

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



February 13 2022 ✕ The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, February 12, 2022

5:00 PM Clare Marie Brickner

Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Special Intention: Kathy & Bob Verbosh

Saturday, February 19, 2022

5:00 PM Daniel Baumann

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 AM Paul & Pearl Vanzin

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 Fleming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goetz, Brooke Gorey, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasprouciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer

Lector & Server Schedule

February 19th ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Bross

Lector: Giacobbe

February 20th ~ 8:00 AM

Servers: Wagner

Lector: Huck

February 20th ~ 10:30 AM

Servers:

Lector: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 15 @ 6:45pm - Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Adults via ZOOM - We are currently meeting remotely until we are more comfortable with Covid numbers. Anyone new interested in joining may contact Jerry via email: gbloyal313@gmail.com or phone: 570-419-9564. We meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesday.

Wednesday, Feb. 16 @ 1pm - Prayer Shawl

Thursday, Feb. 17 @ 10am - 12 Noon - Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

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

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

Monday

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday

Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

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

Our Return to the Lord

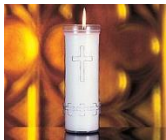
Week of February 6, 2022

Offertory ~ \$ 3,474.00

Spiritual Thought

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at his disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts.

St. Mother Theresa



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of February 13, 2022

*In Loving Memory of
Donna Sabinsky-Murphy*

9th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

It is hard to believe that nine years have passed since we began this tradition! The sale begins THIS weekend and will run through Sunday, April 3rd. The menu will remain the same; unfortunately, prices on the items have gone up. We are Catholic men serving our church and community in such things as Pro-Life, assisting the homeless at Opportunity House, and providing partial scholarships for our parishioners attending St. Ignatius Regional School and Berks Catholic High School. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.



Wednesdays @ 7pm

Beginning **NEXT** Wednesday, February 16th, The Knights of Columbus Council #15778 will be showing and discussing the "Into The Breach" video series in our church. Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, The Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a Catholic man and how to live as a Catholic man in today's world. Gentlemen, answer the call of authentic Christian masculinity and step into the breach here every Wednesday night @ 7:00pm. All men are invited to join us to grow as men of faith.

Health News from Your Parish Nurses:



Since **1963**, American Heart Month has been celebrated as a way to educate Americans to join the battle against heart disease.

Spot A Stroke F.A.S.T.

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of stroke. When you can spot the signs, you'll know that you need to call 9-1-1 for help right away.



Face Drooping: Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

Arm Weakness: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech Difficulty: Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like: "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

Time to call 9-1-1: If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time, so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help.

- **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- **Shortness of breath.** This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can also occur without chest discomfort.
- **Other signs.** These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

**If you or someone you're with has any of these signs, don't delay.
Call 9-1-1...Get to a hospital right away. Calling 9-1-1 is almost
always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment.**



For more information, contact your nearest American Heart Association office, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721) or visit www.heart.org/life.
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**The Outreach Ministry is
asking for your empty egg
cartons. Please place them in the Church
kitchen for Opportunity House and
Kennedy House**



Date: 2/6/22	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
First Grade	Session 8 Trust in God	Practice the Lord's Prayer.	
Second Grade	Eucharist Session 3 Word of God	Work on Quilt Squares.	Keep Practicing Prayers.
Third Grade	Session 11 & 12 The Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Think of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Choose one and make an effort to develop this gift.	
Fourth Grade	Unit 3 Session 11 & 12 The People of God The Church Teaches Us	pg 96 - Please complete the "At Home" page. Find a photo of Pope Francis or Bishop Schlert.	
Fifth Grade	Unit 2 Lesson 9 The Sacrament of Confirmation		
Sixth Grade	Unit 3 Session 11, 12, & 13 God's Presence & King Solomon	Read your Bibles.	Pray for wisdom like Solomon.
Seventh Grade	Session 8 & 9 The Holy Spirit The Church	Work on the two papers in the orange folder.	Think about your Confirmation Name & Confirmation Sponsor.

[Second Grade Blessed Video Link](#)

[Confirmation PREP Decision Point Video Link](#)

Please be sure any out-of-class assignments are completed prior to the next class.

Our Next Class is Sunday, February 27, 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.



OBLATES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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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