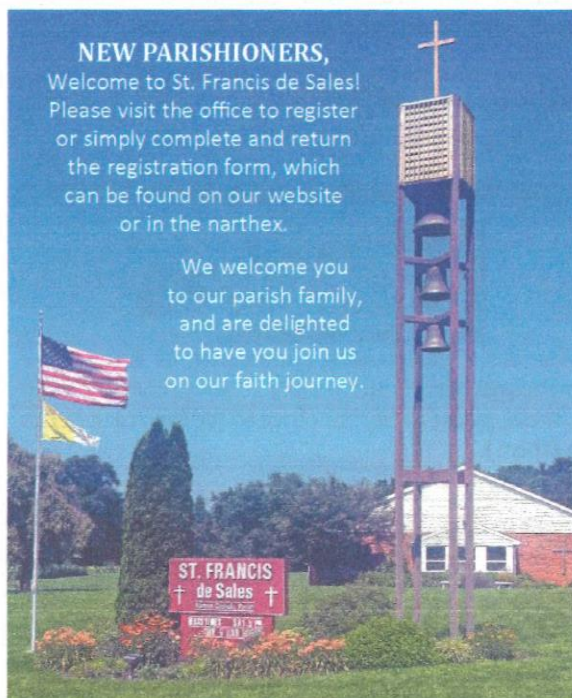


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## PASTORAL STAFF

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.

## 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.



January 19, 2025 ✘ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Schedule for the Week:*

Saturday, January 18, 2025

5:00 PM Deb Daniel

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:00 AM Blasi 'Cap' Capalbo

10:30 AM Henry Cason, Jr.

Monday, January 20, 2025

9:00 AM Georgia Brezler

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:00 AM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 AM Henry T. Plonski, Jr.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

9:00 AM Carol Palm

Friday, January 24, 2025

9:00 AM

Saturday, January 25, 2025

5:00 PM Blasi Capalbo

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Helen Boulanger

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Thursday, January 23: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Saturday, January 25: 9:00am - Mission Team Meeting

Sunday, January 26: 9:00am - PREP {Levels 2-7}

Lector & Server Schedule

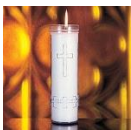
Saturday, January 25

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, January 26

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

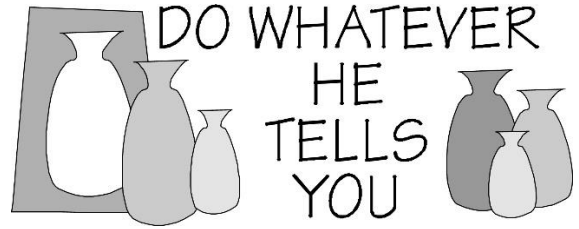
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fullam



*~ Living Flame ~*

Will burn the week of January 19, 2025  
*In Loving Memory of Jean Sabinsky*

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**

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Monday**

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

**Sunday**

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

***Collection for Fr. Stephen's School***

Thank you for your generous donations of **\$9,870.00** towards Fr. Stephen's school! St. Francis de Sales will contribute an additional \$130.00 to make our parish donation a total of **\$10,000.00!** Your support will make a significant impact and help provide those children the basic tools and resources to assist with their education and faith journey. We are deeply blessed and grateful for your kindness and commitment to helping those in need.



✠ Join with the **Church of St. Benedict** in Mohnton for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24, 2025. The church is sponsoring a bus to join in witness and prayer for restoration of a Culture of Life, from conception to natural death, in our country and the world. Bus will depart the parking lot of St. Benedict's at 8:00 am and will depart from Washington D.C. at 4:00pm returning to St. Benedicts approximately 7:00pm. To reserve your seat, you may text 484-577-7816.

✠ Attend the National Right for Life March on Friday, January 24, 2025. Motorcoach departs from **St. Jane Frances Church in Easton** at 7:30am and returns around 8:30pm. Passenger donation \$20.00 - for more information and to reserve a seat, email - [andrewazan3rd@rcn.com](mailto:andrewazan3rd@rcn.com) / 484-259-7740

As a first step in "going public" goes, this first demonstration of Jesus' divine power is, to say the least, an understatement. No miraculous healing. No exorcism of demons, no raising someone from the dead. Instead, he simply prevents the caterer from running out of wine at a wedding reception.

Many might consider this a misuse - nay, even a waste - of Jesus' saving power. Initially, even Jesus himself seems to feel that his power could be used better - and later - elsewhere.

Not Francis de Sales. He sees that there is more to this miracle than meets the eye. Here is an example of how God's power permeates all human experiences, even the most ordinary. We are speaking here of the practice of the "little virtues," a notion precious indeed to St. Francis de Sales and a hallmark of his understanding of Christ's saving power. In his Treatise on the Love of God, Francis de Sales wrote: "It may well be that a very small virtue has greater value in a soul in which sacred love reigns with fervor than martyrdom itself in a soul in which love is languid and feeble." (Book 11, Chapter 5) Put another way, the little virtues, the expression of care or concern in seemingly ordinary circumstances, may be "found more pleasing in God's sight than great and famous deeds performed with little charity or devotion."

Still, there is a place for great displays of love: "I do not say that we may not aspire to outstanding virtues, but I say that we must train ourselves in the little ones without which the great ones may be false or deceptive." (Stopp, Selected Letters, p. 159)

Jesus may have been tempted to believe that changing water into wine was beneath his divine - perhaps even his human - dignity. In the end, however, the needs of others were more persuasive than the desire to make a "big splash" in the eyes of others. Ironically, it may have been Jesus' willingness to employ his heavenly powers for such a down-to-earth request that enabled his disciples to "begin to believe in him."

His greater, more famous and once-in-a-lifetime displays of power would, indeed, come later. But whether on the cross of Calvary, or at a simple wedding in Cana, the power, the promise and the person were one and the same.

The moral of this miracle? *Nothing is too small for the Kingdom of God.*

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-19-2025>







Parish Religious Education Program

Date: 1/12/25	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	We pray with our Church Family Make a Joyful noise craft God's gift of friendship	"For my family" back of handout. Practice prayers on prayer card.	
Level 2 (First Communion)	Eucharist - Session 1 Sunday is Special!	Talk about your Baptism. Talk about good choices children have made and how "God wants us to make good choices."	
Level 3/4	Session 16 Celebrating Reconciliation		
Level 5	Session 8 Review of Baptism Called to be a child of Light for God		
Level 6	Pg 87-104 Psalms and Books of Wisdom How to pray Psalms collectively and individually.		
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 7 The Eucharist, Jubilee Year, Adoration	Gifts of the Holy Spirit worksheet due at the next class.	Study Confirmation questions

Link to 2nd Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/blessed-seasons.html>

Link to 7th Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>

**There is a new Mass attendance chart for 2025. Please be sure to add a sticker when you attend Mass.** Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Please value the importance of these classes along with regular **Mass attendance**. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance.

Our next Class is: **January 26th (Levels 2-7)**

# EWG's GUIDE TO SAFER CELL PHONE USE

*Follow These Steps to Help  
Protect Yourself Against  
Cell Phone Radiation*

## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

At least six countries have issued warnings to consumers to reduce cellphone radiation exposures, especially for children.

## SO MANY LIKELY RISKS

More research is needed, but we can't ignore the studies out there that suggest that caution is warranted.

## IT'S A FACT

We do know that young children's brains absorb twice as much cellphone radiation as those of adults.

### 1. USE A HEADSET OR SPEAKER

Headsets emit much less radiation than phones. Choose either wired or wireless. Experts are split on which version is safer. Some wireless headsets emit continuous, low-level radiation, so take yours off your ear when you're not on a call. Using your phone in speaker mode also reduces radiation to the head.

### 2. HOLD PHONE AWAY FROM YOUR BODY

Hold the phone away from your ear and your body when you are talking. If you are using a headset, don't put the phone in your pocket or clip it to your belt—put it in your bag, purse or on a nearby surface. The amount of radiation absorbed by your head and body decreases dramatically with even a small distance.

### 3. TEXT MORE, TALK LESS

Phones emit less radiation when sending texts than during voice communications. Texting keeps radiation away from your head.

### 4. CALL WHEN THE SIGNAL IS STRONG

Fewer signal bars mean the phone must work harder to broadcast its signal to the cell tower. As much as possible, make and take calls when your phone has a strong signal. Research shows that radiation exposure increases dramatically when cellphone signals are weak.

### 5. LIMIT CHILDREN'S PHONE USE

Young children's brains can absorb twice as much cellphone radiation as those of adults. EWG joins health agencies in at least six countries in recommending limits for children's phone use, such as for emergencies only.

### 6. SKIP THE 'RADIATION SHIELD'

Radiation shields such as antenna caps and keypad covers reduce the connection quality and force the phone to transmit with greater energy, generating more radiation.

**Create a separate space for your Wi-Fi router.**  
Don't keep it in your bedroom or right next to the office desk.

**FOR MORE TIPS VISIT  
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