

# 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



*Mass Schedule for the Week:*

Saturday, December 17, 2022~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 18, 2022 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Barbara Hetrick

10:30 AM Virginia Bagnato

Saturday, December 24, 2022~ The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions

8:30 PM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

**Pray For Our Sick**

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

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Misterkiewicz

8:30 PM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Broskey

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Miller

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

Parish Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ~ Retirement Fund for Religious

Thursday, Dec. 22 – Monday January 2, 2023 ~

Building & Offices are **CLOSED** for the holidays.

Adoration will resume Thursday, January 5 @ 11 am.

*Spiritual Thought*

*The essential, indispensable element in prayer is attention. Without attention there is no prayer. True attention, given by grace, comes when we make our hearts dead to the world.*

*St. Ignatius of Antioch*

St. Ignatius Advent Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM; 5:30 PM

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*

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

*Monday*

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

*Tuesday*

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

*Wednesday*

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

*Thursday*

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

*Friday*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

*Saturday*

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;

Lk 1:67-79

*Sunday*

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of December 11, 2022 ~ \$ 5,256.00



### Christmas Masses:

Saturday, December 24: 5:00 pm & 8:30 pm

Sunday, December 25: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

### New Year's Day Masses:

Saturday, December 31: 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Our church & offices will be closed  
Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through the New Year.  
We will return Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Isn't it sad that Ahaz refused to accept Isaiah's invitation to ask God for a sign that he would fulfill his promise to save Jerusalem from an advancing enemy? But God's love for his people will not be thwarted by a fearful leader. Isaiah gives Ahaz a sign anyway: "The virgin will bear a son and name him Emmanuel."

Centuries later, Matthew is inspired to recognize the unexpected depth of meaning in Isaiah's prophecy. An angel appears in Joseph's dream and encourages him not to be afraid to take his pregnant wife Mary into his home. Her child has been conceived through the Holy Spirit. And Joseph is to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Jesus will truly be Emmanuel, God is with us.

Now all is ready for our celebrating the coming of our God among us in Jesus.

Our Advent longing and waiting takes on a heightened expectancy. The feast of Christmas is near.

But our Salesian/Oblate spirituality tells us that there is more for us. "God is with us" is why we live the way we do each day. God has loved us so deeply that he wants us to be living witnesses of his presence and love. Letting Jesus live in us as Emmanuel each day becomes our way of holiness and allows us to share his love with one another and with all we meet.

May our Advent expectancy lead us to be vibrant messengers of the truth: "God is with us" saving his people!

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

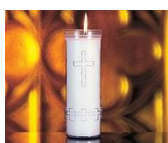
<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/fourth-sunday-of-advent-december-18-2022>



The Garden Club wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our Holiday Sale a huge success either by making a purchase, giving a donation, or simply offering kind words. The generosity of our fellow parishioners is overwhelming.

## Condolences

✝ *St. Francis de Sales Parish offers sincere condolences to Kurt Simon on the passing of his mother and faithful SFDS parishioner, Louise Simon. We pray that God's blessings and love be bestowed on Louise, and that His compassion and consoling presence be with the Simon family at this time.*



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of December 18, 2022  
*In Loving Memory of Louise Simon*

*Call Him  
Emmanuel-  
God  
with  
us!*



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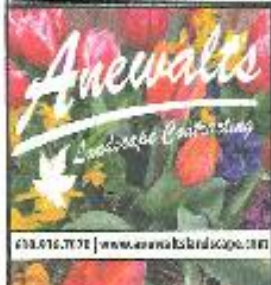
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