



# The Sunday Encore

More News and Announcements from St. Francis de Sales Parish

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
The Epiphany Of The Lord

## This Week's Personal Spiritual Inventory Questions

During this coming week, give some time in quiet and prayer to reflect on the following spiritual inventory questions. May they lead to a helpful prayer and reflection experience.

1. The angel came to ask Mary to give birth to Jesus. How can I give birth to Jesus in myself or the world today?
2. What stands between a joyful Christmas and me? What do I need to bring to God in prayer?

## Parish Calendars

Due to communication difficulties with the publishing company, the additional copies of the parish calendars for 2023 will not be available until the later part of January. When available, they can be picked up on Sundays or at the parish office while available.

## You're Invited-Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr's Study Of The Mass

Each Sunday from January 8 to February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will e-mail you a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's video series The Mass featuring Bishop Robert Barron, along with his own brief insights. The series is as beautifully filmed as it is engaging, and this is an incredible chance to reinvigorate our love for Jesus in the Mass. Please sign-up for this series by going to [www.catholicaoc.org](http://www.catholicaoc.org) and on the homepage click Study The Mass With Archbishop Schnurr

## New Year's Resolutions For Catholics

The following is this week's New Year's resolution opportunity for Catholics to commit to during 2023. Please consider this option or one of your own that will assist you in your faith life over the coming year.

Resolution: Make Good Stewardship A Lifestyle

This boils down to one key concept in the life of the Christian practicing good stewardship over the gifts God has given us. Good stewardship means good management of our “time, talent, and treasure” for the greater glory of God.

As Jesus warned us in His parables, all of His servants will be judged on how they used the graces he gave them. Do we neglect them and spend selfishly, or are we generous in building up God’s kingdom on earth.

Prayerfully evaluate how you will spend your time, your talents, and your income in 2023 to see what lifestyle changes you can make that will positively impact your spiritual life. Make it big, God cannot be outdone in generosity.

### Marriage Moments And Parenting Pointers: Food For Thought And Actions

Marriage Moments-Reminder: Last week it was suggested that you pick one new daily (or weekly) marriage deepening habit for 2023. Did you do it? If not, here’s your guilt free second chance. DO IT!

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Parenting Pointers-With the “high holidays” behind us, perhaps you have some extra time to chill. Consider using this weekend to declutter your family’s clothes. Ask each person to choose one or more usable pieces of clothing to donate to a family in need.

### Living Laudato Si’ Eco-Tip Of The Week From The SFdS Parish “Green Team”

Addressing a spirituality for our world and the environment:

- The Easy One:* Pray for vulnerable peoples and species, those affected by the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis.
- The Challenging One:* Act on your prayer. Advocate for environmentally friendly policies on your community, place of worship, the world. This usually means attending meetings, signing petitions, getting political.

### This Week From U.S. Catholic Magazine

Please visit *U.S. Catholic Magazine* at [www.uscatholic.org](http://www.uscatholic.org) for this week’s reads and other informative and inspiring articles.

Both are posted on the homepage:

*Young Catholic Want To See The Church Live The Gospel: Passionate About Justice Work, Young Catholics Don’t Always Agree With Church Leaders On How To Best Live Out Jesus’ Teachings.* By Rhina Guidos

*For Heaven’s Sake, Say Hi To New Parishioners: There’s No Magic Formula-Or Right Amount Of Donations-That Will Grow A Parish Without A Culture Of Hospitality.* By Angela Howard-McParland.

Catholic History Podcast

Interested in learning more about our Catholic heritage? The Catholic History Trek podcast covers a wide range of topics: the history of Catholic schools, foods, and prayers; religious orders such as the Franciscans and Norbertines; the Mass and liturgical music; the origins of Catholicism in each of the fifty states; and much more. It is co-hosted by Scott Schulze and Kevin Schmiesing and available on all popular podcast platforms such as Spotify, Google, and Apple, with some video episodes also available on YouTube.

Jesuit Spiritual Center At Milford Retreat Opportunity

The Jesuit Spiritual Center At Milford will offer a retreat entitled Discipleship Considered from January 20-22, 2023. The retreat director will be Father Michael Graham, S.J.

Against the background of the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*, come explore the mission, call, values, and more of discipleship, with an eye to walking more faithfully the paths we've been given to walk.

The location will be the Arrupe Retreat House. The start time will be 5:45 P.M. on Friday, January 20 and will close at 1:00 P.M. Sunday January 22. For more information please call 513/248-3500.

Vocation Thought For The Week

*On This Epiphany Sunday, please consider how you can best suggest to the young to follow God/The Star to a religious vocation.*

Pro-Life Gathering For Her

A Pro-Life Gathering For Her is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 8:15 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Mason. The day will include a mass, national and local pro-life speakers, coffee and lunch. Purchase tickets at [CincinnatiRightToLife.org](http://CincinnatiRightToLife.org)

They Said It:

*Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.*

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*"It's easy to become discouraged when plans that we think God must endorse are frustrated. Marguerite was called not to be a cloistered nun but to be a foundress and an educator. God had not ignored her after all."*

*Leonard Foley, O.F.M. and Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.  
The Memorial of Marguerite Bourgeoys, Religious (Canada)  
January 12*