

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:
8:30 am - 12 noon
& CLOSED Fridays

**Diocesan Victim
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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.



August 16, 2026 ✠ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, August 15, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Our Parishioners

5:00 PM Jim Bross, Sr.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:00 AM Peter Proch

10:30 AM Annetta L. Edinger

Monday, August 17, 2026

9:00AM In thanksgiving and blessing for Carl Daniel Etienne

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Robert J. Reed

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

9:00 AM In thanksgiving and blessing for Nicole Etienne

Thursday, August 20, 2026

9:00 AM Jeffrey Miller

Friday, August 21, 2026

9:00 AM Joseph Buchheit

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00 PM Intentions for Melanie Jackson

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 AM Rodger Rothenberger

10:30 AM David Charlton

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Wednesday, August 19: 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl

Thursday, August 20: 9:30am – 12:30pm -
Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament at 12:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-
10:30am

Dates to Remember:

August 23rd - Backpack Blessing @ 10:30AM Mass

August 23rd - Church Picnic 12-4PM at the
CW Community Pool, Robesonia

August 28 & 29 - ENCOUNTER School of Healing

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, August 22

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross **Lector:** Echeverri

Sunday, August 23

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

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



- Living Flame -

Will burn the week of August 16, 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, JoAnn Bartnick, Lisa Boess, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Suzanne L. Mark-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, John Wroblewski



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 9, 2026 ~ \$ 4,348.00



Join us for the 10:30am Mass on August 23rd as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special prayer. (If you need a backpack and/or supplies, please indicate on a note and place in the collection basket). After Mass, the children and their families are invited to the parish picnic.



Today's Scriptures call us to reflect on the greatness of God's merciful love.

St. Paul reminds us that God desires to be merciful to all – no one will be excluded. Paul knows that God's call to the Jews is irrevocable. He suspects there is irony in the working out of God's plan.

When the Jews did not accept Jesus, this opened the way to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. God's mercy desires to reconcile the whole world to himself – even his chosen people. The unfolding of God's plan of mercy will reveal the greatness and faithfulness of God's love.

The Samaritan woman in today's Gospel is one example. Her simple plea – "Lord, help me" – reveals her faith in Jesus. Her persistence in faith is met by Jesus' merciful response: "Your faith is great! Let it be done for you as you wish."

God never refuses humble love.

What are we to learn from today's readings? The obvious lesson is the wideness of God's mercy. As individual Christians and as a community of faith, we must be welcoming to all. Our God tells us: my house shall be called a house of prayer for *all* people. It's too easy for us to be satisfied with ourselves and forget that God's calls us to open our minds and our hearts to all the people around us, inviting them to join with us in faith and love.

God desires us to build up a community of faith and love, a community that reaches out with divine mercy – a mercy that knows no limits or partiality. We are not to make the decision who will/will not will benefit from God's mercy. God wants *everyone* to experience it through you and me.

Let us be humble and persistent in our faith and welcome all our brothers and sisters in love.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/20th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-16-2026>

MARK 16:17

"...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK
AND THEY WILL RECOVER"

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AUG. 29

ST. FRANCIS DESALES PARISH

7:00 PM Praise & Worship

7:30 PM Gospel presentation + prayer ministry

- Livestreamed with online prayer teams via Zoom
- *Registration required for Zoom prayer teams.*



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What is Alpha?

Alpha is a space to explore life's big questions in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Each week includes food, a dynamic video, and open conversation.

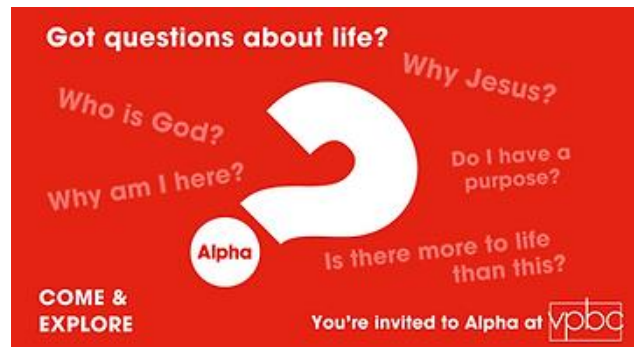
No pressure, no cost—just honest discussion with others on a journey.

All are welcome—no matter where you are in your faith or life. Come and see.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions that are too hostile, too silly, or too simple.

Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves.



How can I take part?

Simply visit our church website:

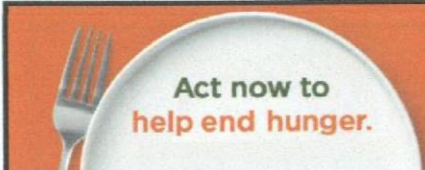
<https://www.stfrancisroby.org> and click on the COME and EXPLORE image to be directed to the ALPHA page which includes the signup link.

Course begins Tuesday, September 8 @ 6:30pm.



Can I invite others?

Absolutely ~ Bring a friend! Alpha is open to anyone from anywhere!



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