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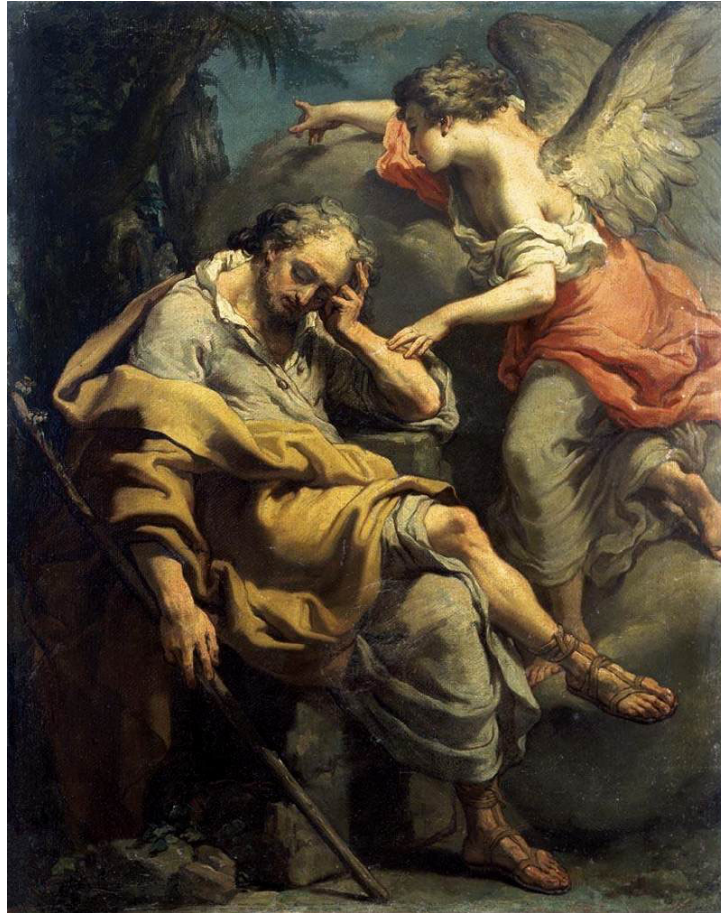
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



December 18, 2016
Fourth 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.



Joseph's Dream by Gaetano Gandolfi, 1790

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

ADORATION NOTICE

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and Tuesday, Dec. 27. Adoration will resume on Jan. 3 in the parish hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Monday, Dec. 19 from noon to 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CARING FOR THE ALTAR

12/19-12/24— Environment Committee

12/26-12/31— Environment Committee

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

12/19—TEAM 3

12/27—TEAM 2 & TEAM 4 (Christmas & Sunday collections)

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. It will also be closed on Friday, Dec. 29 and Monday, Jan. 2.

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 Syvilla Kestel

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

MONDAY, December 19, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Fr. Wilimek, Fr. O'Brien and Anna Marie Mulligan

TUESDAY, December 20, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Donald & Marcie Douglass

WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Maria Dobrsek

9:00 a.m. † Eugene & Rosemary Vanderwerff and Barbara Bormes

THURSDAY, December 22, 2016

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, December 23, 2016

7:00 a.m. † Helen & Joseph Boilini and Barbara Burge

SATURDAY, December 24, 2016

4:00 p.m. † Mel Tavera

4:15 p.m. † Casey & Bertha Mikrut and Mary Picchietti

7:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

10:00 p.m. † Barbara Knutter and Francisco & Adelaida Puzon

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. † Betty Grier and Bill & Cathy Keating

10:00 a.m. † Frank & Bogdan Jaronczyk, Marge Laughlin and Joseph Ahlgren

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the Gospel today is the story of Joseph. When Mary "was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:18) Joseph, confused and disillusioned wished to divorce her quietly. But an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "...do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." The angel explained that all that had happened was the work of the Holy Spirit. The child to be born was the same child whom the prophet Isaiah called Emmanuel, "God is with us."

The celebration of the birth of Christ is fast approaching. It is a time to offer our dreams and most profound desires to God. We long for a world of peace and justice. We long for a life imbued with the love of God. We long for a deep friendship between God and all humanity. With all our hearts we pray, "Come Emmanuel!"

God's Blessings,

Fr. Jim Schuerman

Queridos Miembros de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales,

El Evangelio de hoy es el narrativo del San José. Cuando María estaba comprometida con José, pero antes que vivieran juntos, ella quedó esperando por obra del Espíritu Santo. José, confundido y desilusionado, quería firmarle un acto de divorcio. Pero un ángel se le apareció en un sueño diciéndole, "...no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa." (Mateo 1:20) Y el ángel le explicó que todo lo que pasó fue obra del Espíritu Santo. El niño que ha de nacer es el mismo hijo varón sobre quien habló el profeta Isaías, él que los hombres llamarán Emanuel, "Dios-con-nosotros."

La celebración del nacimiento de Cristo está acercándose. Es un tiempo para ofrecer nuestros sueños y deseos más profundos a Dios. Deseamos un mundo de paz y justicia. Deseamos una vida basada en el amor de Dios. Deseamos una amistad fuerte entre Dios y los hombres. Con todo el corazón decimos: "¡Ven Emanuel!"

Que Dios los bendiga,

Padre Jim Schuerman

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.

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Due to New Years, all bulletin submissions for the Jan. 1 issue must be emailed to bulletin@sfdslg.org or submitted in writing to the parish office by Tuesday, Dec. 20. Thank you!

HOSPITALITY DURING OUR CHURCH RENOVATION

We had the last Knights of Columbus breakfast this past Sunday, but do not despair. It may not be delicious omelets and French toast, but we will be having hospitality every Sunday during the renovation. Yes, every Sunday, but not in the parish center, since that will now become our temporary church. We will relocate to the basement of the parish center. How do you get there? If you come in from the parking lot, there are stairs located to your left and an elevator to the right. Coffee and sweet rolls, coffee cake and donuts will be served with other simple fare. It will also be an opportunity to receive updates on the church renovation.

If you are a ministry group or just a group of friends who would like to volunteer to host one of our hospitality Sundays in March or early April, please contact Millie McCormick at (630) 310-4703 for details. Several groups and individuals have already volunteered for January and February. We will supply disposable cups, plates and the coffee. We cover all of the Sunday Masses. Please consider volunteering for one of our open Sundays.

WELCOME

We welcome all who come to join us in prayer and in faith, newcomers, visitors and especially Catholics who have been away. You are welcome here at St. Francis de Sales.



DECK THE HALLS!

Come and get into the Christmas Spirit by joining our friendly Art and Environment Team to decorate the Church and Parish Center for Christmas! This is a great opportunity for middle school and high school students to earn community service hours. Come between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23. Please sign up by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aaa622aafb6-deck> or email Art and Environment Coordinator Sarah Gray at sarahgray8863@gmail.com.

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.

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



COOKIE WALK

Catholic Central High School will be hosting its first "Cookie Walk" on Sunday, Dec.18 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Topper Hall.

Take the work out of baking, and come and purchase an assortment of Christmas cookies for only \$5 per pound! Santa will be flying in to visit from 10 a.m. until noon, and a few of his elves will be ready for face painting! Refreshments will also be available.

AMAZONSMILE

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



Feast of St. Francis de Sales

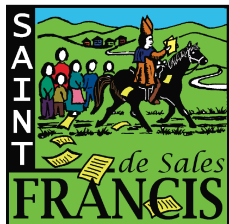
REVERSE RAFFLE

**\$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



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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

THE WEEK AHEAD – DEC. 18 TO DEC. 25

Sun – 9:00 REP Gr. 5K-5
 6:30 Life Teen
 7:00 Posadas

Mon – 5:30 School Advisory
 6:00 Catholic Daughters
 6:00 Spanish Prayer Group
 7:00 Church Renovation Meeting
 7:00 Posadas

Tues – 7:30-7:00 Adoration
 6:00 School Christmas Concert
 6:30 RCIA
 7:00 Posadas

Wed – 7:00 Posadas

Thurs – 7:00 Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 Chorale
 7:00 Posadas

Fri – Office Closed
 9:00 Church Decorating
 6:00 Liturgical Dancers
 7:00 Legion of Mary
 7:00 Posadas

Sat – 9:30 AA

Sun – **Have a Blessed Christmas!**

Stewardship Treasure

Giving Period & Method	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Under)
Weekend of December 11			
Envelope	6,863	7,971	(1,108)
Offertory	1,635	2,721	(1,086)
Elect. Fund Transfer	0	0	0
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	2,140	1,000	1,140
Total	10,638	11,692	(1,054)
Year to Date (07/01/16 to 12/11/16)			
Envelope	171,156	195,849	(24,693)
Offertory	67,209	65,308	1,901
Elect. Fund Transfer	24,057	22,875	1,182
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	35,138	24,000	11,138
Total	297,560	308,032	(10,472)
Other Weekend Giving			
Capital Campaign	137		
Angel Fund	215		
Immac. Conception	812		

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

LAKE GENEVA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—PROJECT 2017 REPORT

Thank you to everyone who supported and volunteered with the Knights of Columbus at the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days on July 19, 20 & 21, 2016. The Lake Geneva Knights of Columbus collaborated with the Elkhorn Knights of Columbus over a year and a half ago to staff one food tent in May 2015. The profits from the sale of the food and beverages would be used for each of our charitable endeavors. We later picked up 3 beverage tents and 1 ice cream tent for this 3 day event. Over 150 individuals, working 1,350 hours, assisted in planning, set-up, parking, delivery, food prep, runners, cashiers, greeters, stockers, coordinators, ice cream, beverage and clean up/take down. Some people worked a few hours, some worked all 3 days of the event. Everyone's efforts made this a success. Extreme heat, questionable weather and less than anticipated attendance is a disappointment for the event.



Photo credit Jean Sigmund



Our combined efforts were rewarded with a check totaling **\$11,092.13**. The Elkhorn Knights of Columbus participated with 35% staffing, for **\$3,882.25**. The Lake Geneva Knights of Columbus participated with 65% staffing, for **\$7,209.88**. The Lake Geneva Knights of Columbus also staffed the Wursthau at the 2016 Walworth County Fair for one day, and earned **\$650.00**. We have combined all these funds, along with other earnings and bequests and were proud to present to Father Jim, at the KC breakfast on Dec. 11, a check for **\$10,020.17** to St. Francis de Sales Parish for Project 2017. Furthermore, we also presented a check the computer matching funds at our breakfast for the last five months for **\$710.50** to the St. Francis de Sales Parish School for computer and technology upgrades. Finally, the Lake Geneva Knights of

Columbus has just presented a check to the Lake Geneva Food Pantry just before Thanksgiving for **\$500.00**.

We are proud to have worked with so many fine people who shared their time and talent in these worthwhile projects. Thank you for your friendship, your devotion to these worthy causes, and your cooperation during this entire process. Each of you makes a wonderful contribution to our parish and community. NOTE: The KC December breakfast was the last breakfast of 2016. We hope to see you all at our next breakfast in 2017, on **Sunday, May 14, 2017**—Mother's Day, after the completed renovation of the church. The Lake Geneva Knights of Columbus wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and prosperous Happy New Year!

--Richard Kelman, Treasurer

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:

GENEROUS HEARTS



December 11, 2017

Thanks to all who have responded to our Generous Hearts Campaign. A little over 100 parish families have responded which is about 10% of our congregation. Those commitments reflect a forecast of about a \$17,000 increase in our offertory income to support our day to day expenses. Our goal is to triple that when the campaign ends at the end of this month. That means we need to hear from at least 200 more parish families. If you haven't responded, how can you make your commitment? You can send or bring back the card you received in the mail, text, go to our parish website and make an entry, or stop in to the parish office after Mass or during the week. Your new gift will allow us to continue to enhance our existing ministries and develop new ones for youth and adults. Again, thank you for your support!

-Fr. Jim

YEAR END TAX PLANNING – CONSIDER THIS...

Making Gifts of Stock or Securities to St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church

When you make a charitable gift of stock, held longer than one full year, you receive a charitable **income tax deduction** for up to 100% of the market value of the stock. This allows you to potentially avoid capital gains tax you would likely owe if the stock were sold.

It can also be an effective way to manage a Minimum Distribution Requirement for an IRA.

Forms are available in the parish office, or you can contact our Edward Jones financial advisor, Steven J. Lois, at (800) 588-8234 to help coordinate.

As always, please check with your tax advisor before entering into a gift arrangement.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI) has helped tens of thousands of marriages at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too! For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend in Benet Lake March 3-5, 2017, please call (414) 502-7685, email: lakeshore@retrouvaille.org or visit our website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>.



Project 2017

News, Upcoming Events & Project Updates

MOVE IT

As you know, the Project 2017 Church Renovation will be starting shortly after Christmas and will result in the church building being closed for construction. We will be having all of our Masses and church services in the Parish Center until Holy Week (about 3 1/2 months). We will be moving some things from the church to the center to create a temporary worship space. This will include the piano, the chairs, the hymnals, the stations of the cross, the chairs, the cantor stand, the Christmas trees/decorations, and more. We will have a moving day on **TUESDAY, DEC. 27**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If we have about 20 people it should go quickly...we will be well organized! This is a great opportunity for middle and high school kids to earn community service hours. We already have several people who have volunteered! If you can help, please sign up at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aaa622aafb6-move> or email Martha Cucco at stewardship@sfdslg.org by Dec. 20.

We will still be able to access the sacristy during most of the renovation, so ushers, altar servers, readers, EMHC, musicians, etc. will still be able to use that space as usual. There will be some situations that will arise where we'll all have to be flexible and have patience! A little sense of humor will go a long way!

After we move things from the church, the company will come who is refinishing the pews to dismantle them and take them off site for their makeover. After that the tile floor under the pews and asbestos will be removed, and then the scaffolding will be built for the artists to paint the ceilings and walls. We're on a tight schedule but will keep you informed of the progress. This is a very exciting time for our parish!!

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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