

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2023

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Welcome!

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

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

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

Sunday 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

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 homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

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Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Please join us on the patio this Tuesday from 7-9 pm for a final talk with Father John Heisler - BRING A CHAIR FOR THE PATIO! (Knights Hall in event of rain)

August 15 – Location TBD - "Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope" Relationship with the Blessed Mother

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation
Tuesday, August 15
Mass Times: 6:30am, 8:30am, 7:00pm**

Gift shop open on Sunday August 27th after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses. End of summer sale!! All items are 20% off!

INFORMATION SESSIONS START THIS WEEK

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "May we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to an even greater love of the Word of God." Amen! Is the Holy Spirit leading you to study the Bible in a deeper way? Don't ignore him! Catholic Biblical School begins here at St. Francis de Sales on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 6:30pm starting on Sept 13! Pick up a brochure at the parish for a schedule of our free and fun information sessions and attend any one of them! You can also find the list at CatholicBiblicalSchoolVA.org or call 540.808.2736 (ext. 406).

For more information, please join us at one of the information sessions this Wednesday, August 16 in the morning from 9:30 - 11am OR in the evening from 6:30-8pm.

This Week

Sun., Aug. 13	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH
Mon., Aug. 14	<u>KofC Business Meeting</u> 7:30pm, Knights Hall
Tue., Aug. 15	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH <u>Fr. Heisler Talk</u> 7pm, patio
Wed., Aug. 16	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30pm, Knights Hall <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Thu., Aug. 17	<u>American Heritage Girls Kickoff Meeting</u> 6pm, OLVH
Fri., Aug. 18	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., Aug. 12

9:00 am

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5:00 pm

Sun., Aug. 13

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Aug. 14

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Aug. 15

6:30 am

8:30 am

7:00 pm

Wed., Aug. 16

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Aug. 17

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., Aug. 18

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Aug. 19

9:00 am

Sat., Aug. 19

5:00 pm

Sun., Aug. 20

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Weekday

Christina Bendo

Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Robin Mentzer

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Gail Stalcup Varley

Morgan Acham

+ George Turrone

+ Wallace and Ilyne Beglau

People of the Parish

Saint Maximillian Kolbe

Mark and Tammy Mahaney

+ Jerome Miles

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luke Pultro

Katie Beatty

Andrew Miller Family

Weekday

+ Wayne Gardiner

+ Miriam Denise

Weekday

+ James and Rose Lippert

+ Anthony Taffuri

Weekday

+ Alma Samonte Conty

+ Anne Jachts

Weekday

Peter Scanlon

Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carol Hertz

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

Colleen Heironimus

+ Jean Tuman

+ Alexa Uroskie

+ Mark Riddell

Readings for the Week

Sun:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Mon:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tue:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wed:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thu:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Sat:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-1

Dear Folks,

Tis the time of year to bid adieu to our collegians. Off to the academic battles and stresses of dormitory life. No Mom for snacks, fine dining, and ... laundry. No Dad to borrow the keys, tap the finances, and ... sit and shoot the breeze. Ah, life as we would like to have it. Have a great time in your brave new world.

During the year the Church hosts a great number of feast days for Her saints. Today, the feast honors St. John Vianney... the only parish priest to make the list of feast days. He is the patron of Compassion and Confession. Fr. Heisler and I are going to need a lot of prayers to make the list. So please remember to pray for your priests each day. Yesterday was the feast of St. Gama-liel. He was the teacher of St. Paul and doctor of the rabbinic law for the Sanhedrin. He is the one who encouraged "leniency" for Christ. *"If the movement is from God you can not stop it. If not from God the movement will die out."* And finally, my favorites. The feast of St. Mary, St. Martha, and St. Lazarus. They are the patrons of Cooks/chefs, home-makers, restaurants, servers, siblings, and hotel managers. Everything but bartenders.

The question to ask ourselves. What kind of patron saint might we be remembered in a hundred years for not. Well here are some options to put on your refrigerator.

Abandoned children	Cake makers
Abuse Victims	Cancer victims
Adopting parent	Carpenters
Advocates	Catechists
Air travelers	Catholic actions
Alcoholics	Catholic writers
Altar Servers	Chaplains
Architects	Choir members
Animal protector	Collegians
Babies	Dairy workers
Bachelors	Dancers
Bankers	Deaf
Bicylists	Dentists
bee keepers	Doubters
Birds	Drug Addicts
Blind People	Dying
Blood donors	Doctors
Bookkeepers	Dysfunctional families

And the list goes on: www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php?letter=D Let all be happy, healthy, and holy in their lives. Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate Answer: The five communist countries found on earth are: China, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, and Viet Nam. Others thought to be communists usually have cheap fascist dictators.

Collegiate Question: An Oldie but Goldie... Who was the youngest graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School?



Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal

This weekend, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Banica. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can support these organizations through this week's 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous.



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Roberto Costantino
d. August 3, 2023

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, 2nd LT Aleksandr Bissell (USMC), MAJ Andrew Cahan, USAF Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow (Army), Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt (Navy), Christopher Largent (Army), CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSG Joshua Jovene, PFC Joseph Jovene, CPT Vincent Jovene, USAF Mary Catherine Kuegler, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Malletts, MAJ Chuck Marshall, SSG Tim Marshall, Blaise Mason (Army), Sam A. Mason (Army), 1st LT Caleb Magowan (Army), PFC Brian McWilliams (Army), 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 (Air Force), LCpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, Army John Pileulsley, CPT Brendan Printup (Army), Joe Pultro, CWO Jason Runner (Navy), 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin (Army), SSgt Marnie Wickman (Air Force), A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White (Army), Andrew Yevoli (Air Force)

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, Brooke Cheney, Richard King, Patrick Whipp, Barney Smith, Corinne McHugh, Pam Austrich B.J. Szemborski, Bobby Decker

The Deceased: Ellen Sullivan, Nicholas Misiti, Timotha Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert, Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall, William Stark, Kevin Malone, Betsyanne Black, Roberto Costantino

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Summer Office Hours - M-TH 11am-3:30pm

We need YOU!
Catechists, Classroom Assistants, Hall Monitors, and Substitutes, for the 2023-'24 school year.

Catechists are needed in K, 3, 4, and 8th grade. Please prayerfully consider joining our religious education team. Student classroom assistants are also needed.

RATES INCREASE AUGUST 15
Registration for Religious Education

Sunday, 9 to 10:15 am
Preschool through 8th grade

11am-12:15pm RCIT
4 to 5pm High school classes:
Fr. Gould-Theology of the Body
Fr. Heisler- Philosophy

Monday, 5 to 6:15 pm
Kindergarten through 8th, RCIC
Adult class with Fr. Heisler-Catholicism 101

Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:45pm
Preschool through 5th grade
Grades 6-8 (cancelled)

Saturday, 10am-12pm
SPRED (ages 6-12) - 13 sessions

Remember that every year of religious education is important! Please make sure to register early. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year.

Wanted: Faith and Life Series Grade 2 "Jesus Our Life" used books. Please drop off at the RE building.

NEED HELP?
GOD SQUAD

is a year-round HS Youth Service Group that helps parishioners with small projects in and around the home. Our dedicated team of adults guides teens through jobs like yard work, cleaning, moving, organizing, and small painting and construction projects. Please reach out to Lindsay Glass to see if God Squad can help you out!
L.glass@saintfrancisparish.org



Lindsay Glass
Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or
L.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

High School

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Our next Youth Nights are **Sunday, August 13th and 20th**. There is no Youth Night on August 27th (see MAC-PAC ad below).

We celebrate our seniors as they prepare to embark on new and exciting adventures. We pray that they always know God's great love for them; that they continue to be open to God's Word in their hearts and in Scripture; that they continue to participate in the Mass, the Sacraments, and the life of the Church; and that they desire Christ and seek life-long discipleship with Him, wherever God leads them.

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure" -St. John Paul II
-Mrs. G



LIFE CHAIN – October 1
RALLY – October 22
FALL RETREAT – November 10-12

REMIND

High schoolers and parents, go to <https://remind.com/join/a4d636> or text @a4d636 to 81010 to receive text reminders and event updates.

Middle School



Parents and young adults and teens, let me know if you can help with this fun event!

St. Francis Council 11136 News

AUGUST MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING. The next council members Business Meeting will be on Monday 14 August in the Knights Hall at 7:30 pm. All members of the council are welcome to attend.



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. Next Rosary will be Monday, 14 August.

Blessed Michael McGivney Guild Blitz: The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, which promotes the sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, invites all Catholics and their families, not just Knights, to join this thriving community of prayer and spiritual support. There is no fee for membership, and membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter with information and updates on the canonization cause, and a weekly Mass offered for your intentions. Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified in 2020 and needs a second miracle attributed to his intercession to be raised to sainthood. To join the Guild, visit the website fathermcgivney.org, or use the QR code below; on the website you can submit your petitions and report any favors received.



Interested in becoming a Knight? All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight, and it is easier than ever to submit an application for membership - go to <https://kofc.org/join> and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Richard Vale, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136. Knights11136@gmail.com
www.kofc11136.org



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG)

The Kickoff meeting for our St. Francis de Sales AHG Troop 962 is August 17 at 6:00 pm.

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered leadership and character development ministry dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.

Join us for our 1st meeting of the school year on Thursday, 17 August at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory Hall. You and your daughter can join in our meeting, see what we do, ask questions, and share the FUN.

To learn more go to americanheritagegirls.org/ and select find a troop.

Enter your zip code, click on the AHG symbol on Purcellville, then select "connect with Troop VA0962" and send us a message. We look forward to meeting you!

For more information, please contact our Troop Coordinator, Erin Lett, at troopva0962@gmail.com

FIND A TROOP

Legion of Mary

Do you want to help Mary, our spiritual mother, bring Jesus to others? Then join the Legion of Mary. We meet once a week for prayer and spiritual readings. Then we are assigned a spiritual work to be done within the week (with a partner). The works of mercy are typically to visit the homebound, deliver the Pilgrim Virgin statue to someone, welcome new parishioners, teach a religious education class or an adult bible study. Sign-up at the Legion of Mary table in the narthex. An informational meeting will be held on August 22 at 7pm in the Library, and a recruitment drive iweekend of September 9-10 after all Masses.

AVAILABLE NOW!

PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Jim Marcinkiewicz from LPI our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month.

YOUR AD HERE

YOUR AD HERE



Jim Marcinkiewicz
(973) 525-7674

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/

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

Homeless Ministry

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* Matthew 11:28-30



- **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.
 - Items due September 7th; meal delivered and served September 9th.
- **Loudoun Homeless Shelter – Serve between 40 and 80 meals.**
 - o We prepare and serve meals every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Wednesday by 5pm.
 - Items due August 23rd; meal delivered and served August 24th.

"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet especially your family." – Mother Teresa

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
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com



Do you have extra produce from your garden? Bring it to mass! We are collecting fresh produce in a marked cooler in the Knights Hall on Sunday's only. We accept fruits and veggies that do not need to be immediately put in the fridge (no lettuce.) More information: saintfrancisparish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/



**Donated: 68lbs
GOAL: 1200 lbs**

Women's Council Corner

"...And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:35



Next Planning Meeting -

Monday, August 21st

6:30pm Rosary in the Chapel | 7pm Meeting in the 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.

Next Social Event - Father Knows Best

Wednesday, September 6th, 5pm
Dirt Farm Brewery, Bluemont, VA



Join us at Dirt Farm Brewery for some socializing and Q&A time to ask Father Gould your burning questions.

At this event, we will be collecting "baby shower" gifts for Birthright of Loudoun. Birthright of Loudoun is a Leesburg-based charitable organization that helps women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the brewery. Please see the website for more details.

Please check our website for more details on each event.

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.



Online Seminar: Why Do We Need the Church? August 14 – September 4, 2023

Many people believe in God and Jesus but do not feel the need to belong to a church. These "believers but not belongers" likely include some of your own family and friends. This apologetics seminar will help us respond to this alarming trend by exploring key reasons why active involvement in the life of the Church, especially the Mass, is Christ's will for his followers. This seminar will strengthen your practice of the faith and provide valuable information for sharing with family and friends who do not regularly attend Mass.

Tuition is just \$65 for those in the Diocese of Arlington, and study can be completed when you have time available during the offering dates. Enroll today at www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38066.



40 Years

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

ADULT STUDY CLASSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Friday Mornings 10-11:30am
Eight classes starting on September 22

Forgiven: This study is for people interested in further developing their awareness of our Catholic faith. It is both appropriate for people who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly as well as for those that have been away from it for years. Together we will come to a better understanding of God's mercy and the need we have for it in our lives. The study will help us all feel drawn in both love and gratitude to encounter God and all the graces He wants to pour out upon us through this sacrament. I highly recommend joining this group if you long to rediscover the goodness and beauty that can be found in reconciliation with God in a way that you will never look at the sacrament the same way again. This study is also recommended to people looking for a safe space to share concerns, possible misconceptions, ask questions, and not a place of judgement, debate or sharing sins. The book we will use is a fantastic, thought provoking, quick and easy read that has had some great feedback. Don't miss this one!

God is waiting for us to approach Him in the confessional. He waits because of His great love for us, not because he needs us, but because He knows how much we need Him! His is indeed, a merciful love.

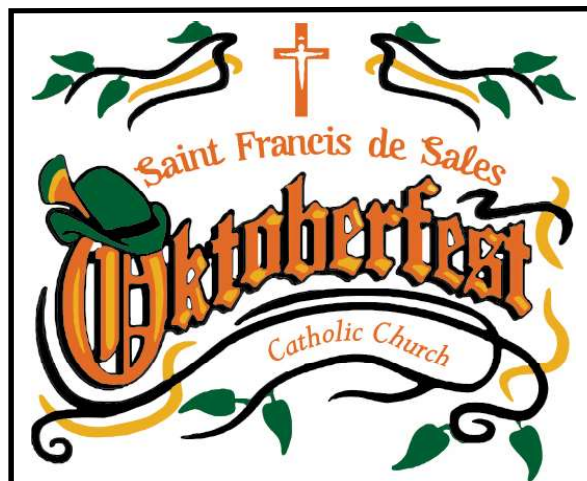
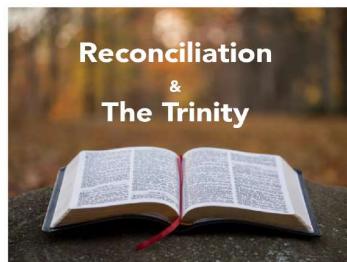
If you are interested in joining this 8 week study on Reconciliation it will be held Friday mornings from 10-11:30 am beginning this fall on September 22.

Monday Mornings 10-11:30 am
Ten classes starting on September 18

The Three Things are One: The Holy Trinity is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. This study is meant to make the difficult theology surrounding the blessed Trinity easier for us to understand. We will be sure to grow in awe as the mystery slowly unfolds during weekly readings and reflections followed by some lively weekly discussions in class. The Catechism tells us that "God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit..." . We will learn to participate in this communion of love and eventually the eternal life that is shared between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Occasionally, Catholic Art will be briefly analyzed which illustrates the church's teachings of the three Divine Persons. Topics of redemption and glorification as well as the transforming communion we must make as members of His body will all be explored.

In His "Farewell Discourse", Jesus expressed His longing to His Father over and over what His desire for humanity was and still is, "...that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us." John 17:21. If you are interested in joining this 10 week study on the Holy Trinity it will be held Monday mornings from 10-11:30 am beginning this fall on September 18.

Please contact Jeanne at jeannelamana@gmail.com to register and for further information on either of these two adult studies.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3-9PM

A Silent Auction is coming to Oktoberfest 2023!

We are auctioning **Experiences, Services, and Gift Cards** to support our beloved Saint Francis de Sales.

Do you have a vacation rental you would be willing to share? A favorite store, brewery or vineyard you'd give a gift card for? Perhaps you own a business that could offer a service to be auctioned. We'd love to hear from you! If you are able to donate or give the committee a lead to follow up, please reach out to Megan Hamberger via email mmhamberger@gmail.com or cell (571) 220-6129. We are asking for donations to be made before September 17th.

THANK YOU for your generosity and don't forget to mark your calendar to join us for an afternoon of fun on October 14th!

OCIA (formerly RCIA) **Invite your non-Catholic friends!**

Dear parishioners, do you know someone who is not Catholic, but might have a heart open to the Gospel? Encourage them to come to RCIA this September! Whether they are a nonbeliever seeking the truth, or a Protestant wondering whether something is missing, YOUR INVITATION may be all they need to begin a journey into the fullness of the Catholic faith! There will be no pressure—only answers to the greatest questions of life. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Religious Education building room 206 every Monday beginning September 11. Please email Vladimir Rudenko at vladimirrudenko@gmail.com for more info.