

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2025



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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 Mass

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

Daily Mass

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 11am
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 home-bound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. - *Mal 3:1*



Parish website
www.saintfrancisparish.org

Live Stream
www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, February 8

5pm: Fr. Frankline

Sunday, February 9

7am: Fr. Frankline

8:30 am: Fr. Gould

10:30am: Fr. Gould

12:15pm: Fr. Kenna

5:30pm: Fr. Kenna

* note: subject to change

Tax deductible donation statements for 2024 will be mailed from our business office by January 31st. Parish Giving will email year end statements. This statement will include any electronic contributions made through Parish Giving. Please contact Laura Burgess, Business Manager via email with any questions: l.burgess@saintfrancisparish.org
Thank you for your generosity and support!

This Week

Mon., Feb. 3 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107
OCIA 7pm, Room 206
Knights of Columbus Rosary 7pm, Chapel

Wed., Feb. 5 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall
Catholic Biblical Sch 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm
That Man is You 7pm, RE building, Rm 202

Fri., Feb. 7 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Saint Peter Bible Study 9am, Room 107

Sat., Feb. 8 That Man is You 7pm, Room 202

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., Feb. 1

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 1

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 2

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Feb. 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Feb. 4

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Feb. 5

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Feb. 6

6:30 am

8:30am

Fri., Feb. 7

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Feb. 8

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 8

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Weekday

Brigid Hohfelder

Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord

+ Rosemary McCormick

The Presentation of the Lord

Jeff and Renee Coffman

People of the Parish

First Responders

Mary Jo Corcoran

+ Rev. Stanley Slivonik

Weekday

+ Fred Perdue

Hudson King

Weekday

+ Sr. Mary Joseph Heisler

+ Barbara Webster

Saint Agatha

+ Rev. Francis Dougherty

Shelly Windsor

Saint Paul Miki and Companions

+ Lt. Col. Philip A. Forbes,

+ Sr. Mary Pat Donnelly, SND deN

Weekday

Carol Breen

+ Sr. Mary Pat Donnelly, SND deN

Weekday

+ Doris Rogalski

Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Oliveri

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Michael Konopa

Michael and Tabitha Carr

People of the Parish

Anna Paul

+ Lorraine Rutzel

The Gift shop will be open Sunday, February 2 after the 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:15pm Masses. Stop by and check out our lovely Christian gifts!

Readings for the Week

Sun: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Mon: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tue: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thu: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Dear Folks,

A recent note came in from the chancery offices pertaining to the suffering families caught in the California fires in and around Los Angeles. I ask your consideration on this most difficult scenario in the family life of many many thousands of our fellow Americans.

*Dear Brother Priests,
On behalf of Bishop
Burbidge, I share that
Catholic Charities USA*

accepting donations to support and assist in humanitarian relief efforts in response to the devastation wrought by the wildfires in Los Angeles, California. To ensure that funds are more quickly made available to Catholic Charities USA and their efforts, parishioners are encouraged to make a donation online at www.catholic-charitiesusa.org.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your priestly ministry.

Fraternally in Christ,



I had a most enjoyable visit with the members of our Knights of Columbus last night. I was late to the meeting because of my Confirmation Interviews for the eighth graders completing the two year cycle for Confirmation. I had to leave the meeting early for an annulment appointment. But what a time between events. The fellas working on events coming. They have lined up a bus for all who would like to go to the Virginia Pro-Life March on February.... They are talking of the coming Shrove Tuesday Dinner, at the end of our annual Forty Hours. They were bantering back forth for the coming St. Patrick's Day party (Saturday March 15th). They are also assisting our vocations for the parish. Along with donations with the parish they will supplement the donations to Deacon Andrew Lewandowsky and Travis Moger for their chalices. Both to be ordained in the coming Spring. Do you ever wonder why I have the parish give the deacons three thousand dollars for their chalices? It reminds them of the people that helped them get to the priestly line and the chalice belongs to folks in the pews as well. That helps to avoid any clericalist attitude referring to, "My Chalice and My Mass." The latter may have some canonical validity but arrogant clericalism will always carry the memory of a bad case of halitosis... if you know what I mean. A little humor goes along way.

The parish will also cover the tuition for lovely parishioner, Alaina Furman, member of the Mercedarian Sisters, in her graduate religious ed studies. She is going to be a wonderful religious. It should be three or four years before she makes her final vows. Can't wait as I will be one of those heading down for the ceremonies in Louisiana. Of course for selfish reasons I would like to stop in to St. Elizabeths Church in Memphis and see the place I was baptized. God bless her and all our parishioners considering religious life. God bless them one and all.

Speaking of "Selfish Reasons," I have asked Mrs. Diane Taylor, parish director of religious education, to set us a monthly schedule for those CCD kids wishing to go to Confession. I am concerned that many of our young ones kids

miss the box because they are not able to drive to the parish for Confession... if you know what I mean. Speaking of what I mean... I believe some of our kids are dropped off for CCD and have parents go out for rudimentary tasks in shopping or picking up something for the yard. Upon returning they pick up the kids and ... go home. What is missing in this picture? In the coming year we may consider a weekly program where the kids go to Sunday Class and Mass with their classmates. Hmm? Please stay tuned.

I have noticed in recent months a number of parishioners parking along the road, adjacent to the Church and Rectory while we have open parking spaces behind/next to the Religious Ed Building. Oh happy problem. The issue of parking indicates more folks are coming back to Mass on the weekend. Please make every effort to stay off the road where it can be dangerous. With that concern we may give a serious review on expanding the parking lot. Please stay tuned and let us pray for one another.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, LTC Andrew Cahan, Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 1LT Alexandra Goodnow, Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt, Christopher Largent (Army), MAJ Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, PFC Joseph Jovene, MAJ Vincent Jovene, USAF Mary Catherine Kuegler, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Malletts, LTC Chuck Marshall, SFC Tim Marshall, Blaise Mason (Army), Sam A. Mason (Army), 1st LT Caleb Magowan, PFC Brian McWilliams, SPC Kenneth Kyle McWilliams (Army Reserve National Guard), CPT Ross Mentzer, Kyle Minogue (Air Force), Marine Nate Nelms, Kristin Ober (Air Force), Marine Anthony Oliverio, 2LT Jonathan Owen, Lcpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, Army John Pileulsley, CPT Brendan Printup, Joe Pultro, CWO Jason Runner, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin (Army), SSgt Marnie Wickman, A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White, Andrew Yevoli (Air Force), LT Colin Conahue; Seaman Ryan Knowles, COL Therese Kreutzberg, 2nd LT Seth R. McRoberts; LT Colin Donohue; WO Paul Adam; 2L Matthew Owen; LT Alex Bissell

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Olga Howard, Diane Shirley, Patrick Whipp, Barney Smith, Corinne McHugh, Pam Austrich, Bobby Decker, Maureen Sengpiehl, Jerry Franks, Anthony Gianino, Maria Madigan, Charles Appel, Martha Ruiz, Judith Livingston; Jose Arias, William and Susan De Loziedr, Adam DeWitt, Neda Carpenter, Lisa Salicinas

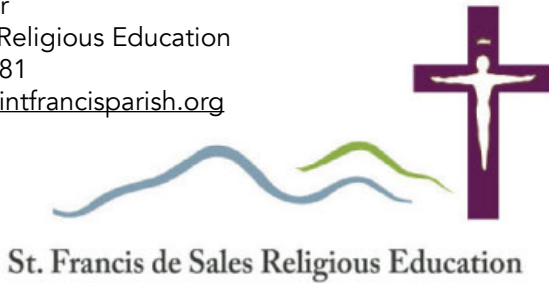
The Deceased: Kathleen Dragoo, Marianne Hammel, Valerie Danet, Ruth McHenry, Brenda Vinton, Thomas Bradford, Richard King, Dr. Joel Madrid, Mary Anna Strovoy, Mary Louise Oliver, Mary Regina Meaney, G.E Corky Corcoran II, Barbara Curran, Alexander McMinn, Felisa Hight, Norma Jean Early

2nd Banns of Marriage

Benjamin Borneman and Mary Elizabeth Foss

Exchange of Vows February 15, 2025

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Confirmation Interviews continue through February 12

This is for ALL students who will be confirmed this April.
Use the link in the email to sign up for a time slot.

First Holy Communion Retreat

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting will be held during the retreat.
Mandatory Meeting for parents and students
Saturday, March 8, 2025
Mass at 9 am, Retreat 10am-12pm

Discipleship opportunities for students in grades 7 and 8

- Homeless Shelter Cooking – This month the RE students will be cooking for the Homeless Shelter.
Monday, February 10, starting at 6:20pm in the Education Building Kitchen
Delivery and serving volunteers are needed for **Tuesday, February 11**. Contact Diane Taylor for details. D.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org
- A few students are needed to assist with the First Communion Retreat on March 8 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. A sign-up will be going out soon.

Adult Bible Study Programs Room 107 in the Education Building
Mondays: The Book of Revelation 10-11:30 AM
Fridays: The Study of Peter 9-10:30 AM
Contact Jeanne Lamana for more information jeannelamana@gmail.com

Save the Date! Trinity House Community, Heaven in Your Home

Saturday, March 22, 6-8pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall
Topic: Family Culture
"Through recreation and leisure..., people are restored and renewed, body and spirit. They return...to work with a new perspective and enthusiasm for life." —Pope Saint John Paul II

SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2025 will be July 14-18, 2025
The theme for this summer's camp is
Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Get the **AMEN App** on your phone for daily prayer and inspiration.

SPRED: The next class will be on Saturday, February 8



Our parish has a FORMED subscription! It's FREE!

This Week on Formed:

St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.

The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

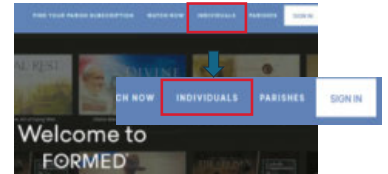
Bakhita: From Slave to Saint Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Sincerity (Part 3 of 4) In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best-known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian. This third episode focuses on St. Francis de Sales and his teaching on the moral life, virtue, and the place of sincerity in the Christian life.

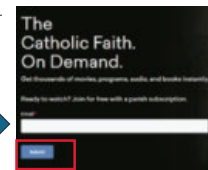
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Sign Up with FORMED

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2. On the top of the screen, click on "Individuals"



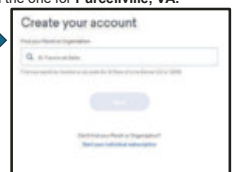
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4. Hit the "Submit" button.



You will now create an account. **Don't worry, it is still free!**

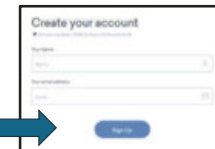
5. Find your parish. Type in **St. Francis de Sales*** and find the one for **Purcellville, VA**. Click on it. Click "Next"

*If the correct parish name does not appear as one of the options, try refreshing your screen. This might have to be done several times.



6. Fill out your name and email address. Click "Sign Up".

Congratulations! You are in!
Enjoy watching.



Please contact Diane Taylor, DRE if you have any trouble with signing up.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2 and 9

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades, RCIT -9-10:15am
9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm
Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm
Wed 1st Grade-5th Grade - 3:30-4:45pm



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SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT: ALL high schoolers and friends are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays from **6:30-8pm** in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Friends are always welcome!
 Our next Youth Nights are **February 2nd and February 9th**. There is no Youth Night on February 16th.

COLLEGE MEET-UP Hey collegiates... let's catch up! Meet for Mass in the front left on **Tuesday, February 4th**. Then we'll head to The Purcellville Pub for complimentary pancakes and eggs! Spread the word and bring a friend!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Teens will collect donations after all masses on February 8th-9th that will pay for the monthly meals we cook and serve at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter this year.

The shelter feeds 110 guests every night in the cold winter months. Please be generous.



SHELTER COOKING & SERVING

High schoolers, meet in the kitchen to **cook** for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter on

Monday, February 10th from 5-6:30pm **RSVP required before 2pm!**

High schoolers, meet at the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter to serve dinner to the guests on **Tuesday, February 11th** from **5:30-7pm**. **RSVP required before 2pm!**



Youth Ministry is looking for adults 21 yrs+ to assist with Sunday Youth Nights, WorkCamp, and many other youth events throughout the year. Reach out if interested!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are **YOUNG**, but set an **EXAMPLE** for the believers in **SPEECH**, in **CONDUCT**, in **LOVE**, in **FAITH** and in **PURITY**.
 1 Timothy 4:12

Follow Us On **SOCIAL MEDIA**

@sfdsyouthministry
 @sfdsyouthministry

WEBPAGE: saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/
 REMIND: remind.com/join/a4d636 or text @a4d636 to 81010 for text reminders and event updates.



TEEN REGISTRATION CLOSSES FEBRUARY 14TH

WorkCamp will be in Quicksburg, VA June 21-27th

- **High schoolers** currently in grades 9-12 will attend monthly preparation meetings, fundraising events, Tool Training, and the entire week of camp!
- **Adults** may volunteer for flexible shifts as a Home-base or Security Volunteer, work on a job site Monday-Thursday as a Contractor (license not required), or spend the entire week as an Adult Crew Leader! There are also opportunities here at the parish level.
- Formation Meeting #1 is Sunday, **February 23rd**. Attendance is mandatory for registered teens and ACLs and open to parents and adults interested in volunteering.
- Learn more and register at saintfrancisparish.org! Email WorkCamp Stakeholder Kay Fennell fennelkay@gmail.com with questions or to get registered!

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 13-17. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters runs July 20-24. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open February 3-28; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be done anytime between Feb. 3-28. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

St. Francis Council 11136 News



SHROVE TUESDAY (MARCH 4th) – Once again, the SFDS knights and Women's council will be partnering to bring you a Shrove Tuesday dinner leading into Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday (March 5th). The Shrove Dinner will be held in Knights Hall from 5-6:30pm and will consist of pancakes, sausages and bratwurst/potato/onion recipe with coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. Please come join us as we celebrate the upcoming Lent season.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN - KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WEEKEND: Next weekend, the SFDS knights will be holding a membership drive after all masses. The SFDS Knights have many wonderful, faithful, and inspiring programs; there's bound to be something that would appeal to our Parish Catholic Men. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights and our programs, please come meet and talk to any of the knights at this weekend's pancake breakfast or any of the knights that will be available after each mass next weekend. We look forward to talking to you.

NOTABLE KNIGHT – JUDGE IGNACIO SEPULVEDA – In 1905, the Knights expanded into Mexico to establish the Guadalupe Council 1050. Judge Ignacio Sepulveda, who served as the first Mexican council's grand knight. The ceremony was held in the home of General John Frisbie, Sr., a Mexican-American War veteran.

ENVELOPE STUFFING Calling all Knights, Saturday, February 8th in the Knights Hall will be the annual Envelope Stuffing for the Cash & Car Raffle. Please watch for the Sign Up Genius to volunteer. Contact Brother Tracy Beglau at tracywbeglau@aol.com if you have any questions.

KNIGHTS ALERT!! BE ADVISED – Be on the lookout for your 2025 dues notification. You can pay your dues one of four ways: (1) Bring your dues to a knight's meeting; (2) mail your dues to the knight's P.O. box; (3) drop your dues in the knight's mailbox by the stairwell leading to knight's hall; or (4) via ZELLE.

ROSARY PROGRAM. Come join the Knights in praying the Rosary in the small chapel on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Everyone and anyone is welcome to pray the Rosary with the Knights! To quote Father Gould, "Let us pray for one another" -and- as we say, "let us pray with one another."

The SFDS Knights have many wonderful, faithful, and inspiring programs; there's bound to be something that would appeal to our Parish Catholic Men. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights and our programs, please contact Grand Knight Michael Carducci (gksf11136@gmail.com). To become a Knight, contact either Grand Knight Michael Carducci or Brother Knight Richard Jacob (jakeman58@aol.com). All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight, and it is easier than ever - go to <https://kofc.org/join> or scan the QR code below and with just a few entries you will be a member of the

Michael Carducci, Grand Knight
St Francis Council # 11136,
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SAVE THE DATE

TALENT SHOW 2025
SAT. FEBRUARY 22ND AT 7PM

OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL

Calling all parishioners 16 years and older.
Do you have a talent you'd like to showcase?

Submit your entry form now!

ENTRY FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE
AND IN THE NARTHEX
BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY.

BRING THE FAMILY!!

Parishioners are welcome to come and
enjoy the LIVE entertainment. A time to just have
fun and share fellowship.

Light refreshments served.

World Marriage Day – Feb. 9, 2025 How will you celebrate?

- Tell your spouse, "I love you!"
- Give your spouse a hug.
- Take your spouse to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn how to live your best life in love.
 - o March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
 - o March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
 - o March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.



Our Lady of Victory Hall came alive in January with our Young Adult Group hosting a multi-parish dance. Our next meeting is February 12 at 6:30pm in Room 107
Please join us!!

Homeless Ministry

The homeless ministry is thankful for all the volunteers who have given time and talent to help the hungry and homeless.



• Missionary Sisters of Charity in

Anacostia – Serve between 60 and 100 meals.

o We prepare and serve meals every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to Knights Hall the preceding Thursday by 2pm.

o Items due **February 6**; meal delivered and served **February 8**

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, prepare the main dish, 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

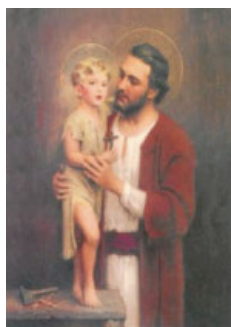
FATHERS RAISING SAINTS

PREPARING OUR KIDS TO BATTLE SECULARISM

Join us for our February meeting!

TOPIC: AUTHENTIC MASCULINITY

We are facing a “man crisis” today in the Catholic Church, and a crisis concerning masculinity in the larger society. Authentic masculinity means to live for excellence. Authentic masculinity is found in fatherhood, taken in the form of being a protector and provider.



WHAT: A new group created for fathers to interact, network, and share knowledge to be strong examples of our Catholic faith and morals for their children.

WHEN: February 11th 7:30 PM

WHERE: SFDS - Knights Hall

RSVP: knights11136@gmail.com

“Devotion is a certain act of the will by which man gives himself promptly to divine service.” **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Sponsored by your SFDS Knights of Columbus, however you do not need to be a Knight to attend. To sign up to be on our emailing list about monthly events respond to: knights11136@gmail.com

Women's Council Corner

“...For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name”. Luke 1:48-49



Next Planning Meeting

Monday, February 17th, 6:30pm,

Parish Education Center, Library

All women are invited to our business meeting where we plan our spectacular socials & special events and discuss current news. We welcome your ideas. Join us and Fr. Gould for the Rosary for Ukraine in the Church after the meeting.



Next Social Event - Holy Jeopardy and

Chocolate Tasting Monday, February 3rd, 7pm

Parish Education Center

Test your pop culture knowledge with some holy jeopardy trivia while sampling chocolates. Bring some chocolate and a friend!

Please check our website for more details on each event. Also visit our website for a list of useful spiritual references.

saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council



New to the parish or not getting our emails? Email us at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com to be added to our directory.

The Women's Council is seeking a volunteer to join our Executive Team for a 2-year term starting in July. The current Executives will work side-by-side with you to help ensure a smooth and thorough transition. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Sandy Regan at (540) 270-4411, email us at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com, or come to our next Business Meeting on February 17th.



CHRSM (Catholic Homeschool Resource & Support Ministry) is a thriving homeschool ministry at our parish.

We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-3:15 in the Parish Education Center and offer classes for PreK-12th grade students.

We are currently in search of qualified teachers to join our teaching staff for the 2025-2026 school year. We are in need of high school teachers and in particular, English, US History, US Government, and math teachers for Geometry, Algebra 2 and Pre-calculus.

If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding opportunity to serve the homeschool community of our diocese, **please** email us at sfchrsm@gmail.com for more information.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Calling all women of the parish: you are invited to join the Catholic Women's book club at SFDS, a ministry for women to grow deeper in their faith and friendships in their parish community. We meet once a month on Friday mornings 9:30am- 11am. We offer childcare to accommodate moms with young children.

Book schedule:

- Friday, February 14: Climbing the Mountain: Discovering Your Path to Holiness by Anne a lay apostle, Bill Quinn
 - Friday, March 7: Excerpts from Monastery and High Cross: The Forgotten Eastern Roots of Irish Christianity by Connie Marshner (special guest!) and Confessio by Saint Patrick
 - Friday, April 11: Be Brave in the Sacred by Mary Lenaburg
 - Friday, May 9: No Greater Love by Mother Teresa
- To register or for more information, email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com.

Women's Prayer Group

The purpose of the Women's Prayer Group is to reflect on Sundays Gospel Reading and to seek spiritual growth together as we pray, pray, pray. All prayers are welcome: thanksgiving, praise, forgiveness, parish and personal intentions. We hope you can join us Friday mornings, 7-8am in the Chapel. Contact Jean Stanley at jeanmariestanley@gmail.com

Calling All Contractors and Tradespeople: Join Our Parish Resource List!

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish, we are blessed with many talented and skilled individuals, and we are looking to compile a list of **contractors, tradespeople, and skilled professionals** who would be willing to offer their time and expertise when needed.

Whether your talents lie in **plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, painting, landscaping, general maintenance**, or any other trade, we would love to be able to call on you for advice, consultation, or assistance with parish projects as they arise. By joining this resource list, you would help ensure that **Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church** continues to maintain its facilities in a cost-effective way, allowing us to focus more of our resources on serving our community and living out our mission.

If you are interested in being added to this list, please contact **Rick Smith, Facilities Manager** at r.smith@saintfrancisparish.org or by phone at **540-338-6381 Ext 133**. Whether you can occasionally offer your time or simply provide valuable guidance, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and for being part of our parish family!

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If interested in hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue you may sign up at the table in the narthex by the statue of our Blessed Mother (or www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CABAA2BA7FB6-48752496-pilgrim#/)



Would You Like to Learn to Knit or Crochet?

At our regular SoulStitch meetings we will be teaching anyone who wishes to learn to knit or crochet. We will supply the yarn and we have some knitting needles or crochet hooks. However if you have your own please bring them. And if you already knit or crochet please join us in the Knights Hall/church basement. If you are unable to meet with us but are interested in making things to donate please contact us. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 5 @ 9:30am. Contact Karen Gaylord windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

around the Diocese ...

Holy Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

As the Holy Year 2025 approaches, Bishop Burbidge joins with Pope Francis in encouraging the faithful to join in this celebration of the universal Church. May we call to mind the journey we walk in this earthly life towards eternity and consider the ways we can celebrate locally. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025 for Vatican and Diocesan events.



Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, **every first Thursday at 7pm** at St. Thomas à Becket in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. Contact us at (703) 841-2550.

Hope for Your Marriage

All married couples in the Diocese are invited to come to St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale for a day retreat on February 15th! Join Greg and Julie Alexander, of The Alexander House, and other married couples 9am to 3pm as we close out National Marriage Week in the US. The day will also feature musical performances by Nashville-based singer-songwriter Marie Miller! Register for this beautiful event today by going to arlingtondiocese.org/marriageretreat. Registration is \$130. See you there!

Pastoral Resources for Those Suffering After Miscarriage, Infertility & Infant Loss

For those who are suffering the cross of infertility and miscarriage, you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website for a list of resources to support you and your family during your most difficult days. www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/

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UPCOMING DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – "Journey of Hope"

All women of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 15th at the 2025 Women's Conference, with the theme "**Journey of Hope**". The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, speaker and author from "Walking with Purpose", and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers.

Register today at arlingtondiocese.org/event/women.
Early-bird price for the conference is \$65! (\$85 after Feb. 7th)

MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – "Anchored in Hope"

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 8th at the 2025 Men's Conference, with the theme "Anchored in Hope". The Conference will feature speakers Michael Warsaw, President & CEO of EWTN, and John Cuddeback, professor at Christendom College and founder of LifeCraft, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. For more information and to register, head over to arlingtondiocese.org/men! See you there!

Early-bird price for the Conference is \$65 (\$85 after Feb. 7th)

Into the Deep: A Young Adult Men's Silent Retreat

Your effectiveness depends on the conformity of your will with God's. Are you ready to take the next step? When the Lord invites you to "put out into deep waters" (Lk 5:4), He wants to make you more fully His instrument to accomplish His works. And the works of God do not crumble with the passing of time - they last for all eternity. All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited to join Fr. Christopher Christenson for a three day long silent retreat at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center February 14-16, 2025. Register today: arlingtondiocese.org/event/into-the-deep-a-young-adult-mens-silent-retreat/

Do not miss!

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Burbidge: The Christian Family, In Vitro Fertilization, and Heroic Witness to True Love
www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-Bishop-Burbidge-Pastoral-Letter-on-The-Christian-Family-IVF-and-Heroic-Witness-to-True-Love.pdf

We invite you to get involved in our Parish Apostolates

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