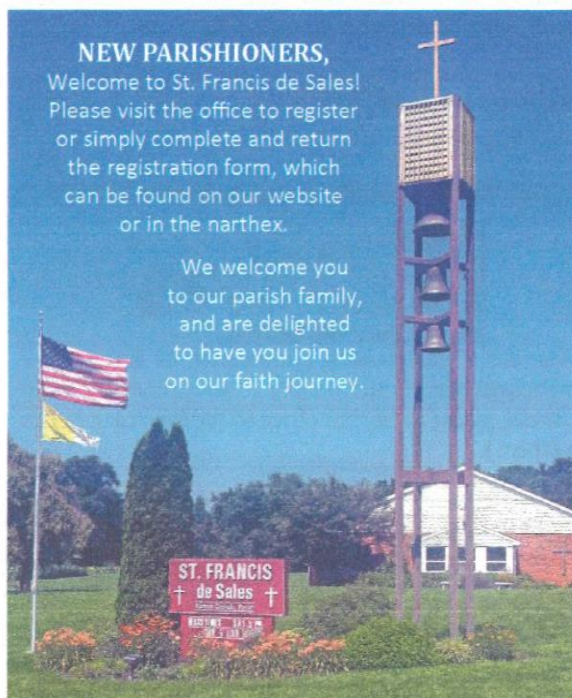


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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 16, 2025 ✠ The Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 PM Intentions for Family Members of the St. Monica
Ministry

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Donna Wright

Monday, March 17, 2025

9:00 AM Teresa Brezler

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. Stephen J. Halabura

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. Charles J. Dene

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00 AM John Milia

Friday, March 21, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. Edward P. Cullen

Saturday, March 22, 2025

5:00 PM Helen Piroli

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Gloria Fuschino

Parish Schedule/Announcements

**This is your last opportunity to place your order
for the K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale!!**

SECOND COLLECTION - MAINTENANCE

Sunday, March 16: 9am - PREP (ALL Levels)

Thursday, March 20: 9:30am – 7:00pm - Eucharistic

Adoration with Stations of the at 6:30pm and
benediction at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-
10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Friday, March 21: 4 - 7pm - Crab order pickup

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting
Your old palms. Please place the old
Palms in the bin located in the vestibule.



Lector & Server Schedule

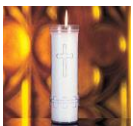
Saturday, March 22nd

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Schmoyer

Sunday, March 23rd

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Huck

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fuir



~ *Living Flame* ~

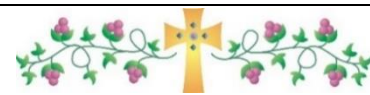
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For Special Intentions

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, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

*2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a*

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 9, 2025 ~ \$ 5,256.00

Friends,

As you can see, I am away this weekend (I know: again, Father??). You may recall, back in January, I mentioned that I would be doing some things to take care of myself for your benefit. This weekend is one of those things: I am attending the Unbound Leaders Conference in Philadelphia (<https://heartofthefather.com/about-us/what-is-unbound/>). The conference begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon (you might be interested to know that I have been asked to preach at Sunday Mass for those attending the conference, something I consider a great honor), so I will be home late Sunday. Unbound is a ministry that was developed by Mr. Neal Lozano who has been, for many years, involved in helping people heal from the wounds of life. He teaches what he calls the Five Keys to Freedom in Christ: (1) Repentance and Faith, (2) Forgiveness, (3) Renunciation, (4) Authority and (5) The Father's Blessing. I have been involved with Neal and his work for about six years, and I believe that I need to go deeper and seek ways to bring this ministry to our parish. After all, who doesn't need a bit of healing from life's wounds. I look forward to seeing you all next weekend.

Peace, Fr. John

Please Welcome Rev. Augustine Temu



Father Augustine Temu was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tanga in Tanga, Tanzania, East Africa, in 2007. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

As an Outreach Priest, he has seen firsthand the impact that Cross Catholic Outreach has in serving the poor. As a priest from Tanzania, he is inspired and motivated to serve those in need, having worked in rural parishes where the majority of people are terribly poor.

Father Augustine is an inspiring and compassionate speaker, and Cross Catholic Outreach is proud to have him preach on behalf of those we serve — the poorest of the poor.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we hear the encouraging words which Francis de Sales wrote to us at the beginning of the **Directory**, quoting St. Paul:

“My brothers (and sisters), whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.”

Like Abraham before us, the Lord has made a covenant with us – a covenant sealed with the blood of his only begotten Son Jesus. Like Peter, James and John, we have heard the voice of the Father: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Each day, we come here to Eucharist to listen as Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and feeds us with his body, given up for us, and his blood, poured out for us. And today, we have prayed that the Father of light will restore our sight that we may look upon Jesus who calls us to repentance and a change of heart.

All of this is part of the “plentitude of our God” that we have been encouraged to reflect upon – and for good reason. When we allow ourselves to be immersed in God's over-whelming love, we will understand more clearly our need for repentance and a change of heart.

As we are embraced by God's love, the love of Jesus impels us to become more like him in everything we say and do. When we allow ourselves to dwell in the heart of Jesus more completely, we understand more clearly the importance of our responding to one another with greater patience and understanding, with greater gentleness and forgiveness. We are better able to look at others with the eyes of Jesus. We will appreciate more fully that Jesus sees our faults and failings as reason for his compassionate love. And that can help us change our hearts in responding to the faults and failings of our brothers and sisters.

As our Lenten journey continues, let us be encouraged by Francis and Paul. As we stand firm in the Lord, may the love of Jesus, the beloved Son, grace our efforts to change our hearts.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/second-sunday-of-lenten-march-16-2025>



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- **Date:** **Saturday, March 29, 2025**
- **Time:** **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**
- **Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 130 South Walnut Street, Wernersville
- **No Prior Experience** is needed. Everyone is welcome.
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It will take a few minutes today to make a difference tomorrow. A signup sheet is on the ambo in the hallway at St. Francis de Sales Church. Deadline to signup is March 24.

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