

St. Francis de Sales

Our Gifts to the Lord - November 20 & 21, 27 & 28

Adult Envelopes	\$ 24,196.00
Loose	\$ 621.00
School	\$ 1,049.00
Maintenance	\$ 95.00
Online Giving - Oct & Nov	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 110.00
Mission, Assumption, All Sts.	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 30,091.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Francis de Sales Ministry Schedule December 11 & 12

6 pm Mass Ushers / Greeters: Volunteers
Lector: Joanne Melcher

10 am Mass Ushers / Greeters: Jerry & Adele McDougall
Lector: Dena Kunkel

St. Joseph

Our Gifts to the Lord - November 20 & 27

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,130.00
Loose	\$ 181.00
School	\$ 45.00
Online Giving - Oct & Nov	\$ 756.00
Total	\$ 2,112.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Joseph Ministry Schedule December 11

4 pm Mass: Ushers / Greeters: Myron & Jude Bolterman
Lector: Sandi Johnson
EM: Sandi Johnson

St. Catherine

Our Gifts to the Lord - November 21 & 28

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,170.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
School	\$ 30.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Online Giving - Oct & Nov	\$ 1,900.00
Total	\$ 3,180.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

St. Catherine Ministry Schedule December 12

8 am Mass Greeters: George & Linda Cusick
Ushers: Brad & Kathy Drost
Lector: Gail Librande
EM: Mark Sauer

CCW: The Annual CCW Craft and Bake Sale will begin on Sunday, December 5, 2021 before and after Mass.

On December 12, 2021 we will be decorating our church for Christmas after mass. Many hands make light work so we are requesting that as many people help with decorations as possible. The Building and Grounds Committee will be providing donuts and coffee.

St. Catherine's Parish Continued: Christmas Eve treat bags are a tradition at St. Catherine's. We hand out small bags of goodies to the children...and many others who are "young at heart". We have most of the items for our bags lined up, but we are still looking for some wrapped candy donations. If you would like to donate some wrapped candy of any kind or amount, please bring it in to church and place it in the container in the entry. We prepare 50 bags each year. They will be assembled on December 19, 2021 after mass.

CLUSTER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday, December 8th
Grades 1 - 6: 3:45pm - 5 pm
Grades 7 - 11: 6:30pm - 8 pm

Supper for the kids is served from 6 pm - 6:30 pm

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Adult Advent Faith Study Programs

Advent Gospel Reflection with Bishop Robert Barron
Tuesday, December 7 at 9:00am at St. Joseph.

Prepare the Way presented by Formed.org
Wednesday, December 8 after the 6:30pm at St. Francis de Sales.

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Washburn County Food Pantry

In addition to deodorant and body wash for both men and women, the food pantry is in need of disposable diapers - sizes 1 - 5. Please place the items in the containers provided at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

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Our Family UPC'S (bar codes) Update

The Secular Servites will be collecting and redeeming Our Family UPC'S - (bar codes) for the St. Francis de Sales School. Please cut any UPC (bar code) from any Our Family product and save them in an envelope or plastic sandwich bag and bring them to Church and deposit them in white container labeled Our Family UPC's on the table located in the West side of the greeting room. Thanks for your support!

Call Ahead

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!" ©LPi



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Observances & Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

Sun: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 / Ps 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6 / Phil 1:4-6,8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

Mon: St Nicholas, Bishop

Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85:9ab&10,11-12,13-14 / Lk 5:17-26

Tues: St Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-2,3&10ac,11-12,13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wed: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15,20 / Ps98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 / Eph1:3-6,11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Thurs: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1& 9,10-11,12-13ab / Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Our Lady of Loreto

Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6 / Mt 11:16-19

Sat: St Damasus I, Pope

Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19 / Mt17:9a,10-13

Next Sun: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a / Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk3:10-18

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

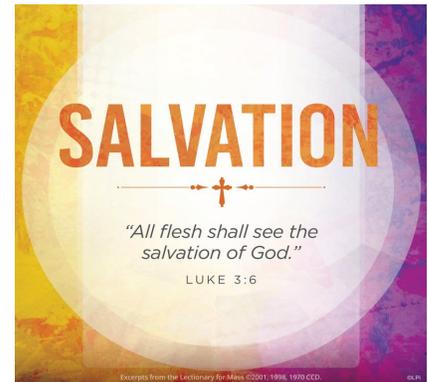
4 pm St. Francis de Sales
6 pm St. Joseph
8 pm St. Catherine
10 pm St. Francis de Sales

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

9 am St. Francis de Sale

Because Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, there will be no Saturday 4 pm or 6 pm Mass of anticipation for Sunday, December 26, The Feast of the Holy Family. On Sunday morning, the 8 am and 10 am Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales.



Happy ST. NICHOLAS Day

St. Nicholas

Feast Day December 6

March 15, 270 – December 6, 343

St. Nicholas of Bari, the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after.

Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about?

With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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