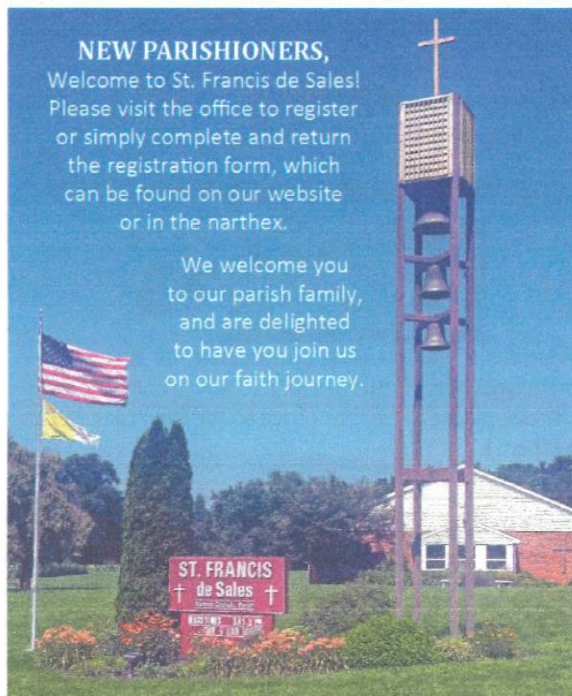


ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- 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.

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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.



February 23, 2025 ✠ The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. John will be celebrating Mass privately this week while he is away visiting his niece in S.C. and his brother in Louisiana. There will be NO DAILY MASS or adoration this week.

Saturday, February 22, 2025

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 AM

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Walter Areiza

Monday, February 24, 2025

9:00 AM Stephen & Andrew Allen

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

9:00 AM Henry T. Plonski, Jr.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

9:00 AM

Friday, February 28, 2025

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Joseph Kramer

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00 PM Annetta Edinger

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 AM Bernard Huck

10:30 AM Grace Hornickle

Parish Schedule/Announcements

The K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale has begun and will run through Sunday, March 16!

Sunday, February 23: 9:00am - PREP

Lector & Server Schedule

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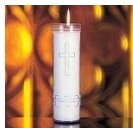
Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, March 2

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of February 23, 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 Altland, 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 Macey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

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

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

First Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 16, 2025 ~ \$ 4,564.00

Schedule for Ash Wednesday:

12:00 Noon ~ Mass

6:30 PM ~ Prayer Service



March 7th

7pm - The Basket and the Cross:
Receiving the transformational love of
God in prayer and relationship.

*Please note that while each session
can be attended individually, you will
experience greater spiritual benefits by
participating in multiple sessions.*

March 8th

3:30pm - Teen & Young Adult
Snack & Chat: an informal discussion
with Fr. Boniface

5pm - Mass

6pm - Social Gathering & Meal

7pm - From Cave to Community:
Deepen your relationship with God by
learning to share your heart with others

7:40 - Eucharistic Adoration

March 9th

10:30am - Mass

11:30am - Light Breakfast

12pm - The Ear of the Heart:
Spiritual accompaniment as a way to
share the love of Christ with others.



Today's gospel offers us the great challenge for a disciple of Jesus:

“Love your enemies, do good to those who dislike you, bless those who speak ill of you and pray for those who mistreat you.” “Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful.”

We all know how difficult this is to do.

We'll never be able to do it without God's grace, without learning to be very conscious that God is present with us each day, without asking God for the strength of his grace many times each day. The invitation of Jesus to love those who get in our face, who know how to push all our buttons, goes against our natural feelings of irritation and anger. Jesus seems to be asking too much.

What Jesus is asking of us is to be all that grace enables us to be. By our baptism, we have been given a share in the life and love of God. Jesus has become our brother; we are children of our heavenly Father by grace. Divine life is in us and that life enables us to live as Jesus lived. Jesus is asking us to learn to live by the new life we have been given. Because of grace, we are able to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Jesus has shown us how to love those who irritate us, how to forgive those who injure us.

St. Francis de Sales recommends several practices that can help us remember the strength of divine life within us.

Begin the day with a short prayer of awareness: “My God, you are here loving me today; help me to remember you're with me as we go through the day.” Then, talk with God about the grace I will need to deal with particular people in my life who can irritate me or have mistreated me. During the day, when I know I'm going to meet such a person, I ask God's help that I may relate with that person in a way that is pleasing to God. Then, each evening, thank God for the times when grace gave me strength and ask pardon for the times I forgot to ask for God's help and failed because I tried to do it on my own.

The key is learning the discipline of remembering that I share divine life. When my prayer leads me to greater awareness of God's loving presence each day, then I will more likely become dependent on the grace God makes available to me. Then the challenge that Jesus offers – to love my enemies – is not so impossible for me to try to meet. I can meet it because I trust in God who lives in me.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/seventh-sunday-ordinary-time-february-23-2025>

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