

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 18, 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

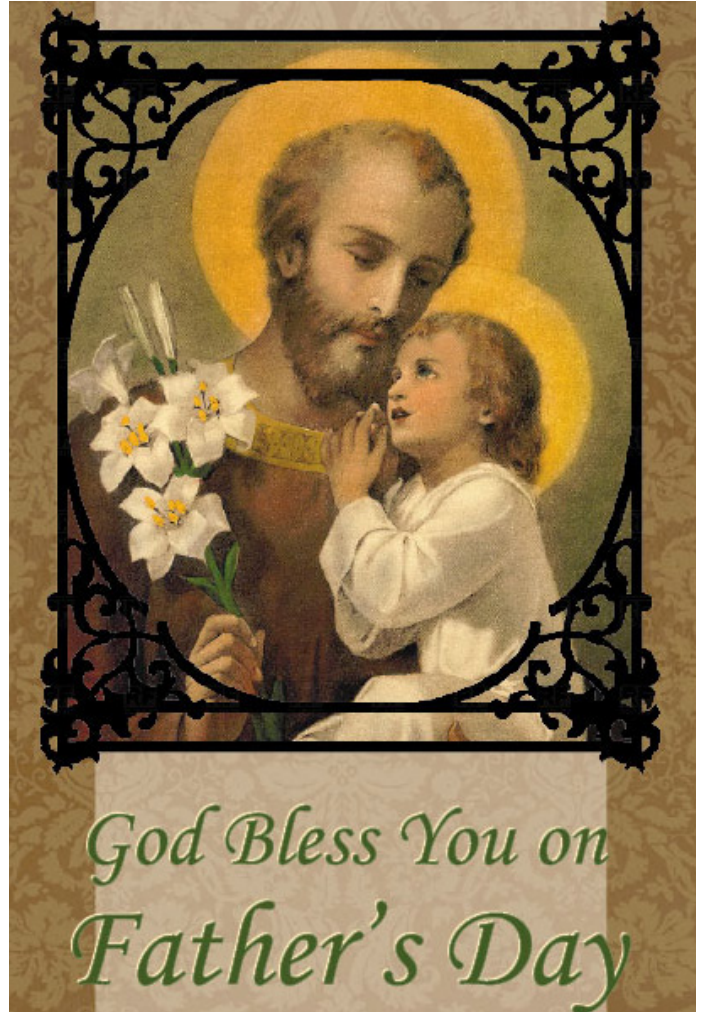
Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

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.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 18, 2023

"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

Summer Series on the Patio

Please join us on the patio this summer from 7-9 pm for talks with Father John Heisler

June 27 – **Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

July 11 – **Our Universal Call to Holiness (Vatican II)**

July 18 – **Living Liturgically**

July 25 – **The fruits of Lectio Divina Prayer**

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 – **"Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope"** Relationship with the Blessed Mother

Come meet and talk with our seminarian, John Fimmuchime from 7-8 pm

Room 107 in the Religious Education Building

June 26 – **Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles**

July 17- **Various themes of the Acts of the Apostles**

July 24- **The Acts of the Apostles - The Church and Sacraments**

July 31- **The Acts of the Apostles - Christianity Today**

Gift Shop open on Sunday, June 25 after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 masses.

Purchase a little something for a friend, or buy something for yourself.

Come see what we sell!

This Week

Sun., June 18	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30pm OLVH
Mon., June 19	<u>Women's Council Business Mtg.</u> 7:30pm-
Tue., June 20	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30pm OLVH
Wed., June 21	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Knights Hall <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., June 23	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel
Sat., June 24	<u>Compassionate Heart of Mary</u> 10am, Library

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., June 17

9:00 am

Sat., June 17

5:00 pm

Sun., June 18

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., June 19

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., June 20

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., June 21

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., June 22

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., June 23

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., June 24

9:00 am

Sat., June 24

5:00 pm

Sun., June 25

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sara Griffith

Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Mary Breiding

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Jack Burden

People of the Parish

+ Jerome Miles

+ Jack Burden

+ Donald and Ruth Heying

Weekday

Carol Ann Corcoran

Emma Pultro

Weekday

Rev. Mike Nugent

Sebastian Corcoran

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

+ Jack Burden

Sami Scanlon

Weekday

+ Donald A. Thompson

+ JoAnn Kamp

Weekday

+ Hans Joachim Englisch

Maralan O'Neil

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Jeremy and Sarah Jones

Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Robert and Marilyn Cote

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Corcoran

+ Alisa J. Acham

People of the Parish

Junior Altar Women's Society

+ Emilio and Lily Espinosa

Readings for the Week

Sun:	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36—10:8
Mon:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tue:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wed:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Fri:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Sat:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 8

Dear Folks,

Please allow for Louis Armstrong moment. Every year around graduation time there is a run on his lovely song, "What a wonderful World." The song, composed in 1967 and produced a year later was an oxymoron in the music industry and not well received in the USA. It was a revolutionary time for those focused on the Civil Rights Movement and Viet Nam War. With all of that came the soft voice of age and wisdom from the Jazz world... The great Sachmo, Louis Armstrong.



Please see column at right for the current high school graduates of the parish who have done so much in their service in the Liturgical life of the parish. Theirs has been a volatile experience not unlike the '60s. They are witness to the the Covid-19 lockdown; the rise and onslaught of the gender confusion... if not dysphoria. Theirs is the generation of incredible gun violence in schools where lockdowns are practiced. All the while, aware of the possibilities of global wars, drug and alcohol dependency; and perversions expressed on the internet. To them I say "Bravo!" Bring on the prophet lyrics of Louis Armstrong's, "What a Wonderful World." www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3yCcXgbKrE

Please remember a daily prayer for our young ones going off to the diocesan "Work Camp" this week. Our seminarian, John Fimmuchime, of Cameroon, will join the projects slated to take place around Winchester. He, the youngest of seven children, grew up on a farm and knows how to work with his hands. God bless him in his initiatives.

Fr. Heisler will be away on vacation this week and I will be deliver a retreat for the alumni from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. So, let everyone... stay healthy.

Speaking of initiatives, above, please know that John Fimmuchime will offer a four week seminar on the Acts of the Apostles, starting Monday June 26th at 7PM. The gathering will take place in room 107 of the education building. All are welcome and encouraged to join with John.

God bless one and all. Let us pray for one another.

Congratulations to Jonah Jimeno for completing his Eagle Scout Project for the church. Jonah created a brand new trail to provide access to the reflection garden behind the rectory from the parking lot. *"A big THANK YOU to Loudoun Milling for their generous donation of quality mulch and pea gravel in support of my Eagle Scout Project. They supplied all the mulch and pea gravel used to create a brand new trail from the parking lot to Mary's Garden behind the rectory. Please consider Loudoun Milling for your next landscaping project."* - Jonah Jimeno

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection

Today's second collection is for our diocesan retired priests on the weekend. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently there are 29 retired priests and an additional 18 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.

Senior Recognitions

The following seniors have faithfully served in the Liturgical Ministry of the parish:

Music Ministry

- Daniel Carroll - organist for five years, assisting at Masses and other liturgical functions.
- Douglas Chaplow - organist for five years, assisting at Masses and other liturgical functions.
- Dominic Smith - Cantor for five years, also volunteered for Vacation Bible School
- Margaret Owen - Cantor for two years, also volunteered for Vacation Bible School and was a Catechist Aide.

Lector Ministry

- Ra'Asia Uddin - has lectured this past year at the 8:30am and 5:30pm Masses, also volunteered for Vacation Bible School.

Altar Servers

- Ryan Sweeney - has served for ten years, also served as a Catechist aide.
- Patrick Orender - has served for nine years, also volunteered for Vacation Bible School, was a Catechist aide, served as an usher.
- Daniel Rietveld - has served for eight years.
- Chris Lauderback - has served for 11 years, also volunteered for the Joy of Life Ministry.

Junior Altar Women's Society (JAS)

- Mary Gutshall - has served for eight years, also volunteered for Vacation Bible School and Homeless Shelter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, 2nd LT Aleksandr Bissell, MAJ Andrew Cahan, USAF Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow, Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt, Christopher Largent, 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, Sam A. Mason, PV2 Brian McWilliams, 1st LT Caleb Magowan, Kenneth Kyle McWilliams, CPT Ross Mentzer, Kyle Minogue, Marine Nate Nelms, Kristin Ober, Marine Anthony Oliverio, Lcpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, John Pileulsley, Joe Pultro, CWO Jason Runner, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin, SSgt Marnie Wickman, A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White

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

The Deceased: 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, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert, Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall

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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

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

NOW OPEN!
Registration for Religious Education

Sunday 9 to 10:15 am

(Mass begins at 10:30, for families who would like to attend)

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
5:00 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.

We need YOU! Catechists, Classroom Assistants, Hall Monitors, and Substitutes, for the '23-'24 school year.

We are expanding the RE program and need more adult catechists! Please prayerfully consider joining our religious education team.

Current catechist openings in the following areas: kindergarten, 4th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade. We would love to have you! Contact the RE office.

**—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.



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. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Our next Youth Night is **Sunday, June 18th**. The theme for the evening will be The Beatitudes, and it will be led by young adult, Isabel Losinski!



Remember our 34 teen and adult WorkCampers in prayer as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in Frederick County, VA this week. An additional 21 adults will serve alongside us as security, homebase, and contractor volunteers. We are grateful for this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and thankful to our parish family for your tremendous support. Please pray for our safety and for the courage to carry out our mission to bring Jesus to those in need. All are welcome to meet us on the church steps just before the **5pm Mass on 6/17** as Fr. Gould provides us with a final blessing before our departure.

RIISING COLLEGE & TRANSFER STUDENTS

This is your last chance to join our group and head to St. Mark's in Vienna on **Wednesday, June 28th at 7pm**. Connect with other college students and Catholic Campus Ministries and get the tools you'll need to be an active disciple of Christ during college. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Check the Youth Ministry webpage for details saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/



RIISING 9TH-12TH GRADERS - Work at local job sites, engage with residents, and build friendships... enjoy games, food, music, Mass, Adoration, discussions, and more! **REGISTRATION FORMS** are on our Youth Ministry webpage. Return form and payment to Youth or Parish Office.

ADULT CREW LEADERS NEEDED - Adults (rising college and over), volunteer to be a team lead, assist at worksites, with games, small group discussions, or meals. **LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!**

**NOT
SUNDAY!**

MONDAY, June 26th 6:30-8:00pm

In the gym. Dinner will be provided.
Spread the word and bring a friend!

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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



### **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Go to [www.saintfrancisparish.org](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org)

Click on Youth Ministry and follow the links. Return forms and payment to the Youth or Parish Office.

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**HAPPY FATHERS DAY.** To all the Fathers in the St Francis Council and all the Fathers of St Francis de Sales Parish, I wish you a Happy Father's Day and God Bless you and your families today.

**COUNCIL MEETING.** Our next Officer meeting is Monday 26 June at 7:30 in the Knights Hall. We will continue the transition of the council officer team, and discuss events for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

**OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY** and PASS THE GAVEL PARTY. We will hold the installation of the Council Officers on Wednesday 5 July at 6:30 pm in the Church with the Pass the Gavel Party to follow.

**GOLDEN HELMET BASEBALL GAME.** The annual Golden Helmet Baseball game hosted by Special Olympics will be Saturday 8 July at Potomac Green Park in Ashburn. Game 1 begins at 9:00 am and Game 2 begins at 10:30 am. If you are interested in supporting our special athletes, please notify GK Jay Hallam.

**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 [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA4A92FA6FA7-loudoun1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA4A92FA6FA7-loudoun1). This is a significant fund raiser for our council, 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?** After the Great War, the Knights of Columbus continued its charitable work, offering education and employment services to returning servicemen. In less than two years, the Knights of Columbus Bureau of Employment placed some 100,000 people in jobs.

Throughout the 1920s, the Order's anti-defamation work continued. When the Ku Klux Klan and other "nativist" and anti-Catholic groups launched campaigns to make students attend public schools, Church leaders enlisted the Knights' support. The K of C Historical Commission, meanwhile, worked to overcome racial prejudice in American society, publishing books on the contributions of African-, Jewish-, and German-Americans.

All Catholic men are eligible to become Knight and it is easier than ever to process an application for membership, go to [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** It is easier than ever to process an application for membership, go to [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136. [Knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com);  
[www.facebook.com/knights11136/](http://www.facebook.com/knights11136/)

### SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here: [arlingtondiocese.org/email](http://arlingtondiocese.org/email).

**Are you a mother raising a child with special needs?** Would you like to fellowship with other women on the same journey? You're invited to the first annual Mom's Night on Wednesday, June 28th! Please join us on the patio of St. Francis de Sales Church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with light dinner provided. RSVP at [info@joyoflife.org](mailto:info@joyoflife.org). Can't wait to see you there!

### 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 [www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view](http://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view) 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

### 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/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/)

### Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

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)

## Homeless Ministry

Brothers and sisters, today let us implore this grace: to love Jesus in his abandonment and to love Jesus in the abandoned all around us. Let us ask for the grace to see and acknowledge the Lord who continues to cry out in them. May we not allow his voice to go unheard amid the deafening silence of indifference. God has not left us alone; let us care, then, for those who feel alone and abandoned. Then, and only then, will we be of one mind and heart with the one who, for our sake, "emptied himself" (Phil 2:7). He emptied himself completely for us. – Pope Francis, Palm Sunday Homily, 2023



Thank you to all those who participated by donating diaper bags to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in May. Our St. Francis Community was able to donate 16 diaper bags, blessings bags, and special gifts to homeless mothers along with our regularly scheduled meal.

- **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 July 8th; meal delivered and served June 10th.
- **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 June 21st; meal delivered and served June 22th.

*"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](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)
- Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedrobinson@gmail.com)

### Holy Father Prayer Intentions for June

#### For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

## Women's Council Corner

*"He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace.'" Luke 8:48*



### Funeral Reception Coordinator Wanted

We have a tremendous team to handle this very special task on short notice, but we need a team leader. If you could help we would be very appreciative! If interested, please email [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) so we can add you to our team!

**Next Planning Meeting** - Monday, June 26th  
6:30pm Rosary in the Chapel | 7pm Meeting in the Library.  
All women are invited to our business meeting where we plan our spectacular socials & special events and discuss current news. We welcome your ideas.



### Next Social Event - Topgolf Outing

Monday, July 10th, 7pm  
Topgolf Loudoun, Ashburn  
Ladies, it's time to par-tee! Join us for a fun night of golfing and socializing; no prior golf skills required! More details and signup information coming soon.

Happy Father's Day!

*"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family."*  
- St. John Paul II

Please check our website for more details on each event.

[saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)

New to the parish or not getting our emails?

Email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) to be added to our directory.



The Mother Teresa's Garden is seeking volunteers to help us with donating, volunteering & building a new garden fence. Do you have access to fence posts, wire or the ability to install it? Or are you able to help us financially with a donation to get these items? We need you!

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/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/)

*Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live & die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. Amen. ~Mother Teresa*



## 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](mailto:d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org).



## Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group

Saturday, June 24  
@ 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.

## 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.

## Parish Giving is our online giving solution.

### SIMPLICITY

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### SECURITY

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