

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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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)

Sunday Masses

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

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Benediction/Adoration

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass
Wednesday Holy Hour at 7pm

Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;
One-half hour before Mass on Sunday
Anytime by appointment
Confessions are held in the Church

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 held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month 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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The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness.
- Zep 3:17

CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

(please note, there will not be a 12 noon daily Mass on Christmas Eve)

5pm – Vigil Mass

5:10pm Vigil Mass Overflow Mass (Our Lady of Victory Hall)

8pm – Vigil Mass

10:30pm – Night Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

5:30pm - 'orphan' Mass

INDIVIDUAL ADVENT CONFESSIONS

7pm each weeknight during Advent

The Advent Journey
Encounter, Listen, Discern:
Christ's Model of Prayer and Accompaniment

Join the discussion with Father John Heisler
Monday evenings at 6:30-7:30pm
December 6, 13, 20
Parish Education Center - Room TBD

Readings for the Week

- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

- Saturday, Dec. 11** *Weekday;*
9:00 am Sarah Gannon
- Saturday, Dec. 11** *Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent*
5:00 pm + Marilyn Thayer Cote
- Sunday, Dec. 12** *Third Sunday of Advent*
7:00 am Timmy Smith
8:30 am + Debbie Thomas
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm Paula Bischoff
5:30 pm + Stuart Arthur Schelp
- Monday, Dec. 13** *Saint Lucy*
6:30 am + Lea Biscardi
8:30 am Miriam Shields
- Tuesday, Dec. 14** *Saint John of the Cross*
6:30 am + Arno Hott
8:30 am Paula Bischoff
- Wed., Dec. 15** *Weekday*
6:30 am + Billy Mott
8:30 am + Deceased Legionnaires
- Thursday, Dec. 16** *Advent Weekday*
6:30 am + Neda 'Ginger' Grimard
8:30 am + Deceased Legionnaires
- Friday, Dec. 17** *Late Advent Weekday*
6:30 am + Donald Pierce "Don" Matheson
12:00 noon Nan Gingras
- Saturday, Dec. 18** *Late Advent Weekday*
9:00 am + Michael Konopa
- Saturday, Dec. 18** *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*
5:00 pm + John Wieliczko
- Sunday, Dec. 19** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
7:00 am + Alma C. Samonte Conty
8:30 am Kathryn and Evelyn Caro
10:30 am + John McCarthy
12:15 pm People of the Parish
5:30 pm + Anthony and Connie Taffuri

This Week

- Mon., Dec. 13 RCIA 7pm, Room 107
Advent Journey 6:30pm, OLVH
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm Knights Hall
- Tue., Dec. 14 Hispanic Legion of Mary 7:15pm, Library
- Wed., Dec. 15 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knight's Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
TMIY 7pm Room 202
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm
- Fri., Dec. 17 Women's Prayer Group 7-8am, Chapel
Joy of Life 6pm, OLVH
- Sat., Dec. 18 TMIY 6:30am, OLVH
Legion of Mary after 9am Mass, Knights Hall

Dear Folks,

On behalf of my siblings and myself I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers and kind notes in the passing of our dear mother. She suffered from a catastrophic fall from the front porch of our home while retrieving packages after a late-night delivery. They were Christmas presents from one of my sisters. My sister Callista, caretaker for our mother, (who recently drove her to our parish 100th anniversary celebrations) followed her out to the porch a minute later and found her on the ground with an excessive brain bleed. And that was the beginning of our final days with our mother. She never recovered and we never left her alone when home in the house. She was anointed and received the apostolic pardon. With siblings on all sides of I offered daily Mass and ultimately the prayers of the dying and later the prayers of the dead. Despite our great confidence in the mercy of God there wasn't a dry eye in the room. My siblings offered a beauty and richness of love that only Faith-filled hearts could offer. Our father, now gone fourteen years since his death, would be very proud our little family of nine children. May our dear parents rest in peace in the love of God. Again, God bless you for your great kindness. Let us all pray for one another.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the great work of Fr. Heisler and the clerical elves from St. Timothy's parish, Chantilly, for their great work in my absence from Purcellville... and never a complaint but only prayers and encouragement. Bishop Burbidge checked in with our family four different times during the suffering of our mother. Yes, never is the fraternity of priesthood more evident than in times of tragedy. God bless the good padres. Ad Multos Annos... To Many Years.

I have come to sense that Santa really lives in North... Loudoun County. One young mother, whose daughter assisted in the relocation of Afghan refugees to America set an appeal for car seats for babies. In the first few days three seats were found in the front foyer of the Church. In a matter of ten days twenty other seats were delivered. The Afghan mothers, whom few may speak English would like to say... "thank you." Well done.

This morning Bill Talamantes, and his merry elves... Scott Grimard and Lee Jay Acham, carried off boxes and boxes of coats the Knights of Columbus have been begging from the parishioners. Bill's truck was jam packed with boxes of coats that were to be delivered to eleven different schools for folks in need. A great parish project for a great need in our community... all in the morning where the temperature was in the mid 30's. Good timing. Well done fellow Knights, Bravo Zulu, God bless all the folks in the parish for their generous donations. Well done indeed.

Becky Rummage just informed me the Women's Council has had great success in collecting Teddy Bears for the good folks at the Purcellville Police Department. The bears will be handed out by the officers when they are dealing with little ones in times of crisis. God bless all of our First Responders. May the angels watch over them all through the year.

Also great thanks to those who supporting our efforts to raise money to help pay off the debt of the parish. Your generosity, like the seeds of the Faith, will bring many blessings to the future life of the parish.



Speaking of the seeds of the Faith. How about the four Uddin kids who were baptized and confirmed at last Sunday's 5:30 Mass. They have been prepping for months for the sacraments. All the youth group members joined us on the altar as witnesses to the sacraments for the kids. The hearts of the kids were greatly touched by their peers. God bless the good and lovely parents with their small family of eleven children. And thanks to the youth group. Love you guys.

And finally, speaking of families of the parish. Each weeknight until Christmas we will have Confessions at 7:00pm. It was suggested that the earlier time would be easier for dinner time and bedtime ... We are looking for the big fish ... Not to worry, each box has a copy of the Act of Contrition.

Collegiate Question. Where was St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) from and why is he remembered for presents? And who did he punch at the Council of Nicea in 325? And why? Good hunting.

"100 YEARS OF FAITH" INITIATIVE

Thank you to everyone who completed a commitment card for the "100 Years of Faith" initiative. Our goal is 100% participation! We will have more details for you in the coming weeks. If you haven't had the opportunity to complete a commitment card, please pick one up in the Narthex OR contact Amy Harrison at the parish business office for more information 540.338.6381, x104. Thank you so much for your generosity!

100
Years of
Faith

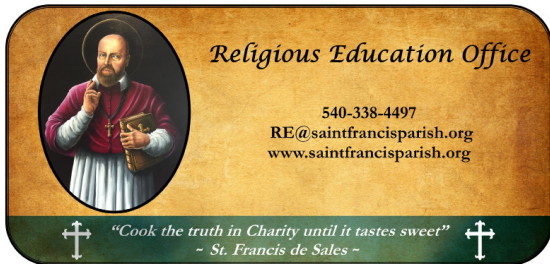
Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen Beard, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; LCpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Wilbard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C Joshua Wilk

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timothea Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Nancy Eastman, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos

The Deceased: Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker, Estela Fitzgerald, Robert Cote, Thomas McGorry, Mary Sue Couser, Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggie, Joseph Kerns, Ginger Grimard, Carol Curto, Jerome Miles, Stephen Miller, Terry McCracken, Alice Gould



Parents: Please feel free to come in from the cold! No need to stay in your cars during religious education classes. I apologize that it's taken a while to get organized but, going forward, we will have hot coffee/tea (and maybe even some snacks!) available in the library during all class sessions. Please feel free to join other parents in our warm building while waiting for your children. There is a small children's bookshelf and, when possible, we'll have toys set up in the gym for your little ones.

Parents of Children in First Year of Preparation for Confirmation (usually 7th grade year):

Please plan to attend a meeting
Sunday, December 12, 9:30-10:15 am or
Monday, December 13, 5:30-6:15 pm

If your child attends a Catholic school (or receives catechesis outside of our program) please make sure to register with the religious education office so you will receive relevant correspondence about this meeting and other important news.

Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion this Spring:

For those parents who were unable to attend the meeting with Father Gould on December 6, a make-up meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15 from 3:45-4:30 pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall.

Please remember our policy for picking up children early from class:

If you need to pick up your child from class early, please bring your child (or send a note with your child) to the office at the beginning of the session, or after prayer in the church to get a pass. The catechist will dismiss your child to the office at the agreed-upon time, where you can pick up your child. Thank you for helping us avoid too much distraction during instruction time, keep your children safe, and ensure our attendance records are accurate!

Required Waivers: All families who have chosen in-class instruction are required to turn in a participation waiver. By signing this form, parents agree to perform a health screening before each class session and to notify the office if they know or suspect their child was positive for the virus during class time.

Cell Phone Policy: Parents, please remind your children about the Diocesan policy that cell phones are not permitted during class time in the Education Center, or during any religious education special event or retreat. If a child does carry a cell phone for safety purposes, they will be asked to turn it in to catechists at the beginning of class time. Cell phones may be retrieved when parents pick up their child at dismissal.

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

YOUTH NIGHT – All high schoolers are invited to join us every Sunday evening for Youth Night! We meet 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 213 of the Education Center. Come ready to meet other teens, dive deeper into your faith, and grow closer to Jesus. ALL are welcome, bring your friends! Masks are required at Youth Night

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.

Good Shepherd School is a Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children preschool through 8th grade in Purcellville. Our 2022-23 Admissions Season has begun, we are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 academic year.



American Heritage Girls
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SFDS 5th Annual
FATHER
daughter
DANCE

Sat Jan 29, 2022 6pm

Tickets: \$10 per girl (dads are no charge)
 On sale through AHG (Kyung) and CHRSM (Annie Hall)
 Or email: troopva0962@gmail.com to reserve your tickets

Ticket sales are limited to 200. Last year we sold out and were not able to sell tickets at the door.

Reserve your spot now for this beautiful night!

SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Join us for playdates and adult outings! Email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com for information on upcoming dates.

Religious Education Calendar

CLASSES WEEK OF DECEMBER 12

Sunday	K - 8th Grades -9-10:15am
	9th - 12th Grades - 4-5pm
Monday	K - 8th Grades, 11th&12th, RCIT - 5-6:15pm
Wednesday	PRE-K-5th - 3:30-4:45pm

NO CLASSES WEEK OF DECEMBER 19

St. Francis Council 11136 News



SHARE SUNDAY: See below

CHRISTMAS CARD SALES: The Christmas Card sale ends this weekend, so this is your last chance to buy beautiful religious themed cards. The Knights will sell the cards on Sunday, from the 8:30 mass onward until sold out.

SWEATS FOR VETS: The Sweats for Vets drive continues a bit longer, so please donate brand new sweat suits, or socks, in the Sweats for Vets donation box in the Narthex. All sweats/socks donated to Veterans.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: THANK YOU!: The pancake breakfast last weekend was again a great success, made especially so by the appearance of St. Nick! Thanks to all parishioners and friends who attend and donate as well!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DATE CHANGE: The annual Knights' Christmas Party date has been changed to January 15, 2022. Watch for announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING - DECEMBER 13 The next member business meeting will take place on December 13, 2021. The rosary starts at 7 pm in the chapel and the meeting in Knight's Hall, at 7:30 pm.

BECOME ACTIVE AS A KNIGHT In this Fraternal Year, we ask all Knights to volunteer for activities which the Council will sponsor. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action" in the new Fraternal Year, namely, in program areas of FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE Please contact Chris Miller, Grand Knight, for more information at Knights11136@gmail.com.

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www.facebook.com/knights11136/



**The 2022 Knights of Columbus
FREE THROW CONTEST
Monday, January 17 2022 at 9am
("Martin Luther King Jr Day")
Our Lady of Victory Hall**

Open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2022. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in the Religious Education office or can be requested by emailing lacham@comcast.net A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form to Leejay Acham lacham@comcast.net or drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the RE office no later than Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5pm.

No walk-ins will be accepted. Winners will advance to the District level competition on Presidents Day Holiday in February anticipated to be at St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn.

Altar Flower Dedication

*The Altar Flowers this are
from an anonymous donor*



Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one?

Contact Amy Harrison, email a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

TMIY!
That Man Is You
Men's Group



Meets Wednesday Evening OR Saturday Morning
in Our Lady of Victory Hall

All Men welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7 TO 9 PM

Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion

OR

SATURDAY MORNING: 6:30 AM - 8 AM

Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion

Come check us out!



SHARE SUNDAY

The Knights will collect donations (food and checks) for the Share Sunday food drive this weekend after all masses. Knights should come early to take collections at the

trailer, and please check the Narthex in case someone has left food donations there. Plan on staying a few minutes after mass for any last-minute donations. Please note: We do not accept perishables, fruit, pastries or similar items.

If anyone wishes to donate money, please make your check payable to Catholic Charities, NOT the Knights of Columbus. This will enable the giver to obtain a taxable donation, and will trigger a thank you from Catholic Charities.

Holy Father Prayer Intentions December 2021

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Homeless Ministry

“Make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight” Mark 1:3



- We are grateful to all those who volunteer their time and talent to help feed the homeless. Special thanks to all those who donated and transported items to the Missionaries of Charity in Anacostia. This shipment included Christmas items for the Sisters, the homeless mothers and their babies, along with meals for ~80 people. St. Francis parishioners are so generous!
- We are planning a Christmas Party at the Leesburg Shelter on December 15. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help! This is a wonderful way for Confirmation students to earn service hours. Santa and his elves are planning to attend!
- We are delighted to be working with the St. Francis Knights of Columbus to distribute coats to homeless in our area.
- The Blessing Bag event is now scheduled for January. Please stay tuned for more details.

Please join us in prayer or in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies. Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

- Fran Beebe franbeebe7@gmail.com
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com



The Advent Giving Tree is Here! Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return the NEW, UNWRAPPED item with tag attached under the tree **BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19!** Gift cards can be placed

in the basket on the tree, left in the poor box or in the office. We will deliver the gifts to Birthright, Catholic Charities, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, the Leesburg Homeless Shelter, Mobile Hope and needy families within our parish and community, as well as the Veteran's Hospital in Martinsburg. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need!
If you have any questions, please contact Erin Bucci at buccierin@comcast.net.

MOMS GROUP BOOK CLUB

The SFDS Moms group is hosting a book study open to all women in the parish. Katie Beatty will lead discussion on Anti-Mary Exposed by Carrie Gress, 9:30 - 11am on Fridays beginning 12/10. Childcare will be provided. If you'd like to register for the study or get on the moms group email list, please email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com.

Joy of Life

We provide a place for our treasured ones with disabilities (of any age) to grow and be nurtured in love and faith and continue to spread happiness and joy wherever they are.

Come meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a dinner and games for the entire family

Friday, December 17, 6 pm

Our Lady of Victory Hall

Please email info@joyoflife.org to RSVP and perhaps sign up to bring something to share for dinner.

Come experience that joy and happiness radiating from everyone present!
An evening of pure joy: don't miss out!
This event is open to all parish families!

See you there!



JOIN US FOR THE
NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
Washington, D.C.
January 21, 2022
More information to come!

Gift for Life Gabriel Project & Project Rachel Campaigns

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "The genuine love and support from the Project Rachel retreat has enabled me to let go of my anger and deep pain from my abortion. I am like a new person who has left the darkness and entered the light." Gabriel Project helps pregnant women with long or short-term needs by offering assistance at the parish level. For more information and/or to donate:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:
888-456-HOPE or
visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
866-444-3553 or
info@helpforpregnantwomen.org

In Memory of Mrs. Alice Gould

Many have been asking how they can honor Alice Gould. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI; the Benedictine Sisters of the Abbey of St. Walburga in Virginia Dale, CO; or the Poor Clares in Alexandria, VA.

Please join our American Heritage Girls Troop 962
Saturday, December 18

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . .
TEACH our children the value of Freedom.



Our Troop is completing our annual drive to raise sponsorships for our fallen Veterans. You can find us after Masses in the Narthex during 4/5 Dec weekend, or go to our St Francis de Sales Troop VA0962 "Wreaths Across America".

at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/va0107p to sponsor a Wreath. These wreaths will be laid at Winchester National Cemetery, located at 401 National Ave, Winchester. There are 5,561 graves to honor at this particular cemetery, and we appreciate your continued generosity in helping us strive for our goal to honor every grave.

Laying of wreaths will begin at 12PM on Sat. December 18th, with ceremony to follow. Everyone is welcome! Ceremonies around the world will be starting at the same moment, so don't miss this incredible event. We look forward to seeing you there on 18 Dec. Questions? Contact Beth Creighton at creightonfa18@gmail.com

WOMEN'S COUNCIL CORNER



Did You Have a Baby in November? Are You Expecting a Baby in December? If so, contact us so that we can find the NEWEST PARISH-IONER born before the end of 2021! We would like to include you in our 100th Anniversary TIME CAPSULE. Email your name and due date to womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com so we can stay on top of your special arrival! Please respond by 12/26 to be in consideration. Thank you!

- We will be sending out a SignUpGenius to meet the needs of **two families whom we are adopting this Advent season!** Keep a lookout for that in your e-mail so that you can donate an item. We will be collecting the items on Friday, December 17th in the Knights' Hall - time to be determined.
- Our next gathering will be Monday January 3, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm. Location TBD. This will be a double celebratory event. Are you a **woman of the parish with a birthday in January?** If so, we'd like to raise a glass and piece of cake to celebrate your birthday! Also come for a **White Elephant Re-Gift Exchange** since it'll still be Christmas. Did you receive another coffee mug? Or a candle that just isn't your type? Bring your wrapped Re-Gift and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Daily Advent Reflections
with Dr. Tim Gray

Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas.



Sign up for free at DAILY.FORMED.ORG

What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book, *The True Meaning of Christmas*, available on CatholicMarket.

Featured on FORMED every day of Advent

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  Ignatius Press

EnCourage: Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion

The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a "trans" or "non-binary" identity. The group is part of the EnCourage apostolate. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly.

Please email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org or call 571-732-1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.

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