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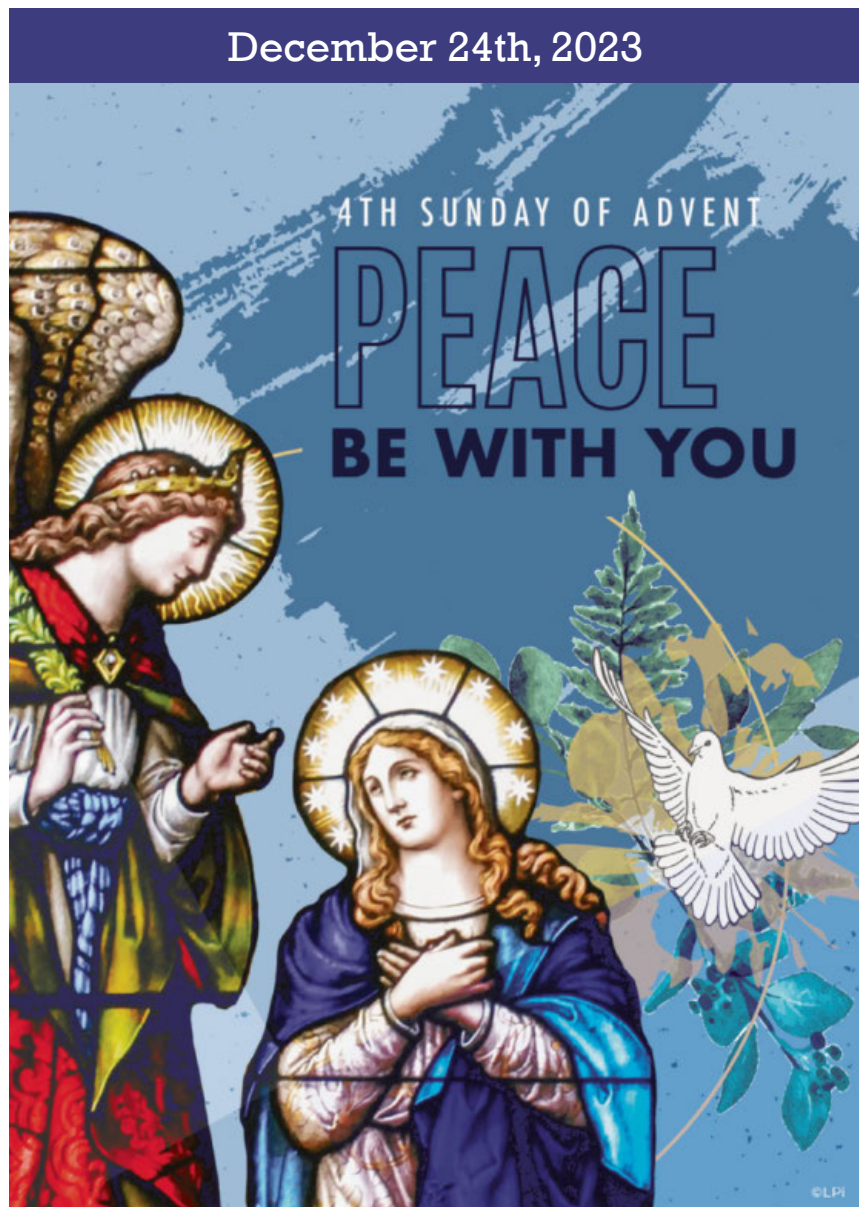
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December 24th, 2023



PARISH MISSION



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WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH!

We welcome you to St. Francis de Sales. Organized as a parish in 1949 by the Archdiocese of Chicago, St. Francis de Sales Parish encompasses the communities of Lake Zurich, Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, North Barrington, Kildeer, Long Grove and has a strong spiritual and temporal presence in Lake County. If you are new in these neighborhoods or are returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call or, better yet, stop by the Ministry Center so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, we know that you will take some of our goodwill with you as you return to your home parish.

VIRTUAL STREAMING WEBSITES

YOUTUBE: Go to www.youtube.com and search for "St Francis Lake Zurich"

FACEBOOK: Go to www.facebook.com and search for "St Francis de Sales Catholic Parish"

DIRECT LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.STFRANCISLZPARISH.ORG



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Ministry Center & Fr Valker Hall Closed for Christmas Break

Closes Wednesday, December 20th at 4pm & reopens Wednesday, January 3rd at 9am

Monday, December 25 : The Nativity of the Lord

- Christmas Mass @ 6:30am, 8am, 9:30am (streamed), 11am & 12:30pm — Church

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr

- Daily Mass & Rosary @ 8:30am — Church
- Boy Scouts @ 7:30pm — Fr Valker Hall

Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- Cable TV Mass @ 7am & 4pm — Comcast 4 & U-Verse 99
- The Angelus, Daily Mass & Rosary @ 8:30am & Noon — Church (noon streamed)

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- Daily Mass & Rosary @ 8:30am — Church
- KofC Bingo Night @ 6pm — KofC Center

Friday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- Daily Mass & Rosary @ 8:30am — Church
- Cable TV Mass @ 3pm — Comcast 4 & U-Verse 99

Saturday, December 30

- Daily Mass & Rosary @ 8:30am — Church
- Reconciliation @ 4-4:45pm — Church
- Vigil Mass @ 5pm — Church

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

- Mass @ 6:30am, 9am, 11am & 12:30pm — Church (9am also streamed, 11am also broadcasted)
- Cable TV Mass @ 12:30pm — Comcast 4 & U-Verse 99

Please visit our website for the most updated list of events this week - they change frequently!
www.stfrancislzparish.org/parish-schedule



*a Prayer
to Saint
Michael the
Archangel*



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection 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 divine power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen*

4th Sunday of Advent

"The divine sacrament...contains the dew of all heavenly blessings."
- St Francis de Sales

SUNDAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — "'Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.'" (2 Sm 28:16)
- Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)
- Second Reading** — The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)
- Gospel** — "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
- Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God." — Father John Muir

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This column is curated by Mary Jo Kunzmann and Nancy Jarvis with the hope that it will help you on your journey to grow as disciples of Jesus.



In my lifetime, I have received many wonderful and beautiful Christmas presents. I remember getting a 10-speed bike from my parents when I was a teenager. Years later and when our sons were young, they made me precious, heartfelt crafts at school. I've received pretty earrings from my husband in my stocking. But the most precious Christmas gift that I have received is the birth of Jesus Christ. With His Incarnation, I know that I am loved and blessed. He offers me hope, strength and salvation. What more can I ask for? Dear God, thank you for the best Christmas present ever – Jesus, Your Son and our Savior!

Questions? Please email growingdisciples12@gmail.com



ACA REPORT FOR OUR PARISH 2023 November Update



Donor Count.....	306
2023 Goal.....	\$116,842
Amount Pledged	\$146,912
Amount Paid.....	\$144,547
Balance Due	\$2,365

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not exactly disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

Let it be done.

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — Luke 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

Liturgical Life

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

- Lk 1:35

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how God established his covenantal promise with King David to raise up a son after him and ensure that David's house and kingdom will stand firm forever. What promises have you kept with family or friends?

Second Reading

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God. As Advent draws to a close, for what can you praise God?

Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is the annunciation to Mary of the upcoming birth of Jesus. Mary's unconditional acceptance offers us a model to follow. How open are you to God's work in your life?



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JOIN US FOR Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

3pm (also broadcasted to parking lot),
5pm, Midnight

Christmas Day

6:30am, 8am, 9:30am (streamed),
11am (also broadcasted to parking lot) & 12:30pm

Join us this Advent

Homily Series

- Dec 2 & 3 Be on Watch
- Dec 9 & 10 Prepare the Way!
- Dec 16 & 17 Become the Light!
- Dec 23 & 24 Just Say Yes

Week 4 Just Say Yes!

Thoughts for your reflection:

- What can you do to bless others?
- What are you waiting for and how will you recognize it when you receive it?

You can catch up or rewatch previous weeks at our Facebook or YouTube!





SURVEY RESULTS

Earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Chicago conducted the Disciple Maker Index Survey, providing parishioners with an opportunity to reflect on spiritual growth and involvement in their parish.

St. Francis de Sales had an excellent response rate of 26%, far exceeding that of the Archdiocese and the national average (19% and 10% respectively). **Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.**

Highlighted below are ten of St. Francis de Sales' strengths (% strongly and very strongly agree). As you review these areas, please reflect on how you responded or would have responded to these statements. These strengths serve as the foundation for key focus areas as the parish continues its mission to **Go and Make Disciples**.

TOP TEN STRENGTHS

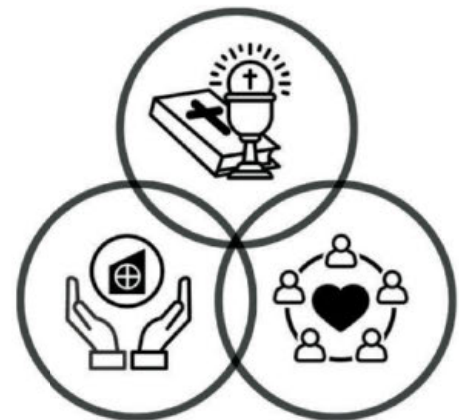
- Personally believe that the Eucharist is really the Body and Blood of Christ. **(88%)**
- Personally believe that Scripture is the Word of God. **(89%)**
- Agree that they recommend the parish school. **(94%)**
- Agree that they recommend the religious education program. **(92%)**
- My parish teaches me how to share my personal witness story and helps me recognize how God is working in my life. **(76%)**
- Believe that information about the parish is easy to find (via bulletin, web, email) which helps people connect with a local Catholic community. **(96%)**
- Attend Mass at least weekly and some daily. **(85%)**
- My parish helps me grow spiritually by forming me as a disciple of Jesus Christ. **(73%)**
- Agree that our parish makes me feel welcomed and accepted. **(87%)**
- Agree that our parish helps connect to the Catholic Community by providing opportunities to serve those in need. **(90%)**



KEY FOCUS AREAS

Renew our Belief in Scripture & the Eucharist

Renew our belief that Scripture is the inspired Word of God and the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus.



Build a Welcoming Parish

Build a faith community where all are welcome and motivated to further our discipleship journey.

Equip us to Share our Story

Equip us to share how God is at work in our lives bringing Jesus Christ to others.



Thank you!

The Tepeyac and Mother of the Americas Community is grateful to our friends at St. Francis de Sales for the presents, gift cards and supplies for our students, parishioners and newly arrived community members in need.

Your kindness and generosity adds to the joy of the holiday season! Merry Christmas!



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"THE MESSENGERS"

an Advent Opportunity at home

Gather your family and friends to watch this short movie about the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Luke.

Watch here



FIRST FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

JANUARY
5TH
9AM-4PM

Come spend time with Jesus. Open your heart and let Him make a difference in your life.

Join us for First Friday Adoration anytime between 9am-4pm. All are welcome to stop by for a few minutes, an hour or for however long you are able. In order to offer this amazing experience, we need a few adorers to commit to each hour. **If you are able to commit to an hour, please scan the code to the right or call the Ministry Center to sign up!** (847)438-6622



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CASINO NIGHT

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Join us at Casino Night for a playful evening of Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, and Poker with St. Francis community members. No risk, just fun—a night dedicated to supporting a brighter educational future.



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December 4, 2023

Rev. David Ryan
St. Francis De Sales Church
135 South Buesching Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Dear Fr. Ryan,

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863, saying "The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies". But he also noted that "these bounties ... are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come." Our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, never forgot the source of her blessings. She had a grateful heart in good times and bad, responding in every situation: "We must always say 'Blessed be God! Thank you, my God! Glory be to God!'"

As we gave thanks to God in celebration of Thanksgiving, you and your family were counted among our many blessings. Thank you for your parishes generous gift of \$9,373.00, your kindness helped us to provide a true Thanksgiving to our elderly Residents. Jeanne taught us to express our gratitude to our benefactors by praying for them daily. In addition to our daily prayers, we offer a Mass the last Sunday of every month in our chapel for you and your intentions.

All of our Residents and Little Sisters of the Poor pray that you and your family had a very blessed Thanksgiving. God sees all the good you do and we ask Him to grant you an abundance of His blessings!

Sincerely,

Sr. Amy Marie, lsp

Sister Amy Marie, lsp
Little Sister of the Poor

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*You and your parishioners are in our grateful prayers -
Thank you for all you do for us!*



Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

November 28, 2023

Rev. David Ryan
St. Francis de Sales Parish
135 S. Buesching Rd.
Lake Zurich, IL 60047-2500

Dear Father Ryan and Parish Members,

Your recent gift supporting Catholic Charities means so much to the lives of the individuals, families, and communities you help us serve each day. For that, we are deeply grateful.

Your gift allows us to welcome and care for those most in need in their darkest moments. You not only enable our mission to help ease the burdens of those we serve, but your generosity helps bear witness to our shared humanity—and that is a gift both profound and far reaching.

We are all made better when we embrace our calling to serve. Thank you for your continued support, for making us better in our mission, and embracing the call with courageous compassion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Mares Stambor".

Melissa Mares Stambor
Vice President, Advancement Operations

Mass Intentions

The intention of each Mass is for our world,
our country, our communities, and our Parish.

Monday, December 25 : The Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 - Ron Richards, Merry Christmas in Heaven,
req by Richards family
- 8:00 - Kathleen Donahue, We miss you! req by
loving family
- 8:00 - Patricia Joyce Kalesz [Month's Mind Mass]
- 8:00 - Deceased Members of the Yingst & Ziccarelli
families, req by Jan & George Yingst
- 9:30 - The Stobart & McNeal families, req by the
Stobart family
- 9:30 - Bill Donnan, req by the Chiarelli family
- 9:30 - Alberto Angelini, req by Chiarelli family
- 9:30 - Judy Reilly, req by Chiarelli family
- 9:30 - Stanislaw Romanowksi, req by David & Dorothy
- 9:30 - Geri Sacheck
- 9:30 - Frank Bott, req by Silvia Bott
- 9:30 - Francis Bott, req by Silvia Bott
- 9:30 - James Esposito, req by Ray & Cheryl Bott
- 9:30 - Ruth McDonough, req by Ray & Cheryl Bott
- 9:30 - Sue Noto, req by Ray & Cheryl Bott
- 9:30 - Mike Sanks, req by Ray & Cheryl Bott
- 9:30 - Curley Strack, req by Toni & family
- 9:30 - Lynn Ogurek, req by Chiarelli family
- 11:00 - Billy Diehl, req by Diehl Family
- 11:00 - John Plueger, req by family

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, First Martyr

- 8:30 - Intention for Francis I, Bishop of Rome
- 8:30 - Dorothy Thompson, req by Michael

Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30 - Intention for the Safety of the School
Children of our Community
- Noon - Judy Reilly
- Noon - Thad Jurczak
- Noon - Peter McGrail
- Noon - Intention for the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:30 - Intention for Blase Cardinal Cupich
- 8:30 - Intention for Jennifer Hicks
- 8:30 - Intention for First Responders
- 8:30 - Intention for Tresie Curcio

Friday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30 - Intention for Barbara Schlosser
- 8:30 - Intention for Bishop Jeffrey Grob
- 8:30 - Intention for Karla Hurley, 70th birthday,
req by Chiarelli family
- 8:30 - Fr. Bernie Pietrak [Month's Mind Mass]
- Noon - Intention for the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 30

- 8:30 - Intention for US Veterans
- 8:30 - Intention for those Missing in Action
and Prisoners of War & US Citizens
imprisoned in Russia
- 8:30 - Intention for the Knights of Columbus -
Queen of Peace Council
- 5:00 - Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 31: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

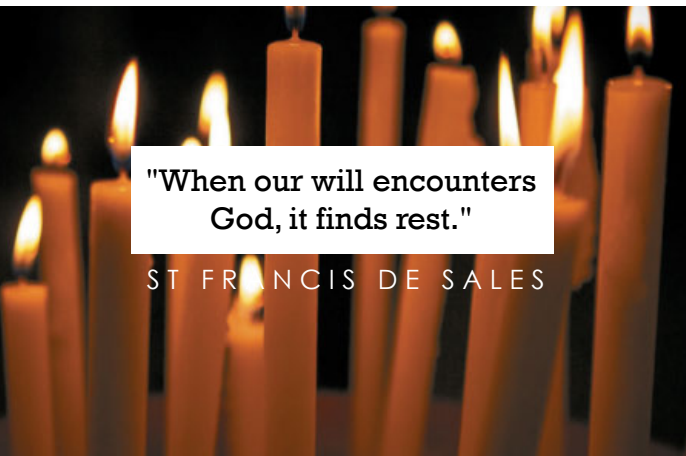
- 6:30 - Bud Bevins, req by Jo Bevins
- 6:30 - Diana Olczyk
- 6:30 - Robert Morcocchio
- 9:00 - Lynn Ogurek, req by Karin Jurczak
- 9:00 - Hope McGrail
- 9:00 - Intention for Ralph Kunzman
- 9:00 - Intention for Joe Schive
- 11:00 - Dan Pape
- 11:00 - Dolores & Ron Sinkus
- 11:00 - Kevin Rediger
- 11:00 - Concetta Guagliardo, req by Pat Brown
& Josie Fongaro
- 11:00 - Dorothy Thompson, req by Michael
- 12:30 - Nicolette & Gina Tomaino, req by Ines



† Please Pray for the Sick †

As members of our parish faith community, we remember those who are ill, who are homebound, and all nursing home residents and ask for your prayers. Please call the Parish Office - Ministry of Care, (847)438-6622, when a parishioner is in the hospital for visitation or to request the Sacrament of Anointing and/or Holy Communion. Please call the parish office when someone on this list has recovered, wants to remain on the list longer than 3 weeks or has gone to their eternal rest.

- Linda Greene** (friend of Joanne Luce)
- George Messinger**
- Scott Carlino** (uncle to Sarah Jeske)
- Joseph Lazzara** (brother to Regina Braun)
- Jerome West** (friend of Jennifer James)
- Anthony DiVito** (brother to Jo Bevins)

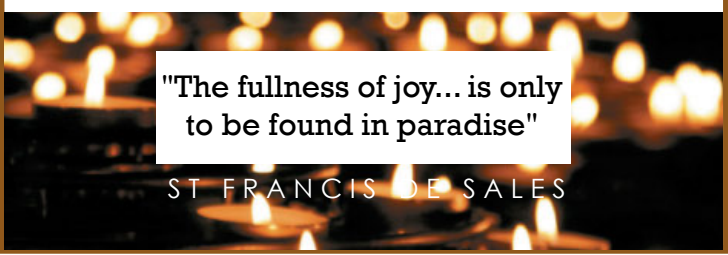


"When our will encounters God, it finds rest."

ST FRANCIS DE SALES

† In Sympathy †

Angeline Nelligan (mother to Anne (Robert) Quast)



"The fullness of joy... is only to be found in paradise"

ST FRANCIS DE SALES



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
Love, your SFS Parish Staff

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED & THEIR FAMILIES

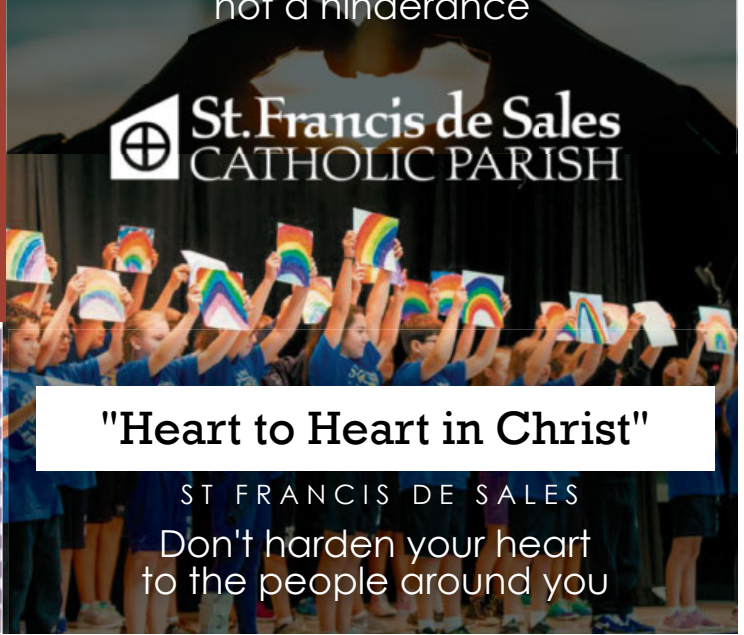
Nile Nicholas
son of Nicholas & Tina Nowicki

We continue to pray for the recipients of Prayer Shawls and for...

Dawn Repta, Jocelyn Brown, Karen DiTommaso, John Thullen, Carolynne Fox, Kevin Kleine, Kendall Urban, Patrick Rams, Cheryl Jonelis, Kristy Williams, Nancy Grasso, Barb Grabarek. Alyssa Matney, Beatrice Flitman, Chris Koster, Brian Ford, Lydia Oliver, Dwayne Shepherd, Melinda Rodriguez, Wayne Dreyer, Peter Powers, Chrisi Rusk, Tim Youngman, Dorothy Parola, Barb Westerlund, Judy Patton, Gina Meeks, Janet Burrows, Dolores Guzy, Audrey Krupa, Ligia Jiménez, Tripp Buckman, Milton Jerard, Lisa Friebus, Linda Kalteux, Anna Kroll, Nancy Morrissey, Amanda Wilk, Demmi Dadas, Liz Fajnor, Chris Miller, Denise Molony, Margo Buchholz, Jenny Chromy, Gaylyn & Todd McGlauchlin, Phil & Mary Kay McGlauchlin, Jean Brefeld, Linda Serwa, John Humlicek, Patti Herstein, Joanne Noon, Karen Rogan, Jo Anderson, Lisa Friebus, Adam Ullrich, Candy Cotsiomitis, Larry Box, David Hass, Lisa Morrissey-Jordan, Philip Golle, Heidi Kramer

Love God, Love One Another

Think of ways to be a helper, not a hinderance



"Heart to Heart in Christ"

ST FRANCIS DE SALES
Don't harden your heart to the people around you

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...and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

St. John the Beloved
Gospel-writer and beloved disciple of Christ who remained with Christ to the foot of the cross

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December 27

**Only two defining entities have ever offered to die for you.
One was Jesus Christ. The other is the American Soldier.
One died for your soul † The other died for your freedom!**

We thank you for your continued dedication & service to our country. You are in our prayers.

Terrence Cullinan: Stationed in Iraq, Nephew of Mary Layton

Al Stroh: U.S. Air Force, Stationed in Iraq, Friend of Sharon Anderson

Larry Herrera: 5th Deployment, Stationed in Afghanistan, Friend of Susan Wilberding

Stephen Morris: Great Nephew of Annette Feller

First Lt. Richard Evans: 1-504 Brigade of the 82nd Division of The Army Airborne, 3rd Deployment to Iraq, Nephew of Raymond & Deanna Clutts

Matthew Schrock: II National Guard, Stationed in Afghanistan, Nephew of Steve & Joan Schultz

Staff Sgt. Andrew Pelc: Stationed in Iraq, Friend of the Glazik Family

L Cpl Edward Mc Donough: U.S. Marines, Deployed to Afghanistan Cousin of Susan Pflaumer

Major Jon Zachary: Redeployed to Afghanistan, Son of Frank Zachary

Staff Sgt. James Stonehouse: U.S. Marines, Deployed Overseas, Nephew of Joe & Diane Collins

Commander Colleen Glaser-Allen: U.S. Navy, Stationed in Japan, Cousin of Mary Margaret Matuga

Cpt. Bryan Marone: U.S. Army, Deployed to Afghanistan, 2 Previous Deployments to Iraq, Husband to Melissa

Major Joseph Andresky: U.S. Air Force, Stationed in Washington, D.C., Nephew of Laurie & Mike Sweeney and Patti & Steve Yellin

Michael Scott Guzy: U.S. Marines, Stationed in Pensacola, FL, Grandson of Dee Guzy & Nephew of Megan Bajor

Lt. Kristopher LoveKamp; E.O.D.: U.S. Navy, Stationed in Niceville, FL, Cousin to Fr. David F. Ryan

Captain Michael Vyn: U.S. Air Force, 5th Deployment to Kuwait, Grandson to Marie Fries

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L. Cpl. Scott Johnson: U.S. Marine Corps, Deployed to Afghanistan, Friend of Kathleen Guzy

Bradley Vicciollo: Stationed in Japan, Nephew of Parishioner

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Sgt. Lucas Jokisch: Illinois National Guard, 4th Tour of Duty, Cousin to Father David F. Ryan

Mitchel W. Gornik: U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT) based in Chesapeake, VA. Nephew of Rick & Kathy Gornik

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2023-2024 MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

2023 - 2024		Christmas 2022\$89,268	
July	\$103,237	Christmas 2021	\$146,555
August	\$107,613	Christmas 2020.....	\$73,364
September	\$105,322	Christmas 2019.....	\$193,116
October.....	\$135,989		
November	\$110,741	EASTER 2023	\$77,555
		Easter 2022	\$96,253
		Easter 2021	\$65,425
		Mother of the Americas Sharing Parish (formally Our Lady of Tepeyac) (as of Sept 2023)	\$5,447

2023 - 2024 SPECIAL APPEALS

Asylum Seekers (2022)	\$3,621
Haiti Relief Fund (2021)	\$2,547
Hurricane Harvey Help	\$21,946
Project Kashalala Lake Victoria	\$18,630
Hurricanes Irma and Maria Help	\$4,081
2019 Annual Appeal Rebate	\$135,597
2020 Annual Appeal Rebate	\$121,600
2021 Annual Appeal Rebate	\$65,491
2022 Annual Appeal Rebate	\$100,838
St Vincent de Paul (2021-2022).....	\$19,250
St Vincent de Paul (2020-2021).....	\$36,917
St Vincent de Paul (2019)	\$6,000
Eagle Scout Projects (2019)	\$4,482
Eagle Scout Projects (2015)	\$2,769
Eagle Scout Projects (2012-13)	\$8,177
Little Sisters of the Poor (2023-2024).....	\$9,373
Little Sisters of the Poor (2020-2021).....	\$4,458
Little Sisters of the Poor (2018).....	\$15,394
Little Sisters of the Poor (2016).....	\$22,700
Chicago Jesuit Academy (2018)	\$10,173
Chicago Jesuit Academy (2016)	\$7,512
LZHS Choir (2015)	\$2,827
LZHS Choir Trip to Vatican (2012-13).....	\$23,480
Holy Family Food Pantry (2016)	\$7,971
Molly's Adopt A Sailor (2014-15)	\$3,259
Lenten Collection for Ghana (2014).....	\$15,189
Community Flood Relief (2013)	\$26,554
Southern IL Tornado Relief (2012)	\$31,302
5 Seminarians to India (2008)	\$8,000

ARCHDIOCESE REQUIRED SECOND COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence (July 23)	\$2,510
Seminarian Education (Sept 23)	\$1,772

Parish Debt to the Archdiocese: \$0

Parish Community Statistics: July 2023 to December 2023

Registered Families	4,166	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.....	163
*Registered Families in 1949	94	Teen Eucharistic Ministers	11
Parish School Students.....	322	Ministers of Care	130
		Ushers.....	32
		Cross Bearers.....	0
		Sacristans	12
		Altar Servers	16
		Adult Lectors	42
		Teen / Child Lectors	1 / 1
		Greeters	12
		Prayer Shawl Ministers	32

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

Preschool / Kindergarten	16
Grade School	221
Middle School.....	68
Home Study	6
SPRED	?
Children's Catechumenate	7

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms	72
Marriages	14
Marriage Anniversary Blessings.....	11
Funerals	29
First Communion.....	0
Confirmation.....	0
SPRED Confirmation.....	0
First Confession	0
Received into the Church.....	0

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation	
1st Year Program	83
2nd Year Program	100
Peer Ministers	20
Adult Leaders	12

MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

There are many opportunities to get involved in ministries and activities at St. Francis de Sales. The following ministries have been organized into Commissions that are set up by our Parish Pastoral Council. The names and contact information of the chairpersons of each Commission and Council representatives are also included for your information. Please feel free to contact any of these dedicated men and women to answer any questions you might have about a particular ministry or activity or visit www.stfrancislzparish.org for more information.

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Liturgical Ministries , Dn Bob Arvidson	(847)922-2503
Lectors	
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Music , Patricia Stewart	(847)726-4720
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)	
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Rosary Ministry , Dolores Mark	(847)438-5509
Rosary Ministry, Advantara	OPEN
Rosary Ministry, Silverado	OPEN
Sacristans , Irene Goldthwaite	(847)438-4260
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Ministers of Care , Fr David Ryan.....	(847)726-4723
Homebound Ministry of Care Visits , Frank Dodds	(847)438-5128
Cancer Support & Sharing & Bereavement , Mary Manson....	(847)438-6622
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Culver's Thanksgiving , Patricia Linares	(847)323-7485
Respect Life Ministry , Fr David Ryan	(847)726-4723
Project Rachel & Private Prayer (for those hurting from abortion)	OPEN
LOSS Project , Tish Guinter	(847)293-4332

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Our Lady of Tepeyac , Patricia Linares	(847)323-7485
Women's Retreat , Rose Weismann.....	(847)540-1223
Mom's Group	OPEN

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation & Youth Ministry , Diana Arizmendi, M.A.....	(847)726-4842
Cathy Chiarelli.....	(847)726-4840
Youth Ministry Music , Josh Goodman	(757)814-1191
Confirmation (Young Adult Program)	OPEN

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Cub Scouts , Joe Koral.....	committeechair309lz@gmail.com (847)912-5868
Girl Scouts , Mary Keller	(847)438-7921

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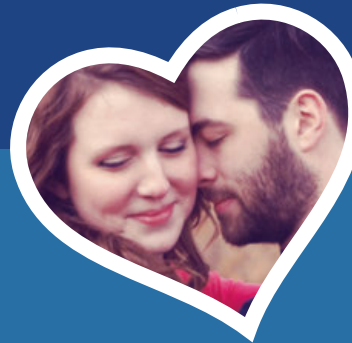
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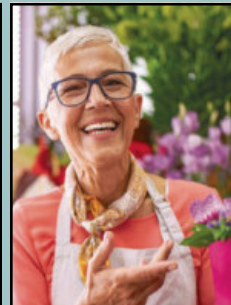
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Sacrament of Confirmation: Preparation for Confirmation takes place during the high school years with the celebration of the Sacrament taking place no sooner than the end of sophomore year in high school. For more info and registration please contact the Youth Ministry Office at (847)726-4842.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4-4:45 before Saturday Vigil Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: This Sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength and peace to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized, or about to undergo surgery. Please contact the Ministry Center (847)438-6622, if you wish to have someone anointed, or the Last Rites near death.

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Sacraments for Adults: Adults interested in the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) should contact the Ministry Center at (847)438-6622.

MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday 4-4:45pm Reconciliation, 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 6:30am, 9am (also streamed),
11am (also broadcasted to West Parking Lot)
& 12:30pm Mass

WEEKDAYS

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& **Saturday** | 8:30am Mass

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7pm Vigil Mass
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Holy Day Mass

