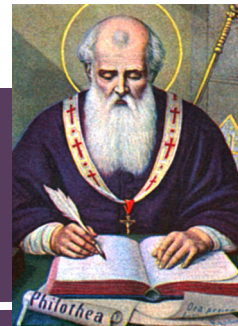


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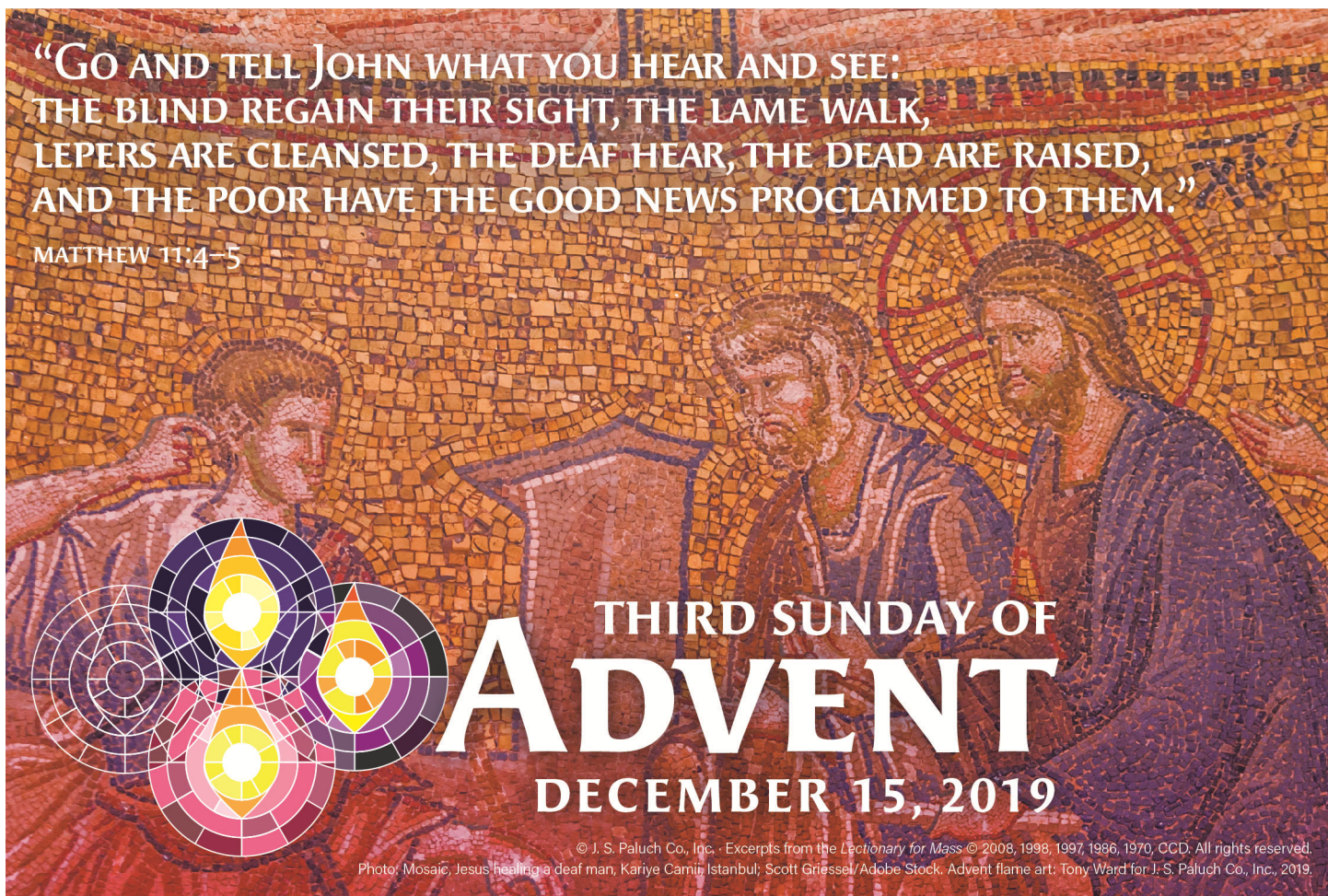
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We, the community of St. Francis de Sales Parish, seek to **LIVE JESUS** through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit by ministering to the needs of our brothers and sisters through Word, Worship, Education and Service.

“GO AND TELL JOHN WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE:
THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT, THE LAME WALK,
LEPERS ARE CLEANSED, THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED,
AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED TO THEM.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2019

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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: Tuesday, Wednesday (*summer*), Thursday and Friday, 7:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; Sunday, 4:00-4:45 p.m. (Bilingual); or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

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Fridays, 7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.;
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Bill Bokina	Kellanna Glasby
Eric Thornburgh	Douglas Adams
Nancy Allen	Jimmy Mansky
Joan and Gerry Nobiling	Joan Tegan
Karen Buhmann	Karen Hess
Robert Haneman	Ray Lucivansky
Nathan Dyer	Tom Peck
Cindy	Mary Huml Conway
Nancy Hart	Jean Bradley
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EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

As the holidays approach, please take note of the early bulletin submission dates for December. Thank you!

December Early Deadlines:

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Bulletin for Dec. 22, 2019 is due

Monday, Dec. 16 Bulletin for Dec. 29, 2019 is due

Monday, Dec. 22 Bulletin for Jan. 5, 2020 is due

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Christmas Schedule...

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Individual Confessions:

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 12-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

3 p.m. (Children's Mass): Father Mark

4:30 p.m. Father Sergio

7:00 p.m. (Spanish): Father Sergio

10:00 p.m. Bishop James Schuerman

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.: Father Sergio

10:00 a.m.: Father Sergio

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 14, 2019

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:15 p.m. All Parishioners

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

7:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the George Leedle Family and Tim King (*School Mass*)

9:00 a.m. † Henry & Louella Rogers and Thad & Mary Bednarz

10:30 a.m. † Peter and Patty Garvy and Intentions of Mary Huml Conway

5:00 p.m. † Rosalina Sanchez (*Spanish Mass*)

MONDAY, December 16, 2019

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 17, 2019

7:00 a.m. † Catherine Sesselman

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2019

9:00 a.m. † Eleanor Gerald

THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

7:00 a.m. † Anna Marie Mulligan

FRIDAY, December 20, 2019

7:00 a.m. † Mary McCole

SATURDAY, December 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:15 p.m. † John & Rita Leahy and Syvilla Kestel

SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

7:30 a.m. † Richard Folman, Tony & Mary Stec and Eugene & Lucille Navin

9:00 a.m. † Ron Pankau and Deceased Members of Comstock Family and Antoinette Hibbard

10:30 a.m. † Delores Schweitzer

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

THE WEEK AHEAD
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
DEC. 15—DEC. 22

- Sun** – 7:30 School Mass
 9:00 REP Gr. 5K-5
 7:00 Posadas
- Mon** – 7:00 Posadas
 7:00 Advent Book Study
 7:00 Spanish Prayer Group
- Tues** – 7:30-7:00 Adoration
 12:00-1:00 Reconciliation
 5:00 Rosary
 6:00-7:00 Reconciliation
 6:30 Spanish RCIA
 7:00 Posadas
 7:00 Emmaus Men and Women
 7:30 Men's Group
- Wed** – 11:30 Shepherds of Christ
 4:00 Church Cleaning
 6:30 KC District Meeting
 7:00 Contemporary Choir
 7:00 Posadas
- Thurs** – 6:00 School Christmas Concert
 7:00 Posadas
- Fri** – 7:00 Legion of Mary
 7:00 Posadas
- Sat** – 9:30 AA
 11:00 Spanish Baptisms
 7:00 Posadas
- Sun** – 6:30 High School REP
 7:00 Posadas

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE

12/16-12/21—Donna Jaros
 12/23-12/28—Pat Cramer

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

12/16-TEAM 1
 12/23-TEAM 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 (262) 248-8524 or email bulletin@sfdslg.org.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Born to eternal rest
Sandra Brieschke

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

Stewardship Treasure

Giving Method	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Under)
Weekend of December 8			
Envelope & Checks	5,288	9,237	(3,949)
Offertory Cash	1,862	2,462	(600)
Electronic	5,529	3,061	2,468
Total	12,679	14,760	(2,081)

Year to Date (07/01/19 to 12/08/19)

Envelope & Checks	158,832	170,183	(11,351)
Offertory Cash	57,261	70,029	(12,768)
Electronic	72,568	71,437	1,132
Total	288,661	311,649	(22,988)

Other Weekend Giving

Capital	86
Angel Fund	294
Human Concerns	5



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FAITH WITH A FACE - SARAH GRAY

By Gwen Faust

Sarah Gray is multi-talented. Among her many gifts, she has the voice of an angel, a keen eye for decorating, and a gift for recognizing talent.

Her glorious voice can be heard in song as a cantor and as a member of the St. Francis de Sales Sunday morning 10:30 Chorale. She also is responsible for decorating the church as the chair of the Art and Environment Committee. And, she enjoys inviting people to volunteer to serve the church.

Growing up in Kenosha County, Sarah began singing in high school. She is the oldest of seven children, all who can carry a tune, according to Sarah. She attended St. John's Catholic Grade School and graduated from Central High School in Paddock Lake.

Following high school, Sarah became a certified dental assistant. She practiced this profession for 20 years in Kenosha. During this time, she was blessed with two sons, Matt and Jake. But, while she was busy keeping a warm and comfortable home for her family, she wasn't singing.

"I didn't sing again until my boys were old enough to behave in church alone," Sarah said with a smile.

That time would come at St. Francis Xavier Church in Brighton. She became a cantor and was active in parish work, including serving on the parish council. She also made a big change in her professional life. She left dental work and became the Director of Administrative Services at two Wisconsin Catholic parishes.

About 15 years ago, Sarah decided to join the St. Francis de Sales community. She continued as a cantor and became involved with the 10:30 Chorale.

Sarah considers her role as a cantor a joy and said, "You can feel the Spirit working through you when the congregation responds. My role is to encourage everyone else to sing."

Always eager to lend a helping hand, along with lifting her voice in song, Sarah became chair of the Art and Environment Committee about 10 years ago. She is responsible for decorating the church to enhance people's prayer experience.

When asked what her favorite times of the year are for decorating the church, she thought about it while taking a sip of her beloved Diet Coke. "Christmas and Easter," she answered.

She particularly likes the quiet moments leading up to midnight Mass at Christmas, "when the trees are lit, but the lights are dim." She also sparkles, when reminiscing about the lights being turned on at the Easter Vigil and "all of the candles and flowers are on display."

Another aspect of her church ministry work that Sarah relishes is encouraging other people to volunteer. She likes to recognize a gift in someone and then encourage him or her to use their gift to serve St. Francis de Sales. For example, when she hears someone near her singing beautifully at Mass, she invites that person to join a choir. She feels that a "personal invitation is the most effective way to encourage volunteerism."

When Sarah has time for herself, she likes to travel, especially to warm places, and bike on trails along Lake Michigan. She also has a new role that she is enjoying, being a grandmother. Her son, Matt, and his wife, Aggie, recently welcomed their son, Liam, into the world.

In addition, Sarah has a new job in her active life. She is the Director of Finance for Gesu Church, which is located on the Marquette University campus in Milwaukee.

From singing to decorating to volunteer recruiting, we thank you, Sarah. You have enriched all of our lives with your caring and giving spirit.



THANK YOU

A Huge Thank-you to our big-hearted parishioners:

- Who brought articles of warm winter outerwear
- Who purchased so many new items of outerwear
- Who collected new personal products
- Who have delivered the heavy groceries to the Food Pantry weekly
- Who have given financial support for our many projects such as the Spirit of Hope Men's Shelter,
- the Tree House and the New Day Women's Center (formerly Pregnancy Helpline)
- Who knitted those many beautiful articles

St. Francis de Sales parish is so grateful for your generosity.

~ Submitted by your Human Concerns Committee

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020 ministry schedules can be found on the St. Francis de Sales Parish website. Thank you!

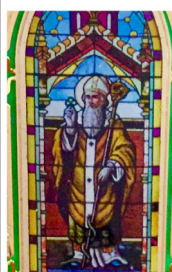


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ST FRANCIS DE SALES MEN'S GROUP

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the St Francis de Sales Men's Group began our current study series entitled "The Bible and the Virgin Mary," produced by Dr. Scott Hahn's St Paul Center. We invite all men to join us for this weekly study program. We'll meet every Tuesday night from 7:30-9 p.m. (excluding 12/24, 1/31, and any snow days). Even if you missed the first meeting or are only able to attend occasionally, note that each week's lesson is independent – no need to worry about missing meetings.

We hope you'll join us on this journey into Sacred Scripture and Tradition. For any questions, please contact Tom Murray (312-339-5951).



ADVENT ADVENTURE CHALLENGE ANSWERS

1. The Star of Bethlehem is the correct answer
2. Only the gospels of Mathew and Luke relate the story of Jesus' birth.
3. The Jewish meaning of Joshua most closely translate to Savior—"one who rescues"
4. Italy - St. Francis of Assisi built the first creche as a backdrop for a Christmas Mass in the town square.
5. We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.
6. An angel told Joseph to do this. Herod, obsessed with destroying the prophesied new king of the Jews, ordered that boys born around this time be killed so that the prophecy could not be fulfilled. Joseph was protecting Jesus and Mary by taking them to Egypt.
7. The Jesse tree traces the genealogy of Jesus. Twenty-five ornaments with symbols which depict biblical stories from creation to the birth of Jesus trace the incidents and prophets that led to Jesus and the fulfillment of the salvation story.
8. There is no set length of time for Advent. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew (November 30). Advent could be anywhere from 22 to 28 days.
9. Frankincense is symbolic of religious celebrations and is associated with divinity. Gold was a traditional gift for a king. Myrrh is a special oil often used for burial preparation and was symbolic of Jesus' humanity.
10. The first Sunday of Advent also begins a new Church liturgical year.
11. The use of a wreath with candles had been part of religious celebrations for hundreds of years. Christian missionaries in the Middle ages began using the wreath as a symbol of "waiting" connected to Christmas.
12. St. Boniface, the newly consecrated bishop of all of Germany, rescued a young boy who was about to be sacrificed to the pagan god Thor. He struck down an oak tree used in pagan worship and saw a fir tree. He told the people, "Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather around it, not in the wild woods, but in your own homes. There it will be shelter for gifts and acts of kindness."

DIACONATE DISCERNMENT

Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon? The Church calls men to be deacons "in-service" to the People of God. If you are a man (married or single), that feels this call and wants to know more, please contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org. You can also go to the Inquiry for Discernment program. The schedule of the sessions can be found at: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm>

The advertisement features a priest in a dark blue cassock holding a tablet. The text is overlaid on the image.

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR JOY?

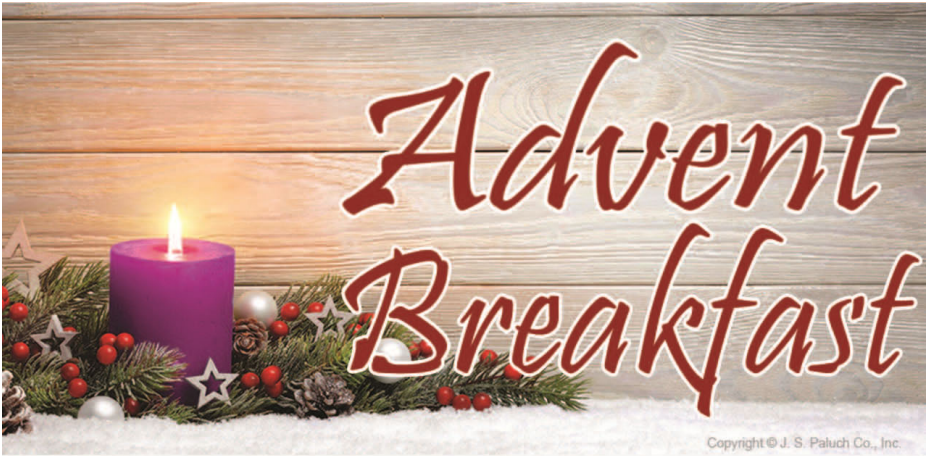
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The Human Concerns committee has placed envelopes at the entrances of the church if you would like to donate to help those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless You.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019
St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Treat the whole family to a delicious breakfast buffet, including:
fresh-from-the-griddle pancakes, fluffy scrambled eggs, home-style potatoes,
farm-fresh bacon, sausage and a beverage of choice.

\$7.00 - Adult \$6.00 - Senior 65 & up
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CHRISTMAS BAKE SHOPPE & POINSETTIA SALE
Delicious homemade Christmas baked goodies will be available along
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50/50 Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$20 an arm span (Arm span sales available on day of event only)
Winner will be announced during the breakfast - winner need not be present to win

POSADAS
ALL ARE WELCOME

Our Hispanic community invites you to come and experience! Las **Posadas**, (“The Inns”) is religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States. Las **Posadas** commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

Here is the schedule posadas:
12/15 Emmaus Women
12/16 Prayer Group
12/17 Intercession Group
12/18 MEC and Readers
12/20 Legion of Mary
12/21 Choirs
12/22 Emmaus Men
* All will start at 7:00 p.m. except for Sundays when it will start right after 5:00 p.m. Mass

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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. 23. **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:

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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

Quinceaneras, presentaciones y bodas: Comuniquese con Antonia Mata: 262-812-4047; Bautismo: Esmeralda Perez (224) 806-6307

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