

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020



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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 Masses

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

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 6:30am and 9am
Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass through Benediction before the 9am Mass on Saturday morning. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm - Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Education Center
Sunday - one half hour before each Mass in the Chapel
Anytime by appointment

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 typically held on the second or third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Please note, dates are subject to change. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 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.

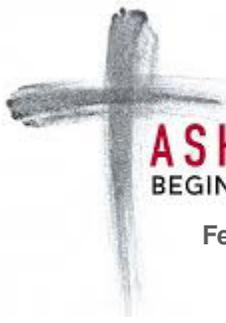
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Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
– Leviticus 19:2b

Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope

This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of the amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

February 26 Mass Schedule

6:30am – No music
9am – Children's Choir
5pm – Cantor and Organ
7pm – Parish Choir

This Week

Sun., Feb. 23	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Tue., Feb. 25	<u>RCIA</u> 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Feb. 26	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Parish Hall <u>33 Days to Morning Glory</u> 7pm, Rm 201 <u>No TMIY</u> <u>Romans Bible Study</u> 7pm, Room 206
Thu., Feb. 27	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 7pm, Room 202
Fri., Feb. 28	<u>Children's Rosary</u> 10am, Church <u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> after Noon Mass
Sat., Feb. 29	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Compassionate Heart of Mary</u> 10am, Parish Hall

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Feb. 22

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 22

5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 23

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 24

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 25

6:30 am

9:00 am

Wed., Feb. 26

6:30 am

9:00 am

5:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 27

6:30 am

Friday, Feb. 28

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 29

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 29

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 1

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

The Chair of Saint Peter

Special Intention

Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Poppy Butler

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families

Stephen Sutphin

People of the Parish

Danielle Orender

Kerry Smith

Weekday

Sophia Livelsberger

Maralan O'Neil

Weekday

+ James Dansereau

Richard and Kathleen White

Ash Wednesday

+ James Dansereau

+ John Lawrence

Richard and Kathleen White

+ Salvatore Biscardi

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Joseph Rees

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Special Intention

Mark Reilly

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

+ Lettie and Jim Dueppen

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

+ Mr. and Mrs. Peitro DeCicco

First Sunday of Lent

Lina Cahan

Beth Creighton

The Fitzgerald Family

People of the Parish

+ Thomas Brown

Tax deductible donation letters were mailed from our business office earlier this week. Please contact Amy Harrison via email with any questions or concerns a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Dear Folks,

Just a quick note for the current needs and coming events in the parish. **First**, I asked Mr. Matthew Bowe to set some railings in the steps going down to Our Lady of Victory Hall. With the recent ice storm on a Saturday night we were all most concerned for the safety of every man, woman, and child trying to negotiate the steps in front of the church/hall. **Second**, we need ushers for the weekend Masses. It is not just a case of taking up collections but also ensuring the safety of our seniors on the walkways at night. God bless the ushers. We need every one of them. **Third**, the adoration hours have been extended from the Noon Mass on Friday to the Saturday morning Mass. We need adorers all through the night. If you are interested in picking an hour please contact Mr. Mark Donofrio 8donofrios@gmail.com. Many blessings come to the parish with this good and holy devotion. God bless all in the adoration devotions. **Fourth**, the Hispanic Community has been meeting to set up the plans for a weekly Mass and Confessions. Mr. Mauricio Cifuentes has taken the lead and can be contacted at: mcifuent@yahoo.com. We would like to have Fr. Eugenio Hoyos, director of the diocesan Hispanic program, initiate the program with a healing Mass. **And finally**, the Knights are going full blast on the preparations for a St. Patrick's Day Party, on Saturday March 14th. They have a table with signups in the front foyer of the church before and following all the Masses. Everyone is welcome. Yes, little Virginia, we will have a Irish Soda Bread Contest, so break out the old recipes and bring plenty of butter. As the great Jewish Philosopher, Neil Diamond, once said... "Pack up the babies and grab the old ladies. Everyone goes." God bless one and all. Let us pray for one another.



Oh, lest we forget, Additional confessions during Lent will be held each week night, in the Chapel, at 7pm. Come one and all... including those who haven't had the wings dusted in a while. Please, we will have the Act of Contrition printed out in case you have forgotten and, wait for it, and, I will give you ten dollars if you can come up with a sin I have not heard before.

I am withholding the Confirmation Questions I promised to print this week due to a more important caution to the pastors from the chancery on the health concerns.

REF: *Suggestions to Reduce Transmission of Illnesses*
Because of concerns about the Coronavirus during this flu season, we are offering the following suggestions to reduce the transmission of illnesses:

- Employees exhibiting symptoms of a communicable disease should be asked to remain at home, stay away from work, and avoid others for the duration of the illness and for 24 hours after symptoms abate.
- Post a statement on the parish website and in the weekly bulletins asking people with known symptoms of influenza to refrain from attending Mass and other parish activities for the duration of their illness and up to 24 hours after the symptoms abate.
- Consider suspending the use of a common chalice during communion.
- Add hand sanitizers at church entrances.
- Consider suspending the shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

All suggestions are left to the discretion of each pastor. Please print the attached document for additional information.

We appreciate everyone's efforts in staying informed and supporting our efforts to keep our communities safe.

One last and unrecognized caution: There is no sin for the one who misses Mass due to an illness. And please know there is hardly a Sunday that goes by where someone does not lick the hand of the Special Minister of Holy Communion. Please be careful.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
www.livescience.com/new-china-coronavirus-faq.html
weather.com/health/cold-flu/

Collegiate Answer: In honor of Fr. Heisler and his plan to set up a parish Gourmet Bike Club, riding to various restaurants on the WO&D Bike Trail. The famed Italian bike racer who assisted the Church in hiding the Jews during the German Occupation of World War II was Gino Bartali. The German's respected him because he was a two time winner of the Tour de France and yet never realized he was carrying many false identification papers for the Jewish families in the frame of his bicycle. He worked for Msgr. Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini, later known as Pope Paul VI. After the war Bartali gave the bicycle to Pope Pius XII and it currently sits in the Vatican archives.

Collegiate Question for the students of Literature. What was the English play, from the early twentieth century, that set the character types for: the Lone Ranger, Batman, and the Green Hornet? Good hunting.



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

Thomas Francis Moorcones

d. February 9, 2020

Banns of Marriage

Joseph Swehla & Emma Lauderback

Exchange of Vows on Friday, February 21, 2020

*Please join us in praying for Joseph and Emma as they
prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

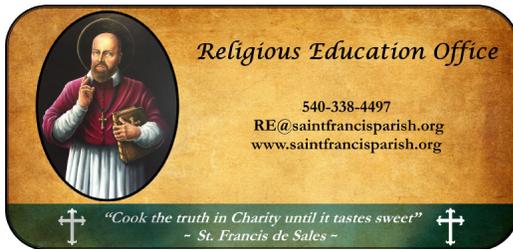
Our Military Members:

MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams

The Deceased: Renato Torrijos, Rosemarie Bighthouse, John Robinson, Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland. Ryan Martin, Kimberly Merline, Valerie Wieliczko





CONFIRMATION RETREATS... are scheduled for March 21 or 28 from 4pm to 11pm. Please email the RE office as soon as possible with your preferred date.

CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK... Please remember that the Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form must be turned in to the Office of Religious Education no later than Wednesday, March 4. If the Confirmation sponsor is a registered member of Saint Francis de Sales, and meets the qualifications for sponsorship, you will need to bring the completed form to the parish office for either of the priests to sign and stamp the parish seal. Sponsors who are members and regularly attend Mass at other parishes will need to have their pastor sign and seal the form. Forms are available on the parish website if you misplaced yours.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS...with Father Gould or Father Heisler will be held the week beginning March 16. Parents are reminded to check your email for details and to register soon. At least one parent must attend the interview with their child.

TUITION BALANCES ARE DUE Please remember to settle your Religious Education Tuition balance this month if you have not yet done so. \$55 fee for Confirmation is due by March 1 and \$30 fee for First Holy Communion fees is due by April 1. Call the RE office if you have any questions regarding your balance.

Baby Bottles for Birthright

Our Religious Education Advent Campaign for Birthright brought in over **\$2060** for Birthright moms. This money will be used to buy items needed to care for their babies. Birthright is very thankful for your participation and prayers. Please return any bottles you may still have (empty or full!) so Birthright does not need to purchase new bottles for future campaigns. Thank you!

A SPECIAL REQUEST...We are looking for a few new or gently used large (8 x 10 or larger) rugs to warm up our classrooms. We enjoy having the smaller children gather as a group to share a story, sing songs or teach a special catechism lesson and the tables are not always conducive to these activities. Please call Janice or Kim if you can help.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Sunday [Grades K-8th Session 1](#) - 8:45am
[Grades K-8th Session 2](#) - 10:30am
 Monday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm
[RCIT](#) - 6:30pm
 Wednesday **NO CLASS**

WEEK OF MARCH 1

Sunday [Grades K-8th Session 1](#) - 8:45am
[Grades K-8th Session 2](#) - 10:30am
 Monday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm
[RCIT](#) - 6:30pm
 Wednesday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm



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

MANDATORY TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING – February 23 after the 5pm Mass until 8:00 PM in the old parish hall (church basement.) Please note that attendance is required for the Teen Workcamp Meetings, even for teens who have been to Workcamp for multiple summers.

SIGN UP FOR WORKCAMP – Interested in coming to Workcamp, June 21 - 27 in Wrightsville, PA? E-mail Emily to get your name on our list. Pay your non-refundable deposit of \$150 to secure your spot by February 23rd. All current 8th – 12th graders are eligible!

ADULTS FOR WORKCAMP – Calling any adults over 21 who have a passion for Jesus and working with youth! Workcamp is only possible with the adult volunteers who generously spend the week working alongside our teens, E-mail Emily for more info.

SPRING RETREAT – Our Spring Retreat is March 13 -15 and all high schoolers are invited. Spend a weekend with friends in the mountains! Sign up by e-mailing Emily.

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8PM in room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S 2020

Middle Schoolers **A**cting for **C**hrist
Prayer **A**ction **C**harity



TONIGHT
 following 5pm Mass

Please bring two plates/containers of cookies to the meeting

- one for dessert
- one to share with the dedicated staff at INOVA Loudoun Hospital

Contact Dan or Lindsay Glass lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com

Friday Nite Fish Fry Volunteers Needed!!

Our Friday Nite Fish Fry Team is getting ready to gear up! If you would like to be on the team of volunteers, email Joe Shray at JoeSchray@gmail.com. Help is needed preparing on Friday mornings and/or serving Friday afternoon. Consider joining this fun ministry and get a purple tee-shirt! *You'll get hooked!!!*



ADORATION

Come spend an hour with Our Lord in Adoration. This wonderful experience is offered every Friday afternoon following the noon Mass and continuing overnight (when we need the most help) until the 9am Mass on Saturday. To sign up please see the binder on the table in the Narthex or send an email to SFDS.adoration@gmail.com

Annual Men's Conference

All men are invited to the 2020 Annual Men's Conference- *Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph*. Join us on Saturday, March 7 for the Men's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2:30pm. Speakers include Father Roger Landry, Catholic columnist, author and papal attaché at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Also, Dr. Mark Miravalle, renowned mariologist, professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Annual Women's Conference

All women are invited to the 2020 Annual Women's Conference - *Known and Loved From All Eternity*. Join us on Saturday, March 14 for the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2pm. Speakers are Colleen Carroll Campbell, author, print and broadcast journalist, and former presidential speechwriter, along with Sr. Gaudia Skass, Our Lady of Mercy, from the St. John Paul II National Shrine and internationally acclaimed speaker.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Parish Homeless Ministry

"Open Your Arms" is a conscious thought to help others. To treat others with respect for their situation and not to judge. We have a new opportunity to join a meaningful effort hosted by the newly formed Leadership Loudoun Team. See www.leadershiploudoun.org/homeless-resource-fair, there are many ways to help. This is a one day event, maybe you can donate your services if you are in the Medical, Vision or Dental field, if you work with Employment services or can even offer Haircutting services.



Here is what we are doing:

- Thursday, Feb 27- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served
- Saturday, Mar 14- Anacostia- Breakfast & Lunch served
- Thursday, Mar 26- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served
- Saturday, April 11- Anacostia- Breakfast & Lunch served
- Thursday, April 23- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served

Please call or email us if you would like to receive emails for our SignUp Genius to donate foods or time:

Mark Ippoliti - 571-748-8584 mark.ippoliti@gmail.com

Tracy Ippoliti- 703-727-4125 tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com



Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, February 29

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 Laura Burgess for more info 703-727-7117.

Volunteers Needed!

Saint Francis de Sales is opening a gift shop this Lenten season! Our goal is to serve our families. We will begin by selling items for Baptism, Communion and Confession. We will initially be open after the 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 Masses in the narthex. We need volunteers who enjoy working with people and sales. Volunteers should:

- feel comfortable working with money
- sell products
- write receipts
- bag items

If you might be interested, please contact Robin Mentzer at 703-431-1564 (call or text) or rshmentzer@gmail.com

HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

You can schedule to sign up for hosting the Pilgrim Virgin in your home. Go to saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org and pick up the statue in the narthex after the Sunday Mass you attend and return it no later than Saturday afternoon for the next person to host our Blessed Mother. Great blessings will come along your way when you invite Our Lady and pray the rosary in your home. She will not be outdone in generosity!

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. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact Family Services at 703-425-0109. Initial consultations are available without charge. Jennifer is at St. Francis every other Thursday. If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-772-4022.

ST. PATRICK DAY parish celebration SATURDAY, MARCH 14 !!

On March 14th, 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall Parish Center the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring an evening of fun from the Emerald Isle, Bring the whole family to socialize and dance. Irish dancers, Corn beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, hot dogs for the kids, and salad. Fabulous Door prizes!!

We will also have a free Irish Soda bread contest open to everyone!! Bring your best homemade receipt (sign up with your RSVP) we will have judges to select the best....Plus a very special contestant that everyone knows!!!!

Purchase tickets in advance after Masses (CASH AND CHECKS ONLY) Visit the website to sign up saintfrancisparish.org/saint-patrick-parish-celebration-march-14/. You can also pay at the door the day of event. Tickets are \$15 Single, \$20 Couple, \$25 Family. Beer and wine \$5 at the event.

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Our next business meeting will be Monday March 2nd. Join us at 7pm to say the Rosary in the Chapel. We will begin the meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Education Library.



Saturday March 14 from 6-11pm, along with the Knights of Columbus, we will be hosting a Saint Patrick's Day Celebration!! An evening of good food, live entertainment, dancing, door prizes and an Irish Soda Bread Contest will be held in OLVH. Tickets are now on sale after every Mass in the Narthex (cash or check). We are looking forward a fun celebration for the whole family and hope you will join us! A sign up genius with more information will be coming out. See bulletin for additional information.

If you would like to help our parish and community please feel free to email us. Or better yet, come to a meeting! ladiesauxsfd@gmail.com (please note new address)



DONATE BLOOD.
Every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.

**St. Francis de Sales
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, March 8, 2020
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

****Catoctin CrossFit****
Please note new location for the March 8 Drive!
341 A North Maple Avenue, Purcellville, VA

Make your lifesaving appointment today!
Visit <http://bit.ly/SFD030820> or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES
(1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 3026 or contact
Charlie Baldi at (540) 751-1907 or charliebaldi77@gmail.com

INOVA
Blood Donor Services

Give Local,
Save Local.

Please Give to our Poor Box

Have you thought of practicing giving alms? Please remember to donate to our parish poor box located at the narthex. Proceeds help the needy people in our area. "Give alms and everything will be clean for you" (Lk 11:41).

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday March 9, at 7:30 pm. Rosary in the Church at 7pm, all parishioners are welcome to attend the Rosary!!

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST: will be on March 1st after the 7 am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARISH CELEBRATION!!!: March 14th in Our Lady of Victory Hall at 6:30 pm until 11:00 pm. The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parish Celebration!!! SEE BLURB IN BULLETIN FOR TICKET INFO

FYI, 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED: Please help us continue to help the Parish, community and our Faith!!! If you have been away awhile and not paid dues, please send me an email and we can work with you. Don't let that be the reason you are not an active Knight!!

WHY ARE YOU A KNIGHT? Be more than a Knight in name only. Contact GK Scott Grimard and tell me what it would take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/knights11136/

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. Discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Scott Grimard or Chancellor Rae Edmonson (raedmons@gmail.com) or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine.

May God bless you!

Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE)

Your council will continue each month (the first weekend) when passing out our donation bags will also be collecting cash, checks (made out to St Francis Council 11136) and "Food Lion" gift cards to provide to the food bank so they can buy milk and eggs. Unfortunately the food bank can only accept "Food Lion" gift cards. Also please continue to provide donated food items the second weekend of the month. The food bank continues to need everyone's support!! Thank you again for your generosity!!

DIVINE MERCY SAID: "I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (St. Faustina Diary, 186 and 187)

Cooke Tavern Soups

Our American Heritage Girls VATroop 0962 will again be selling delicious Cooke Tavern Soups after all Masses on February 22nd & 23rd and March 6th & 7th in the Narthex. The soup mixes are preservative-free, salt-free, and non-GMO, and are made from all natural ingredients. Many of them are gluten free as well. They are wonderful to have on hand during Lent, and make great gifts! Prices are \$8 each, or consider purchasing a cost saving bundle of 4 for \$30. Cash or Checks are accepted after Masses. The soups may also be purchased at the Fish Fry Fridays Mar 13th and 20th. You may also place orders through individual Troop members. Contact vicetroop0962@gmail.com with any additional questions. Thanks for supporting our Troop, and our Parish!

VBS Mark Your Calendars!

This summer's VBS will take us on an exciting adventure with Moses, and God's people, the Israelites. Mark your calendars for **July 6-10, 9am-12noon.**

We hope all of our 'veteran' volunteers will return, and we welcome new volunteers! Please contact the RE office at re@saintfrancisparish.org for more information. Youth volunteer positions fill up fast so start planning on it!

If you are a returning volunteer and would like the same spot as last year or would like to try a new one, be sure to let us know so we can save your spot! Camper registration begins May 1.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

formed.org/lent
free access to FORMED videos

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EPISODES

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