

# 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

**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.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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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.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

**WILLS AND DONATIONS:** Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the



# September 18, 2022 ✦ The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, September 17, 2022~25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00 PM Mark Hawley

Sunday, September 18, 2022~25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 AM Donna Sabinsky-Murphy  
10:30 AM Thomas Fleckenstein

Saturday, September 24, 2022~26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5:00 PM Jean Maun

Sunday, September 25, 2022~26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 AM Our Parishioners  
10:30 AM Dr. Robert Muir

## Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Raymond Kasprouciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer

## Lector & Server Schedule

### Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Ruth

### Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson

## Parish Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 18 ~ PREP Confirmation Retreat

Thursday, Sept. 22 @ 10am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am – 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

## Spiritual Thought

*“Be careful never to become discouraged when you are surrounded by spiritual infirmities. I God allows you to fall in some weakness it is not to abandon you, but only to establish you in humility and make you more careful in the future.*

*Saint Padre Pio*

## St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM  
Saturday 8:00 AM  
First Friday 7:00 PM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;  
12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer/Adoration (Chapel)  
Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM  
AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM  
Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM;



## Readings for the Week

### Sunday

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Monday

Pro 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday

Pro 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

### Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

### Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday

Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday

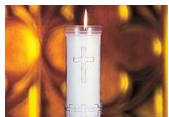
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 11, 2022 ~ \$ 3,769.00



Football Frenzy is a ticket selling fundraiser hosted by our K of C. Tickets are printed with 4 NFL football teams for each week for the last 10 weeks of the NFL football season (11/6/2022 - 1/8/2023). The 4 teams change every week on your tickets and no two tickets have the same 4 teams on any given week. Tickets are \$10 each and cash prizes from \$10 - \$400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week. Proceeds go towards Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now thru 10/08/2022!!



### ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of September 18, 2022  
In Loving Memory of Daniel P. Baumann



The Polish American Heritage Association will be hosting their Annual Polish Open Golf Tournament @ Manor Golf Course, 153 Bran Road, Sinking Spring on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with a 1:00 PM Shotgun Scramble Start. \$90/golfer includes: greens fees and cart, lunch, dinner, beer, soda and golf contests. Deadline for registration is September 28. For more information, contact Marilyn at 610-779-5523.



The Light of Christ  
Columbiettes invite  
you to a Spaghetti  
Dinner Fundraiser

(proceeds to benefit St. Ignatius School) on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7pm at Victor Emmanuel's Restaurant, 311 Hazel St, Reading. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket; \$12:00 at the door (includes salad, bread, and dinner). Bake sale and raffle basket also available. To purchase tickets, drop an envelope in the collection or in the office with your payment along with name and phone number (Tickets will be at the door "will call.") Checks made payable to "Light of Christ Columbiette"



We heard the Lord speak very clearly through the prophet Amos in today's first reading: God cares for the needy and the poor.

He will not forget any injustices we may do to them. Each person is God's child; he asks to look at each person as a brother or sister. That is how he wants us to live together.

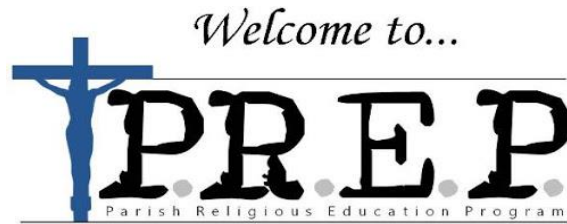
We heard St. Paul urge us to pray for civil authorities. We are to pray that they will be good leaders, concerned for the good of each person. This helps us to live together peacefully and productively. Leaders are to promote the common good, respecting the rights of all, especially the less influential, and encouraging everyone to care for one another.

Our prayers are very needed today.

You and I know just how enterprising the worldly can be in protecting themselves and their fortunes. Jesus is encouraging us to be just as enterprising about living by Gospel values in our daily lives. It's so easy to buy into the greed we see all around us. Jesus warns us: you can't serve two masters.

This weekend has offered us an opportunity to reflect on gospel values in married life and in our community living. It is our hope and prayer that you will choose to listen for the voice of God in each other and in the Church and choose to serve our God who is loving and compassionate to all of us. If each of us will take the time to listen in prayer each day, we will have the strength and courage we will need to be enterprising in gospel ways - ways that will reflect the love and compassion of God to each of our brothers and sisters.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/tewnty-fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-18-2022>



Date: 9/11/22	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	Chapter 1, Lesson 1 God's Creation & how to care for it. Saint Francis of Assisi & his love for animals and God's creation.	Find 3 things in your house that are God's Creation. (May draw pictures and return to next class).	
Level 2 (First Communion)	Chapter 1, Episodes 1 - 4 Class introductions, Blessings, Sign of the Cross, Our Father.	Practice the Sign of the Cross and the Our Father.	
Level 3	Unit 1, Session 1 & 2 God, Our Creator and Father	Keep finding everyday things or ways we can see God's love!	
Level 4	Unit 1, Session 1 Prayer Caring for God's Creation	Practice Prayer Find ways to care for God's Creation	
Level 5	Session 1, Lesson 1 God, Our Creator & Father	Complete Living My Faith and With My Family pages.	Pay attention to where you "Rest in God"
Level 6	Reading the Bible Genesis Creation - Cain/Abel	Find the oldest person in the Bible. How old were they when they died.	Read a Bible.
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 1 Being a Better Version of Yourself		
Level 8 (Confirmation Class)	Confirmation Information: Bishop Questions	Practice Bishop Questions	Retreat Sunday, September 18 10:30am (Mass) - 2pm

***Please be sure any out-of-class assignments are completed prior to the next class.  
Our Next Class is Sunday, September 25, 2022.***

***Please remember: Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Thank you for your attention to this matter.***





## **September is suicide prevention month, how you can help spot the signs**

By [Christa Kiedrowski](#)  
Published: Sep. 7, 2022

BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR) - September is Suicide Prevention Month. Although it is much more widely talked about today, suicide is still the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24, and specifically, ages 10–14 is the fastest growing group.

According to Sanford Integrative Health Therapist Chelsea Christianson, women are more likely to attempt suicide more frequently and men are more likely to die by suicide. Suicide among Indigenous Native American and Alaskan Native People populations are three times more likely than any other racial or ethnic group in the United States.

If you think a family member or friend might be in crisis, simply asking could save their life.

“To be honest, one of the best questions that we can probably ask is just to go straight to the topic, and really ask ‘Are you having thoughts of killing yourself? Have you been thinking about how you might kill yourself?’ And just be very direct,” said Christensen.

Knowing the signs of suicide, like giving away possessions, talking about wanting to die or feeling hopeless or empty, or even extreme happiness after any of these symptoms can point to having decided on a suicide attempt and make an individual feel like they have lifted a burden. The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is 988. You can call or text that number 24 hours a day.

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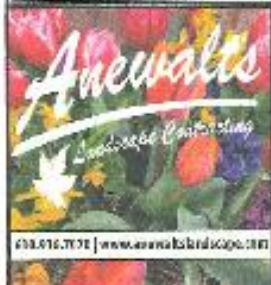
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