# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JANUARY 22, 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

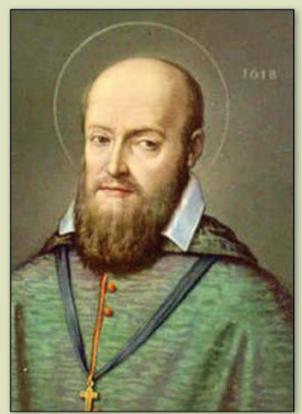
Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am

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



St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622 Doctor of the Church Memorial - 24 January

#### Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 11am (please note: new time)

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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"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19



#### Solemnity of Saint Francis de Sales Tuesday, January 24 5pm Vespers and Potluck Dinner

Vespers will begin at 5pm in the Church followed by a potluck dinner in the Knight's Hall Please see website for signup

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly" - St. Francis de Sales

#### The Parish Gift Shop will be Open the Weekend of January 29 Hours 9:30-am - 1:30pm

#### "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord."

As we prepare to mark our first half-century, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is embarking on a spiritual and intellectual renewal in the foundational truths of the Catholic Faith. Preparation Year II focuses on Mary, the Mediatrix of All Grace and the model disciple.

Please visit <a href="https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileehome/">www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileehome/</a>

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	This Week
Mon. Jan. 23	Catholicism 101 5pm, Knights Hall
	RCIA 7pm, Room
Wed., Jan. 25	SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall
	Young at Heart Luncheon 12noon, Knights
	Hall
	TMIY 7pm Room 202
	Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm,
	Church
Fri., Jan. 27	Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Sat., Jan. 28	TMIY 6:30am, OLVH
	Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am, Library

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### Masses for the Week

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<u>Sat., Jan. 21</u>	Saint Agnes
9:00 am	James and Rose Lippert
Sat., Jan. 21	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Fred Leuschner
Sun., Jan. 22	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	+ Bob and Betty Hardey
10:30 am	+ Floripes Tactaquin
12:15 pm	Tanya Llewellyn Torrijos
5:30 pm	+ Colette Baine
Mon., Jan. 23	Day of Prayer for the Legal
	Protection of Unborn Children
6:30 am	Barbara Kushwara
8:30 am	+ Sallustiana Ligad Lim
Tue., Jan. 24	Saint Francis de Sales
6:30 am	+ Rev. Francis Dougherty
8:30 am	Maralan O'Neil
Wed., Jan. 25	The Conversion of Saint Paul
6:30 am	Katherine Holman
8:30 am	+ Kate Langley
<u>Thu., Jan. 26</u>	Saints Timothy and Titus
6:30 am	Thelma Domenici
8:30 am	Mary Ann Hudson
<u>Fri., Jan. 27</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	+ Donald and Ruth Heying
12:00 pm	Clementine Beatty
<u>Sat., Jan. 28</u>	Saint Thomas Aquinas
9:00 am	Josefina Torrijos Yturri
<u>Sat., Jan. 28</u>	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Ann Fowler
<u>Sun., Jan. 29</u>	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 am	+ Joan Jasinski
8:30 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	+ Gerald Dee Rhodes
12:15 pm	+ Carol Elaine Frasier
5:30 pm	+ Tho Dinh Tran

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Sun:	Is 8:23 – 9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-	
	13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17	
Mon:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/	
	Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2	
	and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35	
Wed:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/	
	Mk 16:15-18	
Thu:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5,	
	11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25	
Fri:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/	
	Mk 4:26-34	
Sat:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/	

Mk 4:35-41

Dear Folks,

Just a note for the folks in the parish that make this assignment such a wonderful assignment. Every time I turn around there is something going on that enhances the Faith and Morals of the community. God bless the many CCD teachers and all they do for the community. Only the man in the "Box" can appreciate the dramatic affect set up the families in the



parish reinvigorated with the sacramental devotions. Teachers help to fulfill the first ideal in catechetics that help us to know, love, and serve the Lord in our various vocations to priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Well done teachers and aids. God bless you.

I marvel at the great work of the Knights of Columbus in setting up our coming trip to Richmond for the Pro-Life March in the capital of our great Commonwealth. The charge for riding the bus is... free. The Knights also transport the incredible amount of food, donated by the parishioners, to the food shelter in Sterling. Three large pick ups filled inside and outside. If you could join the men filling/emptying the trailer you would be overwhelmed with the great donations.

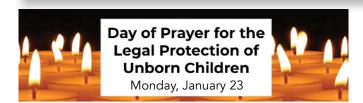
Other members of the parish are setting themselves for the needs of the Missionaries of Charity, in Southeast, DC. They go right to the streets and folks coming in for the meals. It is a long way to go and great amount of work to do. What a wonderful gift self for the needs of others.

Speaking of the great gift of self to others the Youth Group program, under the supervision of Saheen and Maggie Udin, are asking folks to join both them and the kids going off to the diocesan work camp this Summer. This past Sunday I joined Fr. Heisler and many parents and friends of the parish who will join the young ones as Nurses, Construction mentors, and logistical managers for the coming workcamp. They were absolutely awesome... and can always use more volunteers. Workcamp is a six day program reaching out to refurbish the homes of the elderly and infirmed in the region West of Winchester this coming Summer. If you would like to join the hit parade please contact.....

Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate question from the ancient philosopher Moogle. Well he may not be that old but it's a good question. Where do we get the phrase, "pull out all the stops?" Good luck.

God bless.





# Virginia State March for Life Wednesday, February 1

We will be departing from St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church to Richmond, Virginia.

Please arrive by 9am. If you are interested in a seat on the bus please email me, Carie Losinski at <a href="mailto:skigators@icloud.com">skigators@icloud.com</a> May God bless you all for standing up for the unborn child!



# Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

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

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Elaine Marshall, Olga Howard

The Deceased: Bernadette Reynolds, Anne Jachts, Nancy Eastman, Ann Forrest, Nick Spadaccini., Pasquale Spera, Susan Keelor, Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey, Jeanne Sweet, Michael Craig, Edward Konchan, Patrick Gaine, Judith Miller, Jean Young, Colette Baine, Ellen Sullivan, Nicholas Misiti, Timotha Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos



#### St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

#### **Happy New Year!**

FIRST SEMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS: The Office of Faith Formation for the Arlington Diocese recommends that parents of religious education students are kept informed of the progress of their child/children. This week, all parents will receive a semester report card for each child in our program. Catechists have evaluated four areas of progress: content learned, participation in class, knowledge of basic prayers and behavior during class time. We understand that marks may not adequately reflect the degree to which a student is maturing in his or her faith life; rather, they do reflect how well the student comprehends catechesis that has been presented in the classroom. Report cards will be hand delivered to parents when they pick up or drop off their child this week.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO WAIT IN OUR WARM BUILDING DURING CLASSTIME: Please feel free to come in from the cold and enjoy a warm beverage during class time. Hot coffee and tea will be available for all parents in either the gym or library during all class sessions. (Toys and books are also available for your younger children who are not in class.)

#### **Inclement Weather Cancellations**

**Weekday:** When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled. **Sunday Classes:** Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website <a href="www.saintfrancisparish.org/">www.saintfrancisparish.org/</a>, and emailed to families by 7am Sunday morning.

#### **First Penance**

Saturday, February 25 10 am – 12 noon Assigned times slots have been emailed to parents

### Religious Education Calendar

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 22 and 29

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades -9-10:15am

RCIT - 11-1:15pm

9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm

11th-12th Grades (Fr. Heisler) - 4-5pm

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm

Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm

Wed <u>Pre-K-5th</u> - 3:30-4:45pm



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

### High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT:** ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays after 5:30pm Mass in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Friends are welcome! Youth Night is **January 22 from 6:30-8:00pm**. There will be no Youth Night on January 29th due to our first WorkCamp Formation Meeting (see below).

**Mount 2000:** February 3-5, 2023 at Mount St. Mary's University. Registration is now closed. Please send your payments to the Parish or Youth Office ASAP.



WORKCAMP: June 17-23, 2023 in Frederick County, VA. WorkCamp registration has begun! If you are a teen currently in grades 9-12 or an adult interested in attending, please see Lindsay Glass or Shahin Uddin ASAP! Our first WorkCamp Formation Meeting is on January 29 from 6:30-8pm in the gym. Come bring your gift to the altar!

VA MARCH FOR LIFE: Teens are invited to attend the Virginia State March for Life in Richmond, VA on Wednesday, February 1. Help shape local policies by marching for life and encouraging state legislators to respect the rights of the unborn. We will join other parishioners on a bus that will depart SFDS at 9:30am and return around 5pm. There is no fee. Read more at https://vaprolifeday.org/Let me know if you can make it!

**REMIND APP:** Sign up to receive text message reminders and updates. Go to https://remind.com/join/a4d636 or text @a4d636 to 81010.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: stfdsyouthministry

#### Middle School

#### Sunday, January 22nd 6:30-8pm

in the gym

#### "LIVES of the SAINTS"

Dinner will be provided.

Spread the word and bring a friend!



For more information, contact Dan and Lindsay Glass at I.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

MAC-PAC is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders
MAC-PAC's goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and
to provide fellowship for the middle school youth of St. Francis de Sales



COOKING WITH PURPOSE: Middle schoolers, meet us in the kitchen Wednesday, 2/1 from 5-6:30pm to cook for local parish families in need. Please let me know if you can make it!

#### St. Francis Council 11136 News

**COUNCIL DUES MAILED:** 2023 annual dues bills were mailed to all eligible members. Please look for the bill in your mail and please promptly provide your bill payment to the Council Financial Secretary.



MARCH FOR LIFE: The National March for Life is Friday 20 January 2023 in Washington DC. The VA State March for Life is Wednesday 1 February in Richmond, VA. The Council is sponsoring a bus to take parishioners to the VA State March for Life.

**JANUARY OFFICER MEETING:** We will hold our January Officer Meeting on Monday 23 January at 7:30 in the Knights Hall

**COUNCIL SUPPORT TO YOUTH WORK CAMP:** The Council is supporting the Youth Work Camp in several ways. If you wish to volunteer to support please contact the GK Jay Hallam at <a href="mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com">gksf11136@gmail.com</a> for more information.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** We have made it very easy to join the Knights of Columbus. ollow this link Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org). If you have questions about the knights please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:knights11136@gmail.com">knights11136@gmail.com</a>.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight, St. Francis Council #11136 Knights11136@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/knights11136/

# Looking for a way to help support Women who Choose Life?

Birthright of Loudoun, a crisis pregnancy center in Leesburg, maintains an Amazon Gift Registry with a wish list of reasonably priced items most wanted by new moms in need.

Access the registry at <a href="www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view">www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view</a> or by going to Amazon.com, "Find a Gift", "Custom Gift List" and entering "Birthright of Loudoun".

If you prefer, cash donations can be sent to: Birthright of Loudoun 16 Royal St, SE Leesburg, VA 20175





Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group Saturday, January 28 @ 10am in the Library

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call us for more info, Laura Burgess at 703-727-7117.

#### Annual Men's Conference 2023 Saturday, March 11, 8:30am-2:30pm "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord"

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon. Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and prolific writer; and Tim Staples, Convert Apologist at Catholic Answers and author of Behold Your Mother. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confessions, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am. \$65 until February 1st; \$80 after. Register at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org/men.

#### Annual Women's Conference Saturday, March 4, 8:30am-2:30pm "Love Rejoices in Truth"

Join women from around the diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Come and hear Nikki Kingsley's remarkable conversion story. Hear how she, a devout Muslim, was guided by the voice of the Blessed Virgin Mary that would eventually lead her to Jesus and into the Catholic Church. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon. \$65 until February 1st; \$80 after For inquiries, please email famlylife@arlingtondiocese.org/women or call (703) 841-2550.

#### **COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS**

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. Jennifer can be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation. If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-454-1004.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION

a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org

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

Contact Amy Harrison 540-338-6381, x 104

#### Parish Homeless

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has



shone...For a child\* is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:1,5)

In January, we will resume our regular schedule:

- We prepare and serve meals and provide necessities to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to the Knights Hall the previous Thursday by 2pm.
  - Items due, February 9; meal delivered and served, February 11.
- We prepare and serve dinner at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the previous Wednesday by 5pm.
  - Items due, January 24; meal delivered and served January 25.
- We prepare "blessing bags" for needy and homeless at the shelters and in the community. We will collect items beginning in January and will sponsor a parish-wide bag-building event in February.

"Do ordinary things with extraordinary love."

- Mother Theresa

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

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

### Women's Council Corner

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of inheritance;" Colossians 3:23



#### **Funeral Reception Event**

**Coordinator -** The Women's Council is looking for one or two people who could be the Funeral Reception Event

Coordinator(s). The lead of this ministry would support coordinating funeral receptions held in the parish hall by gathering, organizing, and distributing information to a team of people who provide refreshments in the parish hall. If you are that special someone please contact <a href="www.womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com">womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com</a>.

#### Next social- Chocolate Tasting & Trivia Night Monday, February 6th

7pm Room 207 Parish Education Center Bring something chocolate for others to try and join us in some friendly competitive fun for Trivia Night.



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Women's Council Service Award Nominations-We are blessed to be a part of the upcoming Diocesan WorkCamp by sponsoring one of the parish teens to attend. Our ministry will be donating up to \$600 toward their mission, including the winner's \$150 registration fee. If you are a teenage young lady who is inspired to attend WorkCamp,

please email us with your nomination (<u>womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com</u>) and we can send you more details on how to apply. Applications will be due by Feb 10th.

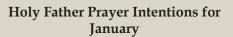
#### Next planning meeting-Monday, February 20th

6:30pm Rosary in the chapel | 7pm meeting in the Library. All women of the parish are welcome to join to help create and plan our community events. Please join us as we could use your help!

Please check our website for more details on each event. <u>saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council</u> All women of the parish are members of the Women's Council.



No dues or membership forms are required. New to the parish or not getting our emails? Contact us: <a href="mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com">womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com</a>



#### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



#### JOY OF LIFE FAMILY DINNER

The Joy of Life Apostolate provides support to children and adults with disabilities and their families. The monthly dinners are a wonderful way for families to meet and encourage one another in their walk with Christ. Mostly, however, we all learn from our "treasures of the Church" in how to trust in God's Providence and spread happiness and joy wherever we are.

The next family dinner is Saturday, January 28th in the Parish Education Center gym at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church beginning at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm. Come enjoy dinner and games for the entire family. Please visit the link below to RSVP and perhaps sign up to bring something to share for dinner/dessert, if you are able.

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA822A6F9C43-january1

Come experience the happiness radiating from everyone present! This event is open to everyone!

#### **HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

Marriage Help -- Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of February 17. Please call 703.351.7211 or visit <a href="https://www.helpOurMarriage.org">www.helpOurMarriage.org</a>.

## Seeking a New Executive Director -

**Birthright of Loudoun,** located in historic Leesburg, VA, is a non-profit organization that provides counseling, resources, and material support for any woman who finds herself in an unexpected or crisis pregnancy.

The Director heads daily operations; recruits, trains and manages volunteers; cares for the needs of our clients; is responsible for fundraising and marketing initiatives; reports to the Board of Directors; and attends regional meetings and an annual international convention. A complete job description available upon request. Position available immediately.

For inquiries or to submit a resume, please email birthrightoflo@gmail.com

- 20 hour part-time paid position
- · Salary commensurate with experience
- Conversational Spanish a plus but not required



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

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

#### **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

#### Divine Mercy Part Two - starting March 1

8 sessions Wednesday 10-11:30 am and 7-8:30 pm The Divine Mercy study will examine aspects of historical and political events, biblical prophecies, lives of Saints, and the timing of Pope John Paul II's declaration that "now is the time of God's Mercy". We will draw from Scripture, Church teachings, and the Diary of St. Faustina to reveal what is at the heart of Divine Mercy. God offers us the overflowing love from the Holy Trinity. We will come to a better understanding of why God has to be Trinitarian and that mercy is the highest form of love. We will analyze the deeper meaning of the Divine Mercy image and learn how sin interrupts our own "image and likeness" to God. Divine Mercy's relevance to our daily life will become clear as we find new ways to more fully respond to the Merciful love of God. All of our relationships will benefit from this discovery as we learn to accept it and imitate it.

#### Consoling the Heart of Jesus - starting Feb. 27

10 sessions. Monday 10-11:30 am and Tuesday 7-8:30 pm (women only) How often do you ask God for something? Have you ever wondered if there was a way to give back to Him more than thanks for our many blessings. All of us can offer something significant back directly to Jesus for all he has given to us. Then, over time, watch how His grace increases and our soul begins to overflow with God's very essence as He empties himself out upon us. The result? Love, goodness, mercy and joy all increase as does our spiritual growth and union with the Body of Christ thru the Eucharist. The study, "Consoling the Heart of Jesus", gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy in return. We will learn the way to console His Sacred Heart by accepting His love, learning to love Him back and trusting in Him completely. The study also focuses on what to do with the suffering we all encounter, as well as the pain we experience in family members who have drifted from the faith.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

A Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children PK through 8th grade in Purcellville. Our 2023-24 Admissions Season has begun, we are currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. If you would like to learn more about the school, please join us for an open house:

Tuesday, January 24, 3:30 pm Tuesday, February 7, 3:30 pm Tuesday, February 21, 3:30 pm

Please email our Admissions Director, Cathy Struder at admissions@goodshepherdschoolva.com, if you plan on attending.







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