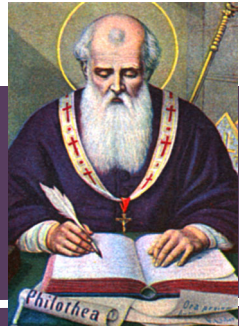


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We, the community of St. Francis de Sales Parish, seek to **LIVE JESUS** through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit by ministering to the needs of our brothers and sisters through Word, Worship, Education and Service.

BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL,
WHICH MEANS "GOD IS WITH US."

MATTHEW 1:23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019



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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

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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Nancy Allen	Jimmy Mansky
Joan and Gerry Nobiling	Joan Tegan
Karen Buhmann	Karen Hess
Robert Haneman	Ray Lucivansky
Nathan Dyer	Tom Peck
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Beth McKee	Donovan Johnson
Camille	Lauren and T.J.
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George and Cheryl	Connie Cook
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Geoffrey Abbott	Sandy and Tim Haggerty
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Mary E. Koutsky	Marie Rowickie

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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night</u> : Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn</u> : Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day</u> : Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

It takes many people sharing of their time and talent to have good prayer experiences. I would personally like to thank:

- Prayer & Worship Committee
 - Art & Environment
 - Church Cleaning Crew
 - Altar Society
 - Eucharistic Ministers
 - Readers
 - Music Ministry - Cantors, Adult Choir, Contemporary Choir, Children's Choir, Musicians
 - Servers
 - Ushers
 - Greeters
 - Fr. Sergio
 - Parish Staff
- Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Mark

MASS INTENTIONS

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*)

MONDAY, December 23, 2019

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, December 24, 2019

3:00 p.m. All Parishioners

4:30 p.m. All Parishioners

7:00 p.m. All Parishioners

10:00 p.m. All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, December 25, 2019

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners

10:00 a.m. All Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 26, 2019

7:00 a.m. † Marcie & Donald Douglas

FRIDAY, December 27, 2019

7:00 a.m. † Marcie & Donald Douglass

SATURDAY, December 28, 2019

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

5:15 p.m. † Kathleen Arenz and Dr. Harold Kestel

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

7:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Greer, Margaret Downing and Jerry Gutkowski

9:00 a.m. † Chet & Josie Price and Greg Desecki

10:30 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

THE WEEK AHEAD
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
DEC. 22—DEC. 29

- Sun** – 6:30 High School REP
 7:00 Posadas
- Mon** – 6:00 Church Decorating
 7:00 Posadas
 7:00 Advent Book Study
- Tues** – Office Closed
- Wed** – Christmas Blessings!
- Thurs** – Office Closed
 Church Closed After 7:00 Mass
- Fri** –
- Sat** – 9:30 AA
 10:00 Spanish Baptismal Preparation

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:

12/22 Emmaus Men

* Posadas will start right after 5:00 p.m. Mass

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE

12/23-12/28—Pat Cramer

12/30-1/4—Maureen Allenstein

COUNTING CONTRIBUTIONS

12/23-TEAM 2

12/30-TEAM 3

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.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Children’s Mass--*Fr. Mark*

4:30 p.m. Mass--*Fr. Sergio*

7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass--*Fr. Sergio*

(9:30 p.m. Music Prelude for Midnight Mass)

10:00 p.m. Traditional Midnight Mass--

Bishop James Schuerman

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir--*Fr. Sergio*

10:00 a.m. Chorale--*Fr. Sergio*



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LETTER FROM FR. MARK

Dear Parishioners,

In case you haven't heard, there will be some changes at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Representatives from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Priest Personnel Office have met with the Parish Leadership Team and me. Archbishop ListECKI has decided that beginning the 3rd Tuesday in June of 2020 (near the end of the fiscal year) I will no longer be pastor of SFdS. Rather I will only be pastor of St. Benedict Parish, and I will be by myself.

SFdS is currently "Open Listed", which means any priest currently serving in the Milwaukee Archdiocese can "throw their hat in the ring". Fr. Sergio is currently meeting with the Superior of his Order, and with the Priest Personnel Office to determine his future.

It's not that I prefer one parish over the other. For example – who is your favorite child? I love both parishes tremendously. What it came down to is the Archdiocese recognized the need at SFdS for a bilingual pastor to meet the growing needs of the Hispanic Community. Unfortunately, I am not fluent in Spanish.

Traditionally the Archdiocese has the new assignments for priests listed in May. As soon as I know who is coming to SFdS I will let you know. Also, as soon as I learn where Fr. Sergio is going, I will also inform you.

Please keep the entire community of SFdS in your prayers during this time of transition.

Advent Blessings...Fr. Mark

AMAZON PRIME

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WHY WE SAY THE ST. MICHAEL PRAYER.

Pope Leo XIII, realizing by divine enlightenment the present and future struggles of the church against the powers of hell, felt convinced that through the intervention of St. Michael, hell would be conquered and the church restored to peace and liberty. He composed a prayer in honor of the warrior-Archangel and ordered it to be recited daily after Mass in all the churches throughout the Christian world, which practice has been kept to this day.

The circumstances which led to this course of action on the part of the saintly Pontiff are as follows: One day after having celebrated the Mass, the Pontiff was in conference with the Cardinals. Suddenly he sank to the floor in a deep swoon. Physicians who hastened to his side feared that he had already expired, for they could find no pulse. However, after a short interval, the Holy Father rallied and exclaimed. " Oh, what a horrible picture I have been permitted to see!"

He had been shown the tremendous activities of the evil spirits and their efforts against the church. But in the midst of this vision of horror he had beheld the consoling vision of the glorious Archangel Michael, who had appeared and cast Satan and his legions back into the abyss of hell.

Soon afterwards he composed the prayer: St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do Thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Daily this powerful petition rises heavenward throughout the world and we may believe that in answer to this plea the great Archangel hastens to the aid of the Bride of Christ, the Church.

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WHAT SHE
SAW CHANGED
EVERYTHING

UNPLANNED

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS MOVIE:

UNPLANNED Jan 23rd 7:00pm
at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Lake Geneva. Under 18 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent to attend this movie screening.

The Story: All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

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).



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

SAINT CLARE CENTER AT CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

Are you feeling called to learn more and do more?

The Saint Clare Center at Cardinal Stritch University provides education for lay Catholics who want to grow in faith and renew the church. Our Saturday Institute is a non-credit program that combines theology, spirituality, and ministry. Courses meet six Saturdays a semester. Our students are a wide range of adult Catholics from around the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are called to be one of them! For more information, visit www.stritch.edu/SaintClareCenter or call 414-410-4353.

CHRISTMAS 2019

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This verse from John's Gospel beautifully depicts the wonder, awe and joy of Christmas, for God has *made his dwelling among us*. What we celebrate is truly remarkable. Our God is not distant, removed, or even unfamiliar to us. Rather, our God is personal, interested and devoted to each one of us.

The scene at Bethlehem on that first Christmas night may appear to be quite different from the Christmas scenes you and I will celebrate with family and friends, but little has changed in 2,000 years. Our world is still marked by suffering and pain; people are still swept away from believing by doubt and despair; and the busyness and distractions of this life still offer little room for faith and devotion. Yet, God still dwells among us; we still see *his glory...full of grace and truth*. Each Christmas, our hearts become the little manger in Bethlehem, welcoming God in the most humble of surroundings.

There is not a more worthy place for God to dwell than in a heart fully given to Him. This is the greatest "gift-exchange" imaginable: He offers us His life and we offer Him our love. During this blessed Christmas season, I pray that all of us, together, can more fully enter into this exchange. Let us approach the sacraments with new fervor and devotion. Let us reach out of our comfortable lifestyles and give to those less fortunate. Let us, united in the love of Christ, seek to share that love with those who have yet to encounter it. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI Archbishop of Milwaukee

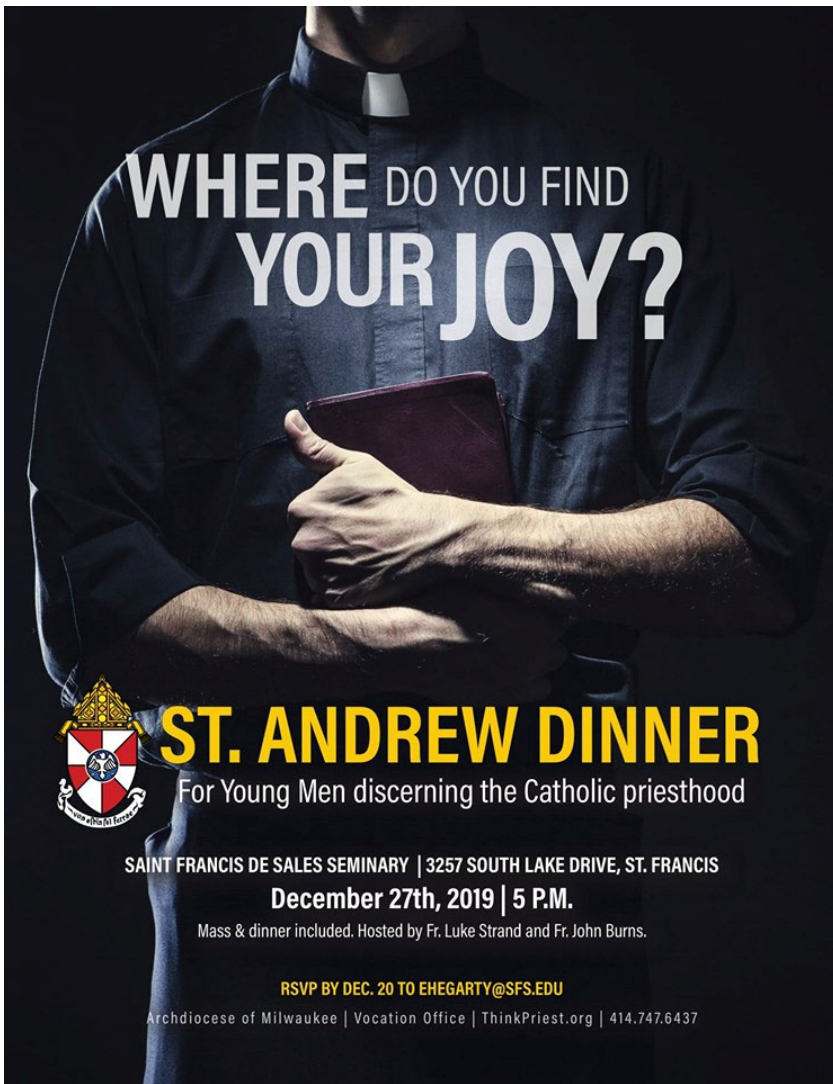
HELPING THOSE IN NEED

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.

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>

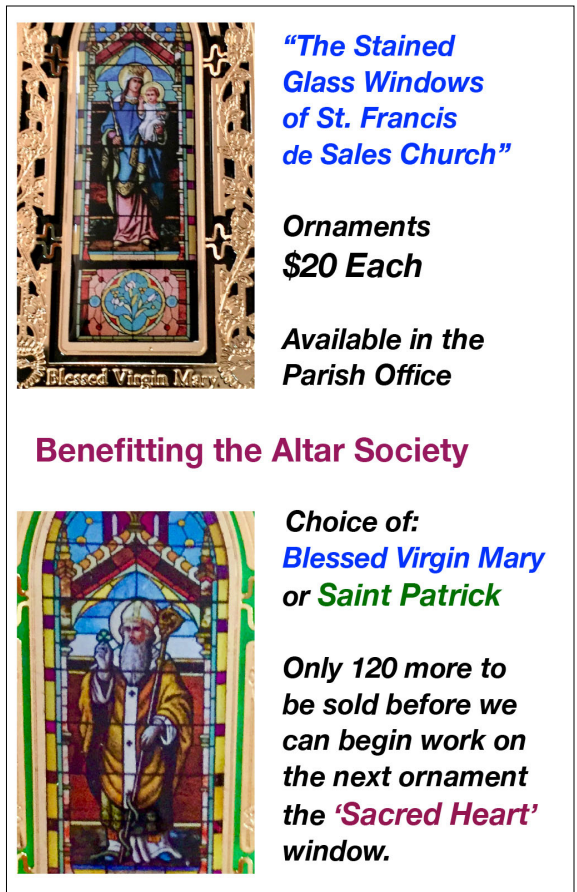
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The Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020 ministry schedules can be found on the St. Francis de Sales Parish website. Thank you!

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

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