

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- *Pastor*
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

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

RECONCILIATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 10:30 am & 6:15pm -7:15 pm and Saturday 4:00 pm - 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.

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.



January 11, 2026 ✯ The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, January 10, 2026

5:00 PM Mary Hopko

Sunday, January 11, 2026 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Charles Cason

Monday, January 12, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Andrew Kramer

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00 AM

Thursday, January 15, 2026

9:00 AM James Girard

Friday, January 16, 2026

9:00 AM Bill Helfrick

Saturday, January 17, 2026

5:00 PM Jim Bross

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 AM John S. Milia

10:30 AM Debbie Daniel

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Second Collection - Maintenance

Sunday, January 11: 10:00am ~ Pray the Rosary

Tuesday, January 13: 6:30pm ~ ALPHA

Thursday, January 15: 9:30am – 7:30pm ~ Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am; & 6:15-7:15pm

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 17

5:00 PM ~ Servers: **Lector:** Starling

Sunday, January 18

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Kalinofski **Lector:** Fleming
Palm-Rittle

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook **Lector:** Fullam



- Living Flame -

Will burn the week of January 11, 2026
In Loving Memory of Jean Sabinsky

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., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Richard L. Mark, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Our Return to the Lord

Week of January 4, 2026 ~ \$ 5,818.00

Condolences:

*St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of our founding pastor, **Rev. William Nessel**, who passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026. May God welcome Fr. Nessel into eternal life and peace, and may the Nessel family experience God's consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.*



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Today we complete the Church's celebration of the unbelievable good news that God has fulfilled His promise to be Emmanuel - God with His people.

As we hear Matthew recount the baptism of Jesus, heaven and earth are joined together as the Spirit descends on Jesus and we hear the Father's voice announce Jesus' true identity: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

To help us understand the full meaning of the Father's words, we have also heard the words of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus is the fulfillment of His prophecy. Jesus is the Servant, the Chosen One, on whom the Father's favor rests. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him, and He will bring forth God's justice to all the world.

The wonder of this revelation is that he will bring about this justice with meekness and gentleness, especially toward the downtrodden. Jesus will announce this good news of peace as He goes about going good and healing sinners. He will be light to the blind and freedom for those locked away in darkness. Anyone who reveres God and is willing to live as Jesus teaches can share in God's gift of peace.

That's the message we have received and the challenge we are offered by our baptism. Because Jesus wants us to share His very life, the Spirit of God has descended on us and dwells in us, and the Father speaks the same wonderful words to us that He spoke to Jesus: "You are my beloved son or daughter, with whom I am well pleased."

Our Father has grasped us by the hand, and He wants us to be the living signs of His continuing care for all His people, especially the downtrodden. We are to work each day for the victory of justice with great gentleness. In our own way, we are to bring light to anyone who is living in darkness.

Our Father wants to remind us at the beginning of each day: "You are my beloved son or daughter, with whom I am well pleased." If we take the time to listen to His words each morning, they offer us direction for our day. As we listen, we can ask ourselves: how will I live today as the beloved son or daughter of God? How will I make it evident today that I am thankful that God is pleased with me?

God's loving word to us has to be an uplifting start to our day! Let us take the time to listen.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/baptism-of-the-lord-january-11-2026>





JANUARY



*The Bible:
Our Family's
Story*

INTRO VIDEO

HOME LESSONS

Please watch if you missed the class, need a refresher or want to share with a parent that wasn't present.

Week 1 - Bible Basics for Beginners
Week 2 - God's Living Word
Week 3 - The Ancestors in the Faith

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

4 Repent and believe in the Gospel

MEMORY VERSE

Repent, then,
and turn to God,
so that he will
forgive your sins.

Acts 3:19
(Good News Translation)

LEVEL 7 - CONFIRMATION PREP

Decision Point - Seasons 3.0-3.3

Gifts of the Spirit Worksheet due 1/11

NEXT CLASSES:
LEVEL 2 & 7 ONLY - JANUARY 11TH
ALL - FEBRUARY 1ST

If you missed class, your "at home" packet is in the folder outside the Religious Ed office in the basement of the church. Please pick up these materials as you will need them for the home lessons. Please watch the video which will help you complete your home packet; or you may view it if you need a refresher or want to share with a parent that wasn't present.

Monthly Challenge: Bless your home using the Epiphany Home Blessing provided during class!

A Health Note from your Parish Nurse Minist

Diabetes Awareness: What Everyone Should Know

What is diabetes?



Diabetes is a condition that occurs when **sugar (glucose) stays in the blood instead of going into the body's cells** to be used for energy. This happens because the body has trouble using or making a hormone called **insulin**, which is produced in the pancreas and helps move sugar from the blood into the cells. This leads to high blood sugar, which can damage different parts of the body over time.

Symptoms of diabetes include **increased urination, increased thirst, increased hunger, blurred vision, fatigue, non-healing wounds, and frequent infections**.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the body's immune system attacks the pancreas, causing it to make little or no insulin. Without sufficient insulin, the body can't effectively move sugar from the blood into cells for energy. Type 1 diabetes is most often identified in children and young adults, although it can be diagnosed at any age. People with Type 1 diabetes need lifelong insulin shots to keep their blood sugar levels healthy.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and can occur at any age. It develops when the body's cells don't use insulin properly. The pancreas might also stop making enough insulin to keep blood sugar levels healthy. People who are overweight or have a family history of diabetes are at higher risk. Maintaining a healthy weight can delay or prevent its onset.

Prediabetes is a condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be classified as Type 2 diabetes. However, it indicates a greater risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and heart disease in the future. The good news is that prediabetes can be reversed with a balanced diet, exercise, and medical management. Many people with prediabetes are unaware they have it, making early identification crucial.

If you experience any of the above symptoms or believe you may be at risk, consult a healthcare professional to determine if you should be tested for diabetes.

Source: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Mayo Clinic

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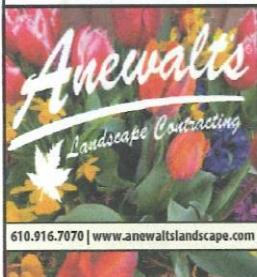
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