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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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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.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the



October 23, 2022 ✕ *The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, October 22, 2022~30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, October 23, 2022~30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kristin Bjorn Young

10:30 AM Rodger Rothenberger

Saturday, October 29, 2022~31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Theresa Ann Kozak

Sunday, October 30, 2022~31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Mark Hawley

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasproicz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, October 29th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Gaston

Sunday October 30th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Eckenroth

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Clark

Parish Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 27 @ 10am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am – 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

To St. Therese, our Lord's sacrifice, and its continuation in the Mass, was, above all, the heavenly Father's merciful love stooping down from heaven to earth and gathering his children once again in his arms. This indeed is the whole purpose of the Mass.

Fr. Bernard Bro – From his book St. Therese of Lisieux: Her Family, Her God, Her Message

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;

12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer/Adoration (Chapel)

Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM;



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday

Eph 4:32 – 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday

Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Theo 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Our Return to the Lord

Week of October 16, 2022 ~ \$ 4,016.00

Mission Sunday ~ This weekend, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic Celebration for the Missions of the Church. Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments. I encourage your generosity next weekend on World Mission Sunday. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.



Are you looking for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with the Mass and your home parish here at St. Francis de Sales? Active involvement and participation are a great way to enhance an experience. Our liturgical ministries, of which include lectors, ushers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and altar servers, can use your help. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to a ministry the Lord is inviting you to be a part of in an amazing way. The rewards are great!

To volunteer or learn more about each ministry, please contact either Deacon Rick or Lori Caman respectively by email or phone:

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Holy Souls

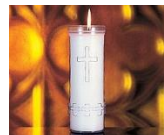
The church has set aside the month of November to remember the Holy Souls: the great company of the Saints in Heaven as well as the poor suffering souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is still a wondrous teaching of the church. As found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1030): "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice. So that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." We will place our All Souls envelopes on our altar throughout this entire month. At every Mass, we shall remember these deceased loved ones and commend them to God's mercy, peace and glory.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales next **Sunday, November 6th @ 10:30 am.** During this Mass, we remember, in a special way, all the beloved of our parish who have passed away during the year. All are welcome to attend as we commend our recently departed Brothers and Sisters to the mercy and peace of God.

- † Cecelia T. Hoffmann
- † John M. Jones
- † Gerard Paul Leblanc
- † Edward T. Zdravecki
- † Edwin Leo Zeltzer



~ Living Flame ~



Will burn the week of October 23, 2022
In Loving Memory of Joseph T Savitsky



Today's Gospel parable reminds us that we are justified only by the grace of God. God's gift of grace can take root in us only when we have the humility to acknowledge our need because of our sins.

The Pharisee is a very good person. He has obeyed all the laws of God. His efforts have even gone beyond the law; he fasts twice a week and pays tithes on his whole income. There is much about him that we might admire. But Jesus wants us to focus on his attitude. The man sees himself as better than the rest of people. He's proud of his goodness.

The tax collector approaches God at a distance. He is very aware of his sinfulness, his need for God's mercy. We're told that his humble prayer pierces the clouds and reaches the heart of God. God does not delay in responding. The tax collector went home justified – at peace with God who reads the heart.

Honesty and humility are very basic foundations for developing a deeper relationship with God. No matter how good we strive to be in our daily living, our eternal salvation is always a gift of God's saving grace and mercy. When it comes to pleasing God, we must learn never to become self-sufficient. We cannot earn salvation no matter how much good we do. We can only accept saving grace with great humility and respond thankfully by doing the good we are able to do each day..

Let us willingly acknowledge our need for God's mercy each day. We can be confident that God will hear our humble prayer. Our merciful God will always lift us up and send us home justified.



<i>Date: 10/16/22</i>	<i>Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week</i>	<i>Homework or Out of Class Activity</i>	<i>Additional Notes</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>"Fall in Love with Jesus" We discussed the ways Jesus loves us and made a tree with leaves to show all of His love!</i>		<i>Circle of Grace</i>
<i>Level 2 (First Communion)</i>	<i>Session 2 Episodes 5, 6 & 7</i>	<i>Decorate or Carve your pumpkin this year with a Cross.</i>	<i>Circle of Grace</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Focused on Circle of Grace. Remember everyone has a Circle of Grace.</i>		<i>Circle of Grace</i>
<i>Level 4</i>	<i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>Pray for and Remember loved ones and and those who have passed away.</i>	<i>Circle of Grace</i>
<i>Level 5</i>	<i>All Saints Day</i>	<i>Pray for and Remember loved ones and and those who have passed away.</i>	<i>Circle of Grace</i>
<i>Level 6</i>	<i>Unit 2, Session 6 Isaac to Jacob to Esau Theological Virtues - Faith, Hope & Charity Making good moral choices</i>	<i>Make a family tree and "find" a lesson your family learned from a family before you.</i>	<i>Read a Bible</i>
<i>Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)</i>	<i>Session 4 Prayer Practice</i>	<i>Practice the 7 Step Prayer Process daily.</i>	<i>Next Class - Parent Meeting</i>

Please be sure any out-of-class assignments are completed prior to the next class.

Our Next Class is Sunday, November 6, 2022. *Level 7 (Confirmation Prep) will have a parents' meeting at the start of class. One parent MUST attend with the student.*

Please remember: 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. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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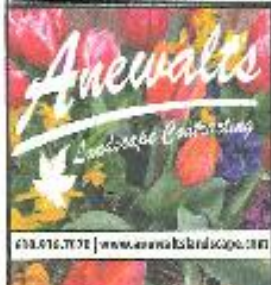
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