

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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



February 19 2023 ✠ The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Sat., February 18, 2023~ The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Earnest & Helen Boulanger

Sunday, February 19, 2023 ~ The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Daniel Baumann

10:30 AM Special Intentions for Santiago Areiza

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 ~ Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Ash Service

12:00 Noon Marylou Schlert

7:00 PM Kevin & Cynthia Snyder

Sat., February 25, 2023~ First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Dan O'Connor

Sunday, February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Special Intentions for Walter Areiza

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Dennis & Mary Ann Fleming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, February 25th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, February 26th

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Monday, Feb. 20 ~ Offices CLOSED

Thursday, Feb. 23 @ 10:00 am ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 9:00 am ~ PREP

Spiritual Thought

Patience is power. Patience is not the absence of action; rather it is "timing" it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way.

Fulton Sheen

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

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

Lev 19:1-2; 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Ash 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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 12, 2023 ~ \$ 4,635.00



Next weekend, February 25 & 26, we will take up a collection for Catholic Homes Missions. Today, over 40% of the diocese in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

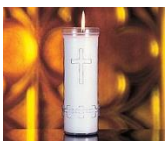
Disaster Relief Collection for Turkey & Syria

As you are aware, over 16,000 people have been killed in Turkey & Syria as a result of two large earthquakes and aftershocks. This catastrophic loss of life is only expected to grow. An even larger number of wounded and homeless lack basic human services and supplies. We understand extraordinary second collections can be a hardship to our parish families. However, given the extreme need created by this natural disaster, we cannot deny ourselves nor our people the opportunity - rather the duty – to assist in this corporal work of mercy. Therefore, this **EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** fund will be taken up the weekend of March 18 & 19. Envelopes will be available in the narthex. Prayerfully consider donating to this relief fund.

~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of February 19, 2023

*In Loving Memory of
Donna Sabinsky-Murphy*



LENT IS COMING!

This Lent, our parish community will participate in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

Envelopes for the Rice Bowl are available in the vestibule for the collection to be taken up the weekend of **April 1 & 2**. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

*The Knights of Columbus are hosting our 10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 19**, with pickup on Friday, March 24. The menu items and prices will remain the same. The Knights are a group of Catholic men serving and supporting our church and community actively involved with Pro-Life, outreach ministries, providing partial scholarships for our parishioners attending St. Ignatius Regional School and Berks Catholic High School as well as donating to our PREP Program for tuition assistance and books. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.*



Condolences

*St. Francis de Sales Parish offers sincere condolences to Elizabeth Koch on the passing of her husband, **Robert Koch**. We pray that God's blessings and love be bestowed on Robert, and that His compassion and consoling presence be with the Koch family at this time of sorrow.*



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