

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2021



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Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office during business hours.

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

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 7pm - Weekly Parish Holy Hour

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,
2pm (masks required)
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;
One-half hour before Mass on Sunday
Anytime by appointment
Confessions are held in the Church

Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

Baptism: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 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.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. - *Jn 3:16*

Confessions in Lent

Monday through Friday - 8pm

in addition to regularly scheduled Confessions

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30pm

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence for
Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must
abstain from meat (and items made with meat).

*Join the Choir on Friday, March 19th at 5pm
to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph with
sung Evening Prayer.*

This Week

- Mon., March 15 Vatican II Reflection 7pm, OLVH
Tue., March 16 Legion of Mary 7pm, Library
RCIA 7pm - ZOOM
Wed., March 17 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
TMIY 7pm, Parish Education Center
Weekly Parish Holy Hour - 7pm
Thu., March 18 Junior Legion of Mary 3:45pm, Knights
Hall
Sat., March 19 TMIY 7am, Parish Education Center
Women's Prayer Group 8am, Knights Hall

Save the Date

**Celebration of Fr. Gould's 40th
Anniversary to the Priesthood
Ice Cream Social
Sunday, May 9, 2021, 1-3pm**

Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, March 13

9:00 am

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 14

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

Monday, March 15

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tuesday, March 16

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., March 17

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thursday, March 18

6:30 am

8:30 am

Friday, March 19

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, March 20

9:00 am

Saturday, March 20

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

Lenten Weekday

Tom and Ethel West

Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent

+ David Anthony Reynolds

4th Sunday of Lent

+ Neal Brown

Seminary applicant - Mark

Gregory Williard

+ Thomas Dueppen

People of the Parish

+ Brian Brady

+ Remy and Rogel Molinyawe

Lenten Weekday

Maria Taffuri

+ Aaron DeJanes

Lenten Weekday

Jack Dunleavy

+ Renato S. Torrijos

Lenten Weekday; Saint Patrick

Jon Thomas Krebs

Patricia Manning

Lenten Weekday

Maria Taffuri

+ Joan Monastero

Lenten Weekday; Saint Joseph

Jasinski Family

+ Stephen D'Elia

Lenten Weekday

Rev. John Heisler

Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent

Eddie and Rebecca Largent

5th Sunday of Lent

Zurschmeide Family

+ Nick Hallam

+ Jim Mark Gallagher

+ Steve Domine

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Family

People of the Parish

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- SUN 3/14** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- MON 3/15** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- TUE 3/16** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8j]/Jn 5:1-16
- WED 3/17** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- THR 3/18** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- FRI 3/19** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- SAT 3/20** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Dear Folks,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, otherwise known as "Laetare Sunday." The word means, "Rejoice." The end of Lent is near with the coming of Easter. In the middle ages when the focus on the prayer, penance, and almsgiving were rather severe many folks were falling to illness by the fatigue and malnourishment. The introduction of Laetare Sunday helped to revive the body and soul on the movement to Calvary.



The season of Lent, a time of preparation, will soon come to an end. Let us make the coming weeks our best weeks of Lent. Confession, Communion, and Almsgiving. You can't more be traditional than that. They are the standards that helped us along through the many centuries. Let us pray for one another.

With this week we find two great feast days. St. Patrick and St. Joseph. G.K. Chesterton once claimed the Irish were a people that God made mad for their wars were merry and their songs were sad. My grandfather, a survivor of World War I and father to eleven children of whom seven survived early maladies was a great tenor. On the South Side of Chicago he would sit out on the front porch down at 6202 S. Campbell and sing out. Others would sing out from their own porches or walk on down and sit on the steps and sing along. Ah the days without television and internet. My mother mentioned that one of his favorite songs was, "Bless this House".

Bless this house, O Lord we pray
Make it safe by night and day

Bless these walls so firm and stout
Keeping want and trouble out

Bless the roof and chimneys tall
Let thy peace lie overall

Bless this door that it may prove
Ever open,
To joy and love

Bless these windows shining bright
Letting in God's Heavenly light
Bless the hearth, ablazing there
With smoke ascending like a prayer!

Bless the people here within
Keep them pure and free from sin

Bless us all that we may be
Fit O Lord to dwell with thee

Bless us all that one day we may dwell
O Lord! With Thee!

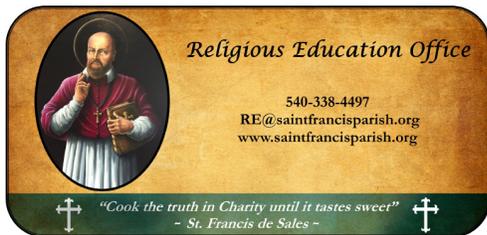
As one nationality wore Green on the great day another... Italian, wore red/orange on the Feast of St. Joseph. Joseph, the great St. Joseph, whose words are never recorded nor repeated was the model for fathers and those seeking employment. I offer my absolute favorite poem, on St. Joseph. Let us pray for one another.

*The ancient greyness shifted Suddenly and thinned
Like mist upon the moors Before a wind.
An old, old prophet lifted A shining face and said:
"He will be coming soon. The Son of God is dead;
He died this afternoon."
A murmurous excitement stirred All souls.
They wondered if they dreamed – Save one old man who seemed
Not even to have heard. And Moses, standing,
Hushed them all to ask If any had a welcome song prepared.
If not, would David take the task? And if they cared
Could not the three young children sing
The Benedicite, the canticle of praise
They made when God kept them from perishing
In the fiery blaze?
A breath of spring surprised them Stilling Moses' words.
No one could speak, remembering The first fresh flowers,
The little singing birds.
Still others thought of fields new ploughed Or apple trees
All blossom-boughed.
Or some, the way a dried bed fills With water
Laughing down green hills.
The fisherfolk dreamed of the foam On bright blue seas.
The one old man who had not stirred Remembered home.
And there He was Splendid as the morning sun and fair
As only God is fair.
And they, confused with joy, Knelt to adore
Seeing that He wore Five crimson stars
He never had before.
No canticle at all was sung
None toned a psalm, or raised a greeting song,
A silent man alone Of all that throng
Found tongue – Not any other.
Close to His heart
When the embrace was done,
Old Joseph said, "How is Your Mother,
How is Your Mother, Son?"*

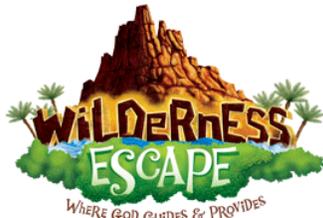
Collegiate Answer: One of the great American founders, a Scotsman, and orphan left to a Caribbean Island made his way to America and met up with the future Saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. His name was Alexander Hamilton.

Collegiate Question: Whatever happened to the original crucifix and stations of the cross for the current St. Francis De Sales Church? In what far off country can they be found? Good hunting.

**Father Heisler's AD GENTES
class has been cancelled**



UPDATE ON VBS FOR THIS SUMMER: We continue to record your responses regarding interest in the vacation Bible school program for this summer. If you have not done so, please contact Janice by March 19 at re@saintfrancisparish.org with your interest level, number of children who would be attending, along with number of children and adults who would like to volunteer.



Hopefully, the program would be held from July 12 through 16. We would most likely hold many of our activities outside, under a tent. . .just like the old days, before we had a building. We do not believe masks would be required outside under the tent, because that might present an unhealthy environment for children in extreme heat. We would also use the gym and classrooms in the Education Center, where masks would be required, if current mandates dictate. We would also require masks in the church building if mandated.

We will email all families soon with our plans. Of course, let's all pray that we can bring this long-standing, happy, healthy and holy tradition back to St. Francis!

Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Masses

Saturday, May 8

10:30 am – for Sunday classes and homeschooling families*
 2 pm – for Monday classes and CHRSM, Good Shepherd and Atrium programs*

*We expect all in attendance to follow current RE program guidelines related to the pandemic.

Please note: An additional Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 22** at 10:30 am for those families who have health concerns and prefer to attend a Mass where masks are mandated. If your family prefers to attend this Mass, please notify the Religious Education office as soon as possible at re@saintfrancisparish.org.

Homeschooling Parents: If you have chosen to work with your children at home this year, please let our office know if you are having any difficulty using the My Catholic Faith Delivered learning platform.

As in year's past, all children are expected to successfully complete their grade-level curriculum by the end of May 2021



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

YOUTH NIGHTS! – All 9th – 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Night every Sunday in the gym, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Come to meet other teens and dive more deeply into your relationship with Jesus. Bring a friend!! Masks required.

WORKCAMP MEETING – Our next Teen Workcamp Meeting will be Sunday, 4/11 in the gym, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. All 8th-12th graders are invited to Workcamp in Erie, PA, held June 27 – July 3. Contact e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org for more information or to sign up! Non-refundable deposits of \$150 will be due at the April 11th meeting.

SPRING RETREAT – Our Spring Retreat (previously scheduled for March) is being RESCHEDULED for May 21 – 23, 2021 at Brethren Woods Retreat Center in Keezletown, VA. ALL high schoolers are invited! Please note that all plans are subject to change, pending the progression of the pandemic.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming meetings. Text [@sfdsteens](https://www.instagram.com/sfdsteens) to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St. Francis Youth* for event updates and announcements.

Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates:

Father Gould will celebrate three Confirmation Masses at our parish on **Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17**. An additional Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 24** for those who have health concerns and prefer a Mass where masks are required. Specific details and guidelines have been sent to all families; please notify our office if you did not receive this very important information.

Parents should make sure they have signed up for an interview with Father Gould and the Mass that they prefer. Please email our office if you prefer the Mass on April 24.

All Confirmation candidates are also required to complete: a Saint Report, the Sponsor Interview Assignment, and a Letter to the Pastor. If you have not completed these assignments, please do so as soon as possible. Contact Kim Livaudais if you have questions. See saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/sacramental-preparation/8th-grade-confirmation/

As always, please remember to frequently check your email and this weekly bulletin for important updates.

Religious Education Calendar

CLASSES WEEK OF MARCH 14 & MARCH 21	
Sunday	<u>K thru 8th Grades</u> -10:30am <u>9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould</u> - 4pm
Monday	<u>K thru 8th Grades</u> - 4:45pm <u>9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould</u> - 5pm <u>11th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Heisler</u> - 5pm
Wednesday	<u>RCIT</u> - 6:15pm <u>8th Grade</u> - 4:45pm

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be Monday April 12th at 7:30 pm. The Knights have recently revised its Meeting Structure to streamline the meeting process and get more involvement from other Ministries. With prior approval, non-Knights may attend the meeting. If you, or your Ministry are interested in joining us to discuss ways to work together, please let me know.

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP: Free Membership Promotion Extended through June 30! Interested in joining the K of C? We are offering one year of FREE online membership to men who join before the fraternal year's end. Just use the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up at www.kofc.org/join Act now – this offer expires June 30, 2021.

SHARE SUNDAY AND BLUE BAG DISTRIBUTION The next St. Francis de Sales Share Sunday will be held on March February 13th and 14th. The Knights of Columbus Share Sunday program has donated over 7,000 pounds of food and \$7,000 in Checks/Cash/Gift Cards to the Catholic Charities food bank in Leesburg from 7/1 to 02/28. This would not have been possible without the generous donations made by you!!! We have another opportunity to help those less fortunate. The first weekend of every month the bags are passed out after every Mass and then collected the following week full of donated food.

MEMBER DUES: Annual Membership dues for 2021 are due. We are updating our membership files so please read the enclosed letter for requests and pertinent information. We have had some issues with the Post Office which has delayed or derailed some checks to us. If you have an outstanding check with us that is several weeks old, please contact Rae Edmonson at finsec11136@gmail.com

CAR RAFFLE: By now, you should have received your Car Raffle tickets in the mail. This is a great opportunity to support the Parish, the Knights of Columbus and have a chance to win a new car or some nice cash. Additional tickets can be obtained if needed. Knights of Columbus will have a table set up in the Narthex before and after each mass starting this weekend, to collect and sell additional car raffle tickets.

Why Are You A Knight? Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski (skigators@icloud.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!

Bob Craig, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136

Knights11136@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/knights11136/

March is National Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. The Knights of Columbus respectfully ask that you consider donating whatever is comfortable to KOVAR.

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities; God's Special People. The St. Francis DeSales' Knights have set up a GoFundMe account to help collect moneys to keep this program going. The KOVAR GoFundMe link is:

charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kovar

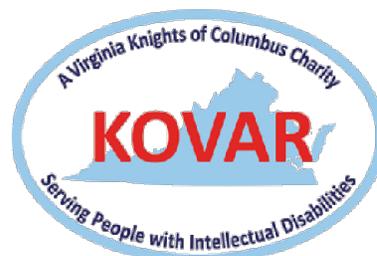
Virginia Knights have raised more than \$14.5 million since 1971 in assistance for citizens with intellectual disabilities and funded such projects as:

- Home Loans - Interest free loan program to assist in the purchase of group homes
- Transportation - 20% funding to assist in purchasing vehicles needed to transport persons with intellectual disabilities
- Group Home Furnishings - Provides grants for organizations needing to furnish group homes
- Infant Intervention Programs - Grants to establish early detection programs to identify infants with or at risk of intellectual disability
- Training Programs - Necessary funding for organizations to train person with intellectual disability to enhance their quality of community living
- Startup Programs - Grants to establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families
- Special Olympics - Virginia Knights of Columbus is a Presenting Sponsor of Special Olympics Virginia, with KOVAR donating \$50,000 per year

If you prefer to write a personal check, please make the check payable to KOVAR and mail it to Brother Knight Michael Carducci, 17141 Magic Mountain Dr. Round Hill VA, 20141. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike at 540-533-7866

Again, the Knights of Columbus respectfully and prayerfully ask that you look deep into your heart and donate whatever is comfortable to KOVAR – even \$5 – it adds up.

Thank you all so much!



Parish Homeless Ministry

Our parish homeless ministry is thriving! God has blessed us with amazing new members. We serve St. Teresa's Sisters of Charity in Anacostia, where the need is for approximately 175 meals, and Leesburg Transitional Housing, where the need is for approximately 38. Currently, we are planning another Blessing Bag event on March 20th from 10 to 2pm in the Knights Hall. Each household should have already received an email from both Janice Rees and our Homeless Ministry to sign up to assemble and/or donate needed items. Please consider helping, as it is such a tremendous need and also an amazing service.

Please, also, prayerfully consider donating your time to buy, cook, or deliver food to these people, who are going through challenging times.

Any questions, suggestions or to join our ministry, please contact:

* Mark Ippoliti mark.ippoliti@gmail.com

* Tracy Ippoliti tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com

* Michelle Curtis Michelle.schex7@gmail.com



St. Bridget of Ireland Church is seeking an experienced Director of Faith Formation to be responsible for designing, directing, resourcing, and evaluating a total parish catechetical program. Responsibilities include overseeing the K-8 Faith Formation program, the RCIA program, the Adult Faith enrichment program, and the faith formation portion of the Youth Ministry and Young Adult programs. Also responsible for recruiting and developing adult volunteers for all programs and ensuring that the parish volunteers are fully compliant with OCPYP requirements.

Applicant must be a practicing Catholic. Ideal candidate will have an MA in Religious Education or the equivalent.

Please contact the parish office (office@stbridgetberryville.org) to obtain further details or a copy of the complete job description.

Please send resume and salary requirements to the attention of the Pastor of St. Bridget of Ireland Catholic Church, 1024 W. Main Street, Berryville, VA 22611. Applications are due by April 9, 2021.

It's time for Birthright's Annual Fundraiser: Give Choose 2021

You all have always been so supportive of us, and we are so deeply grateful! Please also feel free to spread the word to any friends or other groups you think would be open to supporting our efforts.

Baby Bottle Drives are down this year for obvious reasons, so we are depending on this fundraiser for this year's financial needs.

Birthright is still going strong through the pandemic, helping more women and babies than ever. Not only with counseling and supplies, but with financial assistance for those who are experiencing home insecurity due to COVID related job loss.

A \$10 gift can offer considerable care and support for the most vulnerable among us. We do have Match Donors, so donations will be doubled!

To donate, please visit www.givechoose.org/ then enter "birthrightofloudoun"

Wine & Wisdom Our Summer Series for the Ladies

We are looking for someone to take charge of this special series. It runs from June-August, once a month and is held at the beautiful Bluemont Vineyards. You would just need to find 3 speakers, one for each month for the Ladies of the Church. This is a great event and everyone loves coming out to enjoy some much needed socialization with our church community.

If you are interested please email Carie Losinski at skigators@icloud.com

CRUX GLORIA GIFT SHOP

Spring marks the time in our parish when we celebrate Confirmation and First Reconciliation and First Communion. Initiation is the word we use to describe the process of being welcomed into a group. The Sacraments of Initiation solemnly mark the full entrance of an individual into our Catholic Faith. This initiation signifies that the person has died to sin and is reborn in Christ. Through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, one becomes a full member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Our sacraments are times of great joy and celebration.

Our gift shop, Crux Gloria, can supply parents and family members with medals, statues, bibles, and other assorted items to purchase for your child.

Please contact Robin Mentzer (text 703-431-1564 for a specific item) or stop by our table every Sunday.

New!!! Child size Crux Gloria bracelet for Communion or Confirmation. Adult sizes too!

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Sgt. Peter Audi
The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timotha Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, George Darnell, Nancy Eastman
The Deceased: Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry Williams, Steven Domine, Dick Austin, Jim Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, David Esquerro, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek, Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Victory: ages 18 and over, Tuesdays at 7pm in the library.

Our Lady of the Lake: ages 7-17, Thursdays at 3:45 in Knights Hall.

The Legion of Mary is praying for the Knights of Columbus in March. Knights and family members, please take a rosary from the Legion table in the narthex.



**GIVE ONLY 20 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME
ONE SATURDAY MORNING A MONTH!**

First Saturday Devotions after the 9am Mass

Saturday March 6th and Saturday April 3rd

Stay after Mass for the recitation and reflections on the mysteries of the holy Rosary with the Legion of Mary or livestream from home! Confession, Mass, Rosary and an additional 15 minutes of meditation on one of the mysteries for five consecutive first Saturdays fulfills the request made by Our Lady of Fatima to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart. This is a most powerful way to come together for a Rosary... in front of the Blessed Sacrament with others! The graces and blessings are immeasurable! Come and catch some of this supernatural grace FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

To inquire about being an active or auxiliary (praying) member please email us at legionofmarysfd@gmail.com. For more information please visit saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/

Come and Join Us

"Living a Life in the Spirit Seminar"

Saturday March 27 from 9am-4:30pm

One of the jewels of Vatican II is the renewed desire of everyday people to live Spirit filled lives. This hunger for contact with God the Holy Spirit fueled the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Come and join us as we together discover the wonder of meeting God the Holy Spirit. Your Life Won't Be The Same!

Just a few of the many questions that will be discussed:

- What is the Catholic Charismatic Movement and what does the Church teach about it?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life?
- How to live a life of faith and Purpose?
- What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how can they help me in my life?
- Can God use an ordinary person like me to do extraordinary things in life?
- Can the Pentecost Experience of the Bible be real in my life today in the year 2021?

The conference will be held live in the Chapel at St. Francis de Sales, or can be viewed from home via live stream. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken.

For more information and to Register, please contact Joseph Curto
Email at: CFC.Content@gmail.com.

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

TMIY!

TMIY is back this week and with the return of Michael "Gomer" Gormley! Gomer will take us on a journey into God's mercy. However, in order to understand and truly appreciate the mercy of God, we must acknowledge the darkness within. The line between good and evil is drawn not between nations or neighborhoods, but down every human heart. There is a Hell around us and within us that needs confronting.

Fully knowing this reality, Jesus Christ has come to ransom and redeem us! He comes seeking our hearts for his dwelling place. His mercy is greater. It's stronger and more powerful than any darkness. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." - *Lamentations 3:22-23*

See you this week and bring a friend!

Wednesday 7pm (in person) or

Saturday 7am (in person); 8am (ZOOM)

All in person meetings will take place in the Education Center. **Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations we ask new participants to RSVP at SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM so we can make appropriate preparations.**



2021 Men's Conference

Mother Teresa Garden Project 2021

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