

⊕ St Francis de Sales Catholic Parish News ⊕

Come & See

Welcoming Fr. Christian Shiu to St Francis de Sales

Father Christian Shiu has been appointed as the pastor for St Francis de Sales, Lake Zurich, effective July 1, 2026. He comes to us with a vibrant heart for ministry and a diverse background in both parish life and education, having served at St Gilbert and as chaplain at Carmel Catholic High School for the past five years. Fr. Christian was ordained in 2018. He is a Chicago native and is known for his energy, his dedication to Catholic identity, and his ability to connect with people of all ages.

Dear St. Francis de Sales Community --

"Come, and you will see." In John's Gospel account of the calling of the first disciples, Jesus is walking by. John the Baptist proclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Andrew and another disciple quickly make their way to Jesus. Jesus turns and asks them: "What are you looking for?" They say in reply: "Where are you staying?" And Jesus says, "Come, and you will see." What are you looking for? Here at St. Francis de Sales, our mission is Christ; we accompany others in encountering Jesus and helping them grow in their friendship with God, so they can help others do the same! It is in experiencing God's friendship that we find what we are truly looking for. I hope you will join us here! Please check out this newsletter to learn more and visit our website for the most current information and events. You can also sign up to receive newsletters and bulletins to your email. I look forward to meeting you. Come, and you will see!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Christian Shiu



NEW MASS TIMES!

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sundays 7am, 9am, 11am

- Sunday 5pm will return on September 13th
- 9am is live streamed on YouTube & FB
- 11am is also radio broadcasted to the West Parking Lot

Grateful for 20 Years of Fr. David Ryan's Service

Father David Ryan was ordained on June 2nd, 1979. He has faithfully served St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the broader Lake Zurich community for twenty years.



His commitment to evangelization, education, the sacraments, pastoral care, and stewardship has left an indelible mark on the parish.

Throughout his ministry, Fr. Ryan led numerous evangelization initiatives, including Alpha, Build, Equip, Bible Studies, Parish Missions, and guest speaker events.

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Associate Pastor, Fr Gerald Walsh Begins September 1st

Father Gerald G. Walsh, 56, was born in Chicago and attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and Quigley North Preparatory Seminary. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy at Niles



College of Loyola University and a doctorate in ministry at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

He was associate pastor of St. James, Arlington Heights (1995-1996); St. George, Tinley Park (1996-2001); and St. Francis Borgia (2001-2005) before joining the faculty at Quigley Preparatory Seminary (2005-2007) and then serving as director of recruitment (cont pg 2)

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday | 8:30am Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday |
Noon Communion Service
Saturday | 8:30am Communion Service

Holy Day Masses

Times will depend on the holy day. We will publicize as they happen.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4-4:45pm
& by appointment.

Adoration

First Fridays 9am-Noon
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6-7:30pm

Fr. David Ryan (cont.)

More recently, he focused on renewing the belief that Sacred Scripture is the inspired word of God, Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, equipping parishioners to share their faith stories, and fostering a more welcoming and vibrant parish community. Known for his compassionate pastoral presence, Fr. Ryan dedicated countless hours to visiting the homebound, sick, and dying, offering comfort and prayer to parishioners and families in neighboring communities. Parishioner or not, if Fr. Ryan received a call, he was there. He regularly celebrated Mass in assisted living facilities, ensuring that those unable to attend church could receive Holy Communion. Fr. Ryan also championed outreach efforts that extended beyond Lake Zurich to communities across the United States and around the world. These included initiatives to help survivors of natural disasters, collecting essentials for asylum seekers, providing diapers to Catholic Charities, building churches in India, and supporting the Catholic community in the Holy Land/Bethlehem.

Through his financial leadership and prudent stewardship of parish resources, he eliminated \$3.8 million in parish debt and has positioned St. Francis de Sales for continued financial success.

Fr. Ryan's ministry has left a lasting impact on St. Francis de Sales, and beyond. His dedication to sharing the Gospel, serving those in need, and building a welcoming community centered on Jesus Christ has built a faith community that is clearly focused on the great commission to Go make disciples of all nations.

All for one and one for all in Jesus Christ!

Fr. Gerald Walsh (cont.)

and formation at St. Joseph College Seminary (2007-2011). He was Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview (2011-2014) before being named Pastor of Prince of Peace, Lake Villa (2014-2026). He will join us as Associate Pastor at St. Francis de Sales, Lake Zurich in September 2026.

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DO YOU WANT TO JOIN MUSIC MINISTRY?

Cantors (all ages)
Lead songs at Masses. Can sing individually or in small groups. Rehearsals 30 minutes before Mass and/or during the week.

Instrumentalists
Play and accompany songs for masses. Rehearsals 30 minutes before mass and/or during the week.

Adult Choir (Fall through Spring)
Sing at the 9am Mass. Wednesday Rehearsals 7pm-8:15pm.

Youth Choir (Fall through Spring)
Sing at the 11am Mass. Rehearsals 45 minutes before Mass and/or during the week.

Handbell Choir (all ages) (Fall through Spring)
Play once a month with the summer off. Wednesday Rehearsals 6pm-6:50pm.

For more information, please see
Jonathan after Mass or reach out!

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