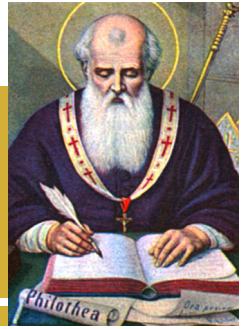


Welcome to the faith community of

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



December 25, 2016
Christmas

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...

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

WELCOME

Welcome at this special time of the year. Have you heard been away from the church and joined us here today to celebrate Christmas? Thank you for coming. We pray that you return.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

ADORATION NOTICE

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

CARING FOR THE ALTAR

12/26-12/31— Environment Committee
1/4-1/9— Environment Committee

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

12/27—TEAM 2 & TEAM 4 (Christmas & Sunday collections)
1/3—TEAM 3 (Tuesday)

PARISH OFFICE

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

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.

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

MONDAY, December 26, 2016

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 27, 2016

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2016

7:00 a.m. ☩ Communion Service

THURSDAY, December 29, 2016

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, December 30, 2016

7:00 a.m. ☩ Special Intentions of Healing Ministry

SATURDAY, December 31, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:15 p.m. ☩ Roger Nevin & Richard Folman

SUNDAY, January 1, 2016

7:30 a.m. All Parishioners
9:00 a.m. ☩ Ruth Mertz and Dan Corboy
10:30 a.m. Rodica Burce, Barbara Quincannon Bormes and Judy Eckert

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

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

Merry Christmas! Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who brings light and life into this world. As the prophet Isaiah foretold: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light... For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:1; 5)

Isaiah prophesied about the coming of the Messiah, and this prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, the Son of Mary, born in Bethlehem. What wonders this child will work! As Wonder-Counselor, he will guide his people along the right paths. As God-Hero, he will do battle with the powers of evil. As Father-Forever, he will provide for all those entrusted to him. As Prince of Peace he will establish and safeguard wholeness and harmony in all of creation.

The birth of Christ in Bethlehem brings light into the darkness of our troubled world. With a Child to lead us, we face our struggles with renewed hope. May the Prince of Peace bring healing and peace into our lives! A Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

God's Blessings,

Fr. Jim Schuerman

Queridos Miembros de la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales,

¡Feliz Día! Hoy celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo, quien nos da la luz y la vida. El profeta Isaías dijo: "El Pueblo de los que caminen en la noche, divisaron una luz grande...Porque un niño ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; se le pone en el hombro el distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre: 'Este es el Consejero admirable, el Héroe divino, el Padre que no muere, el Príncipe de la paz.'" (Isaías 9,1; 5)

Isaías profetizó de la futura venida del Mesías, y esta profecía se realiza en Jesús, el Hijo de María, nacido en Belén. El niño hará grandes cosas. Como Consejero admirable, guiará a su pueblo en caminos rectos. Como Héroe divino, hará batalla contra el mal. Como Padre que no muere, proveerá para los suyos. Como Príncipe de la paz, establecerá y guardará la armonía entre toda la creación.

El nacimiento de Cristo en Belén ilumina las tinieblas de este mundo. Con un Niño para guiarnos, podemos seguir luchando con esperanza. ¡Que el Príncipe de la Paz nos de alegría y paz! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Que Dios los bendiga,

Padre Jim Schuerman



Thanks to all who have responded to our Generous Hearts Campaign. As of Dec. 19, 170 parish families have responded which is approximately 18% of our congregation. Those commitments reflect a forecast of about a \$37,000 increase in our offertory income to support our day to day expenses. Our goal is to hear from 120 more parish families by the time the campaign ends at the end of this month. If you haven't responded, you should have received my third and final letter to you regarding the campaign this past week. How can you make your commitment? You can send or bring back the card you received in the mail, go to our parish website and make an entry, or contact the parish office. 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

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

All 8th-12th graders are invited to the STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE on July 21-23 at Carthage College. The registration deadline is Jan. 9. Please contact Katie Ploch at dre@sfdslg.org for more information

SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE - "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF POPE FRANCIS"

Argentina - April 18-28, 2017

Buenos Aires | Santa Susana | Tigre Delta | Colonia | Lujan

Join us for an informational meeting in the St. Benedict parish hall on Sunday, Jan. 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Brochures are located in the Narthex area of the church.



RADIO INTERVIEW

Fr. Jim was recently interviewed on Relevant Radio with Archbishop ListECKI and Fr. Jeff Haines. To hear it you can go to our website at sfdslg.org and click on "Living Our Faith". You'll learn more about our pastor and our patron saint, St. Francis de Sales.



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.

THE WEEK AHEAD – DEC. 25 TO JAN. 1

- Sun – Have a Blessed Christmas!
- Mon –
- Tues – Church renovation begins!
- Wed –
- Thurs –
- Sat – 9:30 AA
- Sun – Happy New Year!

Stewardship Treasure

Giving Period & Method	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Under)
Weekend of December 18			
Envelope	8,509	7,971	538
Offertory	1,181	2,721	(1,540)
Elect. Fund Transfer	0	0	0
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	1,133	1,000	133
Total	10,823	11,692	(869)
Year to Date (07/01/16 to 12/18/16)			
Envelope	179,665	203,820	(24,155)
Offertory	68,390	68,029	361
Elect. Fund Transfer	24,057	22,875	1,182
OnLine (sfdslg.org)	36,271	25,000	11,271
Total	308,383	319,724	(11,341)
Other Weekend Giving			
Capital Campaign	35		
Angel Fund	65		
Human Concerns	743		
Our Lady of Guadalupe	440		

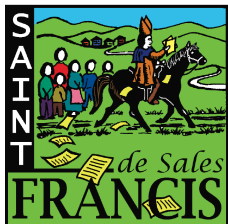
Please consider OnLine giving by navigating to www.sfdslg.org, clicking on the DONATE icon and signing up today!

PROJECT 2017 GIVING



Monetary/Stock Pledges:	\$2,073,805.14
In-Kind Donations:	\$31,640.00
Total Pledges to Date:	\$2,105,445.14
Payments Received:	\$975,894.53

Only 300 tickets sold!



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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

CHRISTMAS 2016

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, we concluded an incredibly rich and fruitful Jubilee Year of Mercy. Catholics throughout the world were called upon to not only reflect on how God has shown mercy in their lives, but more importantly, how we as followers can show mercy to others.

As we celebrate Christmas, I can't help but reflect on how God showed mercy to us by sending his beloved Son to earth. A child that was to be a savior for all – lowly shepherds and wealthy kings, tax collectors and widows, lepers and prophets – through a beloved act of mercy, all were given the chance of eternal life. It is a gift that kept on giving.

This Christmas, keep in mind that we – you and I – are the face of the Child Jesus to all those we meet. Whether it is your mother-in-law, your elderly neighbor, co-worker, sibling or child, each interaction has the potential to spread the light of Christ to others. What a wonderful gift we can share.

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and blessings for a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI
Archbishop of Milwaukee

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

“Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.” (Ephesians 1:3)

With these timeless words St. Paul beautifully captures the meaning of the Christmas season for all of us!

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas season, happiness and health. And may Jesus' special Peace grace your Christmastime and ever afterwards!

I hope to visit my family and friends in Michigan during the Christmas season. May the blessings of the Holy Family grace your New Year, and...“God bless us everyone!”

In His love,

Fr. Gary D. Nowicki



Project 2017

News, Upcoming Events & Project Updates

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

This is not what you're thinking, our church building actually needed a different kind of support...as in structural support! Several years ago a structural engineering study was done by a professional company that essentially said that the building was in good shape. However, they pointed out some areas in the basement that could use attention as some iron posts were beginning to rust and some very old supporting timbers were showing their age.

In addition, we had reports from some parishioners that the floor had some “give” to it in an area near the altar by the communion line. We also had some concerns about installing the new tile flooring which would have more weight as well as the weight of scaffolding and equipment that will be used during construction.



We are again very fortunate to have a parishioner with skill and expertise! Chris Weber, from Weber Builders Concrete Contractors, came in and reinforced the area under the church with several columns and footings.

While not the most beautiful photos you'll see of Project 2017, we thought it was important for you to be able view some of the work that was done. Chris also patched the concrete by the stairway at the Highway 50 entrance where the railings were loose and the steps were coming apart before the weather got cold. He donated much of the labor on the project as his “in-kind” contribution to Project 2017. Thank you Chris for all of your help and for getting it done right!





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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!!

THANK YOU

As you have heard by now, Project 2017 surpassed all of our financial goals with many wonderful monetary pledges. What you might not realize is that there have been some parishioners who have made "in kind" donations...that of materials or labor. They have generously shared their time or talent to contribute to the renovation.

Jim Giese is one of those guys. He and his wife Cathy have been parishioners since 1972. "When I heard about this, I realized it was time for me to... step up", he said. And step up he did!

Jim has worked in the upholstery business, at first for Geneva Upholstering and then for himself, basically all of his adult life.



Jim is donating his labor of reupholstering over 100 chairs that grace our chapel and church! With fabric ordered and provided by SFDS to match our new color scheme, Jim is giving the chairs a new look as well as replacing the padding. "They really needed it," said Jim. "In some cases the padding had turned to dust."

Jim has come for several weeks now and picked up 6 or so chairs at a time, redone them, and returned them, only to pick up six more with his truck.

As you can see from the photos, the update makes the chairs look brand new. Thank you, Jim, for bringing your expertise to help with the church renovation!



YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their relationships. This program has helped countless couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning March 3-5, 2017, with a weekend in Benet Lake, call (414) 502-7685 or email: lakeshore@retrouvaille.org or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

All articles for the bulletin must be emailed to bulletin@sfdslg.org or submitted in writing to the parish office. The deadline is at noon on Monday. Thank you!

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).

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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