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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM | SUNDAY – 9:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 8:30 AM

Second Wednesday 6:00PM

First Friday of the Month, Mass & Adoration-

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Spanish Mass: First Saturday- 9:00 AM

Confessions: Friday 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM

Second Wednesday 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM

Saturday 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

*Bennett Springs Sportsman's Chapel- Saturdays @ 6:00pm
(Memorial Day-Labor Day Weekend)*

Pastor: Rev. Allan Saunders – asaunders@dioscg.org

Office Administration: Katrina Cook

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Our Mission- Is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word, worship, community, and to celebrate the sacraments and give witness through a joyful life of prayer and service.

Dear Friends- Thank you for your interest in our parish. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for new parish home, returning to the practice of Catholic faith, or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic church, we are happy to have you here.

New Members- Can register with the parish office during office hours. Registration forms are also available in the Church vestibule and can be dropped in the collection basket during mass.

Parish Registration- is required for reception of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage) and letters of eligibility to serve as Godparent or Sponsor.

Attention All- Please contact the parish office for the Sacrament of Marriage, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA Program, Anointing of the Sick and PSR class etc.

Our Parish Bulletin is published weekly and is a great way to stay abreast of all the news and activities within the parish. All bulletin articles are due on Wednesday before noon.

Pastoral Council Chairperson: Denise McCulloch

Finance Council Chairperson: Jim Burks



PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Clara Seawel, Susan McDermott, Nicole Newton, Barbara Foley, Flo Spurgeon, Keith MacGowan, Renee Chambers, Clyde Hendricks, JJ Hutson, Gerald Platt, Don Ging, Charles Greeno, Janice Whipple, Brandon Darby, Tom Ventura, Tracey MacGowan, Clementine Clough, Robert Hobbs, Brandon Hart, Judy & Daniel Bursley, Allison Price, Paula Martinez Reyes, Angie Buchman, Pat Townsend, Neil & Nancy Twenter, Leroy Smith, Frank Reyes, Mike McDaniel & Family..*

Please pray also for Sebastian Evans, Cassandra Touchstone, Matthew J. McCulloch, Dustin Rhoades naval medical, Tristen Meints, Steven Schneider for all who are deployed, & all the men & women serving in our Armed Forces. Please keep all civilian employees and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas Mass Times

We will have Christmas Masses on Wednesday, December 24th at 6PM and Thursday, December 25th at 8AM. Mass at St. Willam' in Buffalo will be at 10AM. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. The collection that day will be for the diocese's retired priests and seminarians. Please be generous.



Saturday, December 13 th – For Parish Families
Sunday, December 14 th – Agnes Conrad
Monday, December 15 th – Edward & Elizabeth Thessen
Wednesday, December 17 th – Matthew Hempel
Friday, December 19 th - Victor Zatorski
Saturday, December 20 th – For Parish Families
Sunday, December 21 st – For Parish Families

Rite of Welcoming

St. Francis will celebrate Rite of Welcoming for OCIA catechumens and candidates this Sunday, December 14th at the 9AM Mass. Please pray for Lexi Seibert and Ethan White our catechumens and Riley Hensley, Tristan Howdeshell, Collin Seibert and Leann Zimmerman, our candidates.

CROSSLINES SPECIAL NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: BAGS OF FLOUR, YEAST, SUGAR AND WALMART BAGS. EGG CARTONS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED.

Stewardship, in its simplest terms, is the act of putting God's priorities before our own. Good stewards give the first portion of their gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Lord's work in gratitude for his many blessings. This practice of giving our "first fruits" incorporates the aspect of sacrificial giving. Stewards do four things...receive God's gifts gratefully, nurture God's gifts responsibly, share God's gifts justly and charitably, & return those gifts to God abundantly.

SHARING OF TREASURE

Annual Budget for 2024-2025	\$305,026.00
Needed for Each Month	\$25,419.00
Needed for Each Week	\$5,866.00

MINISTERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND

DATE/TIME	SERVERS	ROSARY	LECTOR	GREETERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
SATURDAY December 20th 4:00PM	Ron Wehner	Jim Bornhop	Jaret Scharnhorst	Joe Lowell Paz Hall	Pamela Wehner Minnie Durbin Volunteer
SUNDAY December 21st 9:00AM	Natalie Hempel Ethan Brady	Herman Hempel	John Slayton	Mike Heaston Mary Heaston	Allison Brown Joy Amodio Philip Mitchell

If you are not available for your assigned weekend ministries, please use the Liturgical Role List located in the Church vestibule to find a substitute. The schedule is published every 3rd week of the month. If you are unavailable for a certain weekend, please let the Parish office know one month in advance. Thank you for your ministry in our Church!

St. Francis de Sales – Lebanon

EVENT DATE	TIME	EVENTS	LOCATION
Sun. Dec. 14 th	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Rosary Mass Coffee & Donuts (Young Women's Group) Las Posadas Practice (After Donuts) Christmas Caroling	Church Church Family Center Family Center Cedarhurst
Mon. Dec. 15 th	8:05 AM 8:30 AM	Rosary Mass	Church Church
Tues. Dec. 16 th		No Mass	
Wed. Dec. 17 th	8:05 AM 8:30 AM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM	Rosary Mass Line Dancing Talent Show Setup PSR Talent Show	Church Church Mumford Building Family Center Family Center
Thur. Dec. 18 th	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	San Raphael Sisters Meeting OCIA	Mumford Building Family Center
Fri. Dec. 19 th	8:05AM 8:30 AM	Rosary Mass, All-Day Adoration & Confession Pray & Play (After Mass)	Church Church Family Center
Sat. Dec. 20 th	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Rosary Mass	Church Church Church
Sun. Dec. 21 st	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass Las Posadas & Potluck	Church Church Family Center

St. William - Buffalo

EVENT DATE	TIME	EVENTS
Sundays	10:45 AM 11:00 AM	Confession Mass
Tuesdays	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Adoration Mass
2 nd Tuesday of the Month	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet Mass
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Mass
Confession: During Adoration		

ADVENT DAY OF ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

We will have a Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to prepare for Christmas on Friday, December 19th from 9AM - 8PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on the hour at 8AM, 10AM, 11AM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM and 7PM. Father will be in the confessional at the top of the hour and will leave after all Confessions have been heard to return at the top of the next scheduled hour. A sign-up sheet for hours of Adoration is in the vestibule of Church.

DIOCESAN WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS –
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

BISHOP RICE INVITES
ALL MARRIED COUPLES
WHO ARE CELEBRATING
THEIR 1ST, 5TH, 10TH, 15TH,
20TH, 25TH, 30TH, 35TH, 40TH,
45TH, 50TH, AND 50+
ANNIVERSARY IN 2026
TO A SPECIAL MASS AND
A LIGHT LUNCH
FOLLOWING ON SUN,
FEB 8 1:30PM – 3:30PM AT
ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL
IN SPRINGFIELD. PLEASE
RSVP BY JANUARY 26TH
BY CALLING SHARON
AT (417)866-0841.



Library Christmas Tree

St. Francis de Sales has a Christmas tree in the display at the Laclede County Library Festival of Trees in Lebanon. Go by and enjoy this holiday tradition and don't forget to vote for our parish's tree while you are there. Thank you to all of those who worked on this project.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES



LAS POSADAS CELEBRATION



Please join us as our youth reenact Mary and Joseph's journey to find shelter in Bethlehem. There will be a potluck to follow. Please bring holiday dishes that represent your culture for this special event. The Knights of Columbus will be furnishing desserts.

DECEMBER 21, 2025

Following Mass

FAMILY CENTER

PINIATA | MEET & GREET
WITH SANTA | POTLUCK



YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUNDRAISER

2026 Fundraiser discount cards are now available for purchase. These cards offer various discounts at Lebanon and Springfield area businesses. Proceeds from card sales will go to support the youth ministry at our parish. Contact Abby Hempel 417-379-4089 for more information or to purchase cards.

NEW YOUTH BUILDING

St. Francis' Parish and Finance Councils recommended to Father Allan that the parish use the empty rental house for our parish youth group. Contact Abby Hempel for more information.



PSR NEWS

We began our evening in the Mumford with a "Virtus" lesson in each classroom. "Virtus" is a company with the mission of keeping children safe. Our lessons generally focused around how to know the difference between good and bad secrets we may be asked to keep. Each class had their own version of the lesson. Some had videos and discussions. Others had activities and questionnaires. These lessons are required once a semester by the Diocese. The Diocese will exempt us from the spring semester lesson, since we already use the Theology of the Body series.

In our next activity, each class had a lesson in the Walking With Jesus series. Various activities took place with lessons focused on Advent and the Nativity of Jesus. During our lesson time, we enjoyed a slice of pizza and a cookie.

Students preparing for 1st Confession had their 2nd class with Mrs. Thessen in our new Sacramental Training classroom. Each of these students received a book titled, "My Confession Book." These books show the 10 Commandments and how to prepare for Confession through an examination of conscience and prayer. Each student should be working to memorize the Act of Contrition and pray it each night before bedtime. For all PSR Parents in all grades-please help your child memorize the Act of Contrition and pray it with them before bedtime each night.

Students performing in the Talent Show went individually to the basement of the Mumford for practice with Mrs. Helble during the last hour of classes. We have a good variety and our show looks to be fun and enjoyable for all!

Next week, we are looking forward to our Talent Show in the Family Life Center (FLC). Students will need to be dropped off at 5:45pm to set up and prepare for the show. Parents should arrive at 6:15pm, and the show will take place at 6:30pm.

Thank you, parents and parishioners, for being so supportive of our students in the PSR program!

God Bless!

Carol Helble 417-718-8986

Pat Hamman 417-589-9952



CAMP RENEWALL 2026

Brochures about our diocesan summer youth camp re NEW will be in the vestibule and PSR hallway in the Mumford Building. Please note changes to the camp sessions in 2026. Registration will begin December 10, 2025.

San Raphael Sisters Gathering December 18, 2025. 6pm in the Mumford Building. This gathering will be informal with lots of visiting, and we need to discuss the KOFC chili cook off. Please bring \$1 and a snack and your beverage! Friends are always welcome! If you have never been to one of our gatherings, we would love to meet you!

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026
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— at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress —



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Diocesan Eucharistic Congress – Parish Partnership Program

As part of this season of spiritual preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15, 2026, Bishop Rice has invited each parish in our diocese to participate in the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Parish Partnership Program**.

Back in October 2025, Bishop Rice randomly selected parishes to be “paired up” with one another, paving the way for members of the faithful community in southern Missouri to connect with fellow Catholics from another parish—perhaps one they have never even heard of! Partner parishes are encouraged to pray for one another, exchange intentions, and discover ways to connect with each other in the months leading up to the Eucharistic Congress.

In addition to celebrating Our Lord’s true presence in the Blessed Sacrament, the Bishop looks forward to preparing for the Congress by leading the diocese in renewing her commitment to being “one Church, east to west.” The Parish Partnership Program is one of many ways parishes in our diocese can come together in preparation for this historic celebration!

Visit the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage to meet your sister parish and learn more about how to prepare for this celebration:

<https://dioscrg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>

Area Cursillo Ultreya

Date/Time: Saturday, December 20th at 9:30AM

Location: St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, MO 2200 W Republic Rd

We will begin @ 9:30 with Adoration and a gathering at 10:00. There will be time for prayer, snacks, grouping, and a witness talk. Please bring a snack to share and your Pilgrim's Guide. All are invited even those who have not attended Cursillo yet! Come check it out!





Liturgical Role Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve - 6:00 PM

Server: Natalie Hempel
Lector: John Slayton
Greeters: Mike & Mary Heaston
Extraordinary Ministers: Jeremy Weaver,
Charlene Pumper, Volunteer

Christmas Day - 8:00 AM

Server: Damien Hempel
Lector: Joseph Hempel
Greeters: Angelo & Joy Amodio
Rosary: Jim Bornhop
Extraordinary Ministers: Denise McCulloch,
Charlene Pumper, Steve Norris

New Year's Eve - 6:00 PM

Server: Kevin Cowherd
Lector: Joy Amodio
Greeters: Angelo & Joy Amodio
Rosary: John Slayton
Extraordinary Ministers: Jeremy Weaver,
Charlene Pumper, Volunteer



ST FRANCIS DE SALES

December

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LEBANON 2 CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ROSARY 8:30AM MASS 9:00AM COFFEE & DONUTS 10:00AM (YOUNG WOMENS GROUP) (AFTER MASS) CHRISTMAS CAROLING (NOON)	LEBANON 1 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	BUFFALO 2 ADORATION 5PM MASS 6PM	LEBANON 3 MERCY HOSPITAL MASS 6:30AM PSR 5:45 PM LITTLE DISCIPLES 6PM LINE DANCING 5:30PM	BUFFALO 4 MASS 9:00AM OCIA 6:30PM (LEBANON) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING 7PM (LEBANON)	LEBANON 5 FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION 8:30AM – 10AM PRAY & PLAY (AFTER MASS)	LEBANON 6 SPANISH MASS 9AM CONFESSION 3PM ROSARY 3:30PM MASS 4PM KOFI FOSTER FAMILY BREAKFAST 10AM
LEBANON 7 CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ROSARY 8:30AM MASS 9:00AM COFFEE & DONUTS 10:00AM (YOUNG WOMENS GROUP) (AFTER MASS) CHRISTMAS CAROLING (NOON)	LEBANON 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS 8:30AM MASS 7:00PM	BUFFALO 2 ADORATION 3PM MASS 4PM GIFT PREPARATION FOR HOMEBOUND 10AM (LEBANON)	LEBANON 10 ROSARY 5:30PM MASS 6:00PM LINE DANCING 5:30PM PSR TALENT SHOW PRACTICE 5:45PM	BUFFALO 11 MASS 9:00AM SAN RAPHAEL SISTERS MEETING 6PM OCIA 6:30PM (LEBANON)	LEBANON 12 CONFESSION 8AM ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM PRAY & PLAY (AFTER MASS)	LEBANON 13 CONFESSION 3PM ROSARY 3:30PM MASS 4PM
LEBANON 14 ROSARY 8:30AM MASS 9:00AM COFFEE & DONUTS 10:00AM (YOUNG WOMENS GROUP) LAS POSADAS PRACTICE (AFTER MASS) CHRISTMAS CAROLING (NOON)	LEBANON 15 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM	BUFFALO 16 ADORATION 5PM MASS 6PM	LEBANON 17 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM LINE DANCING 5:30PM TALENT SHOW SETUP 5:45PM PSR TALENT SHOW 6:30PM	BUFFALO 18 MASS 9:00AM OCIA 6:30PM (LEBANON)	LEBANON 19 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM PRAY & PLAY (AFTER MASS) ADORATION 9AM - 8PM CONFESSION TIMES 8AM, 10AM, 11AM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM & 7PM	LEBANON 20 CONFESSION 3PM ROSARY 3:30PM MASS 4PM YOUNG WOMENS GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY 6PM
LEBANON 21 ROSARY 8:30AM MASS 9:00AM LAS POSADAS (MEAL TO FOLLOW)	LEBANON 22 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM	BUFFALO 23 ADORATION 5PM MASS 6PM	LEBANON 24 SEMINARIAN & DIOCESAN RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM	BUFFALO 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 8:00AM (LEBANON) CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:00AM (BUFFALO)	LEBANON 26 CONFESSION 8AM ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM PRAY & PLAY (AFTER MASS)	LEBANON 27 CONFESSION 3PM ROSARY 3:30PM MASS 4PM
LEBANON 28 ROSARY 8:30AM MASS 9:00AM	LEBANON 29 ROSARY 8:05AM MASS 8:30AM	BUFFALO 30 ADORATION 5PM MASS 6PM	LEBANON 31 NEW YEARS EVE MASS 6PM			

LITURGICAL ROLE CALENDAR DECEMBER 2025

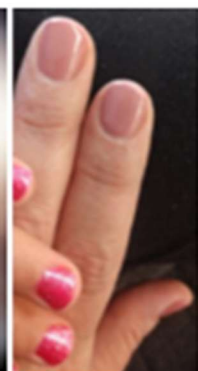
DATE/TIME	SERVER	ROSARY	LECTOR	GREETERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, December 6th 4:00 PM	Ron Wehner	Margaret Thessen	Debbie Adams	Joe Lowell Steve Norris	Pamela Wehner Dustin Young Jeremy Weaver
Sunday, December 7th 9:00 AM	Jack Harris Joseph Hempel	Jim Bornhop	Damien Hempel	Mary Heaston Chris Herman	Sheila Mitchell Denise McCulloch L.A. Lowrance
Saturday, December 13th 4:00 PM	Ron Wehner	Volunteer	Catherine Brooks	Paz Hall Volunteer	Steve Norris Jeremy Weaver Volunteer
Sunday, December 14th 9:00 AM	Kevin Cowherd Damien Hempel	Carol Helble	Joy Amodio	Angelo Amodio L.A. Lowrance	Allison Brown Jim O'Fallon Denise McCulloch
Saturday, December 20th 4:00 PM	Ron Wehner	Jim Bornhop	Jaret Scharnhorst	Joe Lowell Paz Hall	Pamela Wehner Minnie Durbin Volunteer
Sunday, December 21st 9:00 AM	Natalie Hempel Ethan Brady	Herman Hempel	John Slayton	Mike Heaston Mary Heaston	Allison Brown Joy Amodio Phillip Mitchell
Saturday, December 27th 4:00 PM	Ron Wehner	Jim Bornhop	Catherine Brooks	Dustin Young Volunteer	Pamela Wehner Jeremy Weaver Steve Norris
Sunday, December 28th 9:00 AM	Jack Harris Kevin Cowherd	Margaret Thessen	Herman Hempel	Angelo Amodio Chris Herman	Sheila Mitchell Denise McCulloch Joy Amodio

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