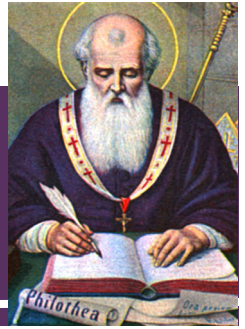


Welcome to the faith community of

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN



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.



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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Schedule

Mass of Anticipation: Saturday, 5:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

Daily Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 8:45 a.m.; Wednesday & Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Following 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday & Friday and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Spanish Speaking Confessions will be the Second and Fourth Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

By Phone: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Walk-in: Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Mary Cherney	James Paese
Robert Riley	Mark Voltz
Juliana H. Carpenter	Kellana Gladsby
Maryann Doornbos	Clarence Read
Margie Detloff	Vincent McClain
Arthur Waldoch	Tom Leedle
Sandy and Tim Haggerty	Dorcas Breuninger
Chris Bettis	Bobby Zagrodnik & Family
Debbie Mickelski	AnneMarie Janikowski
Kevin Rowickie	Edward Czerwinski
Marie Rowickie	Hannah Palmer
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Aiden Conway	Gervaise (Bunny) Lauf
Karen Buhmann	Kaylee
Donovan Johnson	Deneen Calvello
Cheryl and George	Patsy Dunlop Scialabba
Samantha Rowley	Anita Segal
Jim and Nancy Allen	John
Joan and Gerry Nobiling	Nancy McGann
Stuart Jossart	Dave McGann
Keira Taylor	Morgan Scott
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EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Due to the approaching holidays, there will be early bulletin submission dates. Below are the submission deadlines. All articles for the bulletin must be emailed to bulletin@sfdslg.org or submitted in writing to the parish office. Thank you!

December early deadlines:

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Articles for Dec. 27 Bulletin is due
Monday, Dec. 21 - Articles for Jan. 2 Bulletin is due

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

No Communal because of Covid

Our Regular times are:

Saturdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday about 8:00 a.m.
(after 7:30 a.m. Mass)

Additional

Dec. 22 & 23rd 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

MASKS REQUIRED AT MASS

Sat: 5:15pm, Sun: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

We will be continuing to record Mass for those who are unable to attend due to health risk,
Please find the recorded Mass on our Facebook page.

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE

12/21-12/26—Pat Cramer

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Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	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]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 19, 2020

5:15 p.m. ✠ Intentions of Linda Cavaliere
Anna Marie Mulligan

SUNDAY, December 20, 2020

7:30 a.m. ✠ Del Krohn & Debbie Krohn, Tim King
9:00 a.m. ✠ Jack Poholarz
10:30 a.m. ✠ Delores Schweitzer, Charlie Moelter
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

MONDAY, December 14, 2020

TUESDAY, December 22, 2020

8:45 a.m. All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020

7:30 a.m. ✠ Frank Stephen

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020

4:00 p.m. All Parishioners
5:15 p.m. All Parishioners
6:30 p.m. All Parishioners
8:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)
10:00 p.m. All Parishioners

FRIDAY, December 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners
10:00 a.m. All Parishioners

SATURDAY, December 26, 2020

5:15 p.m. ✠ Dominick Cavaliere

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020

7:30 a.m. ✠ Deceased Members of the George Leedle Family
9:00 a.m. ✠ Bob Krawisz
10:30 a.m. All Parishioners
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners (*Spanish Mass*)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SUBSTITUTES

We're in need of substitutes for an hour on Tuesdays, during the day, to keep Our Lord company during Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at 10 am. Please contact the parish office at 262-248-8524 if you may be available. Thank you...Our Lord will richly bless you!

ELVES NEEDED

As the generous donations come to the parish for those in need, we could use some good-hearted volunteers to load these in their vehicles and deliver to the various facilities. Please leave your name and phone number in the office if your family is willing to help.

~ Submitted by the Human Concerns Committee



SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES



Sign-up to gauge how numbers are going for the Masses especially the 4:00 & 5:15pm Masses on Christmas Eve. You will find this either on our Facebook Page,

our Parish website, Fr. Ray's Newsletter or the address here in the bulletin (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aaa622aafb6-christmas>). Again once we get to a certain number we will let people know how full that Mass is so you can figure out what Mass to attend. As you can see we have six Masses in English, one in Spanish and could add another Mass if need be. Know you are in our prayers and thoughts. Please sign up soon so we can get the information out to help people decide. Blessing in this Advent Season. Fr. Ray

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST DAYS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m., Sign-up Genius to let people know numbers at that Mass

5:15 p.m., Sign-up Genius to let people know numbers at that Mass

6:30 p.m., No sign-up

8:00 p.m. (Spanish) No sign-up

and 10:00 p.m. No sign-up

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 a.m. No sign-up

10:00 a.m. No sign-up

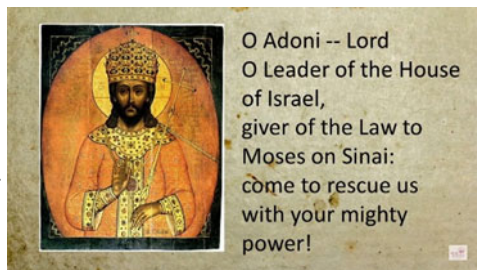
THANKFUL FOR YOU!

Those children who are now enjoying the new coats, hats, scarves and gloves you donated in October are feeling warm and cared for. We hope you feel the same God's blessings on you and yours during this wonderful season.
~ Submitted by your parish's Human Concerns Committee



"O ANTIPHONS"

This past Thursday we began the celebration of the "O Antiphons" These are the beautiful titles of the coming Messiah as found in the writings of



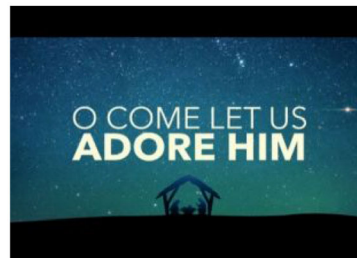
the Prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures. Spend some time to Celebrate and reflect on these many titles of Jesus on these last few days of the Advent Season.

- 17 December: O Sapientia (*O Wisdom*)
- 18 December: O Adonai (*O Lord*)
- 19 December: O Radix Jesse (*O Root of Jesse*)
- 20 December: O Clavis David (*O Key of David*)
- 21 December: O Oriens (*O Dayspring*)
- 22 December: O Rex Gentium (*O King of the Nations*)
- 23 December: O Emmanuel (*O With Us is God*)



Visit the St. Francis de Sales Live Nativity and Donate to

St. John the Baptist Academy
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Student Wish List:

Small Draw-string Backpacks, Pencils, Sharpeners, Erasers, Markers, Crayons, Rulers, Simple Calculators, Hair Combs, Travel Shampoos, Wash Cloths



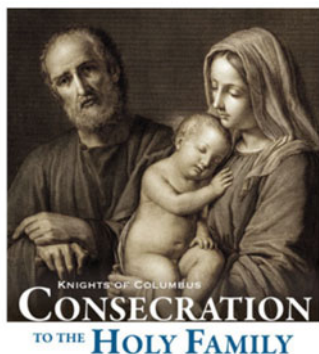
Donations are accepted from December 14-December 21. Thank you!

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Archbishop William Lori of the Knights of Columbus has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer we at St. Francis de Sales on the Feast of the Holy Family December 27th, will ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

Our Knights will guide our parish and community to understand and offer this prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love and at this time in the United States his Hope through the prayers and actions of His Church. Join us on the Feast of the Holy Family.

There are hand-outs from the Knights on their website. Please follow this link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html>. Then hit the box on the left that says **resources**. God Bless to all our Families, Fr. Ray



JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

As we continue our celebration of Advent here are a few more names and the symbols that go with them. We now begin to add the direct relatives of Jesus to the Tree. People like Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth to name just a few. Sometimes close friends of Jesus are added at this time of the fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary: Lilly or rose **Joseph:** A L shape ruler or staff **Elizabeth:** a baby's blanket **Zechariah:** Menorah **John the Baptist:** Camel hair coat **Peter:** A fishing net **Matthew:** scale for coins **Andrew:** a boat **Mark:** A Lion **Nicodemus:** A Scroll **Phillip:** loaf of Bread



SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

The bishops of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be offering, "Sunday Reflections," to help us understand the spiritual dimension of the crisis we are going through. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.archmil.org/Daily-Reflection>.

Experience the Exciting Live Story of the Birth of Jesus.



We invite you to make this Community Outreach Program part of your Christmas Celebration!

Featuring:

- Live Actors and Chorus
- Bi-lingual Narration
- Liturgical Dancers
- And Music to sing along with your favorite Christmas hymns.

OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY

St. Francis de Sales

Saturday, December 19th - 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 20th - 4:15 pm and 5:50 pm

Located on the front lawn of the parish. There will be plenty of room to safely view the manger.
Please feel free to bring your own chair!

Emocionante! En Vivo la Historia del Nacimiento de Jesús.



Los Invitamos a hacer este Programa de Comunidad parte de su Celebración Navideña!

Presentando:

- Personajes en vivo y coro
- Narración bilingüe
- Danza Litúrgica
- Música para cantar juntos con himnos navideños favoritos.

AFUERA NATIVIDAD VIVIENTE

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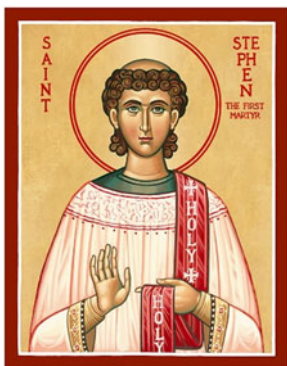
Sábado, 19 de diciembre - 6:00 pm

Domingo, 20 de diciembre - 4:15 pm y 5:50 pm

Ubicado en el jardín de la parroquia. Habrá mucho espacio para ver todo con espacio social.
Por favor traer su propia silla!

FEAST OF ST. STEVE THE FIRST SAINTS CELEBRATED AFTER CHRISTMAS

This Saturday after Christmas Day, Dec 26, is the day we honor St. Stephen, because today is the day Almighty God, in His mercy, restored the power of the First Martyr to us. All we know about him comes from the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6, 7 and 8. But there is another story about St. Stephen.



In 415, a priest named Lucian was sleeping in the baptistry of his church located about 20 miles from Jerusalem. One night, when he was half awake, he saw an elderly man walking toward him, calling him by name. "I am Gamaliel," the old man said, "who instructed the apostle Paul in the law."

You'll find Gamaliel mentioned in Acts, too 22:3 where St. Paul says that he studied the law "at the feet of Gamaliel." It was Gamaliel who saved the lives of St. Peter and St. John when they appeared before the high priest and the Sadducees. The Sadducees wanted to execute the apostles, but Gamaliel advised caution. Regarding this teaching about Jesus, he said, "If this plan or this understanding is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them."

There is an ancient tradition that Gamaliel secretly became a Christian. In his appearance to Lucian, Gamaliel told him the location of the tomb of St. Stephen, which had been lost and forgotten for centuries. After Stephen's martyrdom, Gamaliel had the body brought to his estate in Caphargamala (modern-day Beir Jimal, Israel) and buried in a tomb he had prepared for himself and his family. The lost tomb was not far from Lucian's church.

Then Gamaliel revealed something else—he and Nicodemus, the man who came to Christ by night to satisfy himself that Jesus was the Messiah, and assisted Joseph of Arimathea in taking Christ's body down from the cross and burying it in Joseph's tomb, was also buried with Stephen (when the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem drove Nicodemus out of the city as a traitor to their faith, Gamaliel sheltered Nicodemus until the good man died). And Gamaliel was buried in the same spot, too.

Dear Parishioners

As I look at this past year beginning with the celebrations of Christmas on the North Shore of Milwaukee, then Covid and all of the directives of not being able to do this or that, and finally transferring to St. Francis de Sales, I have to say it has been a very interesting year. But as always isn't every year an interesting year? More significantly Is it not how we deal with each year no matter what comes that is the essential aspect of life.

And so on this Christmas as I look at a child who had no place to lay his head, a child as Simeon would say to his parents Joseph and Mary, this child of yours would be the rise and fall of many, and that same child who would lay down his life for the world I can only think of one thing. What Love our God truly has for all creation. This action of God as St. John the Evangelist would say of a Light shining through the darkness and the darkness not overcoming it gives Hope to all of us.

So as you gather around this Christmas with some family, a little of the family, or none of the family because of various situations, realize that as Jesus the Son of God has assured us, this too will pass because God is making All Things New!

So I offer a Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you. Know that you are in my prayers as I ask God to let our parish community see that Light, Jesus Christ shining through the darkness and worries giving us to Hope in building a better future and world.

Blessed Christmas, Fr. Ray Guthrie



**This Christmas season,
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St. Francis de Sales now offers **ON-LINE** stewardship!

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- Memorial

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Questions? Go to sfdslg.org and click on
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262-248-8524

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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. 21. **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.

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