

# 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.

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## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- *Pastor*  
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

**EUCARISTIC 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.

## 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.



## December 28, 2025 ✯ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, December 27, 2025

5:00 PM Mary Hopko

#### Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM Christmas Flower Intentions

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

#### Monday, December 29, 2025

9:00 AM Pino Cianflone

#### Tuesday, December 30, 2025

9:00 AM Christmas Flower Intentions

#### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:00 PM Special Intentions

#### Thursday, January 1, 2026 ~ Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Special Intentions

#### Friday, January 2, 2026

9:00 AM

#### Saturday, January 3, 2026

5:00 PM John & Peggy Fisher

#### Sunday, January 4, 2026 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Mary Hopko

10:30 AM Evelyn Yoe

### Parish Schedule/Announcements

Parish offices will be **CLOSED** this upcoming week.

We will return Monday, January 5, 2026.

Fr. John will celebrate a vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary on Wednesday, December 31 @ 5:00 PM.

#### Sunday, January 4: 9:00am - PREP

Thursday, January 8: 9:30am - 7:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am; & 6:15-7:15pm

### Lector & Server Schedule

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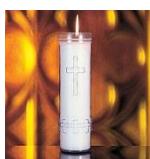
#### Saturday, January 3

**5:00 PM ~ Servers:** Lector:

#### Sunday, January 4

**8:00 AM ~ Servers:** Lector:

**10:30 AM ~ Servers:** Lector:



### *- Living Flame -*

Will burn the week of December 28, 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., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, 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*



### **Readings for the Week**

#### Sunday ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

#### **Monday**

*1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35*

#### **Tuesday**

*1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40*

#### **Wednesday**

*1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18*

#### Thursday ~ Solemnity of Mary

*Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21*

#### **First Friday**

*1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28*

#### **First Saturday**

*1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34*

#### Sunday ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of December 21, 2025 ~

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**Thank you** for your tremendous response in providing the chili and pasta for our volunteer day at Kennedy House AND to the volunteers who helped serve on

Saturday. This success was made possible from your selflessness and dedication to this outreach ministry. We served 110 folks that day and plan to use the remaining chili at Opportunity House on Christmas Day.

Blessings and love of the season to all.

### Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the Reading Eagle on Thursday, January 22, 2026 to mark the 53rd 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 11, 2026**. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



#### Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon along with your donation (**check payable to "St Ignatius"**) into your Sunday Mass collection or mail directly 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

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What was it like to live with Jesus as he "grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom and grace?" We don't know much about how the Holy Family lived, and yet the Church encourages us to live as they did. It would be easy to say, "I'm not able to be Jesus, or Mary, or Joseph." The truth is: we are able to be like Jesus. We are baptized and we share the life of Jesus by grace. If we remember each day who we are by our baptism and ask God for the grace we need for the day and accept it, then we can live like the Holy Family.

Today's scripture readings can help us to understand what that will mean. In today's second reading, St. Paul offers us a model for good family relationships.

Because God has chosen us and loved us, we are called to live in His love. God's love in us will take many forms in our living together:

- living what St. Francis de Sales calls the "little virtues" gives a flavor to how we live with one another; showing heartfelt mercy, kindness, humility and meekness never grows old-fashioned.
- at other times, when our own idiosyncrasies, or those of others, show themselves, patience can lead us to "bear with one another lovingly."
- even with the best of intentions, we can offend others or others can offend us. Remembering that the Lord has forgiven us often can help us to forgive one another from the heart.

Paul encourage us to wear love as an encompassing garment that perfects all the other virtues we try to practice. When we have learned to accept Jesus' gift of peace in our own hearts, then we will want to share that peace with each other in any way we can. Thankfulness will lead us to live peacefully. Everything we say and do can be marked by our thankfulness. In this way, Jesus comes alive in us and through us He can touch everyone we live with.

All of us have lived long enough to know the personal effort it takes each day to let Jesus live in us. That's why it's important for us to come and be fed often at Eucharist and rededicate ourselves to living Jesus each day.

May our celebration of the Holy Family today be a gentle reminder that we too grow each day. We can grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace, as Jesus did. May our conscious efforts to grow today fill us with wisdom and grace. May we bring the love and peace of Jesus to all we meet, especially at home.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/holy-family-december-28-2025>

**A Health Note from your Parish Nurse Ministry**  
to help you avoid the hazards that are all too common during this otherwise  
festive time of year.

# Wrapping up the Holidays

## PREVENTING WINTER FIRES

Nearly half of home fires occur during the months of *December, January, and February*. Keep your home and family safe after the holidays with these *post-holiday year-end tips*.

**25%** of holiday fires are caused by decorations

**210** home fires a year are caused by Christmas trees

**1** **z z z** Never leave holiday decorations on while sleeping or away from home

Fires caused by Christmas trees are usually deadlier than other fires

Decorations are temporary, remove them after the holidays

Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupters can prevent 50% of home electrical fires

Inspect and dispose of any damaged decorations

Separate and label indoor and outdoor decorations

Store decorations in a dry location that is safely out of reach of children and pets

**1st WEEK** Remove, inspect and store all holiday decorations by the 1st week of January

**January**

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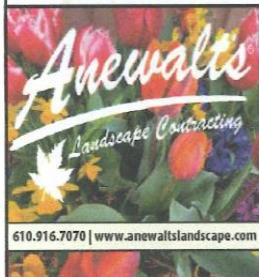
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