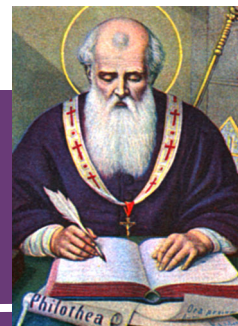


Welcome to the faith community of

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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.

worship

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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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.

Address: 148 W. Main Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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John Church	

REMEMBERING TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS DURING LENT

We are fortunate to have our Tuesday day of adoration here at St. Francis. During Lent, we will provide special prayer folders for our seminarians which you may use during your time in church and carry home to pray for our seminarians every day. There will also be special prayer cards for ALL vocations – priesthood, religious, married or single -so that we will all be faithful to whatever is our life's calling from God.

WALWORTH LITERACY COUNCIL

The Walworth Literacy Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving people's lives through literacy. The volunteer staff offers one-on-one and small group literacy tutoring to Walworth county adult residents interested in learning English and adults wishing to improve their basic reading skills. The council also offers citizenship support, as well as jail literacy and GED support. We welcome volunteers who wish to tutor or work in various other roles within the council. Training is provided for new volunteers. The literacy council is always looking for great people to support our mission. If you wish to learn more or know someone who could benefit from our free services or wish to donate please contact Lilly Barrett at 262-475-9180 or at welcinfo@gmail.com.

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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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!

MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES

We will continue to bring Communion to the People as we have been doing for months. Until we get the next Phase from our Archbishop this will be followed for awhile.

Again Communion in the Hands Only if you want on the tongue arrangements should be made for after Mass with a Eucharistic Minister Father will Not himself give on the tongue because of age and family history.

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE

2/22-2/27—Denise Christensen

31-3/6—Jeanne McCarron

FR. RAY'S NEWSLETTER

If you wish to be added to Father Ray's newsletter, please send him an email at guthrier@sfdslg.org with subject, Newsletter List.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SATURDAY, February 20, 2021

5:15 p.m. All Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

7:30 a.m. All Parishioners

9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

10:30 a.m. ☩ Ken Cramer

5:00 p.m. ☩ Natalia Saldana (*Spanish Mass*)

MONDAY, February 22, 2021

TUESDAY, February 23, 2021

8:45 a.m. Prayers of Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021

7:30 a.m. All Parishioners

THURSDAY, February 25, 2021

8:45 a.m. All Students

FIRST FRIDAY, February 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory

FIRST SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

5:15 p.m. All Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

7:30 a.m. ☩ Virginia Poidomani, Tim King

9:00 a.m. ☩ Annette Segal, Michael Ariens

10:30 a.m. All Parishioners

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

MANY HANDS. ONE VISION. CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

We began this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) the first weekend in February. The 2021 CSA offers a unique opportunity to support



Catholic life throughout the ten-county Archdiocese of Milwaukee with a single gift—a gift that helps sustain a broad spectrum of life-changing ministries and programs that meaningfully impact people's lives. Four key areas of ministry are:

- Serving Those in Need
- Strengthening Parish Ministries and Promoting Evangelization
- Supporting Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education
- Forming Priests, Deacons and Fostering Parish Leadership

Dollars raised within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee stay within our Archdiocese and are used solely for the purpose of supporting its ministries and programs. Many of these programs have no other means of financial support and their reach extends well beyond what any parish or school can provide on its own. For more information and to view Archbishop ListECKi's video message go to www.archmil.org.

There are many ways to support CSA, new this year -TEXT TO DONATE. Parishioners can contribute via cell phone by using a special text-to-donate number. To make a contribution to the CSA, text APPEAL2021 to 414-348-8380. If you have questions, please call our parish office.

Stewardship Treasure

Giving Method	Actual	Goal	Over/ (Under)
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Weekend of February 14

Envelope & Checks	5,459	5,271	188
Offertory Cash	1,358	3,047	(1,689)
Electronic	3,976	2,682	1,294
Total	10,793	11,000	(208)

Year to Date (07/01/20 to 02/14/21)

Envelope & Checks	280,526	276,528	3,998
Offertory Cash	63,172	89,865	(26,693)
Electronic	129,344	105,676	23,668
Total	473,042	472,068	974

Other Weekend Giving

Capital	0
Angel Fund	625
Human Concerns	0
Special Collections	0



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

Stations of the Cross
Wednesday Evening
at 6:00
All the Weeks of Lent



SIMPLE LENTEN DONATIONS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Please leave items in the Center during the Holy Season of Lent:

- 1st Week - Feb 21: canned soups
- 2nd Week - Feb 28: canned pasta meals (ex. Ravioli) or 2# package rice
- 3rd Week - March 7: peanut butter or jelly (PLASTIC Jars, please)
- 4th Week - March 14: Operation Gratitude-undated letters, drawings for the military
- 5th Week - March 21: Easter drawings, cards for nursing home residents
- 6th Week - March 28: Palm Sunday...Holy Week: Have a Blessed Easter!

WELCOME BACK LENTEN CARDS

We have special cards we invite you to take from our Sunday Masses that you could share with family, friends and neighbors inviting them back to our Sunday celebrations. This is a campaign by the Office of Evangelization from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. So we ask you to Help us get the word out that we here at St. Francis de Sales Parish are actively and safely working to be the living and dynamic Body of Christ in our Community of Lake Geneva.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL NEWS

This past week boys and girls basketball played against St. Andrew's team. The students are very excited to continue playing basketball and competing as a team. A few more students joined the AR Million Word club. Students who are a part of the club have read over a million words this school year. Finally, students enjoyed a four day weekend, while teachers met to grow in their faith and discuss assessment with Standards Based Grading.

Mrs. Patrick & Marlowe 8th grade

SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST MINISTRIES

Please join us with the Shepherds of Christ World Wide Ministries on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 11 AM as we pray for our priests throughout the world in all of their needs, for the renewal of the church and the world and for a spiritual way of life for people interested in the spiritual life. Prayers include the holy rosary with beautiful reflections. For more information please call Jan @ 262-492-3059 or Donna @ 262-203-6628.

PARISH BOOK STUDY DURING LENT

Come and join us Lenten Companion Year B "A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel." Classes will be offered Monday nights, in person and via Zoom 7:00-8:00 p.m. the weeks of February 22-March 29th. Also Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00AM in person only beginning February 18-March 25th; all classes meet in the Parish Center, masks required and social distancing observed. Books available in office for \$8.50, pick up at Parish office during normal business hours. Pre-registration is required to allow for proper social distancing.



St. Francis de Sales Parish School, along with Catholic Central High School will host a Choice ENROLLMENT opportunity on Sunday, March 7 4:45-6:45 p.m. at SFdS Parish Center. Mary Jo Pankau - SFdS Registrar, Sandra Cruz, Karen Schwenn - CCHS Admission Director and Senora Karla Marquez will be available to discuss/work through the school choice enrollment process along with any other admissions questions. For further questions are to schedule a tour SFdS contact Mary Jo Pankau at (262) 248-2778 or registrar@sfdslg.org CCHS contact Karen Schwenn at (262) 763-1510 x225 or kschwenn@cchsn.net.

JESUS TWO DIRECTIVES TO FASTING

And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **Matthew 6:16** The three great religious practices among the Jews were giving, praying, and fasting. Jesus' own ministry began with an epic forty-day fast. Jesus begins, "Whenever you fast," because he probably expected his followers would fast, though neither he nor any of the New Testament writers command it. Jesus offers no technical instructions on when or how to fast, only that fasting should not be for outward show. Apparently, many who fasted made a point of wearing tattered clothing, scrubbing their head with ashes, and stumbling about as though carrying a great burden. Jesus offers two instructions.

First, when fasting, look normal—and cheerful! "... put oil on your head and wash your face ..." The oil and water treatment was the everyday norm in Jesus' day. That's just what people did before going out. In fact, since oil was synonymous with gladness (**Is. 61:3**), a person should look not only normal but cheerful! Second, Jesus taught, when fasting, fast for God, "... so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret." We don't fast to impress people or to demonstrate our piety or our zeal; we don't fast to get something from God. Its central motive is fellowship with God.

Fasting has helped to feel a certain connection with those who never have enough to eat. Hoping fasting also teaches us about the pleasure of food and necessity of a restrained lifestyle in the midst of that pleasure. But most of all, has fasting deepened our relationship with God.

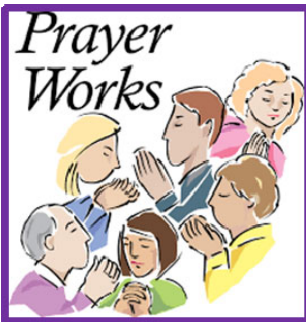
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Parishioners: Please Realize there are many Scams out there including using The Priests of the Parishes. They have access to our Full names and emails. However, they design a false email which looks like ours so it will go to them. All of our staff have either the area they work in or a direct name followed by @sfdslg.org. If it doesn't end that way DO NOT RESPOND. Fr. Ray



THE POWER OF LENTEN PRAYER

There is probably no saint more revered and well known in all of Christian history than St. Francis of Assisi. Today Catholics, and many non-Catholics alike, celebrate the life and legacy of this medieval Italian man who is known the world over for his exemplary life of holiness and model of peaceable living he leaves to us, nearly 800 years after his death. Just as he remains a popular figure across many cultures and religious traditions, there is probably no prayer with all Christian denominations (with perhaps the predictable exception of the "Lord's Prayer") than the one that bears the name of this Saint from Assisi: "The Prayer of St. Francis." We know that St. Francis never actually said or wrote these particular words, he lived the prayer with his whole life. And when we do look at a few of the authentic writings that we do have from the Poverello (the "little poor man" of Assisi), we see the values, insights and spirituality of the Franciscan tradition reflected in this now-classic prayer. The most well-known writing of St. Francis is probably the Cantic of the Creatures, in which the Saint from Assisi poetically praises God in and through various elements of the created order. The fundamental spiritual insight of the Cantic is that each aspect of God's creation gives glory and praise to God by being what it was created to be. The Sun praises God by giving the world light; the wind praises God by bringing every kind of weather; and the Earth praises God by sustaining us through producing fruits, flowers and herbs. All of God's creation perfectly praises God because each element does what it was intended to do. Near the end of the Cantic St. Francis finally introduces human persons. He writes: *Bottom of Form Praise be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned. Human beings give praise to God — they live most authentically as they were created to be — through loving one another amid difficult times and by being peacemakers who seek reconciliation. Just as the Sun is most genuinely itself when providing light and warmth, men and women are most truly themselves when they love, forgive and make peace. Prayer as St. Francis recalls helps us to truly be what God created us to be. Lent is a wonderful time to use prayer as a means of stripping away all that does not allow us to truly Love as God Loved, as he was stripped and nailed to a Cross.*



YOUTH AND FAMILY CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

This year because of Covid we were only able to offer our Religious Education Classes for the Sacramental years which are the Second Grade for First Reconciliation and Communion, as well High School for Confirmation. Still we wanted to connect our young families to programs online that help fulfill this missing component of Catholic Education for our young. With the help of three of our parishioners, until we get Religious Ed started up again, we found a program that many of us have used in other Parishes over the past few years. It is called FORMED. It has many great offerings that are not just for the children of our families but for all members of the Parish. Consequently, we have signed up with "FORMED." This is open to everyone in our Parish. A Great Family tool for Catholic Education for everyone at home: Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish by entering name, city and/or zip code (zip code is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

We've created a series of videos to guide your parishioners through logging in, signing up, and using the platform.



**SAVE THE DATE --- SAVE THE DATE
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Feast of St. Patrick Celebration

Carry-Out Dinner on Weds, March 17th 3:30-7:00pm

Join us for a 5:30 Mass Celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick, followed by Lenten

Stations of the Cross, and CARRY-OUT Dinners of Corned Beef or Chicken with all

the fixings! Follow us on FACEBOOK or the parish bulletin for future details.

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A REFLECTION FROM A STUDENT IN THE SEMINARY ON ALMSGIVING

I tell everyone that I'm from Chicago, but you would probably laugh at that if you saw the place I grew up. It was a small town of about fifteen hundred in rural Illinois. We had a high school, four churches and a football field, and nothing but corn and soybeans for miles and miles.



However, several years back someone decided that enough people commuted from that area to work in the city for it to be though a suburb of Chicago, much to the local population's disdain. The number of times I actually went into the City of Chicago as a child was actually pretty limited. Of these times, one in particular stands out. I once saw an old man sitting on the sidewalk. Homeless, literally wearing only rags to protect his body from the elements, with a cardboard sign reading "Hungry, Please Help."

It was painful to look at. But what struck me even more was those passing by. I sat and counted no less than *thirty* adults before someone even *looked* at the man. Most just kept walking, like he was invisible. What must that be like? To be invisible? Almsgiving, the act of giving goods to the poor and performing acts of charity, is an one of the least known forms of penance. It's one of the three pillars of Lenten penance and the Catechism calls it, "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God."

During the Ash Wednesday Mass, we ask the Lord to help us lead lives of Self-Restraint." This is at the core of what Lent, and ultimately all penance, is all about. It's giving up something for a greater good. It's saying "yes" to God by saying "no" to something else that wants to take the place of God. As Pope Francis put it, *"Almsgiving helps free people from the obsession of possession, from the fear of losing what they have and from the sadness of not sharing their well-being with others."*

Almsgiving frees us from the obsession with money and material goods that reigns in our world. Almsgiving makes Christ known and loved. It's how a four-foot-nothing lady in Calcutta win a Nobel Peace Prize and turn the world on its head. Almsgiving shows us that whenever we reach out to someone in pain, *they see Christ in us and it's beautiful*. And the best part is that it doesn't end with those we serve. In bringing the love of Christ to others, we learn to see Him more clearly in those around us. When God came into the world, He came to us poor, helpless, without as much as a cradle to rest His head in. He promised His disciples that "Whatsoever you did to these, the least of my brothers, you did to me."

Almsgiving gives us the eyes to see Christ in the least of His brothers, especially the poor, and it makes visible the invisible. Don't let your Lenten penance be a half-measure. Go all the way, *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*.

'SPIRIT OF HOPE' MEN'S SHELTER

Volunteers Needed

Dates: Presently thru Apr 29, 2021

Volunteers, both men and women, are needed to be on-site and keep our days/nights running smoothly. Sign-up to help with daytimes, early or late evenings. If staying overnight, separate sleeping accommodations are provided.

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Registration is open now through March 9th

For more details or to register
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If you have questions please contact Brian Magliocco at brian@arisemke.org or by calling 262-409-4774.

Say "yes" to God in a new way and meet Christ at this year's Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally!

THE GIFT OF SUNDAY STUDY GUIDE

Discussions with Fr. Ray

Below I have placed the Link for the Study Guide for the Archbishops' Letter, "The Gift of Sunday." I am going to plan two open meetings in March and April using the Study Guide to hear what we would like to do here at St. Francis de Sales that is beneficial for the Whole Community. Many times we come up with self initiated interests that may not benefit the whole community but our own needs. This is for the Community as the Body of Christ. The two dates that we will meet are March 10th and March 31st at 6:30pm in Parish Hall: Fr. Ray Guthrie
Visit <https://www.archmil.org/Sunday-Initiative/Reflection.htm>? For the English/Spanish Study Guide



**THE GIFT OF
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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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