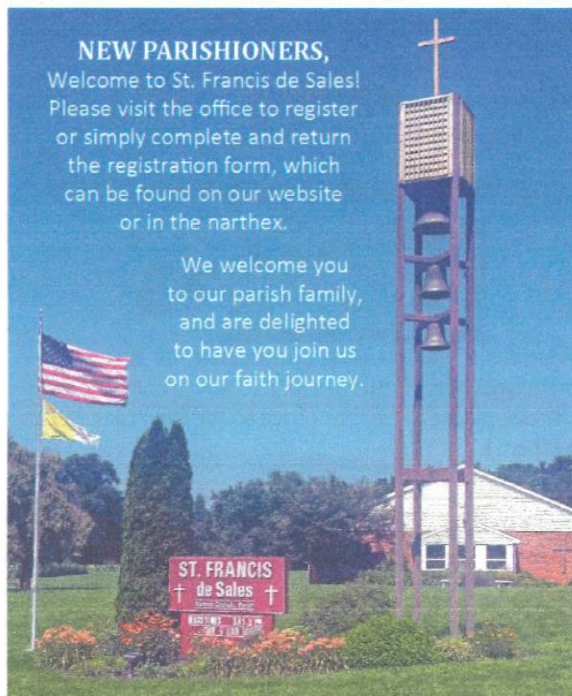


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- 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.

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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.

**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.



**February 16, 2025 ✠ The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Mass Schedule for the Week:***

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

5:00 PM Blasi 'Cap' Capalbo

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Santiago Areiza

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

9:00 AM Tom West

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

9:00 AM Daniel P. Baumann

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

9:00 AM Annetta Edinger

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

9:00 AM James Hogan

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Walter Areiza

**Parish Schedule/Announcements**

**The K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale has begun and will run through Sunday, March 16!!**

**Saturday, February 15: 6:00pm - Chili Cookoff**

**Sunday, February 16: Bagels and Donuts after each Mass**

**Wednesday, February 19: 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl**

**Thursday, February 20: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm**

**Sunday, February 23: 9:00am - PREP**

**Lector & Server Schedule**

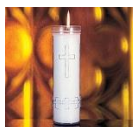
**Saturday, February 22nd**

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

**Sunday, February 23rd**

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

**10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Balthaser**



***~ Living Flame ~***

Will burn the week of February 16, 2025  
***In Loving Memory of Donna Sabinsky Murphy***

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, 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***

*Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26*

***Monday***

*Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13*

***Tuesday***

*Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21*

***Wednesday***

*Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26*

***Thursday***

*Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33*

***Friday***

*Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 – 9:1*

***Saturday***

*1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19*

***Sunday***

*1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38*





**St. Francis de Sales Church in partnership with The Institute for Ministry Formation will host**

***Made for Community – A Parish Mission***  
**March 7, 8, & 9**

**We are excited to welcome Fr. Boniface Hicks to lead us in our Parish Mission the second weekend in March. He is an accomplished author, spiritual director and sought after retreat master, and we look forward to his visit.**

**Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., has been a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey since 1998. He is a Catholic priest and serves as both the Director of Spiritual Formation and Director of the Institute for Ministry Formation at Saint Vincent Seminary. He also serves as Program Director for WAOB (We Are One Body) radio station, Latrobe. Father Boniface authored the book *Through the Heart of St. Joseph*, and co-authored, along with Father Thomas Acklin, O.S.B., *Spiritual Direction: A Guide for Sharing the Father's Love*, and *Personal Prayer: A Guide for Receiving the Father's Love*. His most recent books are *The Fruit of her Womb* and *The Hidden Power of Silence in the Mass: A Guide for Encountering Christ in the Liturgy*. He is a sought-after retreat master and spiritual director, traveling throughout the United States, and as far as Beijing, China, in his work. Look for his name on YouTube or the Hallow app to find his many words of encouragement, comfort and enlightenment.**

A barren bush in the desert or a tree planted by running water – which of these images reflects your choices in life? Have you chosen to trust other people or are you trusting in the care of the Lord?

Jeremiah reminds us that, if we choose to trust in the Lord, then together we can face whatever life brings to us. God is with us, nourishing us even in the heat and drought of daily living.

Jesus asks us to take our trust in the Lord with us into our world and find ways to share it with the less fortunate – people who are poor, hungry, suffering and alienated. Jesus' presence and message is meant for those who are ready and willing to focus on God rather than themselves, in order to experience the blessings of God given through others rather than holding on to the good things of life for themselves.

When you and I have learned to trust in God's care, we are willing to share whatever we have with the poor, to give whatever nourishment we can to those who are hungry, to bring moments of joy and care to those who suffer, and to welcome into our circle of friends people who feel left-out. As disciples of Jesus, we are to be evidence of the kingdom of God present among us – by the way we live each day.

When we have learned to accept our own poverty, hunger, sufferings and alienation as human beings and are open to the many ways that God's care has touched our lowliness and drawn us into his circle of friends, then we are better able to be more like God in caring for the lowly around us. Then we can be good news to our brothers and sisters.

During this ordinary time of the year, we are being taught about being better disciples. We are being taught to grow in more confident trust in God – that God is loving us and caring for us at every moment as his children. St. Francis de Sales offers us an image that we can take to prayer each day:

“In all your affairs lean solely on God's Providence, by means of which alone your plans can succeed. Imitate a little child, whom one sees holding tight with one hand to its father, while with the other it gathers strawberries or blackberries from the wayside hedge. Even so, while you gather and use this world's goods with one hand, always let the other be fast in your Heavenly Father's hand and look round from time to time to make sure that He is satisfied with what you are doing, at home or abroad. Beware of letting go, under the idea of making or receiving more—if He forsakes you, you will fall to the ground at the first step. When your ordinary work or business is not especially engrossing, let your heart be fixed more on God than on it; and if the work be such as to require your undivided attention, then pause from time to time and look to God, even as navigators who make for the haven they would attain, by looking up at the heavens rather than down upon the deeps on which they sail. In so doing, God will work with you, in you, and for you, and your work will be blessed.”



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