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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:

Sat., March 4, 2023~ Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Michael Okonski

Sunday, March 5, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Florence Bachulski

10:30 AM Bernard Huck

Sat., March 11, 2023~ Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Helen Boulanger

Sunday, March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Jerry Leblanc

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Bates

Sunday, February 12th

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Clarke

Parish Schedule

Sunday, March 5 @ 9:00 am ~ PREP

Thursday, March 9 @ 10:00 am ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

“Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger or higher or wider, nothing is more pleasant, nothing fuller, and nothing better in heaven or on earth, for love is born of God and cannot rest except in God, Who is created above all things.”

Thomas à Kempis, quote from The Imitation of Christ

St. Ignatius Lent Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Wednesdays – 5:30 PM

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

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

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

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 26, 2023 ~ \$8,460 .00

Maintenance for February ~ \$ 4,606.00

Ash Wednesday ~ \$ 1,313.00

Catholic Homme Missions ~ \$ 1,451.54



~ Living Flame ~



Will burn the week of March 5, 2023
*In Loving Memory of Grace Hornickle
on the Anniversary of her Death*

10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 19**, with pick up on Friday, March 24 from the kitchen area. Please pick up a form from a K of C, off the black table in the narthex, or print from our website's bulletin page.

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2nd Sunday of Lent ~

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Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are on a journey. The circumstances of our lives are always changing. As we get older, we find that we can't do things the way we used to, so we learn to do things differently.

Change isn't always easy; so, if we're smart, we learn to be flexible. This is true in our spiritual lives also. We must learn to be more sensitive to the many ways the Lord is working in us and through us.

Lent is a time for developing this deeper sensitivity to God's presence and love. St. Paul reminds us that there are a few things that never change. They become the sure foundation for our Christian living:

- God has saved us in Jesus, who has robbed death of its power and has brought us life and immortality.
- Salvation is a grace - a gift of God. We have done nothing and can do nothing to merit it. The gift is ours because God loves us with great compassion.
- We are called to live a holy life, bearing our share of the hardship which living and sharing the gospel entails.

Like Peter, James and John, we have heard and believed the voice from the clouds: "Jesus is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Listening to Jesus is a vital part of our living a holy life. Our willingness to take the time to listen to Jesus is the primary way that we grow in our sensitivity to God's working in us. Our listening can take many forms:

- Personal prayer
- Meditating on the life and passion of Jesus
- Spiritual reading
- Attentiveness to the needs of the people around us.

Lent is a graced time for moments of listening. What we will hear will point out the direction our journey with the Lord will take. None of us will probably hear a voice from the clouds, as the disciples did. God will speak to us in less obvious ways, but he will speak. He speaks in every event of our lives, in every person who crosses our path. As we grow in greater sensitivity to his presence in everything and everyone around us, we will more easily understand what he is telling us about ourselves and what he wants us to say and do each day. Our daily journey becomes an ever-growing dialogue with our God who loves us and calls us to be one with him.

These days of Lent are graced. Let's be sure we take the time to accept the graces God has prepared for us and grow in our baptismal commitment.

Health Note from Your Parish Nurse Ministry:

{Source: MayoClinic.org}

A well-stocked first-aid kit can help you respond effectively to common injuries and emergencies. Keep at least one first-aid kit in your home and one in your car. Store your kits someplace easy to get to and out of the reach of young children. Make sure children old enough to understand the purpose of the kits know where they're stored.

You can buy first-aid kits at many drugstores or assemble your own. You may want to tailor your kit based on your activities and needs. A first-aid kit might include:

Basic supplies

- Adhesive tape
- Elastic wrap bandages
- Bandage strips and "butterfly" bandages in assorted sizes
- Super glue
- Rubber tourniquet or 16 French catheter
- Nonstick sterile bandages and roller gauze in assorted sizes
- Eye shield or pad
- Large triangular bandage (may be used as a sling)
- Aluminum finger splint
- Instant cold packs
- Cotton balls and cotton-tipped swabs
- Disposable nonlatex examination gloves, several pairs
- Duct tape
- Petroleum jelly or other lubricant
- Plastic bags, assorted sizes
- Safety pins in assorted sizes
- Scissors and tweezers
- Hand sanitizer
- Antibiotic ointment
- Antiseptic solution and towelettes
- Eyewash solution
- Thermometer
- Turkey baster or other bulb suction device for flushing wounds
- Sterile saline for irrigation, flushing
- Breathing barrier (surgical mask)
- Syringe, medicine cup or spoon
- First-aid manual
- Hydrogen peroxide to disinfect

Medications

- Aloe vera gel
- Calamine lotion

- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Laxative
- Antacids
- Antihistamine, such as diphenhydramine
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Cough and cold medications
- Personal medications that don't need refrigeration
- Auto-injector of epinephrine, if prescribed by your doctor
- Pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol, others), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others)

Consider keeping aspirin in your first-aid kit, as well. Aspirin may be life-saving in an adult with chest pain. If you or someone else has new or unexplained chest pain or may be having a heart attack, call for emergency medical help immediately. Then chew a regular-strength aspirin. However, don't take aspirin if you are allergic to aspirin, have bleeding problems or take another blood-thinning medication, or if your doctor previously told you not to do so. Never give aspirin to children.

Give your kit a checkup

Check your first-aid kits regularly to be sure the flashlight batteries work and to replace supplies that have expired or been used up. Consider taking a first-aid course through the American Red Cross. Contact your local chapter for information on classes. Prepare children for medical emergencies in age-appropriate ways. The American Red Cross offers a number of helpful resources, including classes designed to help children understand and use first-aid techniques.



Date: 2/26/23	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	Session 20 Celebrating Lent & Holy Week Discussed Lent, Ash Wednesday & Holy Week	Lenten Rice Bowl	We planted flower to watch them come to life!
Level 2 (First Communion)	Session 3 Episode 1, 2, 3 Penance Review	Will be going to confession next week, please spend some time reviewing at home. Lenten Rice Bowl	Felt Squares due 3/26 Confession 3/5
Level 3	The Year of the Church Saint Katharine Drexel Lent	Make the most of Lent by praying and being kind. Lenten Rice Bowl	Confession 3/5
Level 4	Session 12 Lent	Use the Rice Bowl & Lenten Calendar to guide prayer, fasting and almsgiving.	Confession 3/26
Level 5	Lent Unit 3, Session 13 Lent, Temptation, Helping the Domestic Church	Complete Lenten Cross. Lenten Rice Bowl	Confession 3/5
Level 6	Began practicing for our Stations of the Cross	We will be performing the Stations of the Cross at class on 4/2. Attendance is very important leading up to that as we continue to prepare. Lenten Rice Bowl	Confession 3/26
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 7 & 8 The appreciation of the Holy Eucharist Fruits of the Spirit	Use the Rice Bowl & Lenten Calendar to guide prayer, fasting and almsgiving.	Confession 3/26 Confirmation Name & Sponsor due 3/26

Our next class is Sunday, March 5th. Please be sure to complete any missed assignments.

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.

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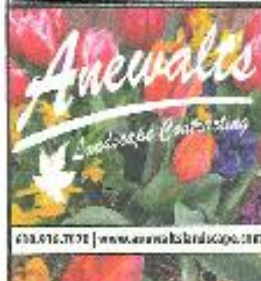
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