

# 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**  
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& CLOSED Fridays

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allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic  
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://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 22, 2026 ✠ Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Mass Schedule for the Week:*

Saturday, March 21, 2026

5:00 PM Jim Bross

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8:00 AM Our Parishiners

10:30 AM Joan Fick

Monday, March 23, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Gus Miele

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:00 AM Scott Sensenig

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Liliana Nieves

Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:00 AM Charles Tatano

Friday, March 27, 2026

9:00 AM Richard Wojnarowski

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:00 PM Louis Disabella

Sunday, March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Intentions for Gloria Areaiza

Parish Schedule/Announcements

**Second Collection - Catholic Rice Bowl**

Tuesday, March 24: 6:30pm - ALPHA

Thursday, March 26: 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

Friday, March 27: 4:00-7:00pm - Crab order pickup

*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale*

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is **THIS Sunday, March 22**, with pickup on Friday, March 27 from the church kitchen.

Lector & Server Schedule

**Saturday, March 28**

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

**Sunday, March 29**

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

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

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 Stencil, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson*



**Readings for the Week**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Monday**

*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*

**Tuesday**

*Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*

**Wednesday**

*Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

**Thursday**

*Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59*

**Friday**

*Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*

**Saturday**

*Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56*

**Palm Sunday**

*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66*

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 15, 2026 ~ \$ 6,482.00

Week of March 8, 2026 ~ \$ 4,678.00



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. **THIS weekend, 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. Thank you.

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



St. Paul is very clear in today's second reading. Because of our baptism, Jesus lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit dwells in us, even though our bodies are subject to death as a consequence of sin, our spirit lives. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies to life beyond death. This is the sure promise made to all of us who choose to live, animated by the Spirit.

Today's Gospel calls us to a deeper faith and trust in Jesus who tells us: "**I am the resurrection and the life:** whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life."

"Do you believe this?" No one seemed to be prepared for Jesus' next words and actions. "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Then he shouts: "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus comes out, still bound in his linen shroud. Jesus has to tell them to "untie him and let him go free."

What is your response, my response, as we listen to the events recounted for us? The glory of God revealed in Lazarus' new life calls us to faith and trust. Physical death only ends our earthly life; there is life beyond the grave - eternal life, resurrection of our bodies! The Spirit who dwells in us will give us a share in Jesus' glorious risen life.

But before that promise comes true, however, we have an earthly life to complete. Reality must break through the marvelous events we have witnessed.

We know that this miracle hastened the tragic events of Jesus' arrest, suffering and eventual death on the cross. As we listen today, we are reminded that there are daily deaths to self and sin that we must endure in order to share in Jesus' rising. People and events in our daily living will challenge our faith and trust in Jesus as resurrection and life. How we handle these daily deaths to self and sin is often a good indication of how we will handle our final, earthly death. Seeing them as our opportunities to share in Jesus' suffering and death gives us the courage to accept them gracefully.

Let us resolve, then, to use these challenges to deepen our decision to follow Jesus more closely each day. Jesus has told us that our daily deaths to self and sin, and our eventual physical death, will bring us to our promised share in his glorious risen life. May the grace of God and our faithfulness bring us to the fullness of life Jesus has promised us.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/fifth-sunday-in-lent/march-22-2026>



# Speak, Lord

Women's Discernment Group

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

*Ps. 37:4-5*



**Inviting women ages 18 - 40**

- Single?
- Still in college?
- College grad?
- Working?
- Want to learn more about **the call** to **Holy Matrimony** & the **Religious Life**?

*Join us on 4th Fridays!*

Starting: **Friday, Mar 27th, 2026**  
at **5:30pm**

- Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Vespers
- Pizza
- Community
- Guest speakers!

**Free attendance!**



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*This is an evening that promises to be filled with fellowship, celebration, and a touch of sparkle for our school community.*



✦ You're Invited to the Event of the Season

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**St. Ignatius School Gymnasium**  
April 11, 2026  
doors open 5:45pm



**Donors and Sponsors Needed**

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- Would you like to advertise?
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If you answered yes, please contact  
Carolyn Wood @ [cwood@stignatiusvikings.org](mailto:cwood@stignatiusvikings.org)

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**Date of Event is April 11, 2026**

*In order to help us reach our goals for the evening, we are also hoping to welcome a few more sponsors and donors to the celebration.*

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