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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm
Sunday ----- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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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.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the



February 27 2022 ✦ The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, February 26, 2022

5:00 PM Earnest & Helen Boulanger

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Anna Zubris

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 PM Rachel Cox

Saturday, March 5, 2022

5:00 PM Special Intention: William R. Kopinski

Sunday, March 6, 2022

8:00 AM Bernard Huck

10:30 AM Joseph & Julia Savitsky

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Brooke Gorey, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasprovciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of February 27, 2022

For Living & Deceased Members of the
Zubris Family

Lector & Server Schedule

March 5th ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Bross Lector: Giacobbe

March 6th ~ 8:00 AM

Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Eckenroth

March 6th ~ 10:30 AM

Servers: Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

Thursday, March 3 @ 10am – 12 Noon - Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am – 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Friday, March 4 @ 7 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 6 @ 9:00 am - PREP

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;

12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer/Adoration (Chapel)

Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM



Readings for the Week

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

First Friday

Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

First Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 20, 2022

Offertory ~ \$ 3,764.00

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of the diocese in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Spiritual Thought

"When Charity is deeply rooted in the soul it shows itself exteriorly: there is so gracious a way of refusing what we cannot give, that the refusal pleases as much as the gift."

St. Therese of Lisieux



Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022

Let's begin Lent together.

7:00 am ~ Ash Service
12:00 Noon ~ Ash Service
7:00 pm ~ Mass

Adult Faith Formation

During Lent, Adult Faith Formation will have a slight change in schedule. Beginning March 1st, Shrove Tuesday, the group will meet downstairs from 5:30 – 6:50pm. The Church will then be open for Adoration from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. You are welcome to bring something to eat during Faith Formation, if you like... This will apply to the Tuesdays of March 1st, March 15th, and April 5th. We will resume normal times back up in the Church effective April 19th.

9th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

The sale is underway and will run through the weekend of Sunday, April 3rd. Pickup will be Friday, April 8th from the church kitchen from 4-7pm. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.



The Outreach Ministry is asking for your empty egg cartons. Please place them in the Church kitchen for Opportunity House and Kennedy House



On behalf of the St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Council 15778, we would like to thank all those who participated in the 2021 NFL Football Frenzy Fundraiser. We had several lucky winners from our parish! The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the K of C scholarships awarded to parishioners enrolled in Catholic Education.

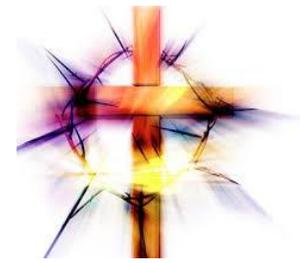


The St. Ignatius Seniors Group will meet on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00am in the Parish Education Center Meeting Room. The program will be "Stroke Is No Joke" presented by Amy Beller and the Tower Health Stroke Group. Heart Healthy food will be provided. Food Pantry items are always gratefully accepted and the Book/Puzzle exchange is open. Membership is always open. Email Barb Kunder: b.kunder@comcast.net with any questions.

Upcoming Bus Trips:

- * Atlantic City TROPICANA ~ March 31, 2022 for Famous Russian Comedian, Yakoz Smirnoff
- * Sight & Sound 'DAVID' ~ May 10, 2022
- * Fulton Theater 'Jersey Boys' ~ July 20, 2022

Registration forms for these events are available in the office of SFDS.



OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it is necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

† Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

† Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

† What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

† What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

† Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese, all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

† Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States, this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 6 – June 12, 2022). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



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“From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks...”

Today’s selections from the Book of Sirach and Luke’s Gospel suggest a powerful standard by which we can judge the heart and mind of another person: the subject and manner about which one speaks.

Pretty obvious, isn’t it? Negative people tend to speak negatively. Jealous people speak resentfully. Judgmental people speak suspiciously. Their conversations tend to weigh others down.

By contrast, positive people speak positively. Happy people speak graciously. Energized people speak enthusiastically. Their conversations tend to lift others up.

If the eyes are the windows to the soul, conversation seems to be expressions of the heart.

Francis de Sales writes in his Introduction to the Devout Life: “Just as physicians learn about a person’s health or sickness by looking at the tongue, so our words are a true indication of the state of our souls.” (Part III, Chapter 26) This diagnosis has several aspects.

First: how do we speak of God? “If you are truly in love with God you should often speak of God in familiar conversation with others...just as bees extract with their mouths nothing but honey, so your tongue should always be sweetened with its God...always with attention and reverence.” (Ibid)

Second: how do we speak of others? “Be careful never to let an indecent word leave your lips, for even if you do not speak with an evil intention those who hear it may take it a different way.” When one’s heart is filled with evil or rancor or intrigue, their tongues are no longer like the sweet ones of the bees but become “like a lot of wasps gathered together to feed on corruption.” (Part III, Chapter 27)

Third: how balanced is our conversation? “It seems to me that we should avoid two extremes,” observes Francis de Sales. “To be too reserved and to refuse to take part in conversation looks like lack of confidence in the others or some kind of disdain. On the other hand, to be always babbling or joking without giving others time or chance to speak when they wish is a mark of shallowness and levity.” (Part III, Chapter 30)

What do the content and tone of our words tell others about our hearts?

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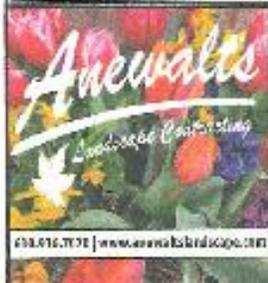
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