

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT      DECEMBER 19, 2021



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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 Masses

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

## Daily Masses

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 10:30am; 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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"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" - Luke 1:42-43

## Christmas Schedule

### CHRISTMAS EVE - VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

(please note, no 12noon pm Christmas Eve)

5pm - Vigil Mass

5:10pm Vigil Mass Overflow Mass (Our Lady of Victory Hall)

8pm - Vigil Mass

10:30pm - Night Mass

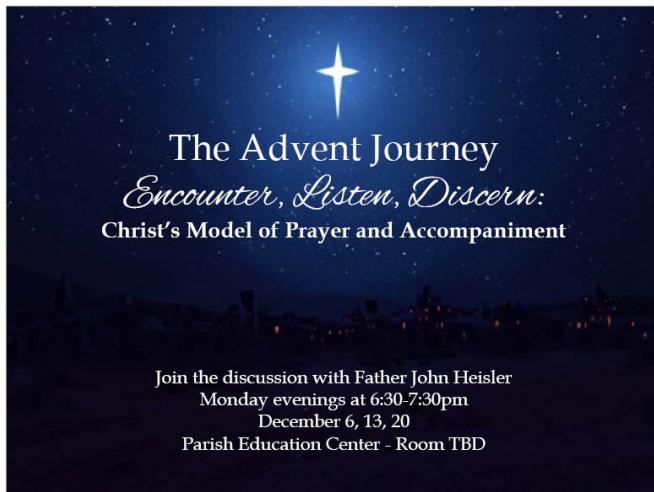
### CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

5:30pm - 'orphan' Mass

### INDIVIDUAL ADVENT CONFESSIONS

7pm each weeknight during Advent



## Readings for the Week

Sun.: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Mon: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tue: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thu: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Fri: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Sat: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Dec. 18

9:00 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

+ Michael Konopa

Saturday, Dec. 18

5:00 pm

*Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*

+ John Wieliczko

Sunday, Dec. 19

7:00 am

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

+ Alma C. Samonte Conty

8:30 am

Kathryn and Evelyn Caro

10:30 am

+ John McCarthy

12:15 pm

People of the Parish

5:30 pm

+ Anthony and Connie Taffuri

Monday, Dec. 20

6:30 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

+ Departed Souls of Legion of

Mary Members

+ Walter Sears

8:30 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

Tuesday, Dec. 21

6:30 am

+ Gert Boisseau

8:30 am

+ Helen Donovan

Wed., Dec. 22

6:30 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

+ Irene Anderson

8:30 am

Maureen Caulfield

Thursday, Dec. 23

6:30 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

+ E. Irene Hon

8:30 am

Maralan O'Neil

Friday, Dec. 24

6:30 am

*Late Advent Weekday*

+ Alice Gould

Friday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm

*Vigil: Nativity of the Lord*

+ Neda "Ginger" Grimard

5:10 pm

+ Baby Francis

8:00 pm

Lois Gallagher

10:30 pm

Pedro and Marta JuanPere

Saturday, Dec. 25

8:30 am

*Nativity of the Lord*

The Beatty Family

10:30 am

+ John Bischoff, Jr.

12:15 pm

+ Mary Sue Couser

5:30 pm

+ Alice Gould

Sunday, Dec. 26

7:00 am

*The Holy Family of Jesus,*

*Mary and Joseph*

8:30 am

Joey Dunn

10:30 am

Christina Lopez and Jesus

12:15 pm

Plaza

5:30 pm

+ Surak Family

+ Martin Jachts

People of the Parish

## This Week

Mon., Dec. 20

RCIA 7pm, Room 107

Tue., Dec. 21

Advent Journey 6:30pm, OLVH

Wed., Dec. 22

Hispanic Legion of Mary 7:15pm,

Library

Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm,

Chapel

Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal

7pm

OLVH = Our Lady of Victory Hall (gym) Parish Educa-

Dear Folks,

On behalf of Fr. Heisler and myself we wish, and pray, you have a merry Christmas. God bless one and all. As the old saying goes, "We hope you get you want and want what you get." Let us start with the Baby in a manger. Have a good week.

Many thanks go out to those who are giving to the parish reduction of the debt program, honoring the 100th anniversary of the parish. So many years with so many generations pointing to the Lord in the Eucharist and honoring Him with lives set with sacraments and devotions holding us together. Thank you one and all. God bless you and yours.

Though I am writing this letter two weeks early for the benefit of the printers who would like to catch a little break before the holidays, I can not help but remember the little elves of the parish setting up the Christmas decorations. Those efforts will take place day following this Sunday Bulletin Letter...set for Monday December 20th. The Knights already set up the outside manger several weeks ago, just waiting for the arrival of the baby Jesus. I enjoy seeing the little one trying to crawl into the manger where the statues are about their same size. God bless them one and all.

And lastly, I want to thank the many many people who made it to Confession during Advent. I myself have to sneak down to the Trappist monastery and get my wings dusted. Such a blessing to have the monks so close and convenient. Plus... they sell great fruit cakes. The very best.

Welcome home to the collegians after their semester exams. I know they have to be very very tired. May they enjoy a healthy rest for the holiday season. God bless them as, in so many ways, they are the hope for the future. I don't know if you have noticed... this is the first Christmas in your life... where our country is not involved in a war. Rather refreshing.

In closing, I leave the great students a Christmas poem from, "The Other Wiseman" by Henry Van Dyke. (You can find it on the internet). It fits for the collegian who comes home late in Advent to seek the Baby Jesus.

*"Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,  
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;  
While he who walks in love may wander far,  
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are."*

Merry Christmas to one and all.

**Collegiate Answer:** St. Nicholas, model for Santa Claus, hailed from Armenia in the fourth century and provide monies for a poor family whose three daughters could not be married until they had dowry. At the council of Nicea in 325 the generous, but also irascible bishop punched the heretic known as Arius. Arius was a priest who denied the divinity of Christ. His heresy filled the eastern districts of the Church, except the diocese guided by St. Nicholas.

**Collegiate Question:** Who was the first Convert in the New World who had a vision of Mary and would later be proclaimed a saint. Allow a hint... he was born eighteen years before Columbus discovered America. Good hunting.



Welcome to the Family!  
The following new parishioners were baptized during the months of September, October, and November

**Scarlett Anne**

daughter of Jeffrey and Maureen Chambers

**Cora Rose**

daughter of Robert and Alyssa Casanova

**Calla Diane**

daughter of Andrew and Caitlin Smith

**Derrick Mason**

son of Joseph and Emma Swehla

**Nora Louise**

daughter of Grover and Kaley Corcoran

**Leonidas Joshua**

son of Douglas and Brigid Hohfelder

**Andrew James**

son of Travis and Michelle Haney

**Emma Ann McHugh**

daughter of Michael and Kimberly McHugh

**Cora Grace and Kenneth Lee**

daughter and son of Kenneth and Sarah Morelands

**Scarlett Abigail**

daughter of Daniel and Stefanie Lane

**Isaac Thomas**

son of Christopher and Erin Letts

**Noah Patrick**

son of Christopher and Kimberley Dolan

**Jaxon Francis**

son of Jake and Lauren Shively

### **Our thoughts and prayers are with ...**

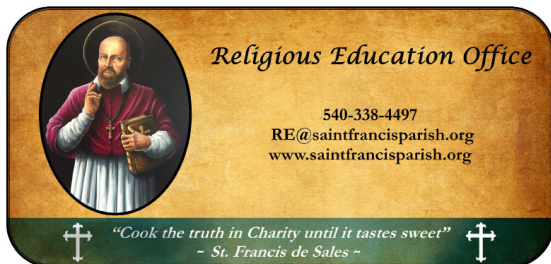


**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen Beard, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ 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

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timotha Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Nancy Eastman, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos

**The Deceased:** Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker, Estela Fitzgerald, Robert Cote, Thomas McGorry, Mary Sue Couser, Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggie, Joseph Kerns, Ginger Grimard, Carol Curto, Jerome Miles, Stephen Miller, Terry McCracken, Alice Gould





Dear Parents,

Where has 2021 gone? The last week of Advent has already arrived, and I hope your family's preparation for Christmas has been happy, healthy and holy!

For those children who attend classes on weekdays, we've continued our tradition of praying a decade of the Rosary in the church at the beginning of the session. Additionally, we lit the Advent wreath and sang "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" in anticipation of the Christmas season. Please remember that parents are always welcomed and encouraged to join us for prayer at the beginning of classes.

Also, a note to parents that there is no need to stay in your cold cars during religious education classes. I apologize that it's taken a while to get organized but, going forward, we will have hot coffee/tea (and maybe even some snacks!) available in the library during all class sessions. Please feel free to join other parents in our warm building while waiting for your children. There is a small children's bookshelf, and we'll have toys set up in the gym for your little ones, when possible.

We take a break from our regular classroom instruction for a few weeks; classes resume on January 2, 3 and 5.

I pray that all your Christmas celebrations will be filled with Christ's joy and peace, and that 2021 will be blessed for us all...

With prayers for all,  
 Kim

**Parents of Children Preparing for Sacraments this Year:** If you were unable to attend the previously scheduled First Communion and Confirmation parent meetings, please call our office as soon as possible. If your child attends a Catholic school (or receives catechesis outside of our program) please make sure to register with the religious education office so you will receive relevant correspondence about meetings and other important sacrament news.

**Please remember our policy for picking up children early from class:** If you need to pick up your child from class early, please bring your child (or send a note with your child) to the office at the beginning of the session, or after prayer in the church to get a pass. The catechist will dismiss your child to the office at the agreed-upon time, where you can pick up your child. Thank you for helping us avoid too much distraction during instruction time, keep your children safe, and ensure our attendance records are accurate!

**Cell Phone Policy:** Parents, please remind your children about the Diocesan policy that cell phones are not permitted during class time in the Education Center, or during any religious education special event or retreat. If a child does carry a cell phone for safety purposes, they will be asked to turn it in to catechists at the beginning of class time. Cell phones may be retrieved when parents pick up their child at dismissal.

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

**YOUTH NIGHT** – All high schoolers are invited to join us every Sunday evening for Youth Night! We meet 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 213 of the Education Center. Come ready to meet other teens, dive deeper into your faith, and grow closer to Jesus. ALL are welcome, bring your friends! Masks are required at Youth Night

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text @sfdsteens to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St.FrancisYouth* for event updates and announcements.

**Good Shepherd School** is a Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children preschool through 8th grade in Purcellville. Our 2022-23 Admissions Season has begun, we are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 academic year.



**SFDS MOM'S GROUP**  
 Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Join us for playdates and adult outings! Email Elise Daniel at [eliseamyx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamyx@gmail.com) for information on upcoming dates.

**Religious Education Calendar**  
**NO CLASSES WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 & 26**  
**CLASSES RESUME WEEK OF JANUARY 2**

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**FREE THROW CONTEST** The Knights will host the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest on Monday, January 17, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The contest will be staged in Our Lady of Victory Hall. See blurb below.

**SWEATS FOR VETS:** The Sweats for Vets drive continues through December, so please donate brand new sweat suits, or socks, in the Sweats for Vets donation box in the Narthex. All sweats/socks donated to Veterans.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DATE CHANGE:** The annual Knights' Christmas Party date has been changed to January 15, 2022. Watch for announcements.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING - DECEMBER 27** - The next Officers' Planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 27. The rosary starts at 7 pm in the chapel and the meeting in Knight's Hall, at 7:30 pm.

**BECOME ACTIVE AS A KNIGHT** In this Fraternal Year, we ask all Knights to volunteer for activities which the Council will sponsor. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action" in the new Fraternal Year, namely, in program areas of FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Please contact Chris Miller, Grand Knight, for more information at [Knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com).

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The 2022 Knights of Columbus  
**FREE THROW CONTEST**  
Monday, January 17 2022 at 9am  
("Martin Luther King Jr Day")  
Our Lady of Victory Hall

Open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2022. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in the Religious Education office or can be requested by emailing [lacham@comcast.net](mailto:lacham@comcast.net). A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form to Leejay Acham [lacham@comcast.net](mailto:lacham@comcast.net) or drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the RE office no later than Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5pm. No walk-ins will be accepted. Winners will advance to the District level competition on Presidents Day Holiday in February anticipated to be at St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn.

## Altar Flower Dedication

An anonymous donor has generously donated the altar flowers in loving memory of Daniel McGinnis



Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one? Contact Amy Harrison, email [a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org) or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

### TMIY! That Man Is You Men's Group



Meets Wednesday Evening OR Saturday Morning  
in Our Lady of Victory Hall

All Men welcome!

WEDNESDAY EVENING 7 TO 9 PM

Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion

OR

SATURDAY MORNING: 6:30 AM - 8 AM

Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion

Come check us out!

### In Memory of Mrs. Alice Gould

Many have been asking how they can honor Alice Gould. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI; the Benedictine Sisters of the Abbey of St. Walburga in Virginia Dale, CO; or the Poor Clares in Alexandria, VA.

American Heritage Girls  
Troop VA0962 &  
CHRSM present...

SFds 5th Annual

FATHER  
daughter  
DANCE

Sat Jan 29, 2022 6pm

Tickets: \$10 per girl (dads are no charge)  
On sale through AHG (Kyung) and CHRSM (Annie Hall)  
Or email: [troopva0962@gmail.com](mailto:troopva0962@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets

*Ticket sales are limited to 200. Last year we sold out and were not able to sell tickets at the door.*

Reserve your spot now for this beautiful night!

### Holy Father Prayer Intentions December 2021

#### Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Parish Homeless Ministry

“Make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight” Mark1:3



- **St. Francis parishioners are so generous! Thank you for all your donations of time and talent to feed the hungry!**
- A special thanks to all those who donated to the Leesburg Shelter Christmas Party, including: Santa and elves, Rich and Kathy Borowski, Jennifer and Neil Dize – and the helping Heros, the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students, and many others who contributed. What a wonderful effort!
- We are delighted to be working with the **St. Francis Knights of Columbus** to distribute coats to homeless in our area.
- The **Blessing Bag** event is now scheduled for January. Please stay tuned for more details.

Please join us in prayer or 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 [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)
- Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedrobinson@gmail.com)



The Advent Giving Tree is Here! Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return the NEW, UNWRAPPED item with tag attached under the tree BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19! Gift cards

can be placed in the basket on the tree, left in the poor box or in the office. We will deliver the gifts to Birthright, Catholic Charities, the Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter, the Leesburg Homeless Shelter, Mobile Hope and needy families within our parish and community, as well as the Veteran’s Hospital in Martinsburg. Thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need! If you have any questions, please contact Erin Bucci at [buccierin@comcast.net](mailto:buccierin@comcast.net).

**Dinner & Concert** St. James is hosting a dinner social and concert on Thursday, Dec. 30 from 5 to 8 pm. with the Appalachian Chamber Music Festival – winter residency. Selections include Corelli’s Christmas Concerto and excerpts from Bach’s beloved Christmas Oratorio. Tickets are \$12 (U 18) and \$23. St. James Catholic Church, 49 Crosswinds Dr., Charles Town, WV. See [www.appalachianchamber.org](http://www.appalachianchamber.org) for tickets and more details.

## WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

Mens and Women's Bible Study: Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls, will start on January 17, 2022. We will meet on Monday Mornings 10-11:30 AM, for 8 weeks, at the Education Center in room #206. Come embark on this journey with us that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the Mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. We will discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods, especially at her most famous apparitions. See the maternal care she has given to humanity and the battle she has waged against the evil one. Learn how she pursues us in love and discover how, from the very beginning, she was destined to be the Queen of Heaven. There are so many benefits to studies like this one. Many of us have a desire to grow closer to God and these study groups provide a structured, scheduled time to refocus our lives on Our Lord. If you have been searching for a meaningful encounter with Our Heavenly Mother, I urge you to consider taking this study. If you are interested, please email [Jeane Lamana at jeannelamana@gmail.com](mailto:jeannelamana@gmail.com) to register and receive further info.



JOIN US FOR THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE  
Washington, D.C.  
January 21, 2022  
More information to come!

## Gift for Life Gabriel Project & Project Rachel Campaigns

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: “The genuine love and support from the Project Rachel retreat has enabled me to let go of my anger and deep pain from my abortion. I am like a new person who has left the darkness and entered the light.” Gabriel Project helps pregnant women with long or short-term needs by offering assistance at the parish level. For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

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

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:  
866-444-3553 or  
[info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)



# 100 Years of Faith

Thank you to all who have already submitted your "100 Years of Faith" Commitment Card! So far, we have heard from 20% of our Saint Francis de Sales families. Our goal is 100% participation from our parish community. Even if you are unable to make a financial contribution to Saint Francis de Sales at this time, we encourage you to complete a Commitment Card for the purpose of updating our records. We want to have your most up-to-date information on file so we can stay in touch with you!

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Parish Giving

Please log onto our website to sign up for our electronic giving program.

Your consistent stewardship is appreciated during this joyous time and throughout the year.

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.



<http://www.saintfrancisparish.org>

Thank you

## Daily Advent Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray

Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas.

Sign up for free at [DAILY.FORMED.ORG](http://DAILY.FORMED.ORG)

## What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book, *The True Meaning of Christmas*, available on CatholicMarket.

Featured on FORMED every day of Advent

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## WOMEN'S COUNCIL CORNER



Did You Have a Baby in November? Are You Expecting a Baby in December? If so, contact us so that we can find the **NEWEST PARISHIONER** born before the end of 2021! We would like to include you in our 100th Anniversary **TIME CAPSULE**. Email your name and due date to [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) so we can stay on top of your special arrival! Please respond by 12/26 to be in consideration. Thank you!

- We will be sending out a SignUpGenius to meet the needs of **two families whom we are adopting this Advent season!** Keep a lookout for that in your e-mail so that you can donate an item. We will be collecting the items on Friday, December 17th in the Knights' Hall - time to be determined.
- Our next gathering will be Monday January 3, from 6:30-8:30pm. Location Corcoran Vineyard, 14635 Corkys Farm Lane, Waterford. This will be a double celebratory event. Are you a **woman of the parish with a birthday in January?** If so, we'd like to raise a glass and piece of cake to celebrate your birthday! Also come for a **White Elephant Re-Gift Exchange** since it'll still be Christmas. Did you receive another coffee mug? Or a candle that just isn't your type? Bring your wrapped Re-Gift and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

## MOMS GROUP BOOK CLUB

The SFDS Moms group is hosting a book study open to all women in the parish. Katie Beatty will lead discussion on Anti-Mary Exposed by Carrie Gress, 9:30 - 11am on Fridays beginning 12/10. Childcare will be provided. If you'd like to register for the study or get on the moms group email list, please email Elise Daniel at [eliseamyx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamyx@gmail.com).



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