

# 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.



## 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

**EUCCHARISTIC 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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& CLOSED Fridays

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phone 800-276-1562.

## 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 8, 2026 ✠ Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, March 7, 2026

5:00 PM Jim Bross

#### Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:00 AM Florence Bachulski

10:30 AM Fr. William Nessel

#### Monday, March 9, 2026

9:00 AM Helen Boiulanger

#### Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph P. Dooley

#### Thursday, March 12, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. John P. Conte

#### Friday, March 13, 2026

9:00 AM NO MASS

#### Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00 PM Jim & Mary Tiehl

#### Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:00 AM Mary Hopko

10:30 AM Mary Rusnak

### Parish Schedule/Announcements

#### Second Collection - Maintenance

Sunday, March 8: 10:00am - Pray the Rosary

Tuesday, March 10: 6:30pm - ALPHA

Thursday, March 12: 9:30am – 7:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am; & 6:00-6:45pm

**THIS WEEKEND - Chocolate Easter Egg Sale  
\$5 for a ½ lb. Box**

#### *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale*

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale*. Deadline for orders is *Sunday, March 22*, with pickup on *Friday, March 27*.

### Lector & Server Schedule

#### Saturday, March 14

**5:00 PM** ~ Servers: Bross      Lector: Giacobbe

#### Sunday, March 15

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

**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Hook      Lector: Stine  
P. Kalinofski



#### - Living Flame -

Will burn the week of March 8, 2026

*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, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, 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

#### *Third Sunday of Lent*

*Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42*

#### *Monday*

*2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30*

#### *Tuesday*

*Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35*

#### *Wednesday*

*Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19*

#### *Thursday*

*Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23*

#### *Friday*

*Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34*

#### *Saturday*

*Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14*

#### *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42*

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 1, 2026 ~ \$ 8,826.00

Today, Operation Rice Bowl supports families experiencing hunger at home and around the world. In addition to the simple cardboard boxes used to collect Lenten alms, Operation Rice Bowl provides a Lenten calendar to guide families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, and stories as well as alms-giving opportunities. **The weekend of March 21 & 22, we will take up a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl.** Envelopes are available on the desk in the narthex. Learn more at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

### The Three Pillars: A Lenten Retreat with Father John Frink

Friday, March 13 ~ 9:30am – 3:15pm

During the sacred season of Lent, the Church urges us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But what do these core practices really entail? Join **Father John Frink** as he leads us to reflect on how these three pillars of Lent can help us deepen our relationship with God and neighbor, cultivate spiritual growth, overcome temptation, and foster a more virtuous life. **There is no cost to attend this Lenten Retreat; however, it is a ticketed event.** Please visit [www.padrepio.org/events/threepillarsretreat](http://www.padrepio.org/events/threepillarsretreat) to register. **Registration CANNOT be returned to Fr. John or the parish office.**

The Fun & Social ministry is raffling off a variety of beautifully curated gift baskets which are displayed in the narthex. Enter for your chance to win any one of the amazing baskets!



Lucky winners will be announced Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chili Cookoff.



**Saturday, March 14th  
following the 5:00PM  
Mass. Please signup**

**in the narthex.**

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



Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we “may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name.”

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her “living water.” He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he’s better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal - to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day.

Jesus moves her to a new level by getting her to face the truth of her present situation. But he doesn’t tell her to “come back when you’ve straightened out your life.” The grace he offers is meant to help her to change – here and now.

Rather than make a commitment now, she says that she’s waiting for the Messiah to come. Now, Jesus can offer her the opportunity for a personal commitment: “I am he.”

The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion.

How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the “food” we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/third-sunday-in-lent-march-8-2026>



## MARCH PREP



# The Church and Our Journey to Heaven

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

6 Abide in Jesus and His body, the Church

MEMORY VERSE  
Jesus said, "Whoever remains  
in me, and I in him, will bear  
much fruit; because without  
Me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5  
(New American Bible)

### At Home

Monthly Challenge:

Introduce your family  
to another person  
or family  
after Mass.

LEVEL 7 - CONFIRMATION PREP  
Decision Point

Confirmation Name and Sponsors due 3/15

NEXT CLASSES:

LEVEL 2 AND 7 ONLY - FEBRUARY 15TH

ALL - APRIL 12TH

Monthly Challenge: Introduce your family to a person or family after Mass. Get to know your parish family!



Join us for an intimate spiritual journey for healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll free) or 610-435-1541ext 5341. You may also email Carol at [cswavely@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cswavely@allentowndiocese.org). The retreat will be held **April 24-26, 2026**. Deadline for registration is April 17, 2026.



# Vikings' Voice

## Student Testimonials



My name is Miranda Giannotti, I am an eighth-grade student at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School, and I have been a student here since Pre-K.

My favorite part of my school is the community we have. It is always reassuring to have so many people my age who share the same beliefs. Whenever I need help, I always have a friend who can lead me in the right direction.

Our school has many traditions building relationships between all the grades. One of my favorite traditions is when the kindergarten and eighth grade plant a tree together. To me this tradition means that the eighth grade leaves the legacy they are proud of to help and guide the kindergarteners for the rest of their years at our parish's school.

I am very grateful to my parents for giving me the opportunity to find this kind and supporting community.



## SPEND THE DAY SIDE-BY-SIDE

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