

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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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: If you have an
allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or
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 15, 2026 ✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00 PM Jim & Mary Tiehl

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:00 AM Mary Hopko

10:30 AM Mary Rusnak

Monday, March 16, 2026

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00 AM Teresa Brezler

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:00 AM Cindy Snyder

Thursday, March 19, 2026

9:00 AM John Milia

Friday, March 20, 2026

9:00 AM Jean L. Edinger

Saturday, March 21, 2026

5:00 PM Jim Brozz

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 AM Our Parishiners

10:30 AM Joan Fick

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, March 17: 6:30pm - ALPHA

Wednesday, March 18: 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl

Thursday, March 19: 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

13th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

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

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, March 21

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Starling Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM ~ Servers: R. Kalinofski Lector: M. Snyder

10:30 AM ~ Servers: P. Kalinofski Lector: Robezzoli



- 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 8, 2026 ~
UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT



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. **NEXT weekend, 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/>



Every year, the Diocese of Allentown requires a Spiritual Report from every parish within the diocese where we must report the number of families registered here at the parish. The primary method of representing your active status is through your weekly offertory envelopes, which includes online and ACH contributions. We understand some of you prefer to contribute anonymously and we would like to honor your anonymity while keeping you active in our system. Therefore, we are asking those of you who do not receive envelopes to inform us by simply placing your name, address, phone, and email in the collection basket in order to remain active in our registry. This not only helps keep our registry numbers up-to-date but also your contact information current for our records and periodic church mailings.

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



We just heard another of those wonderful stories found in John's Gospel. Each story is told to teach us something, to get us to look deeper into life. This is a story of light and sight - about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and tragically refusing to see the light.

Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was. Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue.

The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

Each of us from time to time shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us.

The conclusion of the Gospel is a warning: there are no privileged people in the community of faith. Jesus is the source of the light by which we all see. If we choose to be our own light, we risk eternal blindness.

May each of us have the courage to examine our own way of seeing and again choose Jesus as our light.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/fourth-sunday-in-lent-march-15-2026>



Speak, Lord

Women's Discernment Group

"Find your delight in the LORD who will give you your heart's desire"

Ps. 37:4-5



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- Single?
- Still in college?
- College grad?
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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.



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