Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

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Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office during business hours.

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm

(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,
2pm (masks required)
5pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass

Sacraments

Confessions:
Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm ; Wednesday 8pm
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Education Ctr.
Anytime by appointment

Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

Baptism: Baptisms are typically held on the second or third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Please note, dates are subject to change. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

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Those who are just must be kind.

– *Wisdom 12:19*

We are back to the full Schedule!!!

NEW!!! 2PM Sunday Mass for those with concerns regardings masks. Masks are required for anyone attending this Mass.

All Masses are now in the church and open to the public. Please see cover of bulletin for Mass, Confession and Adoration Times

Live streaming of all **weekend** and weekday Masses:
vimeo.com/event/31282

Modifications for the Weekend Schedules:
• There will be no music for the Masses.
• Every other pew will be available for seating but please sit apart from each other. Families may sit together.
• Masks are encouraged as we are still in the throes of the pandemic. No gloves for Communion in the hand.
• Communion will be given in the narthex as you are exiting the church. This will be done to avoid crowd movements in the church during the Mass.
• All parishioners over 60 and/or those who have health concerns will continue to have the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in Phase Three.

Baptisms will be held on Sundays at 3pm during the pandemic, starting in August.

The Parish Administration offices will continue to be closed through the end of August. If you need to contact someone, please email Leslie Sheldon at l.sheldon@saintfrancisparish.org

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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BACKYARD GARDENERS!

Please think of the Catholic Charities Food Pantry when you have leftover homegrown produce. We will deliver it to Leesburg. Please bring it to the narthex in a clearly marked bag or box. We will deliver within a couple of days.

Masses for the Week

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Saturday, July 18	***Weekday***
9:00 am	+ The Soul of Rita Stanek
Saturday, July 18	***Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm	+ Zachary Miller
Sunday, July 19	***16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 am	+ Joey Asaro
8:30 am	Judith Gaylord
10:30 am	Martin and Rose Ann Hamberger
12:15 pm	Phyllis Heller
2:00 pm	+ Antoinette Bridget O'Neil
5:00 pm	Ruth Heying
Monday, July 20	***Weekday***
6:30 am	+ John McGuire
8:30 am	+ Patsy, beloved mother of Donna Sandberg
Tuesday, July 21	***Weekday***
6:30 am	Maryjane DiFabbio
8:30 am	+ Krista Lyn Baldina
Wed., July 22	***Saint Mary Magdalene***
6:30 am	+ Rev. Thomas Joseph Donoher
8:30 am	Maralan O'Neil
Thursday, July 23	***Weekday***
6:30 am	Stephen Cypher
8:30 am	Warren Howell
Friday, July 24	***Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Gabriel Stocks
12:00 pm	+ David Lee Dodds
Saturday, July 25	***Saint James***
9:00 am	Joseph and Joanne LaFiandra
Saturday, July 25	***Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm	+ Eugene Pelc
Sunday, July 26	***17h Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 am	Albert and Peggy Johnson
8:30 am	Andrew and Colleen Heironimus Anniversary
10:30 am	Maryjane DiFabbio
12:15 pm	Donald and Hilde Kinnan
2:00 pm	Andrew Koch
5:00 pm	Bianca Lindo

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Good morning, Good morning,

This letter, by its importance, will be utilized for both the Dear Folks Sunday Letter (July 19, 2020) and the Daily Parish Letter for July 14th. The other night a gentleman asked me how I knew in early February there was going to be a major pandemic coming to our country. At a time when only fifteen (and that number may be an exaggeration) cases were found in the entire country I was talking about making the parish academic center available for a makeshift hospital.

Most seem to have forgotten in the months that followed the terrorist attacks of 9/11 that Fairfax County and other counties in the Commonwealth were discussing the possibility of further terrorist attacks. Protocols were set in place. The considered possible mediums of violence were: nuclear, chemical, and biological. The assumption of the time of post 9/11 was a threat from the Islamic fascist states, not China. No matter what your opinion of the origin in the current biological disaster we are up to our ears in the virus that rivals the three earlier biological pandemics that have risen during the last 1500 years. And to make it more interesting the Chinese recently argued the Coronavirus had its origin in the American Laboratories in the Northeastern regions of the United States. The catchword/s that should have caught our attention were not necessarily America, China or Islam but "Biological."

The Fairfax County protocol for all three mediums assumed the general population, suffering from some difficulty, reporting to the local grammar schools, as a form of triage, and being bussed to the high schools for greater attention. . That way the issue of too many cars and modes of transportation likely to overwhelm the road system could be averted. At that time we were informed that over 100,000 body bags were available at an emergency relief post in the area of Northern Virginia, with others not far off. The proverbial "Elephant in the Living Room" question was, "What to do with the bodies?" The New York solution in the current pandemic has been to utilize the Ice Rinks as refrigerated morgues or utilize freezer trucks.

Again, everyone seems to have an opinion on the prognosis of the Covid-19 and how long it will endure as well as how many will live or die and what age groups they will represent. Now allow me to step outside the box once again and address the coming vaccines currently being developed as a response to the pandemic. Currently there are over 120 vaccine projects in the pipeline working on a vaccine. And of that number at least five are utilizing programs that do not involve the use of genetic material harvested through aborted babies. Those companies are: Novavax; Sanofi; Pasteur; Glaxo Smith Kline; and Sinovac. Some programs will go public near the end of this year and some much longer.

I leave you with a very good expose from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia on the moral concerns for the vaccines. Some parishioners will find the NCBC article helpful and some find little interest in for the time being. Whatever view may be taken the issue of morality in the medical pandemic is not going away. Let us pray for one another.

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www.ncbcenter.org/resources-and-statements-cms/covid-19-vaccines-promote-life-and-health-without-undermining-human-dignity

COVID-19 Vaccines: Promote Life and Health Without Undermining Human Dignity

The National Catholic Bioethics Center supports and encourages the rapid development of an effective, safe, and widely available vaccine to combat COVID-19. However, even a pandemic does not justify forgetting or violating the fundamental moral principles that guide ethical action: human life is sacred and should never be exploited. As the bishop chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops aptly note in their statement on rationing, "Every crisis produces fear, and the COVID-19 pandemic is no exception. However, this is not a time to sideline our ethical and moral principles. It is a time to uphold them ever more strongly, for they will critically assist us in steering through these trying times."

Calling to mind the teachings of the Catholic Church in the 2008 instruction Dignitas personae, the Center firmly opposes the plans of organizations and researchers to use cell lines derived from elective abortions—such as HEK-293 and PER-C6—to develop a vaccine against COVID-19, and the NCBC calls on all researchers to find alternatives to such cell lines. The use of the cell lines cannot be justified by the historical separation that exists between the deliberate abortions that gave rise to the lines and the current decisions of researchers to continue to use this biological material. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made this clear:

*Therefore, it needs to be stated that there is a duty to refuse to use such "biological material" even when there is no close connection between the researcher and the actions of those who performed . . . [the abortion]. This duty springs from the necessity to remove oneself, within the area of one's own research, **from a gravely unjust legal situation and to affirm with clarity the value of human life.*** (Dignitas personae, n. 35, emphasis original)

In addition, the use of these cell lines, even for the laudable purpose of a COVID-19 vaccine, is a cause of serious theological scandal. Appealing to good aims and an "urgent need" will foster the deeper penetration of unethical research and development into medicine, politics, law, and culture. Dignitas personae warns against this: "Any appearance of acceptance would in fact contribute to the growing indifference to, if not the approval of, such actions in certain medical and political circles" (n. 35).

Praise God, there are numerous efforts underway to develop a COVID-19 vaccine. We are aware of about ten. At the moment, it appears that three or four of these involve the use of cell lines from aborted fetuses. We encourage support for those research projects and organizations that are working toward a COVID-19 vaccine without recourse to abortion-derived cell lines, such as Sanofi and Inovio. Of particular note is the John Paul II Medical Research Institute, an organization that is not only developing two COVID-19 vaccines but aims to end the use of cell lines derived from abortion in medical research and bio-manufacturing through the creation of alternative, "immortalized" human adult stem cell lines.

For questions about when it might be legitimate to utilize vaccines of illicit origin, see the NCBC's "FAQ on the Use of Vaccines." Noted below.

FAQ: On the Use of Vaccines

(2006; revised 2019)

+ 1. What is the Church's teaching about the use of certain vaccines that have a distant historical association with abortion?

There are a number of vaccines that are made in descendent cells of aborted fetuses. Abortion is a grave crime against innocent human life. We should always ask our physician whether the product he proposes for our use has an historical association with abortion. We should use an alternative vaccine if one is available.

+ 2. What does it mean when we say that these products are made in "descendent cells"?

Descendent cells are the medium in which these vaccines are prepared. Two of the earliest and best-known cell lines, WI-38 and MRC-5, were begun using cells taken from one or more

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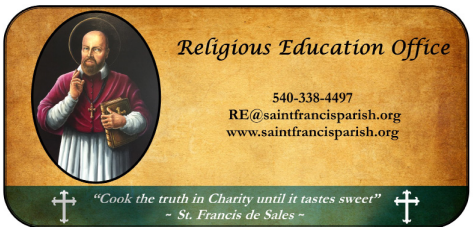

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 Religious Education…

We look forward to welcoming back all families to our program next fall. Please check your email for registration forms to be mailed in early July. Sessions are tentatively planned for Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays, as in years past. Class times will be determined when we are more certain of the number of families who will participate in our in-class program. Small class sizes, in order to adhere to current state guidelines. Sunday classes will begin at or after 10 am, and weekday classes will begin at or after 4:00 pm. We may add an additional session on another weekday, if necessary.

To reduce any undue burden on our families during this difficult time, ***tuition rates have been simplified and no Sacrament fees will be added. Tuition fees for the 2020-2021 school year begin at $100 for the first child, with $25 dollars added for each additional child in the family.***

PLEASE REGISTER ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 through HIGH SCHOOL!

Families are encouraged to register all children in first grade through high school who attend non-Catholic schools. As Father Gould wisely states…"We need to go back to a "family" parish program for all the kids to attend in all the academic years…the current practice of only utilizing selective years leaves us with a stagnation for our family formations." Please remember that we also teach classes for your children in kindergarten.

We will register most children for the **My Catholic Faith Delivered** online program (both those who are homeschooling and attending classes). In addition, all children will receive a ***textbook***. The online program will facilitate learning the catechism at home between classes…very sound "homework" with interactive activities that your children will enjoy. In the classroom, we will develop, practice, share and live the Faith with our friends, the value of which can never be replaced.

MANY CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS WILL BE NEEDED! so

please prayerfully consider helping this year. ***To the parents of children in the program***…helping as an assistant in the classroom is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Church and learn alongside your child. It also gives you the opportunity to learn more about the role of catechist, if you'd like to consider that opportunity in the future.
And to our confirmed teens…if you enjoy working with younger children, we'd love to have your help! God bless you all for considering this work of mercy for our parish.

As a token of appreciation for their service, catechists and assistants receive free tuition.

All volunteers are asked to complete the child protection forms and Virtus class through the Diocese of Arlington. The Virtus class is now offered electronically. Please take advantage of this opportunity while you can.

Please call or email Kim Livaudais, Director of Religious Education to chat about how you might be able to help as a catechist or assistant for the next school year. We can't do any of our good work for Jesus without our wonderful volunteers!

Emily Glass
Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or
e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

WELCOME, 9TH GRADERS! - Congratulations on finishing 8th grade, now you're officially a high schooler! That means that you are invited to get involved with the Youth Ministry! We hope you'll join us. Come to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic teen, meet new friends, and be a part of a supportive and strong community. Come as you are! We can't wait to meet you.

*To receive periodic e-mails with detailed event updates and other youth ministry information, please e-mail me at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org with your name and I'll add you to the list.

* Most event updates are sent through Remind.com free text messages. Please see the directions below on how to sign up for Remind.

ZOOM YOUTH NIGHTS! – Join us on Zoom! Come catch up with friends, pray together, share your experiences, and talk about how we can grow in our faith.

For ALL high schoolers: **Sundays at 7:30 PM**

Zoom meeting access information is sent out the hour before each gathering via the Remind.com text messaging service. Every meeting has a different access code and password so please see directions below on how to sign up for the texts. See you on Zoom!

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text @ sfdsteens to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM BEGINS THIS FALL

Religious education doesn't ever really end. High school is the perfect time for teens to engage in some of the deeper truths and defense of the Faith. As you know, Father Gould has set aside three time slots for our teens: Sunday afternoons, 4 to 5 pm, and Mondays, 5 to 6 pm and 7 to 8 pm. Any high school student (9th through 12th grade) is welcome to attend one of Father Gould's classes. The same course content will be taught for all three sessions each week to accommodate those teens who need to adjust schedules with sports and school commitments. Father Heisler will teach the older high school students (11th and 12th graders) on Mondays, 5 to 6 pm. Snacks will be provided for all the teens, of course!

St. Francis Council 11136 News

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: : will be July 27th at 7:30 pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Our installations of new Officers for this fraternal year will be held on July 15th.

The Knights are busy planning for this new Fraternal year which started July 1st. As in the past, we are planning activities that will focus on Faith, Community, Family, and Life. These programs are a critical part of our Parish and Community and require many helping hands.

Why Are You A Knight? Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski (skigators@icloud.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!
Bob Craig, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/ knights11136/

CONFIRMATION

Please congratulate and continue to pray for the following Confirmation candidates who were confirmed in the Holy Spirit, July 18. We will have one more small group Confirmations in August.

Chase Baker
Avery Bannerton
Katelyn Basore
James Cotter
Stewart Davis
James Donofrio
Joshua Hall
Megan Hetey
Shannon Hetey
Olivia Hidalgo
Emory Hill
Liam Howley
Kylie Losinski
Julia McIntosh
Lucy McKenna
Sophia Metz
Aden Missler
Juliana Nelson
Bryan Ouellette
Alex Phillips
Jacob Ridderhoff
Rachel Rietveld
Tino Saporito
Emily Tran

NEED OF CHECK/GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR THE LEESBURG CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD BANK

Your Knights of Columbus Council with the support and generosity of the Parishioners of St Francis de Sales this year has donated cash and gift cards to the Leesburg Catholic Charities food Pantry to help thousands of Loudoun's most food needy. The Covid -19 virus is affecting every part of our society, to include the increased need of those who are holding lower wage jobs who are not working, those who have had jobs but now are not getting paid. The demand for food has increased because of all the above. While some food will come from the St. Lucy Food Project warehouse in Manassas, their ability to meet the need is limited. Please read below to see how you can help: We beseech you to consider making a monetary contribution or give gift cards from any grocery store and/or checks payable to "St. Francis Council 11136". We can make a payment to the Catholic Charities St Lucy Project in Leesburg so they can either purchase food or assist them in the food operations of the food pantry. Please mention "Food Bank" in the memo line of checks and mail to:
St. Francis Council 11136
PO Box 1274, Purcellville, VA 20134

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Our Families
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance

Welcome to the Family! The following new parishioner was baptized at Saint Francis de Sales in July

Holy Baptism

Vincent Peter Woolwine
son of Jamie and Jessica Woolwine

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members: MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Sgt. Peter Audi, Sgt. Nathaniel J. Quinn

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen,Mary Jane Arens, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams

The Deceased: Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland. Ryan Martin, Kimberly Merline, Valerie Wieliczko, Thomas Moorcones, Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor,

HELP NEEDED!!
Mother Teresa Garden Project

Need service hours, like spending time outside gardening, or just like helping out? We need YOU! The new Mother Teresa Project is a charity gardening project for the parish to donate fresh produce to charity and needs helpers all summer long. This is a fun way for the whole family to give back. All of the beautiful produce goes to help feed those in need at the Leesburg Catholic Charities food pantry. If you can give even an hour or half an hour it is a really big help.

The garden is located on the church property adjacent to the neighborhood next door, at the corner of Beaconsfield Way and Wright Farm Dr. It the first street on the right before getting to the church.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to text or email me at 703-673-6108/skigators@icloud.com. You can also visit the Signup Genius at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444aaaf2da0fb6-mother

Summer Basketball Camps at St. Francis

July 27th– 31st
Grades: 3rd-7th 9am -12pm
Grades: 8th-12th 1pm – 4pm
Cost: $125 per athlete ($100 for siblings)
Registration is now open and closes on Wed., July 17th
To register or for more information, please contact us at: ssasummercamps@gmail.com
Register today to secure your spot! All guidelines current at the time of the camps regarding COVID will be followed.
Our goal for this basketball camp is to introduce new skills and sharpen the ones you already have in an instructive, positive and supportive environment, and to create enthusiasm for additional future sports programs at St. Francis de Sales. The camp is sponsored by the St. Sebastian Arrows.
What to Wear/Bring: A good pair of athletic shoes, athletic attire, a basketball with your family name on it, a water bottle, and a snack (preferably something healthy).

The Legion of Mary Our Lady of Victory Praesidium

We meet on **TUESDAY** evenings at 7pm. All are welcome to come as a guest to see if the LOM is for you! Please visit the LOM link on our parish website saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/ for more information about the Legion and the types of membership. ALL parish families are invited to host the Pilgrim Virgin statue once a year for one week. The Visitation week ends with an Enthronement of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts in your home by one of our priests. Please see the sign up genius on the website, or at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4cabaa2ba7fb6-pilgrim and consider welcoming Mary and her abundant graces into your domestic Church!

Lectors Needed

Adult and Teen Lectors are needed for all Masses. As a lector, you may choose which Mass and dates you would like to lector through an online scheduling system. Adults may lector at any Mass. Teens may lector at the Teen Mass, as well as opportunities on Holy Days of Obligations and subs for weekend Masses. If you have a love for the scriptures and a commitment to live the message of the scriptures, consider joining the Lector Ministry. Training is required and provided. Please contact Michael Galdo (m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org) or Jim Widzinski jwidzinski@yahoo.com for more information.

Good Shepherd School

Rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd School is a nurturing, academic environment designed for each child to grow in independence and virtue.

Good Shepherd School, a Montessori and Classical school in the Catholic tradition for ages 3 through 14, has been serving families in Western Loudoun since 2011. We still have openings for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year! Visit our website www.goodshepherdschoolva.com for more information on the school and to apply for enrollment.

Women's Prayer Group

Please join us for a new women's prayer group, to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings and to pray for our intentions (i.e., personal, parish, the Holy Father, our Church, etc.). We will meet every Saturday morning from 8-9am in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The prayer time will be followed by Mass at 9am (optional).
Bring your bible/missal if you have one, and something to write with (optional)
For more information, contact Maria Byrd at Maria.nog.byrd@gmail.com

Living Nazareth High School celebrates St. Ignatius

On Friday July 31st, the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, we will host Fr. Kevin Stolt IVE (one of the spiritual directors for Living Nazareth High School) speaking on Ignatian spirituality at St. Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church in Hobert Hall at 6pm. This joyful evening will feature light refreshments, door prizes, and opportunities for Q&A on both the topic of the evening and the new high school. Admission is free of charge, but donations toward our student scholarship fund would be gratefully accepted. For more details and to RSVP please call the school at 540-686-1057 or see Living Nazareth High School's facebook events. We look forward to celebrating with you!

(Father Gould's letter continued)

fetuses aborted years ago. Since that time the cell lines have grown independently. It is important to note that descendent cells are not the cells of the aborted child. They never, themselves, formed a part of the victim's body.

+ 3. How does one know when a particular vaccine has an association with abortion?

Cell lines such as WI-38, MRC-5, HEK-293, PER C6, WI-26 VA4, and Walvax-2 are derived from tissue from aborted fetuses. Any product grown in these or other cell lines derived from abortions, therefore, has a distant association with abortion. The cells in these lines have gone through multiple divisions before they are used in vaccine manufacture. After manufacture, the vaccines are removed from the cell lines and purified. One cannot accurately say that the vaccines contain any of the cells from the original abortion.

+ 4. What does one do if a physician recommends one of these vaccines?

Sometimes alternative products, which are not associated with these cell lines, are available for immunization against certain diseases. For example, there are a rabies vaccine (RabAvert) and a single dose mumps vaccine (Mumpsvax) that have no association with abortion and that are equally safe and effective. If doing so is practical, you should ask your physician to use an alternative vaccine, but there is no moral obligation to use products that are less effective or inaccessible. Parents should check with their physician regarding the efficacy and availability of these and any other vaccine.

+ 5. Are there any vaccines for which there are no alternatives?

Unfortunately, at present there are no alternative vaccines available in the United States against rubella (German measles), varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis A. All of these are grown in the cell lines WI-38 and/or MRC-5.

+ 6. What do I do if there is no alternative to a vaccine produced from these cell lines?

One is morally free to use the vaccine, despite its historical association with abortion, if there is a proportionately serious reason for doing so. In practice, the risks to personal and public health could permit its use. This is especially important for parents, who have a moral obligation to protect the life and health of their children and those around them.

+ 7. What support is there in Church teaching for this position?

A statement from the Pontifical Academy for Life issued in 2005 holds that one may use these products, despite their distant association with abortion, at least until such time as new vaccines become available. The Vatican instruction Dignitas personae (n. 35) states that "grave reasons may be morally proportionate to justify" the use of these products, "for example, danger to the health of children could permit parents to use a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available." It concludes with a reminder that we are living "in the context of the urgent need to mobilize consciences in favor of life," which points to the importance of avoiding scandal and giving witness to the dignity of every human life.

+ 8. What can I do to ensure that alternative vaccines will be made available?

You can write to the pharmaceutical companies that make these products and insist that they manufacture vaccines that can be used by all without moral reservation. You can contact your local legislators about your concerns. You can also urge health care systems and providers to encourage pharmaceutical companies to develop ethically sourced alternatives, urge Catholic dioceses and bishops to speak with Catholic systems in their jurisdictions about this, or band together with other individuals to form larger groups requesting change, which would be more likely to have an impact.

+ 9. Am I free to refuse to vaccinate myself or my children on the grounds of conscience?

One must follow a certain conscience even if it errs, but there is a responsibility to inform one's conscience properly. The vaccination question is a multifaceted one, where the difficulty of accessing accurate, unbiased, reliable, and credible information may lead people to different conclusions in good faith. In any case, there must be serious reasons for refusing immunization against dangerous contagious diseases, for example, rubella, especially in light of a proper Christian concern for personal health, the health of children and others who are vulnerable, public health, and the common good.

+ 10. Won't my use of these vaccines encourage others to destroy human life for research purposes?

There is only a distant connection between immunizations today and the abortions from which cell lines such as WI-38 and MRC-5 were derived, but Walvax-2 is an abortion-derived human fetal cell line introduced in 2015. Furthermore, there are ongoing efforts to justify unethical research (such as research to create human embryonic stem cells) and federal funding for research on fetal tissue (which is obtained from providers of elective abortion like Planned Parenthood) by pointing to the benefits of vaccines derived from elective abortions. While these facts alone do not make the use of existing vaccines immoral, as explained above, failure to adequately protest and/or to demand alternatives to these vaccines can contribute to moral complacency on this critical issue. This can encourage people to continue to justify, and to benefit from, the destruction of human life via elective abortion.

Parish Homeless Ministry

The need is greater than ever! The homeless are still homeless, but others are desperately in need. Therefore, we are planning a Blessing Baggging event on ***Wednesday, July 29th*** in the Knights of Columbus Hall (located in the main church building)

Time: 5 - 7 PM

Sign Up Genius link will be emailed and will be included on the St. Francis de Sales website. The Sign Up Genius will include all items needed for donation, as well as the volunteer time slots for the bagging event. Please be sure to scroll all the way down. Thank you in advance for your support of this event!

To ensure a safe environment for our event, we are doing the following:

Scheduling groups for a specific bagging time. These times will be 20 minutes apart, only four groups per 20 minute slot.

- Tables will be spaced 15 feet apart.
- Tables will be disinfected after each group.
- Masks for volunteers will be required.
- Gloves will be provided or bring your own.
- Volunteers will enter Knight's Hall through exterior double doors and exit up the staircase to the Narthex.

***Any questions please contact Bev Bryant via bbteachkids@gmail.com

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