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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.*, Chapel
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Church
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*, Church
* In-person & virtual

CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Church
or by appointment

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Fasting is not a virtue in itself, but only when accompanied by conditions that make it pleasing to God. We must fast with our whole heart, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally, and entirely." - St. Francis de Sales



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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your **primary** source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holysinfectchurch.org for details on many topics, including:

- ✦ **Mass and Liturgy Times**
- ✦ **Office Hours and Contact Information**
- ✦ **Calendar of Events**, including event details
- ✦ **News** within the parish and around the diocese
- ✦ **Worship & Sacraments**, including sacramental prep information for Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders; **Vocations** for men and women; and **Funerals**
- ✦ **Faith & Learning** for adults, teens, and children; becoming Catholic; Catholic schools
- ✦ **Salesian spirituality and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales**
- ✦ **Joining the parish**
- ✦ **Getting Involved**
- ✦ **Ministries & Groups**

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Hotline
Call 866-535-SAFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Jo Agusta; Nancy Balding; Jeff Baker; Colette & Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Margaret Burnett; Marcia Brown; Maria Capone; Alice & Christos Chamis ; Albina & Chin Chua; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Jason Ferrigan; Adela Florey; Dot Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Aileen Koch; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercado; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Marc Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Helen Pischak; Diane Curtis-Ratliff; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Julia Schmidt; Susan Sheehan; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Richard Thomas; Angel David



DESALES CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We at the Parish Council work in good faith to advise and confer with our Pastor regarding parish matters. We work to fulfill the mission of the parish through faithful and thoughtful discourse and collaboration. We have been aware of the plans for updating the DeSales Center for some time and would like to impart our full support for the renovation. We recognize the importance of updating the building codes and regulations, as well as making the improvements necessary to allow our parish to function at its potential and beyond. As we look toward the future, and the future of our growing parish, we are sure you will see the numerous benefits of renovating and enhancing a space so vital to the workings of our parish.

-Parish Pastoral Council Members



DeSales Center Renovations

- Engineers report identified several building systems needing replacement including: HVAC, lighting, roofing, ceilings, insulation and ADA restrooms.
- Reconfigure and renovated CGS rooms with new flooring and wall finish
- Reconfigure and renovate Fellowship Hall with new flooring, lighting, wall finish and new platform
- Expand and renovate restrooms to modern building codes

Estimated Cost; \$2,045,000

DeSales Center Upgrade Additions

- Add 3 Flex Rooms to support growing needs or education and other ministries
- Double the kitchen size with all new cabinets, solid surface countertops, appliances, flooring and new cooking, food prep, clean-up and storage areas
- Add a Welcome Lobby with a lift to move the stairs inside out of the weather
- Add unisex restrooms in the lobby
- Add a covered Arcade between the Lobby and the Church

Estimated Cost: \$1,798,000

Sitework and Administrative

- Pave the gravel parking lot
- Professional fees
- Permits and Insurance
- Contingency

Estimated Cost: \$1,449,800

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$3,000,000



Sign Up to Pledge Online

Learn more about the project and register your pledge towards the renovation using the QR code.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS March 31st—April 6th

Monday, 9 am	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Genny Maria Cabreles De Luna †</i>
Thursday, 9 :00am	<i>Don McCoy †</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Pat McGinn †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Carolina Valeria Gomez – birthday</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Monique Van Stekelenburg †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Lee Meyer †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>George Boes †</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47
Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sunday Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 31 Wedding Vow Renewal, 11 am
Mar 31 Lenten Mom's Small Group, 8 pm
Apr 1 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Apr 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 1 FYM at NC Food Bank, 1 pm
Apr 1 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr 2 Cards & Games FYM, 2 pm
Apr 2 OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
Apr 3 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Apr 3 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Apr 3 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Apr 4 Fish Fry @ Holy Infant, 4:30 pm
Apr 4 Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm
Apr 5 Fill the Truck Food Drive, 9 am
Apr 5 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 5 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Apr 5 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm
Apr 5 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Apr 6 Family Formation, 9:45 am
Apr 6 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
Apr 6 Girl Scouts Meeting, 2 pm
Apr 6 JYM/TYM, 6:30 pm


The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am-4 pm


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using the QR code





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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

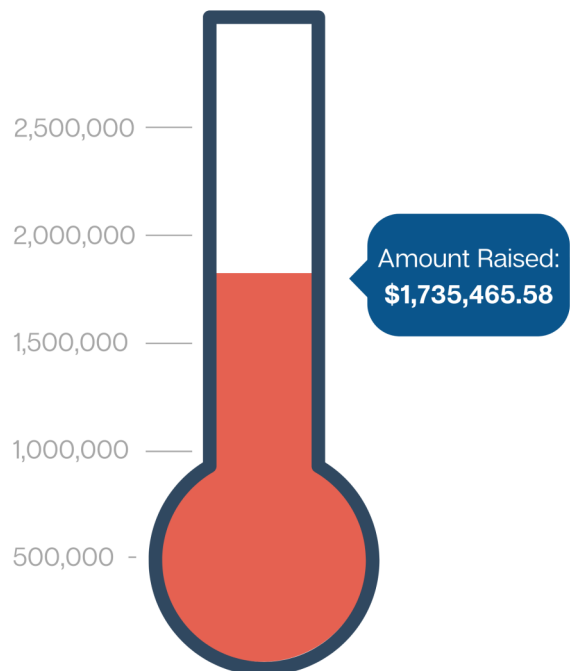
Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - February 28

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$736,840	\$716,627	(\$20,213)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$27,482	\$1,482
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$178	\$178
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$9,905	\$1,905
Maintenance Offertory	\$31,010	\$27,185	(\$3,825)
	\$801,850	\$781,377	(\$20,473)

DeSales Center Renovation

Capital Campaign

GOAL: \$3,000,000



gym

girls youth ministry



Calling All Girls in Grades 6-10

Are you looking for a community where you can grow in your faith, make new friends, and build meaningful relationships that last?

This summer, Faith Development is offering a series for teen girls to deepen their relationship with God through Scripture study, prayer, and connections with peers.

Girls Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday nights twice a month in May, June, & July.

Finding your way in a world gone wild.

We have Jesus—our true north!
Give kids a rock-solid foundation
and point them to Jesus,
their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

Vacation Bible Camp 2025
June 29 - July 2nd, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

SCAN
ME! >>>



Totally Catholic Edition

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TYM SPRING RETREAT SUCCESS

Earlier this month, 20 of our TYM high schoolers and 9 adult chaperones went to Camp Caraway in Sophia, North Carolina for an overnight retreat, the first since October 2022. During the day, they dug deeper into their faith with lessons and prayer time, bonded in small groups led by Holy Infant young adults and played plenty of games! In the evening, they enjoyed the spring weather with a campfire and s'mores.

Retreats are a great way for our teens to spend more time with each other than our regular TYM sessions. 19 different high schools are represented in TYM, so most of our students do not see each other outside of Sunday nights. Having friends within your faith community is important for all of us, but especially for teenagers who are considering what it means to "Live Jesus" after they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FISH FRY DATES

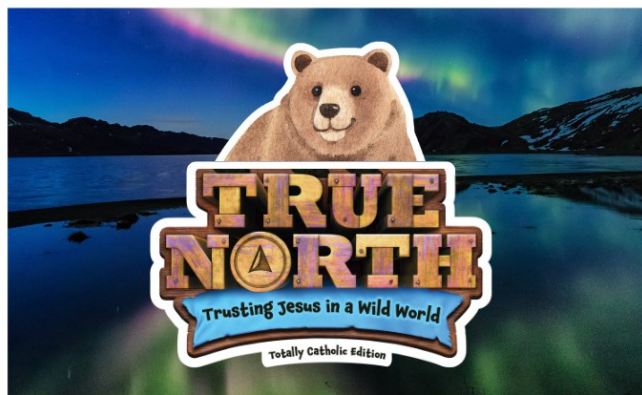
Join the Knights of Columbus for Fish Fridays from 4:30 - 7 pm. Each plate is \$15 and includes Fried Fish, French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw and a Dessert.

The Knights would like to thank the community for the record setting support of the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this past Friday. They apologize to all who had to wait long for their meal and will make it up to you at our next Fish Fry's at Holy Infant on **April 4th and April 11th**.

KIDS GEAR SWAP

Join us on Saturday, **May 17th** from 8 - 11 am for a fun and eco-friendly Kid's Gear Swap event. It's the perfect opportunity to declutter your child's belongings and find new treasures for them.

Stay tuned for more details coming out in April on how to drop off clothes, toys, and other kid's gear for the swap. Whether your kids have outgrown their toys or you just need a refresh for the spring season, this event is the place to be.



ADOPT A PROP FOR VBC

We are looking for volunteers to adopt a prop for our Vacation Bible Camp set. Volunteers will be given a take home craft project to be completed on their own time and returned to the parish before VBC. Reach out to Michalene at the information above. Thank you!

PRAYING FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS

Novena for Vocations April 18th – 26th



The Diocese of Raleigh is inviting the faithful to uplift its seminarians this Lenten season through prayers, sacrifices, and personal messages of encouragement. Father Michael Schuetz, director of Vocations, is spearheading the initiative, emphasizing the importance of supporting these men as they discern their call to the priesthood.

“Your prayers and words of encouragement mean so much to these men,” Father Schutz said, expressing gratitude for the community’s support and assuring them of the seminarians’ and priests’ prayers in return.

The diocese is asking individuals to pray daily for seminarians by name, offer sacrifices for an increase in vocations, and send short videos or notes of encouragement.

Join us in prayer as we come together for a special Novena for Vocations from April 18th through April 26th, we invite you to participate in this powerful nine-day prayer journey to support and uplift those discerning their calling to religious life.

Vocations are a vital aspect of our faith community, and through this Novena, we can join our hearts and minds in seeking guidance and clarity for those on this important path. Whether you are called to a religious vocation yourself or wish to support others in this discernment process, your prayers are invaluable.

Let us come together as one community, united in faith and prayer, to uplift and encourage vocations within the Diocese of Raleigh and beyond. Thank you for joining us on this spiritual journey.

Use the QR to view the daily novena prayers.

Ministries

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IMMIGRATION RIGHTS EDUCATION

Join World Relief Services Durham for the Know Your Rights event on **April 5th**, where you will have the opportunity to learn about your legal rights as an immigrant. Navigating immigration processes can be daunting, but help is available. Whether you are a new arrival or have been in the country for years, this event is designed to provide you with the knowledge and resources you need to thrive.

Attending this event will give you insights into the legal landscape surrounding immigration. Expert speakers will cover a range of topics, including:

- Understanding Your Rights: Do you know what rights you have as an immigrant? Get the information you need to protect yourself and your loved ones.
- Navigating Immigration Processes: From visa applications to citizenship tests, immigration processes can be complex. Learn how to navigate them with confidence.
- Accessing Legal Resources: Legal support is essential when dealing with immigration issues. Find out how to access critical resources to support you on your journey.



Use the QR code to learn more and register.



FILL THE TRUCK

Let's do our part to fill the truck again! Holy Infant will host a drive-through food drive in our church parking lot on Saturday, **April 5th** from 9 am to 1 pm to support the Durham Community Food Pantry. Please have your donations in bags ready for our volunteers to collect them to load in the truck. Learn more using the QR code.



LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

FYM is hosting an upcoming service project at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, serve those in need, and spread love and kindness during this holy season.

Together, we can help fight hunger and support our neighbors in need. Volunteers must sign up for the 1-3 pm slot on **April 1st** using the QR code.

JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND

Holy Infant parishioners are in for a treat as they are invited to embark on a special excursion throughout Ireland from **October 24th to 31st, 2025**. This exciting trip will take participants on a whirlwind tour of Ireland's most iconic destinations.



There is still room and the \$150 discount is available until April 25th.



**CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE
UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT**



A PRODIGAL GOD

by Timothy O'Malley

Parables like that of the prodigal or lost son find a way to capture the imagination of even secular men and women. The image of a father who runs to his son, who embraces him even before he can confess his misery, is attractive to the human person. There is a God who is not merely waiting for us to return. Instead, there is a God who has come to seek us out, bringing us home to enjoy the finest banquet. We Christians confess a prodigal, or excessively generous, God.

In Joshua, we remember the last Passover that Israel celebrated before entering the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey. The land, for Israel, was gift beyond gift. It was not something that the Israelites earned through their virtue. Jacob lied. Joseph set himself up as the most important son among his brothers. Israel grumbled against God in the desert, afraid that there would be no food. The God who rescued them from slavery in Egypt, the God who entered into their history, gave bread from heaven. From this motley, unknown tribe, God would make a people. God would give land. God would dwell among them. God gives.

The parable of the lost son underlines the prodigal generosity of this God. The youngest son wants his inheritance. He wants his father dead. The father is not a source of infinite generosity for the youngest son. Take the money and run. Yet, the oldest son suffers from the precise same confusion. He believes that he is earning his keep from his father. He grumbles and complains that he has remained loyal to the father. He doesn't see any value to the relationship beyond an economic one. He cannot find a space in his heart to rejoice over his youngest brother's return. Because he cannot fathom or imagine the generosity of his father. Sin is a refusal to accept the prodigal generosity of the God who does not operate according to the same limited economy that we do. To

accept this generosity, the prodigal graciousness of God, requires that we are made into a new creature. The sacrifice of love on the cross reveals the prodigal generosity of God.

Jesus Christ comes into a world of power and prestige, fame and fortune, and manifests a love that has no limits — a prodigal generosity that enters into death itself. This is the “new thing” that St. Paul addresses. To become an ambassador of Christ means that we must live into the prodigal generosity of God. This would be impossible if it was up to us alone. But through baptism we have been made co-heirs with Christ. It is the very spirit of God that lives and breathes in us, transforming our stingy will into a prodigal one.

This is the hope that we must communicate to those preparing to enter the Church this Easter season. We Christians operate according to a prodigality that is defiant of the darkness of the limited generosity of this age.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

5:30 & 8:30 Masses

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17–2; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

11:30 Mass with Second Scrutiny

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

Next weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent as we approach Passiontide and prepare for Holy Week.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

NO GREATER LOVE

During this season of repentance, the Church asks us to reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus. His sacrifice is a model of selflessness and genuine love. He challenges all of us to a supreme sacrifice. Twenty-five years ago, the Church recognized a group of religious women who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their neighbors and friends during one of the darkest times in modern history.

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSFN) are an international religious community of women with deep roots in Poland. During the Second World War, a group of sisters stationed in the town of Nowogrodek (now part of Belarus) saw the suffering of the townspeople. Most of the town's Jewish population was killed or sent to concentration camps. During the summer of 1943, members of the Catholic population were arrested and sent to work camps or killed. The Sisters offered daily prayers for the people but also made known that they were willing to offer their lives in sacrifice for the prisoners. The superior of the convent, Sister Mary Stella, CSFN, told her pastor of the collective prayer of the community: "My God, if sacrifice of life is needed, accept it from us and spare those who have families."

On July 31, 1943, the sisters were summoned by local Nazi leaders to their headquarters. The superior asked one of the sisters to stay at the convent to care for the pastor. After a night of interrogation, the ten nuns were driven outside of town. Clustered in a remote forest, they were all shot and buried in a common grave. It took over a week for the pastor and the townspeople to find out they were killed and discover their graves. On March 19, 1945, the pastor had their bodies exhumed and buried in the parish church. In March 2000, the nuns of Nowogrodek were recognized as martyrs for the faith and were beatified by Pope John Paul II.

The sacrifice these eleven sisters made can be a way we reflect on our call to "live Jesus." The murder of these women religious reminds us of the death of other World War II martyrs like St. Maximilian Kolbe. Their communal sacrifice is comparable to the Carmelite martyrs of Compiègne who were guillotined during the French Revolution (and canonized by Pope Francis this past December). In the Salesian tradition, we think of the Visitation nuns from Madrid who were martyred during the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s. Again and again, these women and men religious remind us that "there is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13)." In this season of love and repentance, Christians can look at the way those who have gone before us have responded to the Gospel by "becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8)."

Lent calls us to feel the pain and suffering of our sisters and brothers worldwide who suffer in so many ways. Whether it is war in Ukraine, poverty in our nation, violence in our streets, or hunger in our homes, we who follow Christ are asked to make sacrifices in the way we live our lives. Let us remember the many martyrs of our faith by following in their footsteps. We might not be called to give our lives, but we are all called to genuinely love.

-Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS



H O L Y W E E K 2 0 2 5

APRIL 13

Palm Sunday
Mass at 8:30 am & 11:30 am

APRIL 17

Lord's Supper
Mass at 7 pm

Night Prayer
11 pm

APRIL 18

Morning Prayer
9am

Service of the Lord's Passion
Service at 3 pm

Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm

APRIL 19

Morning Prayer
9 am

Blessing of the Food for Easter
12 pm



EASTER VIGIL MASSES

April 19th at 8:30 pm

April 20th at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 11:30 am
