

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME    FEBRUARY 16, 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.

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." Lk 6:20



**PARISH WEBSITE**  
[www.saintfrancisparish.org](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org)  
**LIVE STREAM**

[www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville](http://www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville)

*Mass Celebrant Schedule*

**Saturday, February 22**

5pm: Fr. Gould

**Sunday, February 23**

7am: Fr. Gould

8:30 am: Fr. Kenna

10:30am: Fr. Kenna

12:15pm: Fr. Frankline

5:30pm: Fr. Frankline

\* note: subject to change

*Abounding in Hope*



**2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!**

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You make a gift at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code



*This Week*

Mon., Feb. 17 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107  
Women's Council Business Mtg. 6:30pm, library  
OCIA 7pm, Room 206  
KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm  
KofC Rosary 7pm, Chapel

Wed., Feb. 19 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall  
Catholic Biblical Sch 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH  
Young Adult Group 6:30pm, Room 107  
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm  
That Man is You 7pm, RE building, Rm 202

Fri., Feb. 21 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel  
Saint Peter Bible Study 9am, Room 107

Sat., Feb. 15 That Man is You 6:30am, Room 202  
Compassionate Heart of Mary Luncheon 12noon, Knights Hall

*Masses for the Week*

+ deceased

Sat., Feb. 15

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 15

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 16

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Feb. 17

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Feb. 18

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Feb. 19

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Feb. 20

6:30 am

8:30am

Fri., Feb. 21

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Feb. 22

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 22

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 23

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

**Weekday**

William Beatty

**Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Alvin Whitman

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Justin and Kristina Mentzer

+ Philip Muroski

People of the Parish

+ Dr. Paul Scheweisthal

**Weekday**

+ Gary Rutzel

+ John Bischoff

**Weekday**

Rochelle Price

+ Roger Jacobs

**Weekday**

Clare King

The Holman Family

**Weekday**

Debbie Sacramo

Hayden Pultro

**Weekday**

Anthony Pultro

Gerard King

**The Chair of Saint Peter**

+ Rev. Stanley Slivonik

**Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John W. Prohaska

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Volunteers

Maralan O'Neil

Sook Yi

+ Jack Burden

People of the Parish

**Tax deductible donation statements** for 2024 were 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](mailto:l.burgess@saintfrancisparish.org)  
Thank you for your generosity and support!

*Readings for the Week*

Sun: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thu: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Sat: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Dear Folks,

The other day we had a most vibrant and interesting gathering with the leaders of the many parish programs affecting the life of the parish. And it was an active group that met in person as well as on "Google Meet." It was definitely an introduction to life in the fast lane. Meaning, St. Francis De Sales Parish is not a collective of "Good old Boy" Clubs. Not at all.



If ever a common theme could be found in the vibrant group it was... we can use more members and everyone is welcome. When the warmer weather comes rather than having a Ministry day when you meet all the ministries in the gym we will have weekly meet and greets in front of the church. Three ministries at a time. Meet the leaders and members nose to nose and no one will say we have enough help at this time. Please stay tuned.

As a prelude to the Sunday meet and greets, here is a list of those from the pastoral council meetings. The **Knights of Columbus** are always out in front... as well they should be. God bless the good man who provide a healthy fraternity that blesses their marriages and families as well as the life of the parish. The **Women's Council**, like their counterparts in the KofC can talk up a storm while also walking the walk in activities that affect the academic, social, and spiritual dimensions of the parish. Both groups are begging for new members to run with them.

Pat Orender led the charge in seeking more folks to help in the **Usher Ministry**. Folks that are smart... but also intuitive. Danielle Orender invites all the young ladies who would like to serve in the **Junior Altar Society program (JAS)**. For those with the dexterity of a quick and calm dexterity of the hands Karen Gaylord invites you to join in the **SoulStitch** knitting group for charitable works. Fran Beebe invites all who would like to assist in the **Homeless Ministry**...reaching to the Leesburg and DC shelters as well as setting aside blessing bags for the needy. The Joy of Life members are great heralds for those mentally challenged. God bless Vern Conaway for his **View of Heaven** farm program for the autistic and other physically and mentally challenged. Yes, God bless Vern and his farm program.

The **American Heritage Girls** leader, Heather Frakes was in the room for the pastoral council meeting. The AGH and **Trail Life** programs have been a great blessing for our parish. Notably, the coming Father Daughter Dance on March 29th. Volunteers are welcome for their programs. Beth Creighton, announced the coming of an irrigation system and that May 3rd is the first day of planting in **Mother Teresa's Garden**, the parish vegetable garden adjacent to the Education Center. Now that should be fun for anyone who grew up on a farm, or wished they had can come plant the soil. I would like to consider Beth and her agrarians as exceptional for being outstanding in their fields of interest... Sorry, that was a joke.

Back to the Knights of Columbus, with Lee Jay. They are planning for the coming St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday March 15th, following the 5:00 Mass. The knights have also lined up a bus for the Virginia Pro-Life March, slated to take place on April 2nd.

Jean Stanley gave a great shout out to the **Parish Women's Prayer Group** that meets on Friday mornings, following the 6:30 AM Mass. The ladies are a source of many blessings that come to our parish. All the ladies of the parish are welcome. Amy Grady spoke of the vital programs promoted by the parish home school coop, "**CHRSM**." They offer a wonderful reach to the family atmospheres throughout our little corner of God's green acre.

Sandy Regan, reached out the vibrant folks who want to be a part of the parish **Talent Show** as well as the **St. Patrick's Day party**. And for those who offer a rather low key temperament they can join Hershey Youngblood for the **Funeral Committee**. A program that is probably one of most intense programs.

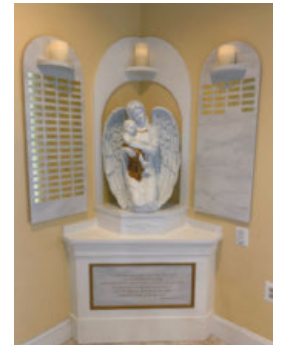
Please see page 10 of this bulletin for a complete list of all the ministries at St. Francis de Sales.

Enough said for today. More to come next week. Yahoo to one and all. Let us pray for one another. Fr. G

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### *Angel Wall*

The "Angel Wall" is a special place in the Narthex where the names of children of our parish who died before birth or any time before adulthood will be remembered. It is a beautiful thing to remember the children, and a great comfort to so many parents and families. Contact Fr. Gould if you would like to memorialize your child in this special way. Remember to visit this wall from time to time, and say a little prayer for the babies and for their families, entrusting them to the mercy of our Dear Lord.



## **SAVE THE DATE** **VIRGINIA**



**April 2, 2025 in Richmond, VA**  
**More info to come**



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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

### **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

**Attention Seventh Graders** Please be on the lookout for a sign-up coming out soon for the Confirmation Reception on April 24, 2025. It is customary that the seventh-grade class hosts the reception for the newly confirmed.

**Attention Confirmation II students** - If you are missing assignments, be sure to turn them in (saint report, sponsor paperwork, sponsor interview, and discipleship hours) to your teacher or the RE office. Save the Date! Confirmation Retreat will be on April 5. More details will be going out soon.

**Save the Date!** Trinity House Community, Heaven in Your Home Saturday, March 22, 6-8pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall. Dinner will be provided. **Topic: Family Culture**

**Jubilee Year Prayer Cards** are available in the Narthex. Take extras for your family.

*"Let us be what we are, and let us be it well."* St. Francis de Sales

### **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**  
**Watch for the sign up for volunteers next week.**  
**Registration for campers will begin May 1.**

## Religious Education Calendar

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 - NO CLASSES**

### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23**

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

**FORMED**  
THE CATHOLIC PATH  
FOR FORWARD

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

### **Preparing for Lent**

**How to Lent:** How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using **How to Lent** to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

**Foretold:** Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of "bad news," many people no longer believe in the Providence of God, nor trust that he has a plan for us.

Maybe this is you. Perhaps you think God doesn't have a plan for you and your family. But Jesus is the Lord of History, yours included. Join Dr. Sean Innerst in **Foretold**, a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. What was promised in the biblical story came to pass through Jesus, his apostles, and the Church. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in **Foretold**.

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

This Week on Formed: a collection of suggested liturgical content for each week of the year.

**Personal Apostolate** *Every Catholic is called to share their faith* — and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.



**Saint Peter** Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

**Peter: Keys to Following Jesus** by Tim Gray Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.

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



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 REMIND: [remind.com/join/a4d636](https://remind.com/join/a4d636) or text @a4d636 to 81010 for text reminders and event updates.

**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 **Night is February 16th**. There is no Youth Night on February 23rd due to the WorkCamp Formation Meeting (see below).



**WE MET OUR GOAL!**  
 Thank you for your generous donations to the Loudoun Emergency Homeless Shelter! We raised enough to cover the costs for all our meals this year.



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!



**ADULTS NEEDED FOR WORKCAMP**

Teen registration is now **CLOSED!**  
 WorkCamp will be in Quicksburg, VA June 21-June 27  
 Adults interested in volunteering are invited to our first **WorkCamp Formation Meeting Sunday, February 23rd** from 6:30pm-8pm in the gym.

**Adult volunteers** may serve in the following ways:

- Adult Crew Leader (ACL) – chaperone teens and model the faith for the full week of WorkCamp
- Contractor (license not required) – work on the job site with teens Mon-Thurs
- Security volunteer – work one 2-7:30pm shift during the week
- Homebase volunteer – assist the diocesan WorkCamp Logistics Team when available
- Parish volunteer – assist with Sunday night Formation Meetings and other preparation tasks
- Learn more about WorkCamp at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/)
- Email WorkCamp Stakeholder Kay Fennell [fennelkay@gmail.com](mailto:fennelkay@gmail.com) with questions and to become a volunteer!

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

**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](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

## St. Francis Council 11136 News

### THANK YOU SFDS PARISHIONERS – COATS

**FOR KIDS REPORT:** Due to your amazing generosity, our SFDS knights were able to distribute 550 coats to 7 local schools and 25 coats to local veterans in need. A special thank you to brothers Bill Talamantes and Scott Grimard for leading this most important effort.



**NOTABLE KNIGHT – ERNEST I. KING** – Countering racism with love, forgiveness, and a sense of humor, Ernest I. King worked for integration and helped found the interracial North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. A member of Council 1074 in Wilmington, he proved a skilled leader and was the Order's first black state deputy south of the Mason-Dixon Line. The North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association is a group of lay Catholics who worked to strengthen the Catholic community in North Carolina. The association was endorsed by Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh.

**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.

### ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION (MARCH 15th) –

The SFDS Knights and Women's council are partnering to bring you the annual SFDS St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th. This is a ticketed event – Be On the Look Out (BOLO) for details and link to purchase your tickets. Spoiler Alert: we will again have the amazing Irish Dancers performing at the party – they never disappoint!

**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](mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com)). To become a Knight, contact either Grand Knight Michael Carducci or Brother Knight Richard Jacob ([jakeman58@aol.com](mailto: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!

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.

## Join Us For Our Lenten Fish Fry!

Every Friday evening during Lent

**FIRST DINNER IS MARCH 7!!**

3:30 - 7:30 pm

Menu and Pre-orders will be

available on our website

[saintfrancisparish.org/lenten-fish-fry](http://saintfrancisparish.org/lenten-fish-fry)



dine-in • take out • curbside available

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Francis de Sales' group of dedicated people of prayer, is on its third decade of service. The Ministry of Praise is a Spiritual Ministry in which prayer, joys and suffering are offered to God for the salvation of souls. Membership includes the sick, the handicapped, the homebound and senior citizens. We are currently inviting anyone interested in joining our team of pray-ers to contact Leslie Sheldon at the parish office [l.sheldon@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:l.sheldon@saintfrancisparish.org) (please designate Ministry of Praise on e-mail). Those who wish to have concerns prayed for may write their prayers and slip them into the Ministry of Praise box attached to the wall in the Narthex. You can also send the request on-line. Visit our webpage at [www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/) to fill out the form.

## 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.



## 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 **March 6**; meal delivered and served

**March 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

- Fran Beebe [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)

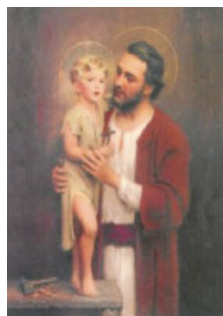
## FATHERS RAISING SAINTS

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 21st at 7:30pm - NEW DATE!!

**WHERE:** SFDS - Knights Hall

**RSVP:** [knights11136@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Social Event - TBD**

**Monday, March 10th @ 7pm**

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

The Women's Council and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, March 4th from 5:00-6:30pm.

Look for our email and SUG or visit our website and volunteer to help decorate or serve.

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](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)

### 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.



New to the parish or not getting our emails? Email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) to be added to our directory.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

*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](mailto: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](mailto:sfchrsm@gmail.com) for more information.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



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## 2nd Banns of Marriage

**Stewart Davis, Jr. and Christina Hampton**  
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## 1st Banns of Marriage

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## Young at Heart Luncheon

Join us for our next luncheon on Wednesday, February 26th at noon in Knights Hall.

RSVP to Leslie at 540-338-6381.



## Compassionate Heart of Mary Bereavement Support Group

Join us for a  
**Celebration of Life Luncheon**  
Saturday February 22nd at 12 noon  
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If you are grieving a spouse, family member or friend, whether recently or sometime ago, or know someone who is grieving, please call us for more info, Laura Burgess at 703-727-7117

## 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](mailto:eliseamyx@gmail.com).



# around the Diocese ...

## Holy Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope



This an exciting time for Catholics!

Gather your family and friends for this historical moment and visit the Holy Year Sites in and around our diocese. Visiting these holy sites is one of several ways to receive a plenary indulgence.

Did you know a plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to sin, whose guilt is forgiven? The plenary indulgence gained can be for oneself or applied to the dead.

To obtain a plenary indulgence, one could make a pilgrimage to one of the listed churches and participate in either:

- Mass
- Liturgy of the Word
- the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer
- Pray a devotional prayer, i.e., the Way of the Cross, Rosary, the Akathist hymn, etc.
- Penance service ending with sacramental confession

OR

Make a pious visit to any of the eight Holy Year churches and:

- Adore Jesus in the Eucharist, either exposed in the Monstrance or reposed in the Tabernacle for a suitable period.
  - Conclude your meditation with an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary
- Soon before or after, also:
- Make a good Confession, detaching yourself from all sin, including venial sin
  - Receive Holy Communion
  - Pray for the intentions of our Holy Father

The eight Holy Year churches in the Diocese of Arlington:

- o The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington
- o The Basilica of Saint Mary, Alexandria
- o Corpus Christi, Aldie
- o Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls
- o Saint John Bosco, Woodstock
- o Saint John the Evangelist, Warrenton
- o Saint Patrick, Fredericksburg
- o Saint Paul Mission, Hague

Some of the Holy Year Churches outside our diocese:

- o Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Wash, D.C.
- o Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.
- o National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C
- o National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD
- o Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, MD
- o Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, VA
- o Basilica of Saint Mary, Norfolk, VA
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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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/event/women).

Early-bird price for the conference is \$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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men)! See you there!

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

### 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](http://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)

Resources on the Jubilee Year

[www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence\\_Vatican\\_Bollettino.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf)

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/the-holy-year-tour/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/the-holy-year-tour/)

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Holy-Year-2025-Plenary-Indulgence59.pdf](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Holy-Year-2025-Plenary-Indulgence59.pdf)

[gatholic.org/churches/list/jubilee2025/Baltimore.htm](http://gatholic.org/churches/list/jubilee2025/Baltimore.htm)

**Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Ministry:**  
888-456-HOPE or visit: [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

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(703) 841-3810 or  
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