

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 9, 2023



Honoring our graduates at the Baccalaureate Service, June 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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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:38

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

**Gift shop is open on Sunday, July 23 after
the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 masses.
Come shop with us!**

This Week

Sun., July 9	No Men's Basketball <u>Knights of Columbus Business Mtg.</u> 7:30pm
Tue., July 11	No Men's Basketball <u>Fr. Heisler Talk</u> 7pm, patio
Wed., July 12	<u>SoulStitch</u> 12pm, Knights Hall <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., July 14	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

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

Mon., July 10

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., July 11

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., July 12

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., July 13

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., July 14

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., July 15

9:00 am

Sat., July 15

5:00 pm

Sun., July 16

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

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

Weekday

+ Fr. C. John McCloskey

+ Jack Burden

Weekday

Rev. Tim Courtney

Matthew Sweeney

Weekday

+ Rev. Michael Dobbins

+ Catalino C. Lim

Weekday

+ Rev. Michael Dobbins

Patti Ferranti

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

+ Freda Niner Chandler

Christina Bendo

Saint Bonaventure

Stephen Hertz

Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gregory Brown

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

Leo Beatty

Mattias Caro

Laura Burgess

Katy Ryland

Readings for the Week

Sun:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Mon:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tue:	Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wed:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thu:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Fri:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Sat:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Dear Folks,

Many thanks goes out to our great neighbor to the west, Mr. Tony Jasinski. For sometime the trees above the Crux Gloria, our tall cross at the end of our road, next to Rt. 7, have been overwhelmed by trees above the bushes below. It was at the point where you had to squint to see it in the trees. No longer. Tony came along with some of his miracle equipment and clipped the encroaching tree branches.

Now the Crux Gloria can probably be considered a night land sighting for the jets heading to Dulles Airport. Many thanks Tony for all your great kindness.

The bane of hardship has come to the parish this week. Fortunately, the hardship arrived just this morning, on Wednesday... and not Friday. In any event the water pump at our parish well has gone dormant for reasons known only to the Almighty. I sent Fr. Heisler away for a few days as well as our seminarian, John. Talk about stress. The two essentials for our parochial survival are water and electricity. With the recent violent storms that struck our wonderful Commonwealth we, on God's little green acre, dodged the proverbial bullet. Not so with the only water source to the parish. I don't know how an affective solution to the water problem will pan out but am confident it will take place before you read this letter in your bulletin. God bless our parish plant manager, Tim McKim. He has been on top of the problem and zealous in finding a solution.

Let everyone enjoy their summer vacations. A well deserved break for all our families. If you get a chance please bring back parish bulletins from your destinations. I always get a charge out of reading what other parishes are doing. May the angels watch over you.

Now, onto the Vacation Bible School. We start tomorrow with 225 campers and 150 volunteers, an amazing turnout! Lets pray for a successful week and beautiful weather for the children. Thank you to all volunteers for your great devotion to the program.

We welcome all the new families who have moved into the parish. All newcomers are welcome to join us for an open house on the patio behind the education center. Come young and come old. It will be nice to have you. We will gather on Sunday afternoon on August 6th, following the 12:15 Mass. Welcome to the parish one and all. Let us pray for one another.

Speaking of praying. Please let Emily Lauderback sfadoration@gmail.com know if you would like to be member of our adoration society to offers an hour of prayer before the monstrance of the Lord each Friday-Saturday Morning. Adoration starts after the Noon Mass, Friday, and closes before the 9am morning Mass on Saturday. All are encouraged to join us.

Speaking of joining... at 10am, Saturday July 15th we will host a meeting for all who would like to join our parish Legion of Mary. The apostolic endeavors for the Legion of Mary will involve the organizing of families to take the statue of Mary home for a week and offer the nightly devotions with the families and friends. In addition the Legionaries will



visit the parish shut-ins as well as parishioners in the local nursing homes. Mrs. Kathleen Malone will continue the role of president.

And also to those interested in the heroics services to the parish... Go Knights of Columbus!!! You need only ask one of the ushers on Sunday. You should get a hearty welcome from them.

In next week's bulletin I will speak of the incredible duties of the Women Council, and prayer group. The latter meets every Friday morning, after the 6:30 morning Mass. I also want to sing the praises for the Joy of Life Group who offer their hearts and souls for parishioner challenged with handicaps. They are the best. Please stay tuned.

In closing, please let us know if you would like to be added to the Parish Letter Listing for the parishioner E-Mails. The collegians will receive occasional notes from home as well. Please send your e-mail addresses to: frgould@gmail.com

Speaking of e-mails... please be careful not to be scammed by some nasty folks telling you the pastor is stuck in Libya and needs money cards to get home. Hmm??? Libya? Ugghhh.

LIVE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join Fr. Gould each night at 9pm as he leads the rosary and pray for peace in Ukraine. You can participate in person or on video - go to saintfrancisparish.org and click on Live Video Streams.

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, Timothea 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

Diane Taylor, DRE
d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org



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.



**Sunday, July 16th
6:30-8pm in the gym**
Spread the word and bring a friend!
Dinner will be provided.
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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 from 6:30-8pm 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, July 16th**.



*Click on the QR code to see day-to-day video coverage of our week in Frederick County, VA. 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



**RISING 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!**

All high schoolers (rising 9th-12th) and families in the Diocese are invited to **Diocesan Kings Dominion Day** on July 26th! Meet at SFDS at 8am. Tickets are a reduced rate of \$38 and include entrance into Soak City Waterpark! Email Carie Losinski [skigators@icloud.com](mailto:skigators@icloud.com) to purchase tickets. If under 18 and unaccompanied by a parent, complete the Permission Form (on our webpage) and return with cash or check to the Youth or Parish Office by July 25th.

## Middle School



**RISING 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:** On Wednesday 5 July we installed our Council Officers for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight- Br Richard Vale  
Deputy Grand Knight- Br Mike Carducci  
Chaplain- Fr Gould  
Chancellor- Br Leelay Acham  
Warden- Br Richard Jacob  
Treasurer- Br Michael Corrigan  
Recorder- Br Shaun Maher  
Advocate- Br Dennis Godfrey  
Inside Guard- Br Pat Orender  
Outside Guard- Br Kevin Sweeney  
Financial Secretary- Br Rae Edmonson  
1st Year Trustee- Br Tracy Beglau  
2nd Year Trustee- Br Chris Miller  
3rd Year Trustee- Br Jay Hallam

**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 [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.

**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.

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

## NEED HELP? GOD SQUAD

The God Squad wants to help parishioners with small projects in and around the home, specifically during their summer camp July 19-21st. Jobs may include but are not limited to yard work, cleaning, moving, organizing, painting, and small construction projects. We have dedicated adults to guide the teens through these jobs. Please reach out to Lindsay Glass so we can help you out! [l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

### **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).

### **Looking for a way to help support Women who Choose Life?**

Birthing 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 "Birthing of Loudoun". If you prefer, cash donations can be sent to: Birthing of Loudoun, 16 Royal St, SE, Leesburg, VA 20175

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

*"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 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)

## 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.**

### 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

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*





## Vacation Bible School begins July 10

Dear Parents and Campers,  
We are excited to start our Vacation Bible School on Monday. We have 150 volunteers who are working hard to make this a successful, fun, spirit-filled week for the 225 campers. We will hang out with Joseph and follow him from Prison to Palace.

Each grade is assigned a color :

- 4 year olds – tie-dye
- Kindergarten – purple
- 1st Grade – red
- 2nd Grade – blue
- 3rd Grade – green
- 4th Grade – yellow
- 5th Grade – orange

When you arrive on Monday, you will take your child their "Tribes" table (identified by their tribe color), this is where they will meet each day. These tables will be under the big tent. Children should arrive at 8:30am on Monday and 8:45am the rest of the week. Pick up time is at 12:15pm at their Tribe table. Parents/Guardians must sign your child in and out each day with the tribe leader.

Pre-Schoolers will go directly to Rooms 106 and 107 for their check-in. (I will send pre-school parents a separate email with the breakdown of the pre-school children). They will be picked up in their classroom as well.

Our daily snack ingredients are available upon request. The snacks will be simple. If your child has allergy concerns, we request that you send in a snack for that particular day and alert your child's tribe leader.

Please do not send water bottles, there will be plenty of water provided. VBS takes place both inside and outside. Children should have on sunscreen when they arrive. Please dress them in closed shoes with socks and their VBS t-shirt.

Our VBS Mission details will be forthcoming. Our children and families have been remarkably generous regarding our mission in the past!!

On Friday, the children will attend the Noon Mass with their teams. The will be checked out of VBS after Mass. Then we will have a simple hotdog cook-out to celebrate the end of VBS. Parents and siblings are invited to attend 12noon Mass and the picnic immediately after Mass. A sign-up genius will be sent out so you can RSVP with number of family attending.

Please email the RE office if you have any questions. We'll see you bright and early Monday morning!!

The VBS Team

## 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.

## 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).

## 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

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.