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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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.

October 25, 2026 ✠ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, October 24, 2026
5:00PM Jim Bross
Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:00AM Intentions for Charles Hummel
10:30AM Joe Boess
Monday, October 26, 2026
9:00AM Tom Natali
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
9:00 AM James Slovik
Wednesay, October 28, 2026
NO MASS ~ Fr. John away for spiritual direction
Thursday, October 29, 2026
9:00 AM Rev. Frank Grundowski
Friday, October 30, 2026
9:00 AM Special Intentions
Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:00PM John Schultz
Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:00AM Tom Suchon
10:30AM Living & Deceased Kramer Family Members

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, October 27: ALPHA @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 28: 6:30pm - St Monica Ministry

Thursday, October 29: Eucharistic Adoration
9:30 – 11:00am; 5:00-700pm - with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:45-6:45pm



Sunday, November 1:
- ✞ Parent & student session @ 9am
  Topic: "*I Believe*" (The Creed);

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, October 31

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Starling Lector: Starling

Sunday, November 1

8:00 AM ~ Servers: R. Kalinofski Lector: King
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Fullam

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, JoAnn Bartnick, Lisa Boess, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Suzanne L. Mark-Hasenauer, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, 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, John Wroblewski

Readings for the Week

Sunday
Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday
Eph 4:32 – 5:8; Lk 13:10-17

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

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

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

Friday
Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

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

Sunday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5:1-12a (667)

Our Return to the Lord

Week of October 18, 2026 ~ $ 4,968.00
Donations ~ $13,000.00

Mass of Remembrance

For the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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 out 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 **Monday, November 2nd @ 6:30pm.** 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.

As part of our Family Formation program, Father John presents a monthly faith formation session for parents. This year, we are opening these sessions to **the entire parish**, giving everyone an opportunity to join us for thoughtful and engaging presentations on the Catholic faith. Join us next **Sunday, November 1 at 9:10 AM** for **"I Believe!" (The Creed).** We'll explore the words we profess each Sunday and what they mean for us as Catholics. Whether you are already familiar with these topics or simply curious to learn more, we hope you'll join us throughout the year as we explore and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith together.

Upcoming Sessions:

- **December 6 - "Water & Fire"** *(Baptism & Confirmation)*
- **January 10 - "The Call: Are You Listening?"** *(Vocations and Holy Orders)*
- **January 31 - "The Sacrament of the Sick"** *(Everything You Always Wanted to Know & Never Asked)*
- **March 7 - "Written on Stone, Chiseled in Your Heart"** *(The Ten Commandments)*
- **April 4 - "Kneeling Before the Majesty of God"** *(Eucharistic Adoration)*
- **May 2 - "Mary: God's Masterpiece"**

In his Treatise on the Love of God, Francis offers his reflection on the great commandments:

"Just as God created man in his image and likeness, so also God has ordained for us a love in the image and likeness of the love due to God's divinity. Why do we love God? The reason we love God is God himself. Why do we love ourselves in charity? Surely, it is because we are God's image and likeness. Since all people have this same dignity, we also love them as ourselves, that is, in their character as most holy and living images of the divinity. The same charity that produces acts of love of God produces at the same time those of love of neighbor. To love our neighbor in charity is to love God in others and others in God." (Book 10, Chapter 11)

For St. Francis de Sales, the love of God and the love of neighbor are not two distinct experiences as much as they are two expressions of the same reality.

Today's first reading focuses our attention on an important aspect of God's love - his compassionate love for the alien, the widow and the orphan - the helpless in society. God told the Israelites of old, and we can use the reminder today: "Remember that your ancestors were aliens once; I heard their cries and I answered them." New aliens and widows and orphans are crying out to the Lord in their need. He wants us to be his compassionate presence to them today. It's clear from today's reading that the Lord is outraged at those who harm the helpless and those who choose to ignore their needs.

Today's Scriptures encourage us to keep in mind the least among us:

- the millions of fellow citizens who live below the poverty line
- the one out of four children among us who goes to bed hungry each night
- the million or more pregnant women who have poor or no pre-natal care
- the millions of aliens among us seeking a better life for their families.

These are our brothers and sisters, "the aliens, widows and orphans" of our day. As disciples and citizens, we should want our nation's leaders to help us be compassionate to the least among us.

My brothers and sisters, let us be sure to keep the voices of the least among us in our hearts as we prepare to discern new leaders.

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