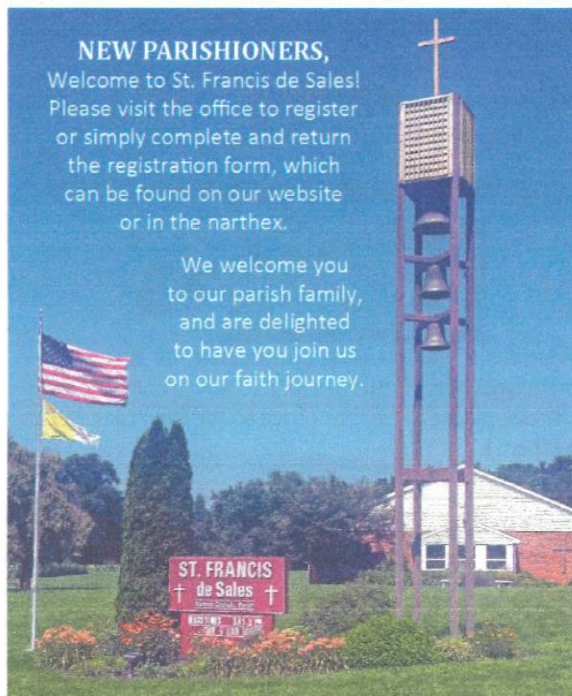


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

Welcome to St. Francis de Sales! Please visit the office to register or simply complete and return the registration form, which can be found on our website or in the narthex.

We welcome you to our parish family, and are delighted to have you join us on our faith journey.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- Administrator
Alison Snyder ----- Director of Religious Education
Christina Kopinski ----- Administrative Assistant

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm
Sunday ----- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday ----- 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm and Benediction at 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon and Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

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THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



March 2, 2025 ✠ The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. John will be celebrating Daily Mass privately for your requested intentions this Monday & Tuesday. Daily Mass will resume on Ash Wednesday @ 12:00 Noon.

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00 PM Annetta Edinger

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 AM Bernard Huck

10:30 AM Grace Hornickle

Monday, March 3, 2025 ~ NO DAILY MASS

9:00 AM Perard Pyrrhus

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 ~ NO DAILY MASS

9:00 AM Fr. John Sheehan

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 ~ Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Fr. John Little

Thursday, March 6, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. George Winne

Friday, March 7, 2025

9:00 AM Daniel Cando

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 PM Blasi 'Cap' Capalbo

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Helen Boulanger

Parish Schedule/Announcements

The K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale has begun and will run through Sunday, March 16!

Thursday, March 6: 9:30am - 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Friday - Sunday March 7@ 7pm - The Basket & the Cross

Saturday March 8@3pm - Teen/Young Adult Chat Session

6pm - Social Gathering and Meal

7pm - From Cave to Community

Sunday, March 9: 10:05am - Pray the Rosary with K of C

12 Noon - The Ear of the Heart

Lector & Server Schedule

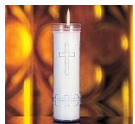
Saturday, March 8th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, March 9th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Carman

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Clarke



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of March 2, 2025 For Special Intentions

If you are a homebound parishioner or know of a homebound parishioner unable to attend Mass due to an illness, please notify the office so we can reach out to you (them).

Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Alicia Balkjy, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, Lisa Boess, Jim Bross, Sr., Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Mary Ann Flemming, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Kathleen Miller, Dave Mitchell, Connor Macey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

First Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 23, 2025 ~ \$ 7,971.00
Maintenance for February ~ \$ 3,185.00

Next weekend, we will take up a second collection for Black and Indian Mission and Catholic Home Mission Appeal. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal strengthens the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States through the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Since 1884, proceeds from the Black and Indian Missions Collection (BIM) are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleute communities of the United States. Normally taken on the first Sunday in Lent. You can donate up to one week beyond the collection date. Please prayerfully consider

Schedule for Ash Wednesday:

12:00 Noon ~ Mass
6:30PM ~ Prayer Service

Made for Communion
Attention Teens & Young Adults!
A special session just for you!
Casual & informal!
Snack & Chat with Fr. Boniface Hicks
Saint Francis de Sales March 8th @ 3pm

High School and College Students...a special part of our upcoming Mission dedicated JUST FOR YOU! Take this opportunity to have a casual discussion with Fr. Boniface Hicks. He welcomes you to join him in an afternoon of snacks and conversation. You do not want to miss this on Saturday, March 8th at 3pm. Bring your friends! (Youth are invited to all Mission Sessions, but this one is designed specifically for teens and young adults)

Today's selections from the Book of Sirach and Luke's Gospel suggest a powerful standard by which we can judge the heart and mind of another person: the subject and manner about which one speaks.

Pretty obvious, isn't it? Negative people tend to speak negatively. Jealous people speak resentfully. Judgmental people speak suspiciously. Their conversations tend to weigh others down.

By contrast, positive people speak positively. Happy people speak graciously. Energized people speak enthusiastically. Their conversations tend to lift others up.

If the eyes are the windows to the soul, conversation seems to be expressions of the heart.

Francis de Sales writes in his Introduction to the Devout Life: "Just as physicians learn about a person's health or sickness by looking at the tongue, so our words are a true indication of the state of our souls." (Part III, Chapter 26) This diagnosis has several aspects.

First: how do we speak of God? "If you are truly in love with God you should often speak of God in familiar conversation with others...just as bees extract with their mouths nothing but honey, so your tongue should always be sweetened with its God...always with attention and reverence." (Ibid)

Second: how do we speak of others? "Be careful never to let an indecent word leave your lips, for even if you do not speak with an evil intention those who hear it may take it a different way." When one's heart is filled with evil or rancor or intrigue, their tongues are no longer like the sweet ones of the bees but become "like a lot of wasps gathered together to feed on corruption." (Part III, Chapter 27)

Third: how balanced is our conversation? "It seems to me that we should avoid two extremes," observes Francis de Sales. "To be too reserved and to refuse to take part in conversation looks like lack of confidence in the others or some kind of disdain. On the other hand, to be always babbling or joking without giving others time or chance to speak when they wish is a mark of shallowness and levity." (Part III, Chapter 30)

What do the content and tone of our words tell others about our hearts?

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/eighth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-march-2-2025>





OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it is necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

† Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

† Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

† What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

† What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

† Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese, all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

† Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States, this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (**March 9 – June 15, 2025**). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



All Classes attended the Circle of Grace Lesson this week.

Date: 2/23/25	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	Jesus Loves Me!	Do small acts of kindness to show your love like Jesus.	Prayers student should know: Sign of the Cross Grace before Meals The Lord's Prayer The Hail Mary
Level 2 (First Communion)	Lent Poster	Talk about Lent with your child and finish poster.	
Level 3/4	St. Valentine St. Francis Xavier Session 21		
Level 5	Began Preparation for our Service Project!		
Level 6	Lent	Think of Lenten Sacrifices Pray, Spend time Reading the Bible.	
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Confirmation	Watch 10.3, 10.4 online or read the sections in your book. https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html	Why Confirmation? and Confirmation Name due at next class.

Link to 2nd Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/blessed-seasons.html>

Link to 7th Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>

There is a new Mass attendance chart for 2025. Please be sure to add a sticker when you attend Mass. Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Please value the importance of these classes along with **Mass attendance. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance.**

Our next Class is: March 16th (All Levels)

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