



Following in the Footsteps of the Saints

The **Catholic Extension Grant** contributed:
Silver Star, Three King ensemble and
Twelfth Night Epiphany Dinner.
Let us continue to stay
"Following in the Footsteps of the Saints."

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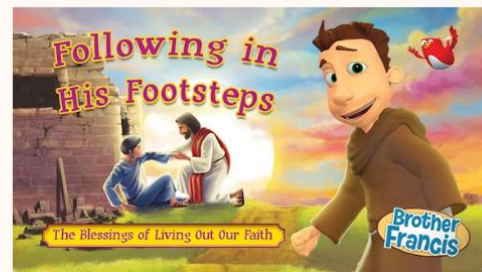
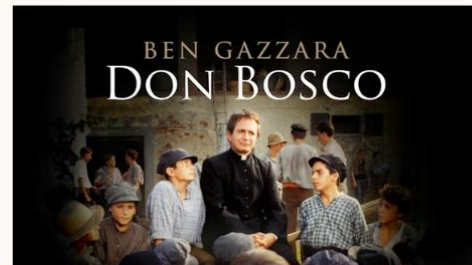
CYM provided the mealtime entertainment,
with a skit on the life of St. John Bosco,
the patron saint of youth.

The Three Kings
(Eric Sandschafer, Victor Sandschafer and
Isaac Street) arrived and shared with us
to always follow the True Light-
the Bright Shining Star -which is Jesus!

*"The people who walked in darkness
have seen a Great Light!"*

January the month of the Holy Name of Jesus

- Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (first American-born saint)
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann (first American male saint)
- Jan 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort (Dominican priest, canon lawyer)
- Jan 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 17: St. Anthony the Abbot (Father of Monasticism)
- Jan 20: Saints Fabian (Pope) & Sebastian (Martyr)
- Jan 21: St. Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)
- Jan 24: St. Francis de Sales (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (Feast)
- Jan 27: St. Angela Merici (Founder of the Ursulines)
- Jan 28: St. Thomas Aquinas (Priest, Doctor of the Church)
- Jan 31: St. John Bosco (Founder of the Salesians, patron of youth)



Upcoming February Events

Holy Cross Wendelin

4 Wed. Family Catechesis Gathering 6:30 pm
Join us for an eye opening Adult presentation, a
CYM Candlemas service, and a "Saint"
presentation for all ages.

7 M.C.4.C. Valentine Dinner/Dance- CYM
babysitting in parish house, R.S.V.P.
*Reminder to bring your Family Catechesis Tote
and Binder and Sacrament books for check-in.



Prayer for the New Year

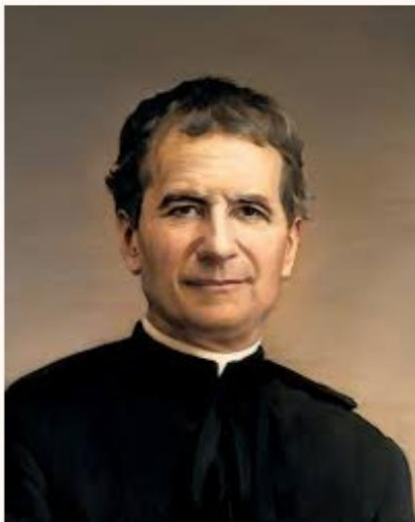
*"Come, Holy Spirit, be our Light and Guide
in this new year. Renew our minds and
hearts, strengthen us in virtue, and help us
grow closer to You and one another.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!"*

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January 2026



Our January Saints



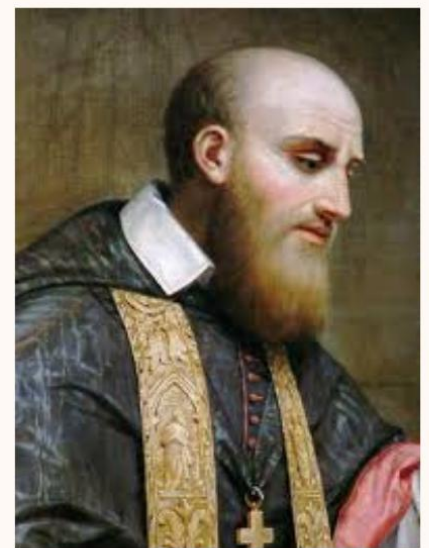
Saint John Bosco

(Don Bosco) 1815-1888) was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, and writer who dedicated his life to disadvantaged youth, developing the Salesian Preventive System (reason, religion, loving-kindness) to educate poor, orphaned, and delinquent children through vocational training and spiritual guidance, becoming the "Father and Teacher of Youth" and patron of apprentices, editors, publishers, and young people, with his work continuing through the Salesians worldwide.



Mother of God

Mary the mother of Jesus, holds a unique and highly venerated position within Christianity, particularly in Catholicism and Orthodox Christianity, where she is honored as the Mother of God (or Theotokos, a Greek term meaning "God-bearer"). She is considered the greatest of all saints.



St. Francis de Sales

(1567-1622) was a French bishop, theologian, and writer known for his gentle approach to faith, authoring Introduction to the Devout Life, co-founding the Sisters of the Visitation, and becoming a Doctor of the Church, serving as patron for writers, journalists, and educators for making holiness accessible to all. He famously used "a spoonful of honey" over "vinegar" to win back Calvinists, slipping pamphlets under doors, and emphasized "Humility, Humility, Humility" before his death.