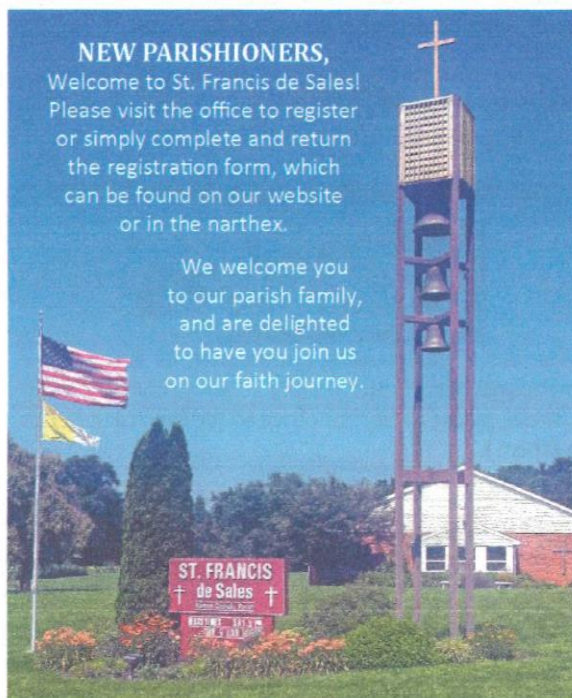


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- 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.

## 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.



# November 3, 2024 ✠ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule for the Week:

### Saturday, November 2, 2024

5:00 PM James Girard

### Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 AM Mark Hawley

10:30 AM Peter Sabinsky

### Monday, November 4, 2024

9:00 AM All Souls

### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

9:00 AM All Souls

### Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:00 AM James Hogan

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

9:00 AM Daniel Cando

### Friday, November 8, 2024

9:00 AM All Souls

### Saturday, November 9, 2024

5:00 PM Intentions for Bill & Ramonita Rodriguez celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

10:30 AM Intentions for Frank & Joan McGuigan celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## Parish Schedule

Sunday, November 3 @ 9:00am - PREP

Thursday, November 7: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Saturday, November 9 @ 9:00am - Parish Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, November 10 @ 10:00am - Pray the Rosary

## Lector & Server Schedule

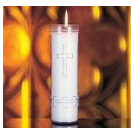
### Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Echeverri

### Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

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

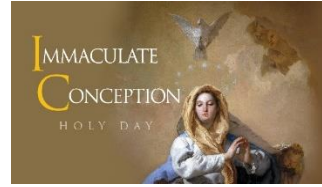
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Quinlivan Lector: Misterkiewicz



## ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of November 3, 2024  
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).



In a memo to the U.S. Bishops, the Vatican confirmed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception usually celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup>

day of December must be transferred and observed as a Holy Day of Obligation on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December since the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December in 2024 is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In light of this new directive, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9, 2024. Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Parish Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and 6:30pm.**

## 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, Dave Mitchell, Connor Macey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson*



## Readings for the Week

### Sunday

Dt 6:2–6, Heb 7:23–28, Mk 12:28b–34

### Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

### Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

*Our Return to the Lord*

*Week of October 27 ~ \$ 4,067.00  
Maintenance for October ~ \$ 5,910.00*

# Team Meeting!

The Parish Mission Prep Team will meet again next Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 11am.



## Outreach MINISTRY

On a regular basis, parishioners of St. Francis de Sales come together to prepare and serve a home cooked meal to individuals experiencing homelessness. Our parish has long been a partner with Opportunity House in their efforts to provide shelter, food, and other vital services that can help individuals and families secure safe and stable housing and employment. We actively 'Live Jesus' as we interact with each person enjoying the prepared meal. In their faces and through their appreciation, we are reminded that God is good all the time; and all the time God is good. Our most recent meal was prepared in partnership with the Mount Pleasant Fire Company due to Opportunity House's kitchen is being updated. The outreach ministry would like to extend a special thanks to the fire company's staff for their time and talents. If any parishioner has an interest in being part of this ministry, please contact Christine Hawley at 610-790-7374.

**Women of the Parish**  
*Our Parish Nurse Ministry cordially invites you to their Annual Christmas Dinner Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 6 PM held at Stouch Tavern, 138 W. High St, Womelsdorf.*  
**ALL women of our parish are invited to attend this festive evening of fun, food and fellowship. Please RSVP no later than December 8<sup>th</sup> to Tina Sayers 610.914.4297.**



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When we get right down to it, what is the most important dimension of our faith? Upon what foundation does the edifice of Christianity rest?

Jesus' answer is unambiguous: love. This love has three facets.

Love of God. Francis de Sales tells us that the reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. "We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness."

Love of neighbor. Francis de Sales tells us: "Love of God not only commands love of neighbor, but it even produces and pours love of neighbor into our hearts. Just as we are in God's image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God."

Love of self. This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, "self-love" sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because "we are God's image and likeness," says Francis de Sales. When we are at our best all of us are the "most holy and living images of the divine."

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbor? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbor who is not only made in God's image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ's life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight. So, too, if any one of the three loves of our lives – God, self and others – is deficient, all three will suffer, and we cannot hope to carry the weight of God's command for us to build up something of God's Kingdom here on earth.

To be sure, love is the simple answer to what is most important in our lives. In our lived experience, however, this love is never quite so simple as we might like to believe.

How is your love of God? How is your love of neighbor? How is your love of self? Really?

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