

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

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



Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, January 7, 2023~ The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Irene Huck

Sunday, January 8, 2023 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Josephine Hozza

10:30 AM Margaret Graham

Sat., January 14, 2023~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 15, 2023 ~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Milia

10:30 AM Norbert Chaiko

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, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Raymond Kasprovciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 14th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, January 15th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Fleming

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Ruth

Parish Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 12 ~ Adoration

11:00am - Exposition

11:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

And the greatest grace that God can give a man is to send him a trial he cannot bear with his own powers – and then sustain him with his grace so that he may endure to the end and be saved.

Fr. Walter Czisek

St. Ignatius Advent Mass Schedule

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

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Our Return to the Lord

Week of January 1, 2023 ~ \$4,182 .00
Solemnity of Mary ~ \$ 1,264.00



Thursday Holy Hour

Holy Hour will resume this Thursday, January 5 at 11:00am with exposition and conclude at 12:00 Noon. We will return to our normal adoration time from 10am – 12 Noon effective Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the *Reading Eagle* on Sunday, January 22, 2023 to mark the 50th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$10 for individuals, or \$15 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, January 15, 2023. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

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into your Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

Life Ad, St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory,
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"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Saint John Paul II

Parish Name: _____

Your Name: _____

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Have you ever thought what could possibly have possessed very wise men to leave their homes and undertake a long, hard desert journey?

What was so special about this new "king of the Jews"? Everyone knew that Israel was under Roman occupation. Any Jewish king would be a mere puppet of the emperor. Why would news of a powerless king in a faraway land be so attractive? Perhaps the Holy Spirit was moving them, touching a sense of longing and hope and compelling them to investigate. These wise men, astrologers and interpreters of dreams clearly believed that they were being led to someone extraordinary.

What must have happened when they arrived where Joseph, Mary and the child were staying? Did they simply present their gifts and then hurry back to the East? I would imagine they stayed for a little while asking Joseph and Mary lots of questions, trying to find out what all these signs were about.

And Mary and Joseph had plenty of extraordinary happenings to tell them about – angels visiting, dreams, Scriptures foretelling their arrival. Even their gifts had been foretold. These men must have been thrilled to know that the longing in their hearts could be fulfilled in this little child! Mary and Joseph evangelized these wise men from the East.

Every one of us longs for a sense of meaning and purpose. All around us people are starving for answers, and the Holy Spirit may want to direct them to us, just as he directed the wise men to Mary and Joseph and the child. Like Joseph and Mary, all we have to do is share with them the ways that God has moved in us, the ways that God has shown us divine love. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

As we begin a new year and celebrate the coming of the wise men to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us reflect on the gifts we have received from our loving God - gifts far more valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then we will be well prepared for whoever may show up at our door this year.

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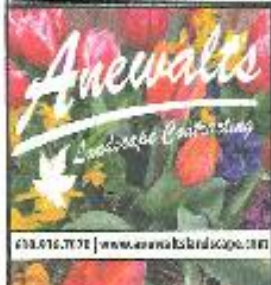
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