

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2, 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

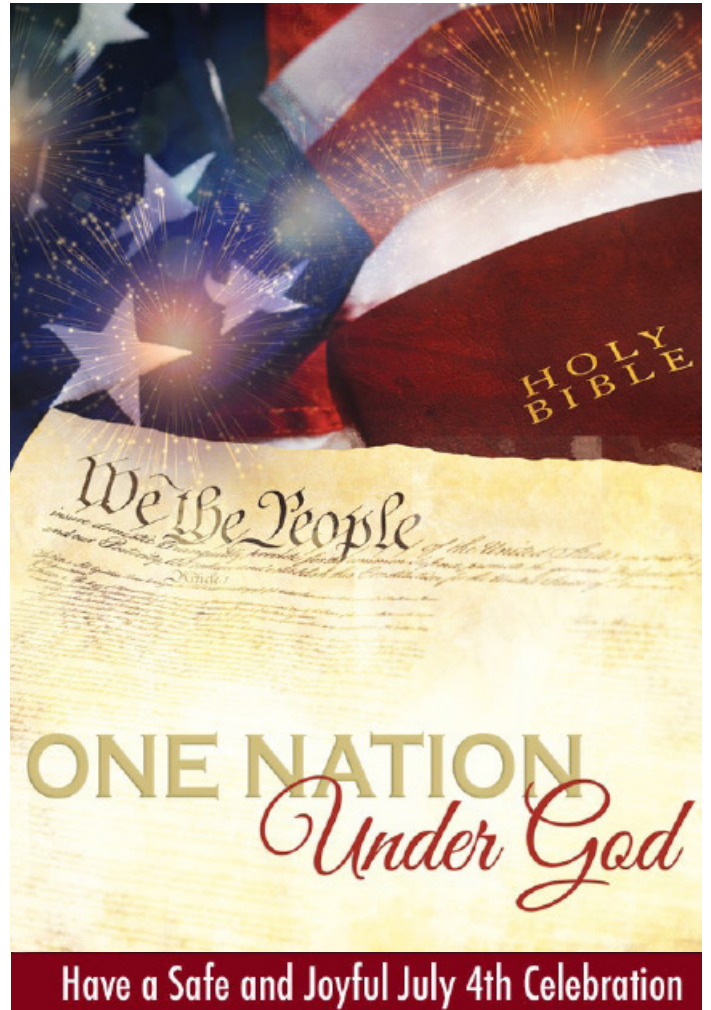
Saturday Vigil - 5pm  
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,  
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

## 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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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt. 10:42

### Summer Series on the Patio

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

Room 107 in the Religious Education Building

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

**Please join us on the patio this summer from 7-9 pm for talks with Father John Heisler - BRING A CHAIR FOR THE PATIO! (Knights Hall in event of rain)**

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

**The Parish Administration office and Religious Education office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in acknowledgement of the Independence Day holiday.**

### This Week

Sun., July 2	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30pm OLVH
Tue., July 4	<u>No Men's Basketball</u>
Wed., July 5	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Knights Hall
	<u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., July 7	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., July 1

9:00 am

Sat., July 1

5:00 pm

Sun., July 2

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., July 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., July 4

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., July 5

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., July 6

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., July 7

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., July 8

9:00 am

Sat., July 8

5:00 pm

Sun., July 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

### Weekday

+ Rev. Jerome Daly

**Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Walter Shearrow, Sr.

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eve Veronica Sylvester

+ Deceased members of the John and Bertha Miles family

+ Doris Szabo

People of the Parish

+ Travis Beckner

**Saint Thomas**

Rev. Zinjin Iglesia

Michael Gannon

**Weekday**

The Corcoran Family

+ John and Dee Krayak

**Weekday**

+ Jean Woodworth

+ Paul and Ann Miller

**Weekday**

Dave Krebs

+ Marlene Feuerstein

**Weekday**

+ Courtney Kampa

Kay Tewell

**Weekday**

+ Rev. Jerome Daly

**Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jane Elizabeth Hertz

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bill and Melanie Hildbold

+ John L. Acham

Hortensia Marrero

+ Jack Burden

People of the Parish



## Readings for the Week

Sun:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Mon:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Tue:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wed:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thu:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Fri:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Sat:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-1

Dear Folks,

It is the week before the Fourth and all is on the run. Welcome to those returning from Work Camp and adieu to those off on vacation. The parish becomes a whirlwind, and we are happy to see the vitality of life stretching from the pews to their return to us anew. Here is a closeout comment offered by Shahin and Maggie Uddin on their efforts with Team St. Francis De Sales, both young and old.  
*Father Gould,*



*We are immensely grateful to you for giving us the opportunity to serve the teens, the adult volunteers, and the entire parish as Stakeholders for Work Camp 2023. We were challenged by this role, and grew so much through the process of preparing our Work Camp team for this incredible week. We left St. Francis de Sales last Saturday with 24 teens and 9 adult crew leaders. We were truly humbled to witness the Lord work in their hearts this week, and to see them transformed by their encounters with Christ in so many ways (as you have heard recounted at the Masses this weekend). It has been a great joy to hear their heart's reflections, their daily observations, and their amazing aspirations to bring their renewed faith into their daily lives back home.*

*So many other adults - parishioners, contractors, security personnel, Homebase volunteers, and even members of the Diocesan Work Camp team itself - complimented many of our youth on their preparedness, their countenance, their attitudes, and their maturity. We also heard from many SFDS adults how impressed they were with the entire process the diocesan team put on, from the logistics to the detailed project instructions to the site coordination to Adoration with the Bishop to confession with more than 50 priests to the talk by China Briceno to the group rosary for everyone's intentions to the amazing ways the camp is designed to foster relationship - with Christ first and foremost and with our neighbor right after that. Additionally, we heard from several of the diocesan staff how impressed they were with the SFDS presence at Work Camp - not only in the number of youth and Adult Crew Leaders our parish sent, but also in the number of other volunteers who showed up ready and willing to joyfully serve as part of the Work Camp efforts.*

*We cannot thank you enough for giving us a front-row seat to witness the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of our youth, and we look forward with great anticipation to how that work continues in the life of our beloved parish. With grateful hearts,  
Shahin & Maggie*

And now, the rest of the story. With the inclement weather some projects remained unfinished and some our kids are going back for a day or two under the guise of the "God Squad." Casey and I will join them for the adventure.

Speaking of Adventures. Now is the time to reach out for new members on the parish Legion of Mary praesidium. Mrs. Kathleen Malone will continue to serve as president and I will serve as chaplain for the sacramental and spiritual services. On Saturday July 15th we will host an open house for the Legion. It will take place in the parish library, starting

at 10am. All are welcome to step up for the outreach programs that will embrace our shut-ins, residents in the nursing homes, and visitation to new parishioners. We will also host the weekly devotions to the Pilgrim Virgin of Mary. I leave you folks with some insights on the Legion of Mary.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legion\\_of\\_Mary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legion_of_Mary)

Hear ye, Hear ye, Fr. Heisler will host the annual altar boy training sessions. All boys from First Communion up to Seniors in High School are welcome to join us on the altar. Of course we will need new cassocks if the Boyko and Laud-erback brothers keep growing. These kids are starting to tower over Fr. Heisler and myself. Oh my heavens! The date for practice with the new kids will be emailed when the date is determined.

I am requesting manpower to help our VBS Drama team. Our two-woman team absolutely needs your help constructing the background sets for our upcoming camp. The need is great and the laborers are few (so far). PLEASE consider helping. Contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org). The building will take place Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings this upcoming week. Come whichever night you can. God bless them.

Let us pray for one another.



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

**William Stark**  
d. June 9, 2023

*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, 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





## St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

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

### **We need YOU!** **Catechists, Classroom Assistants, Hall Monitors, and Substitutes, for the 2023-'24 school year.**

We are expanding the RE program and need more adult catechists! 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**

(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 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.



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](http://watch.formed.org).



## High School

### **SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT**

ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most 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. New-comers and friends are always welcome! Our next Youth Night is Sunday, July 2nd. Mrs. Sheila Cowling will need lots of help pulling out the heavy set pieces for VBS. All hands on deck! Dinner and ice cream will be served!

*Thank you to everyone who supported our teens and adult volunteers at this year's Diocesan WorkCamp! God bless you for your generous prayers and donations. Items that were borrowed can be picked up from the Education Center.*

### **SHELTER COOKING & SERVING!**

**Monday, July 10th from 5-6:30pm-** Meet in the kitchen to cook for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter. We'll be cooking "Yummy, Easy, Southwest Cheesy Chicken". Let me know if you can make it!

**Tuesday, July 11th from 5-7pm-** Meet at the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter to serve dinner to the guests. Let me know if you can make it!



**RIISING 9TH-12TH GRADERS** - Work on a crew with other high schoolers at local job sites, engage with residents, and build friendships... enjoy games, food, music, Mass, Adoration, and more! Registration forms are on the parish homepage [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org). Return form and payment to Youth or Parish Office by 7/7 to get a t-shirt!

**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!**

### **REMIND**

High schoolers and parents, go to <https://remind.com/join/a4d636> or text @a4d636 to 81010 to receive text reminders and event updates.

## Middle School



**RIISING 6th-8th GRADERS!** 3-9pm each day. Sign-up forms are at [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org) under Youth Ministry. Return Registration form, Permission form, and payment to the Youth or Parish Office **by 7/17 to get a t-shirt.**

**HIGH SCHOOLERS NEEDED!** Volunteer to be a team lead and assist with games and small group discussions.

**TEXT CARLY SMITH (703-304-1122) IF YOU CAN HELP!**

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**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. Please RSVP to GKE Richard Vale or GK Jay Hallam at [gksf11136@gmail.com](mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com).

**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 GKE Richard Vale or GK Jay Hallam at [gksf11136@gmail.com](mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com).

**JULY COUNCIL MEETING.** The first council meeting of the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year will be on Monday 10 July in the Knights Hall at 7:30 pm.

**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 <https://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.

The history of the Knights of Columbus shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

All Catholic men are eligible to become Knight and it is easier than ever to process 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.

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

Below are the names of people along with the July date of their death from our parish since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead.

Edward Konchan, July 19, 2022  
Patrick Gaine, July 23, 2022  
Michael William Craig, July 5, 2022  
Ames Russell Smith, July 7, 2021  
Anna Marlene Berry, July 9, 2021  
Heather Marie Taylor, July 23, 2020  
Steven A. Domine, July 19, 2020  
Nancy Nolan Anderson, July 31, 2018  
Jon Paul Hink, July 22, 2017  
Richard Ralph, July 3, 2017  
David Heaslip, July 31, 2016  
Carl Woodland, July 27, 2013  
Noah Woodland, July 27, 2013  
Louise Meerholz, July 26, 2010  
Rodger Carducci, July 26, 2009  
Ruben Munoz, July 17, 2009  
Charlotte Burton, July 6, 2009  
Chase Harrison, July 16, 2008  
Edmund Hoffman, Sr., July 10, 2007  
Raymond B. Glennon, July 21, 2002  
James K. Garity, July 15, 2001  
Catherine McQueeney, July 24, 2000  
Mary E. Henry, July 12, 1999  
Donald A. Borst, July 27, 1999  
Emma S. Manzenrider, July 14, 1994  
Adrian P. Nagy, July 31, 1994  
Freida N. Chandler, July 14, 1992  
William Schoeb, July 28, 1992  
Michael F. Laing, July 26, 1986  
Paul R. Murphy, July 31, 1974

## 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).

## Upcoming Retreat At San Damiano Spiritual Life Center In Whitepost, VA

### Seniors Silent Retreat

Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our 'throwaway culture,' for those who are 'full of years,' to understand our place in the world -- and in our Church? Join Fr. John Riley, Spiritual Director at San Damiano, from **Friday-Sunday, July 21-23**, as we search the Scriptures, pray with Jesus in the Gospels, and consider the Crosses and the Consolations of Old Age. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further info or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.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 6th; meal delivered and served July 8th.
- **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 July 26th; meal delivered and served July 27th.

*"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 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.

## 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



### 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 Social Event - Topgolf Outing

Tuesday, July 11th, 7pm **new date**

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! RSVP on the website by July 4th. Discounted cost will be determined once final group size is set (approximately \$17). Food and beverages are available for purchase.

### Next Planning Meeting - Monday, July 17th

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](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).

## OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, July 18th, 7pm in Room 113

**ALL ARE INVITED to help plan for this festive event.**  
**Please come and share your ideas.**



**Vacation  
Bible  
School  
begins  
July 10**

We have 225 campers this year, and 150 youth and adult volunteers. Wow, what a turnout!! Please watch your emails on Friday for a detailed letter coming out with everything you need to know for the week. We look forward to seeing the everyone!! Please pray for a cool, rain-free week for our campers.

As Father Gould wrote in this Dear Folks column, we are in great need of people to help build the sets on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings after 6:30pm. Please join the team. We'll serve pizza!

## Help Parish Families with a Home-Cooked Meal

Are you available to occasionally bring a home-cooked meal to a family after the birth of a new baby, during medical recovery, or bereavement? Do you know of any expecting mothers or parishioners who could use a meal train? Please contact Kathryn Pultro at [kathryn.pultro@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.pultro@gmail.com) to sign up for the meal train email list or to set up a meal train for an individual or family in the parish.

## 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](mailto: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/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/) to fill out the form

## 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.

Did you notice something at St. Francis de Sales that needs cleaning, repair or maintenance? Our staff is hard at work maintaining our beautiful property. If you would like to make a suggestion, please direct all repairs and maintenance requests to our Facilities Manager, Tim McGinn at [t.mcginns@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:t.mcginns@saintfrancisparish.org) or give him a call at the parish office (540) 338-6381, x133.



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