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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday---------- 9:00 am

EUCHARISTIC 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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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.

November 1, 2026 ✠ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:00PM John Schultz
Sunday, November 1, 2026
8:00AM Tom Suchon
10:30AM Living & Deceased Kramer Family Members
Monday, November 2, 2026
6:30PM **Mass of Remembrance**
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
9:00 AM Intentions for Matti Lu Hummel
Wednesay, November 4, 2026
9:00 AM Peter Sabinsky
Thursday, November 5, 2026
9:00 AM Intentions for James & Cecelia Hart
Friday, November 6, 2026
9:00 AM Intentions for Craig & Felicia Burnish
Saturday, November 7, 2026
5:00PM Living & Dceased Boulanger Family Members
Sunday, November 8, 2026
8:00AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children
10:30AM Intentions for Murry & Geri Frink

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, November 3: ALPHA @ 6:30pm

Thursday, November 5: Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 – 11:00am; 5:00-700pm - with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-11:00am & 5:00-7:00pm

Sunday, November 8 @ 10:00 am - Pray the Rosary



Sunday, November 1:
- ✞ Parent & student session @ 9am
  Topic: "*I Believe*" (The Creed)

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, November 7

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, November 8

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Fleming
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook Lector: Stine

~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of November 1, 2026
In Loving Memory of ***Joseph Patrick McGuigan***

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, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, 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
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday
Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead

Tuesday
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday
Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 16:1-8

First Saturday
Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Our Return to the Lord

Week of October 25, 2026 ~ $ 4,899.00

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Save-A-Tape Program

Redner's is committed to the communities that it is a part of, and wants to help the non-profit organizations whose members shop in their stores. In this interest, Redner's developed their 1% Save-A-Tape program; that is, they donate 1% of the total receipt amount. Therefore, St Francis de Sales is asking **you to submit your registered Redner's Market receipts** to earn money for our parish. For those who have been submitting, we received a total of **$ 916.40** for this year, beginning in January through October 2026!! So please keep sending in your receipts!

Thank you!



The Garden Ministry wishes to thank the anonymous parishioner who so generously donated the new Blessed Mother statue which will arrive in the near future. The new statue will be placed more centrally in the garden to welcome us as we approach the church. Further beautification of the area will take place in the spring.





"Let us join our hearts to these heavenly spirits and blessed souls. Just as young nightingales learn to sing in company with the old, so also by our holy associations with the saints let us learn the best way to pray and sing God's praise." (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chap 16)

We stand on the shoulders of giants. Over the last two thousand years countless men, women and children of many eras, places and cultures have spent their lives in the service of the Good News of Jesus Christ. From among these many, a smaller group of individuals have earned the distinction of being known as "saints."

These are real people to whom we look for example. These are real people to whom we look for inspiration. These are real people to whom we look for encouragement and grace. These saints – these real people - have blazed a trail in living and proclaiming the Gospel. The challenge to us is to follow their example in ways that fit the state and stage of life in which we find ourselves.

In case you haven't yet figured it out, you, too, are called to live a saintly – a God-centered, self-giving - way of life in the very places in which you live, love, work and play every day. Francis de Sales wrote:

"Look at the example given by the saints in every walk of life. There is nothing that they have not done in order to love God and to be God's devoted followers…Why then should we not do as much according to our position and vocation in life to keep the cherished resolution and holy protestations that we have made?" (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part V, Chapter 12)

What does it mean to be a saint? Surprisingly, it is much more down-to-earth and obtainable than we might think. Francis de Sales observed: "We must love all that God loves, and God loves our vocation; so let us love our vocation, too, and not waste our energy hankering after a different sort of life but get on with your own life. Be Martha as well as Mary, and be both gladly, faithfully doing what you are called to do…" (Stopp, Selected Letters, Page 61)

In the view of St. Francis de Sales, sanctity – sainthood – is measured by our willingness and ability to embrace the state and stage of life in which we find ourselves. Saints are people who deeply embraced their lives as they found them, rather than wasting time wishing or waiting for an opportunity to live someone else's life. Sainthood – sanctity – holiness – is marked by the willingness to embrace God's will as it is manifested in the ups and downs of everyday life.

How are you being called to be a saint today?

https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/all-saints-november-1-2026

OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES North American Province

Winter Gear Collection Drive: Sharing God's Love Through Giving

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." — Colossians 3:12



As the winter season approaches, our Prayer Shawl Ministry is organizing a **Winter Clothing Collection Drive** to share God's love and extend a helping hand to those residents in need at the Opportunity House in Reading. While winter brings joy and celebration, many individuals and families face the challenge of keeping themselves warm during the cold months.

Inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we are called to care for one another and serve those who are less fortunate. Through this initiative, we aim to collect winter accessories such as shawls, scarves, gloves, socks, and hats for distribution during the Christmas season to underprivileged families, children, elderly people, and others in need.

We warmly invite all church members, families, and well-wishers to participate in this meaningful initiative by donating new items. Every contribution, no matter how small, can bring warmth, comfort, and hope to someone facing the difficulties of winter. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of November.

This collection drive is more than an act of charity; it is an expression of our faith in action. As a church community, let us come together in unity and demonstrate the love of Christ through our generosity and compassion.

May our simple acts of kindness become a blessing to others and a reflection of God's grace in our community.

Let us share our blessings, spread warmth, and be the hands and feet of Jesus this winter.

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Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville

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