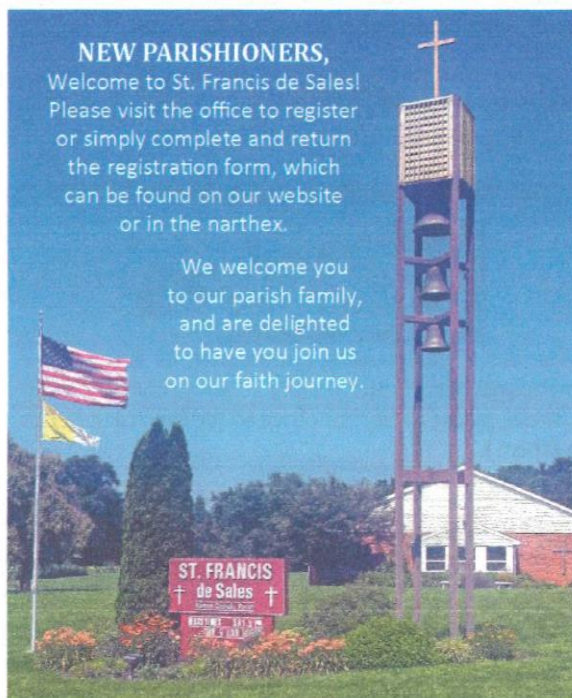


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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## 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.

## 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.



## January 5, 2025 ✠ The Epiphany of the Lord

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Dick Zepiora

10:30 AM Sandrine Vanek

#### Monday, January 6, 2025

9:00 AM

#### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

9:00 AM Daniel Cando

#### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

9:00 AM

#### Thursday, January 9, 2025

9:00 AM

#### Friday, January 10, 2025

9:00 AM

#### Saturday, January 11, 2025

5:00 PM Charles Cason

#### Sunday, January 12, 2025 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Irene Huck

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

### Parish Schedule/Announcements

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

Sunday, January 12: 9:00am - PREP {ALL Levels}  
10:05am - Pray the Rosary

### Lector & Server Schedule

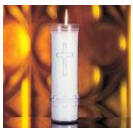
#### Saturday, January 11

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

#### Sunday, January 12

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

**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Lector: Misterkiewicz



### ~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of January 5, 2025

*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 Atland, 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 Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson*



### *Readings for the Week*

#### *Sunday*

*Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12*

#### *Monday*

*1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

#### *Tuesday*

*1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44*

#### *Wednesday*

*1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52*

#### *Thursday*

*1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22*

#### *Friday*

*1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16*

#### *Saturday*

*1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30*

#### *Sunday*

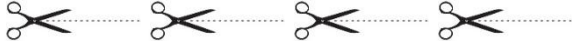
*Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

*Our Return to the Lord*

**Week of December 29, 2024 ~ \$ 5,195.00**  
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**Life Ad**

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the Reading Eagle on Monday, January 22, 2025 to mark the 52nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$10 for individuals, or \$15 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is **Sunday, January 12, 2025**. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



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Today we celebrate the manifestation of God to the world in the person of Jesus.

The magi were men of the East who were wealthy and educated. They were able to see the signs of the times concentrated in a single star and came to honor a great one born into the world. Naturally, they began by seeking him in a palace, since they came looking for the King of the Jews.

They eventually find a poor infant born to parents who were far from home. They bend their knee before the helpless infant and offer gifts of great value to a child that is poor. Station in life is forgotten in the presence of this child whose star they had followed.

We are invited to follow the example of the magi. We know that Jesus is God become flesh and blood like us. He has told us that God is so passionately in love with humanity that he entered the human condition in order to redirect human history back into its proper order – the establishment of the kingdom of God.

He came to remind us that each of us is created by God and destined for God. Our destiny is eternal union with our God. As one of the Sunday prefaces reminds us: "So great was your love that you gave us your only Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like us, though free from sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ."

Today's feast offers us a challenge for this New Year. Can we become like the magi, and lift our eyes from our preoccupations with our own petty concerns, so that we can see the glory and splendor of our God all around us? Can we receive the good news that Jesus has shared with us, by humbling ourselves before the helpless, seeing in them the presence of our God? Can we announce the good news by acting justly and peaceably?

Another new year offers each of us an opportunity to deepen our faith and widen our love. It offers us opportunity and grace to grow. May we have the wisdom of the magi to see the signs of our time and follow the lead of grace.

We too will find Jesus with Mary his mother. May we learn to humble ourselves before him in the many forms he will take each day and offer him all that we are and have in loving service.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/epiphany-january-5-2025>



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