the church to start the actual construction process right after Christmas, we are working hard on coordinating all of the various contractors and subs to ensure that we complete the project by Holy Week, 2017! If at any time you have questions or want to get involved, please feel free to reach out to any one of us.



Pictured (top row left to right): Matt Huml, Daryl Braun, Katie Alder, Phil Hall, Fr. Jim Schuerman, Ken Etten, Kathie Murray. (Front row left to right): Mary Huml, Rose Lemke, Fran Zappitelli, Laura Zappitelli, Martha Cucco, Michael Deane (not pictured Nick Vorpapel. *Photo credit Veronica Anne Photography*

Would you like to volunteer to help over the next few months? We could use some extra people to help organize the sacristy to prepare it for painting/new carpeting, move things to parish center to get it set up for Mass, and more! If you have some extra time, please contact Martha Cucco at stewardship@sfdslg.org

**Only 300
tickets sold!**



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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

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*

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St. Francis de Sales Parish



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass
4:15 p.m. Parish Center
7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass
(9:30 p.m. Music Prelude)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir
10:00 a.m. Chorale

PRAYER

Remembering that we Christians are preparing for the coming of the Christ child, let's put our "holiday" pressures into perspective!

A Prayer for Busy People

The Lord is my pacesetter.

I shall not rush

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.

He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind.

His guidance is PEACE even when I have many things to do today.

I will never fret, for his presence is here.

His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activities by anointing my head with tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely, harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours.

I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever.

Stewardship Treasure

Giving Period & Method	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Under)
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Weekend of December 4

Envelope	7,734	7,971	(237)
Offertory	2,519	2,721	(202)
Elect. Fund Transfer	1,435	1,335	100
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	1,635	1,000	635
Total	13,323	13,027	296

Year to Date (07/01/16 to 12/04/16)

Envelope	164,293	187,879	(23,586)
Offertory	65,574	62,587	2,987
Elect. Fund Transfer	24,057	22,875	1,182
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	32,998	23,000	9,998
Total	286,922	296,340	(9,418)

Other Weekend Giving

Capital Campaign	356
Angel Fund	2,070
Human Concerns	

Please consider OnLine giving by navigating to www.sfdslg.org, clicking on the DONATE icon and signing up today!

Liturgical Ministry Day

Gather and grow in your ministry as
Disciples of Jesus

January 27, 2017 / 7:00 pm

St. Mary—Hales Corners

Concert with **Vallimar** and Frank Jansen

\$10/pp at the door or alma-npm.org



January 28, 2017 / 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Archbishop Cousins' Center

Workshops for all ministries

\$20/pp before Dec. 16



Vallimar Jansen

Keynote Speaker

Inspirational Speaker/Concert artist



Timothy O'Malley

Keynote Speaker

Outreach to Millennials

Director of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy



Choir workshop with **Michael Batocho**

Director of Music St. John the Evangelist

For registration and information visit:

alma-npm.org

Presented by:



The fee to attend this Liturgical Ministry Day has been reduced thanks to a supporting grant from the Faith in Our Future Trust. The grant was made possible by the good work of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in their participation in the Faith in Our Future Campaign

PROJECT 2017 GIVING



Pledges to Date:

\$2,077,359

Payments Received:

\$926,640

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Start With a Smile at smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0852955 for your holiday gifts and Amazon donates to St Francis de Sales Congregation.



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Project 2017

News, Upcoming Events & Project Updates

PEWS ARE GETTING A MAKEOVER

Shortly after Christmas the Project 2017 renovation will begin! One of the first things that will happen is the pews will be removed and taken off site for refinishing. One of the options we had was to replace all of the pews, but given that they appear to be original to our church (1892!) and that they are well made, we made the decision to have them re-finished. The company doing the work, Gunder Church Furniture, specializes in pew restoration and will ship them all off site to a warehouse to do the work. They will be stripped, sanded, cracks will be repaired, and they will get a beautiful new finish. At this time we are not having pew cushions installed.



The seating arrangement will switch in that the chairs that are currently in the front will move to the back and the pews will move forward. The front pews will be a "half" pew with room for some armchairs for the handicapped. People told us that the handicapped chairs need to have arms to help people get up and down so we will have some available. All of the chairs (including those in the chapel) will be reupholstered to freshen it up and match our new color scheme.



The kneelers will be replaced--no more clunking noises during Mass! Our new kneelers will have a hydraulic closure which will soften the sound and prevent accidental "dropping". The kneelers will be upholstered with custom fabric for comfort.

With the pews out of the church, the next thing that will happen is that the floor will be removed. There is asbestos glue under the tile that was under the pews, so we have a company who specializes in asbestos abatement coming in to take care of it. The carpeting will also be removed in preparation for a beautiful tile floor. This cleared space will enable scaffolding towers to be built so that the painters can get to work and the upper stained glass windows can be restored.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs, decals and car magnets at our December Breakfast. Each sign, decal and magnet costs \$3.00. Supplies are limited.

K of C Council #1647

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP SESSIONS

Feb. 7, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Elkhorn

Feb. 8, 2017, 10-11:30 a.m. & 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cousins Center, Milwaukee

Feb. 9, 2017, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Fond du Lac

The focus of this session is everyday stewardship in everyday language for everyday people. The program will help to explain the "what next" after we have made a conscious decision to take our discipleship seriously. Grounded in the parables of Jesus, and reflecting the teachings and Spirit of the Church, this message will be presented in a way that sheds new light on the true meaning of good stewardship. There is no cost for this program, but you are asked to register at www.archmil.org/synod2217.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, Dec. 11, 8 to 11 a.m.

Come to join fellow parishioners!

Omelet \$5 Small Slam \$3 Egg Combo \$4 French Toast \$3.50

Singles of Eggs or French Toast \$1 Bacon \$1.50 Orange Juice or Milk \$1.50

Hash Browns; Toast & Jelly, Tea \$1 each Coffee & Sanka \$1.25 Carry-outs available—just \$.50 extra!

We will be presenting a check to our school for a total of \$710.50 for our computer-matching funds fundraiser. We collected a total of \$355.25 in our coffee cans. Thank you for all your support. See you in May 2017 after our church renovation is completed.

Thank you from the K of C Council #1647.

PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

On Dec. 12, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, marking the day when, in 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared in Mexico to a 57-year old peasant named Juan Diego. Learn more about the Patroness of the Americas and the fascinating miracles in the following books:

Handbook on Guadalupe - The most authoritative, complete and up-to-date book on all the facts, history and devotion of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Includes the latest research and articles on over 35 topics, including the historical roots of Guadalupe, scientific studies of the tilma, miracles and conversions, and much more. Many color photos.

The Wonder of Guadalupe - This relatively short book is widely regarded as the best on the apparition of Our Lady in 1531 in Mexico City. Tells the complete story: From the Conquest of Mexico and the conversion of the Aztecs through the development of the devotion and on into the modern era.

Not Made by Hands - This is the only book of its kind on the two most famous and controversial images in existence-the holy image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the tilma of Juan Diego, and the sacred image of the crucified Christ on the holy Shroud of Turin. Written by a scientist-religious, it is a good rebuttal of those who would say either of these images is a fraud.

NEW DVDS

Guadalupe - A Living Image

Our Lady of Guadalupe-Mother of Hope!

For Children - La Historia de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe: Emperatriz de la Americas

DVD - Juan Diego-Messenger of Guadalupe

ELDERLY COUPLE SEEKS HELP

We need to find someone to help with snow shoveling. We live in Pell Lake near the post office. If you or someone you know would be able to help, we would appreciate it. Payment can be discussed. Please call Allen & Lois Maywald at (262) 279-5733.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

We are updating the prayer list of those who are sick. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to remain on the list, please contact the parish office by Jan. 1 at bulletin@sfdslg.org or (262) 248-8524.

GENEROUS HEARTS



December 2, 2016

I am grateful for your response to my letters for the Generous Hearts Campaign. So far we have heard from 80 parish families which equates to about 8% of you, and your generosity has resulted in an increase of \$6500 above our usual offertory collection. Thank you to all of those who have responded, your participation is greatly appreciated! In order for this campaign to be successful, we need to hear from at least 220 more parishioners by the end of December. If you are a regular giver but perhaps have been at the same amount for many years, please consider increasing your weekly or monthly donation. If you are not a consistent donor to our parish, please consider committing to a regular weekly or monthly donation. This helps to support our operating costs of our church and school, and having regular and consistent donations helps tremendously for budget planning and forecasting.

Recently we had an incredible response to our capital campaign to renovate the church and develop a reserve for future maintenance costs of our church and school. That part of our future is now secure, thanks to you! I am asking now that we take care of the other important part of the big picture, that of the day to day operating costs of our parish. The Generous Hearts Campaign will help to fund to our staff salaries, program costs, utilities, and more. As you know, we have been operating with a deficit for the past few years, and this needs to be addressed to keep our parish healthy and growing. Your generous response enables us to foster a vibrant place to worship, to provide an exceptional spiritual Faith Formation, to maintain a legacy of hospitality shared by all Parishioners, to maintain a quality, faith based Catholic School for our children and to meet our daily expenses.

How can you respond? There are several methods. You can visit our website, text, send back your detachable card from your letter, or stop by the office Sundays after Mass or during the week. Again, please help me to end the year with a solid financial future by responding with your financial commitment to our Generous Hearts Campaign.

-Fr. Jim

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Catholic Central High School students and staff were able to once again take part in adopting and providing presents for four area families (ten children) this year. In addition to the presents on the list, students also donated gift wrapping materials to help parents take part in the gift giving process. All presents will be distributed to the parents soon from Love Inc.

Pictured is Key Club president Jaelyn delivering the Adopt-a-Family presents to Love Inc. which helped to provide Christmas to those in need.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

We have two Facebook pages all aimed at keeping you informed and connected: St. Francis de Sales Lake Geneva and St. Francis de Sales Parish School. Find us and "Like" us! Links available on the parish web site (sfdslg.org).



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WEBSITE

Have you seen our website? Hear a weekly audio message from Father Jim, get the scoop on SFDS events, put in a prayer request, check the calendar, view volunteer opportunities and more! And while you are there, please sign up for our email newsletter! All ways to keep you informed with cost efficiency for our parish! sfdslg.org

Dec. 17 - Dec. 18	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Communion	Altar Servers
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	Helene Churchill Shirley Zientarski OPENING OPENING	Gene Bulla George Melcher Wilbur Metz OPENING	Gwen Faust	Sue Bulla Natalie Dunn Gwen Faust Marcie Hollmann OPENING OPENING OPENING	Alan Howell - 1 Michael Rizzo - 2
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Arlene Breuninger Barbara Giovannoni Carole Nevin Jeanette Polyock	Kathy Giese Budd Humphrey Irene Humphrey Ron White	Richard Kelman	Elaine Johnson Richard Kelman Jeanne McCarron Bridget Payne Rita Popelka Maureen Redmer Bernie Williams	OPENING - 1 Tyler Christensen - 2
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Maureen Allenstein Michelle Luba Louella Rogers OPENING	Charles Robinson OPENING OPENING OPENING	Amy Amann	Maureen Allenstein Ann Desecki Corrine Haimann Michelle Luba Nancy Mancuso Lois Maywald Angel Serna	Joey Amann - 1 Manny Amann - 2
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	OPENING OPENING OPENING OPENING	Jeanette Goldsmith Michael Johnson Terry Quinn Harry Quinn	George Frisch Therese O'Grady	Linda Contant Nancy Corboy Pat Cramer Therese O'Grady Donna Smith Julie Vitullo OPENING	Bernadette Frisch - 1 Logan Madison - 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