

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 30, 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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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

- Mt 13:44

Legion of Mary

Do you want to grow in holiness? Do you want to deepen your prayer life? The join the Legion of Mary, a lay apostolate that can help you pray daily. We meet once a week for prayer, spiritual readings, and discussion. Sign-up at the Legion of Mary table in the narthex. An informational meeting will be held in August and a recruitment drive in September.

John Fimmuchime MONDAY from 7-8 pm in the chapel

July 31- The Acts of the Apostles - Christianity Today

Father John Heisler - BRING A CHAIR FOR THE PATIO! (Knights Hall in event of rain)

August 1 – "A cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience" Teachings of St. Francis de Sales

August 8 – St Elizabeth of the Trinity – lessons from a new saint

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

ANNUAL MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN APPEAL

On August 12/13, our second collection will support Banica. Please go to arlingtonmissions.org/diocese-of-arlington-banica-mission/ to find out more about their ministry. If you would like to donate to their efforts click the link at the bottom on their webpage. Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries!

This Week

Sun., July 30	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH
Mon., July 31	<u>Seminarian Talk</u> 7pm, Room 107
Tue., Aug. 1	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH
	<u>Fr. Heisler Talk</u> 7pm, patio
Wed., Aug. 2	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Knights Hall
	<u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., Aug. 4	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., July 29

9:00 am

Sat., July 29

5:00 pm

Sun., July 30

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., July 31

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Aug. 1

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Aug. 2

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Aug. 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., Aug. 4

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Aug. 5

9:00 am

Sat., Aug. 5

5:00 pm

Sun., Aug. 6

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

+ Tim McKinney

Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Floyd Scott Wooddell

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Kathleen Norconk

Andrew and Colleen Heironimus

People of the Parish

+ Warren Hamerman

Karen Santorum

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Special Intention

The marriage of John and Jane Marie Davis

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Michael Harill

+ Helen Dwyer

Weekday

Donald and Monica Murray

+ Dana Semmes

Weekday

+ James and Rose Lippert

+ Gloria Hosford

Saint John Vianney

+ James and Rose Lippert

+ Jim Mark Gallagher

Weekday

Ron Mentzer

Vigil: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Christopher Brown

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Ed Corcoran

Brenda Acham

Victoria and Dominic Corcoran and family

People of the Parish

+ Francesca DiBenedetto

Readings for the Week

Sun:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Mon:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tue:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wed:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thu:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Sat:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Dear Folks,

Today sets our Summer Vacation at the Mid-point. Maybe a little more but who is fussy? There are folks yet to slip away to the beach or mountains. Others will be off to the relatives by flight or drive. Whatever the case may be... let one and all have a great time. You deserve it. But, and there is always a "but," please enjoy the quiet before the storm.



"Storm?" Storms, far from being anomalies, are quite the rage in the civilized world. Stormy weather, though incredibly hot now may well play out in violent hurricanes and tornadoes with the encroachment of the cooler winds of Fall. Political storms, with the coming election year, rise ever before us. In the old days they were measured in sequences of four years now, with the sexual/perversion agendas imposed on the school district classrooms they run the with the school calendars.

Add on all the racial, cultural, and religious storms as man's little terrible response the creation, redemption, and sanctification of God. Rife with multiple levels of anger, anxiety, and indifference. Again, enjoy the quiet before the storm.

Bon Voyage to the collegians who will soon leave us. God bless you in your studies. Please send me your E-Mail addresses and I will add you to my weekly collegiate letter. Always remember we have the parish website (saintFrancisParish.org) connected to the live cameral feed... so you can check in to see if your parents are still going to Church. Enjoy to campus ministry programs and tell the chaplains you are from St. Francis De Sales in Purcellville... the foreign missions of the Arlington Diocese. Ha! Ha! Ha!

Before any of you leave home for school, the military, or work away from the area please take something from your mother or father. A shirt or sweater. A statue or crucifix. Never forget the people back home. They, like all of us, are very proud of your good work. Make a difference.

Please remember to bring your old rosaries to the church and leave them in the front foyer each Sunday so others can make use of them. When I say, let us pray for one another let us remember those who offered their rosaries.

At the current time we will start our Pilgrim Virgin Statue on her weekly family visits. At present we have a list of eight families who have requested her for a week. Let the family and friends join in a nightly rosary... or decade of the rosary. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue helps to remind us that the family is the little Church displaying the same four marks of

the great church. One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. As Fr. Patrick would say to our grandparents... "The family that prays together stays together." If you would like her for a week please call Mrs. Leslie Sheldon at the parish office. God bless one and all. Let us pray for one another.

And last but not least, one of my favorite stories. It is offered in honor of three parishioners who are baseball players in the local Babe Ruth league... Gabriel Galdo, Matthew Sweeney, and Andrew Woodley. Rather than risk my offending any copywrite laws by inserting a story on the only Catholic priest to play in a professional baseball game I will give you the website. This is one of my absolute favorite stories. Please enjoy. www.ncregister.com/cna/father-allan-travers-the-one-game-pitcher-who-might-have-saved-the-detroit-tigers

Collegiate Question: Bishop John R. Keating, from the North Side of Chicago was a great baseball player in his youth and played on the team that went to the National Playoffs. The bishop's sports compatriot living in Northern Virginia, several years prior to Keating's victory, also won the national playoff. He was from North Dakota and would later become the president of George Mason University. Who was the player from North Dakota?

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

The Deceased: Judith Miller, Jean Young, Colette Baine, 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

JOIN FATHER GOULD ON A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Sunday, November 26 - Tuesday, December 5
Details coming!!

JMJTours.com

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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

THANK YOU to our VBS campers and parents who participated in the mission this year with Mobile Hope. Campers donated items for children who are precariously housed throughout Loudoun County. Hundreds and hundreds of items from toothpaste and coloring books to blankets and water bottles were organized into "comfort bags" by our God Squad youth team and will be presented to Mobile Hope.

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.

NOW OPEN!
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
5 to 6:15 pm
Grades 6-8 (pending enrollment)

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.

Sacrament preparation is a two-year process. All children preparing for sacraments: Communion 1 & 2 (1st and 2nd grade), Confirmation 1 & 2 (7th and 8th grade), RCIC and RCIT are asked to attend classes in person. The homeschooling option is only available under extreme circumstances, with the approval of the Director of Religious Education and Father Gould.



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! There is no Youth Night July 23rd. Our next Youth Night is Sunday, July 30th.

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, painting, and small construction projects. Please reach out to Lindsay Glass so God Squad can help you out! l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

Dear God Squad Members,

Thank you for your most joyful and cheerful help in attending to my foundation beds. The house hasn't looked so well cared for since my husband passed away. You all accomplished in your two days what I hadn't been able to accomplish in a year and a half. The shed is more accessible too, now that the bikes are hung.

I am most humbled and most grateful to have been blessed by you young folks, and much edified and encouraged as well. Thank you!!!

May Our Lord and Our Lady bless you abundantly now and forever!!!

Most Gratefully,

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller

Middle School

RIISING 6th-8th GRADERS! 3-9pm
each day. Sign-up forms are at saintfrancisparish.org under Youth Ministry. Return Registration form, Permission form, and payment to the Youth or Parish Office ASAP



—THIS WEEK ON— **FORMED**

Be sure to check out "This week on FORMED" for the latest content and video series. Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
watch.formed.org.

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.

PARKING AT LOUDOUN COUNTY FAIR. We are supporting the Loudoun County Fair again this year with the Parking Detail on Friday 28 July and Saturday 29 July. The sign-up genius link is www.signup-genius.com/go/8050C4BA4A92FA6FA7-loudoun1. This is a significant fund raiser for our council; fundraising events like this provide the resources needed for the council's many activities supporting charitable causes, Faith building activities, and community events. Please come sign up for a shift; family members are welcome to support as well. Br Kenny Jenkins is our lead, please contact him with any questions (kenny.jenkins@onedayfarm.com). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to support this fundraising opportunity.

Did You Know? In the late 19th century, Connecticut was marked by growing anti-Catholic prejudice and dangerous factory working conditions that left many families fatherless. Recognizing a need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies antithetical to Church teaching, uniting Catholic men and helping families of deceased members.

To demonstrate their loyalty to their country as well as their faith, these men took Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America — as their patron.

In addition to the Order's benefits, Catholic men were drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's Church,

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

COMING SOON: CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

The immensely popular Denver Catholic Biblical School was launched in our diocese for the first time in 2020 and is now coming here to St. Francis de Sales on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 6:30pm starting on Sept 13. St. Jerome famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ," so don't miss out on this opportunity to better understand Scripture. Pick up a brochure at the parish for the full list of all upcoming information sessions and attend any one of them! For more information please visit, CatholicBiblicalSchoolVA.org or call 540.808.2736 (ext. 406).

OCIA— 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.

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/

Military Tribute and Prayers



Please help us expand our Saint Francis de Sales parish tribute to our military by sending us your prayer requests for active military members — send in name and branch of service.

In addition, we are so blessed with many military veterans at SFDS and we want to honor them as well — send us your name and branch to Team McRoberts at BMcRoberts13@gmail.com or text to 703.727.9613.

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 August 10th; meal delivered and served August 12th.
- **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: 55lbs
GOAL: 1200 lbs

"I give permission to use this photo"

Women's Council Corner

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17



Next Social Event - Escape Room Adventure

Monday, August 7th, 6:30pm
Escape Room Loco, Leesburg

Feeling trapped? Try your hand at an escape room with us! Work as a team with the ladies

of St. Francis to escape a room by solving a series of realistic brainteasers in 60 mins or less. Light dinner and drinks will be provided; \$30 per person. RSVP on our website today!

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.

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 believers" 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 July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

What Greater Gift Can You Give?

When someone passes away, extend them a Plenary Indulgence. It is so easy. If you received Communion daily, went to Confession monthly, and fulfilled the conditions stated below, you could release a soul to heaven everyday of your life. There is an army of souls in purgatory ready to help you. If you help them, they are especially anxious to help you. They cannot help themselves. Those who are released by your prayers and sacrifices are indebted to you and full of gratitude. They will be your prayer partners forever.

Conditions for a Plenary Indulgence:

Be in the state of grace. Receive Communion each time a plenary indulgence is sought. Go to Confession within 20 days before or after doing the prescribed work. Have a disposition of Catholicism detachment of sin, even venial sin. Pray for the intentions of the Pope, preferably one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary". Have at least a general intention to gain a plenary indulgence. Fulfill one of the following:

At least a 1/2 hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- or family or group Rosary

- or private Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

- or at least a 1/2 hour of pious reading of Sacred Scripture

- or walking the Stations of the Cross in a church or with properly erected display of the Stations.

For more information on Purgatory, view the DVD

Purgatory The Forgotten Church.

Special Religious Development (SPRED)

A program designed to support and serve children with developmental disabilities and will be offered this fall at St. Francis de Sales Parish for the '23-'24 RE year.

The SPRED program invites those with disabilities to come together in a small faith community to discover God's presence in their lives and to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, based on individual levels of readiness. Children with Down Syndrome, Autism, and Learning Disabilities are welcome to join this group!

The program meets for 12 sessions on Saturday mornings (10 AM- 12 PM) throughout the year from September – April. During each session, the children, along with adult volunteers, participate in catechesis and joyful activities that include crafts, music, and spiritual lessons with connections to the Mass, scripture, and daily life. The ability to read is not a requirement as all projects and activities are designed to meet the needs of children at various levels of achievement.

The Religious Education Department is currently seeking volunteers to be Catechists (lead catechist, music catechist, arts and crafts catechist, meal/snack catechist), for SPRED. If you are over 18 years of age and interested in working with people with disabilities, please consider volunteering with the SPRED Program. You will receive far more than you can ever give! VIRTUS training is available this summer for anyone not yet trained.

Enrollment begins in July for elementary and middle school children, ages 6-12. For more information, please contact Diane Taylor, DRE, at (540)338-6381 or email at d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org.

Parish Giving is our online giving solution.

SIMPLICITY

Go to our parish website and click on the Parish Giving logo to register or log in. In addition to recurring contributions, donations can be made as a one-time or an unplanned gift.

SECURITY

Security is our top priority - sensitive account information is not stored and is never shared with a third party.

CONVENIENCE

Online giving provides the account holder the ability to have Sunday be about our faith. If sickness, travel or weather prevents attendance, your contributions will continue uninterrupted from your bank account or credit/debit card.

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THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

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