

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 7:30 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Kindergarten &
 Elem. Religious Ed.
 10:30 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Little People's
 Church
 10:30 AM Nursery
 11:30 AM Sr./Jr. High School Religious Ed.
 NOON Mass
 5:00 PM Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Craft Group (O'Leary Room)
 4:00 PM Kindergarten & Elem. Religious Ed.
 7:00 PM Sr./Jr. High School Religious Ed.
 7:00 PM Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- (See Pg. 5)... Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 6:30 AM Mass
 8:00 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Centering Prayer (Marie Martin)
 5:00 PM Cenacle of Life Holy Hour
 7:00 PM OCIA Class
 7:00 PM Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:00 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Spanish Class
 4:00 PM OCIC Class
 4:00 PM Kindergarten & Elem. Religious Ed
 4:00 PM Jr. High School Religious Ed
 7:00 PM St. Francis Chorale (church)
 8:00 PM Contemporary Singers (church)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:00 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Young at Heart
 7:00 PM Prayer Group
 7:00 PM K of C Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 6:30 AM Communion Service
 8:00 AM Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:00 AM Mass
 8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul
 3:30 PM Confessions (church)
 5:00 PM Mass



John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Lk 3:3

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 OF DECEMBER 6, 2009**

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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Welcome Visitors!

St. Francis de Sales would like to welcome all of you who are visiting for the first time or are frequent visitors.

If you would like to become a member of our Parish, please complete one of the **green** Registration Forms located at the entrances to the church. You may give your completed form to any usher, put it in the collection basket, bring it into our office, or mail it to us. **WELCOME!**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, **December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses for the day are: Monday, **December 7**, at 7:00 PM, and Tuesday, **December 8**, at 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.



USHERING AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

- Can you come to Mass ten minutes early?
- Can you stay five minutes after Mass?
- Would you like to help our Parish?

If you said “yes” to these three questions, then you have all it takes to be an usher at St. Francis de Sales!

Our ranks are currently stretched very thin, and we need help. The jobs ushers perform are not difficult, but they are essential. Please take the time to consider if you can be a great help to our Parish by giving only a little of your time.

- Men and women may be ushers.
- Ushers help at the Mass they normally attend.
- Ushers sit with their families during Mass.
- There is only one required meeting for the entire year.
- There is no attendance policy; we are strictly volunteers.
- Being an usher is a great way to meet people and make friends at the Parish.

If you would like to become an usher, or if you have any questions about ushering, please speak with an usher after Mass or contact Brett Beltzer at 668-5570. Thank you.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Thank you for your kind and generous support of our Poverello House ministry in Tucson. It was a blessing to meet so many of you after the Masses. Brother Hajime and I were moved by each of the liturgies, especially the children’s choir.

—Br. David Buer, ofm, San Xavier Mission

BAPTISMS

Logan, child of David and Andrea Kraemer
 Anna, child of Joel and Cynthia Rivette
 David, child of Joel and Cynthia Rivette
 Annabelle, child of Desiree Martin and Christopher Rivette



MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office at 885-5908 when anyone in your family is sick, in the hospital, or shut-in and unable to attend Mass. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to the home on a regular basis. Arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can also be made. Hospital visits are made twice a week and also on special request.

THANKSGIVING BENEFIT—THANK YOU!

A wonderful community effort occurred at St. Francis de Sales Parish when the St. Vincent de Paul Society had its annual Thanksgiving benefit. Members distributed many food boxes to the needy with funds and food provided by many sources. Safeway provided the largest number of turkeys. The National Honor Society and other students at St. Augustine Catholic High School and the Davis Monthan Air Force Base Commissary provided additional turkeys. Gift cards from Fry’s and Albertson’s turned into yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and instant potatoes. Parishioners contributed greatly with funds and needed staples, including Thanksgiving trimmings and cans of vegetables and fruit. The Parish Youth Group baked pies and placed one in each box. Thank you!

Would you like to donate a Poinsettia to help decorate for Christmas? Donations may be made in memory of someone or for special intentions.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

In Memory of: _____

YOU MAY DROP THIS IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR BRING IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.
 DONATION \$20.00

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BENEFIT



We are asking your cooperation to help us provide needy families a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. You may assist us with either a cash donation placed in the St. Vincent de Paul collection box or by placing the following food items in the box at the back of the church: 10-pound ham; canned cranberries, sweet potatoes, or vegetables; jello and instant potatoes.

If you know of a needy family in our Parish or within our boundaries, please fill in their name, address, and telephone number in the space below. You may drop this slip in the collection basket in church or at the Parish Office. You may also phone the Parish Office at 885-5908 and give the information to the receptionist.

All requests must be received no later than close of business on Wednesday, **December 16**. The food boxes will be available for pick-up at the Parish Center on Monday, **December 21**, between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Family in need

Address

Telephone

Adults _____ # Children _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

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Child's Name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

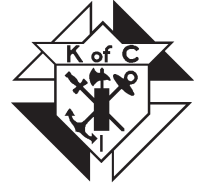
Our Chapter members wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone. MANY THANKS.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meetings. The Knights of Columbus, Council #6848, which meets at St. Francis de Sales, invites all visiting Knights to our council meetings conducted every second and fourth Thursday of the month (except holidays). Our meetings are held in the Knights of Columbus room (located directly to the west of the stage in the gym) at 7:00 PM.

Aluminum Can Drive. The Knights of Columbus will continue picking up aluminum cans in the back-east-side of the gymnasium building on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have a large amount of cans, call Joe Proietti at 885-5908 to have them picked up at your location.



FREE SPANISH CLASSES

¡Hola! ¡Bienvenidos a otro año escolar! Las clases de Español están aquí...

Welcome to Spanish Class! We have begun another school year of fun and learning.

St. Francis de Sales Parish has been providing these FREE classes for nearly twenty-five years for all who are interested in learning elementary conversational Spanish. While geared for beginners, there is also time each week for some advanced practice.

Classes are held every Wednesday from 10:30 AM till noon. The first hour focuses on elementary Spanish, and the remaining time is devoted to more advanced learning and practice.

Bring a pencil and paper and a friend, and plan on having fun learning the language!

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

Do your Christmas shopping with us on Saturday, **December 12**, after the 5:00 PM Mass, or Sunday, **December 13**, after all morning Masses.

On Saturday the 12th we'll be setting up at 3:00 PM. All baked goods are welcome then or after all Masses. Remember, "Nothing says lovin' like something from our ovens!"

You'll find many of your favorite holiday pies, candies, Christmas cookies, and more. Baked goods make an ideal gift for a special friend, a thoughtful neighbor, or a busy loved one.

We'll be having our Christmas potluck on **December 19** at noon. Bring your items for our vets.



WEEKLY FAMILY PRAYER

Many of you have participated in a program of daily recitation of the Rosary for the intentions of all families. This includes a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is passed from family to family each week.



The statue of our Lady is to stay in each home for a period of seven days. The host family will pray the Rosary every day along with the meditation for each day. Then the statue will go to the next person on the schedule. There is a notebook that goes along with the statue. The notebook contains special prayers and the meditations for each day.

If you are interested, the sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Please enter your name and telephone number for the week you desire. The statue and book are to be returned to the Parish Center on Mondays so the next family can pick them up.



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The group meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 AM in the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, Room 7. We begin with Lectio Divina (Scripture Reading), after which we sit quietly in prayer for 25 minutes. We break briefly for refreshments and then listen to a 30-minute taped presentation. Those who wish may stay for discussion. If you have questions, call Marie Martin at 241-5030. We are open to anyone who would like to join us.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The St. Francis de Sales Charismatic Prayer Group will have a member in the *Parents' Room* in the back of the church every Thursday following the 8:00 AM Mass to pray with anyone who would like additional prayers.



On Thursday nights at 7:00 PM, the St. Francis de Sales Charismatic Prayer Group meets in Room 4 of the Parish Center. We sing and praise the Lord. If you and your family would like to learn more about the joy that comes from a greater knowledge and closeness to the Holy Spirit, please join us. For information, contact Judy Franklin at 722-6288.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesdays: After the 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM

Cenacle of Life Holy Hour
Tuesdays:
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

VESPERS RETURNS!

Celebrate the Advent season in a very special way by joining us in Vespers. The deacons of St. Francis de Sales will be leading Solemn Vespers on Sunday evenings after the 5:00 PM Mass throughout Advent to Epiphany.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES!



We again invite you and your family to celebrate New Year's Eve in a unique way. There will be a Holy Hour from 11:00 PM to Midnight, Thursday, **December 31**, in the church. The hour will include prayer, meditation, Scripture, but mainly peaceful and prayerful reflection. It will conclude after Midnight with refreshments in the O'Leary Room. The church will be open from 9:00 PM until Midnight, so feel free to come for all or part of the time to enjoy the peace.

PRAY THE ROSARY!

Join us in praying the Rosary before the 8:00 AM Mass, Monday through Saturday, from 7:20 to 7:40 AM. All are invited to join us. For more information, call Catherine Magee at 296-1963.



OPEN HOUSE AT ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Parents/guardians/students! Join us at St. Augustine Catholic High School on Sunday, **December 6**, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM to learn more about why we offer the best high school program in Tucson. Tour the campus and our new, amazing Wellness Center/gym! Meet faculty and coaches, and find out how this exciting opportunity can be affordable for you. Tuition assistance is available.

For more information, call 751-8300.

FRIENDS TOGETHER—GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief support group for widows and widowers will meet together for our annual holiday luncheon on Wednesday, **December 9**. We will gather at 10:00 AM in our Wednesday meeting room for games and surprises. Then our holiday meal will feature a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Be sure to join us for our holiday celebration of "Friends Together."

Meetings are facilitated by Linda Bowden and are sponsored by St. Francis de Sales Parish for the Tucson Community. The group meets at St. Francis de Sales in the Parish Center.



KIDNEY DONATIONS NEEDED

More than 82,000 Americans are currently on a kidney transplant waiting list; an estimated 1,350, including Parishioner Diane White and many others, reside in Arizona. Living donors can be one source of hope and life for these people. If you are willing to be tested to see if you are a match for someone in need of a kidney, please contact Annette Whinery, RN, Kidney Transplant Coordinator, University Medical Center, 694-7365.

As an alternative, you may want to consider registering to be an organ and tissue donor. Visit www.azdonorregistry.org for more information or to register.

According to Pope Benedict XVI, "to donate one's organs is an act of love..." Please prayerfully consider how you may give another person the gift of life.

GET CREDIT NOW FOR A GOOD DEED

Taxpayers contributed over 4.3 million dollars to the Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) last year and provided tuition scholarships for students in schools throughout the Diocese of Tucson. Thank you!

Please take advantage of this opportunity to support Catholic education and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit by contributing up to \$1,000 to the CTSO by **December 31**.

Visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving, or send your contribution today to: CTSO; P.O. Box 14467; Tucson, Arizona 85732-4467.

THANK YOU, FATHER!

How do we thank our retired priests for the lifetime of service they have given us? Next weekend's special collection for our retired priests is a wonderful way to say, "Thank you, Father!" Please think about the needs of our retired priests. They're responsible for all their own living expenses, and they have to make ends meet on their Social Security and the retirement benefit they get from the Diocese. *Right now, that benefit is just \$1,200 a month, which is below the national average for a retired priest.* To do better for our retired priests, we need to support next weekend's collection. For your convenience, envelopes can be found at the church exits. Please bring the envelope for the Priests' Retirement Fund Collection to Mass next weekend with your donation.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

In these tough economic times, the needs of our clients continue to grow. Listed below are current items and volunteer needs for the St. Elizabeth's Health Center:

Disposable diapers are always needed. Stethoscopes and infant car seats are needed. Please call 628-7871.

Office chairs with arms are needed for the Registration Department. Small toys would be appreciated for children receiving dental services. You may call Iris Vasquez at 628-7871.

Volunteer bilingual licensed counselors are an ongoing need. Please call Sr. Michelle at 628-7871.

Visit www.ccs-soaz.org for more information, or call 623-0344 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

FREE MISSION TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

For nationwide Mass times & locations: Call (1-410-676-6000) or visit www.Masstimes.org.