

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14, 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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"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a



REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!

Go to saintfrancisparrish.org/vacation-bible-school to download registration form

We have a great need for people to help build the sets in the gym. The sets are already created, we just need the manpower to put them together. If you have simple building skills, please consider lending us a hand in the days before the start of VBS

Are you a tech person?!

We someone to be on-hand 8:30am-noon to help with the audio-visual aspect of the Drama Station.

Please contact j.rees@saintfrancisparrish.org

Gift shop open Sunday, May 28 after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses
Come see our new items!
Shop for Dads and Grads!

This Week

Mon., May 15	Catholicism 101 5pm Knights Hall Women's Council Planning Mtg. 7pm, library TMIY 7pm, Room 202
Wed., May 17	SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm, Church
Fri., May 19	Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Sat., May 20	TMIY 6:30am, OLVH

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., May 13

9:00 am

Sat., May 13

5:00 pm

Sun., May 14

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., May 15

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., May 16

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., May 17

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., May 18

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., May 19

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., May 20

9:00 am

Sat., May 20

5:00 pm

Sun., May 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Easter Weekday

+ Salome Torrijos

Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

+ Anna Oliveri

6th Sunday of Easter

Corky and Mary Corcoran

People of the Parish

+ David Miles

Leslie Kole

+ William Harrison Coble

Easter Weekday

Rev. Michael Orlowsky

Luke Pultrio

Easter Weekday

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Jose and Pilar San Agustin

Easter Weekday

Dorothy Widzinski

+ Restituta L. Dabu

Easter Weekday

+ Jack Burden

+ Pete Bendo

Easter Weekday

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Guenther Brucha

Easter Weekday

+ Rev. Michael Kelly

Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

Special Intention

The Ascension of the Lord

Hilbold Family

+ Robert Alls

People of the Parish

Donna Manzer

+ Ray Anderson

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Readings for the Week

Sun:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Mon:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tue:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wed:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thu:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Fri:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Sat:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-2

Dear Folks,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, expectant mothers, and adopted mothers of the parish. As all are called to be reflections of God in their creative, redemptive, and sanctifying tenets of life they are also called to be models of Blessed Mother. In the Marian example may they be reflective, responsive, and respectful of the facets of God's love, mentioned above. As in the life of Mary, they serve as bridges to the eternal life for all us. How appropriate Mother's Day rises from a secular history in the Month of the Blessed Mother.

On this day I am reminded of the prayer that Archbishop Sheen helped to popularize, "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue," by Fr. W. Terrence C. Sehl.

catholiccanada.com/prayers/lovely-lady-dressed-in-blue/



Lovely Lady, Dressed in Blue

Lovely Lady dressed in blue — Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy, Tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night? Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world? O! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares If I tell Him things-
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings Make a noise?
And can He hear me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me — for you know?
Lovely Lady dressed in blue — Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy, And you know the way.

With this day the parish marks the end of the CCD Year of Religious instruction. Please understand that the world of the CCD programs were expanded, not created by the Catalyst of Humanae Vitae. I qualify that statement with a historical marker. In 1972 the Catholic Church made abruptly aware how the rich moral underpinning of the Church was being eroded by both contraception and, soon to follow, abortion. As in all cases where Morality takes a hit Faith is soon to follow. Fr. John Hardon, SJ, was one of the first to focus on catechetics as an evangelical/apostolic work for he knew and could see the future challenges to the faithful of the Church.

And lastly, on this subject, I truly believe Fr. Hardon could see the disastrous arrival of the "Contraceptive Mentality," whereby we, today, are tempted with the thought of creating all things in our own image, and if not successful in that endeavor, killing those things that do not fit our image. A mentality that can pervade all levels of clerics and laity. God bless our wonderful catechists who help to inform the minds of the young in faith and morals. For they are the ones who will touch the hearts of their families and friends, both in the Church and beyond. God bless our wonderful teachers. In closing, as I write this letter on my anniversary to priesthood I offer the final questions both I and Fr. Heisler, on his anniversary, May 15th, were asked before our ordinations. Please pray for the young ones of the parish who may one day follow in our vocations.

After the homily, the elect alone rise and stand before the Bishop, who questions all of them together in these words:

Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Priesthood, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office.
Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the pres, byteral rank, as worthy fellow workers with the Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord's flock?
Together, all the elect answer:
I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith?

Elect: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?

Elect: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?

Elect: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice, and with him to consecrate yourselves to God for the salvation of all?

Elect: I do, with the help of God.

Then each one of the elect goes to the Bishop and, kneeling before him, places his joined hands between those of the Bishop.

If the Bishop is the elect's own Ordinary, he asks:

Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?

Elect: I do.

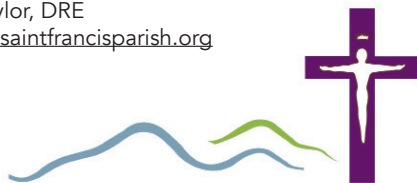
The Bishop always concludes: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

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
The Deceased: Susan Keelor, Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey, Jeanne Sweet, Michael Craig, Edward Konchan, Patrick Gaine, 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

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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

Dear Parents,
Registration for next year's classes will begin soon. Classes are tentatively planned for Sundays (preK-grade 8), Mondays (K-Grade 8) and Wednesdays (preK-grade 8). We will provide further details as soon as they are available.
Please make sure to check the weekly parish bulletin and your email for updates about our programs and summer happenings at St. Francis.
Have a healthy, happy, and holy summer! Don't forget to say your prayers.
God bless you all,
- Diane and Janice

May Crowning TODAY following the 12:15 pm Mass.

First Holy Communion Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants who recently received the Eucharist for the first time. It was a beautiful day!

We are especially grateful for Father Gould's and Father Heisler's time and assistance with these children throughout the year; and to our AMAZING Catechists: Kati Pultro, Nan Gingras, Danielle Orender, Joanna Willard and Lea Ann Kennedy and the classroom aides who generously gave of their time and talents to prepare our children to receive Jesus in the Sacrament. Thank you, parents, and godparents of the Communicants for your love and support.

To all the parish support: the ushers, musicians, and liturgical ministers, thank you!

Congratulations Seniors! We would like to thank the following seniors for their commitment as catechists' volunteers. Their impact and support are what makes our program unique. Good luck next year, we will miss you! Ryan Sweeney (Sunday 2nd Grade); Margaret Owen (Monday 2nd Grade); and Patrick Orender (Monday 2nd Grade).

Registration for 2023-2024 School Year: Registration for the next school year will begin in late May. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year.

Regarding registration for the first year of the Confirmation program (usually in the 7th grade): All students must understand all material presented on 6th grade curriculum assessments (available on the parish website), know the basic parts of the Bible and how to look up Bible passages, and know basic prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed) before beginning Confirmation preparation. Please contact Diane Taylor, Director of Religious Education, with questions about preparation for Confirmation.

Substitutes, Catechists, Classroom Assistants, and Hall Monitors needed for next year:

We are looking to add to our list of substitutes, catechists, classroom assistants, and hall monitors for the next school year. If you are interested in becoming a part of the religious education team, please contact the RE office. We would love to have you!



High School

Lindsay Glass
Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or
l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org



**Baccalaureate Service
and Reception**
for graduating seniors, family
and friends
Friday, June 2nd at 7:00pm
NEEDED: Seniors to read, sing, and play instruments
Contact Beth Ann McRoberts for more information
bmcroberts13@gmail.com or 703-727-9613

WORKCAMP JUNE 17-23 IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

Teens and Adult Crew Leaders, our next Formation Meeting is Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8pm in OLOV. This month's preparation is focused on "What do I wear? What do I bring? How do I pack?" If you have questions or would like to become a WorkCamp Volunteer (we can still volunteers in ANY capacity), please email Shahin or Maggie (familyuddin@gmail.com). Come bring your gift to the altar!

REMIND

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

SAVE THE DATES:

PARISH CAR WASH DURING ALL MASSES - Sunday, June 11th
COLLEGE NIGHT at ST. MARK'S (seniors only) - Wednesday, June 28th
GOD SQUAD HS SUMMER CAMP (rising 9th-12th) - July 19th-21st

Middle School

ALL middle schoolers are invited to
"Outdoor Games Night"



Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8pm
Spread the word and bring a friend!



Registration details coming soon!

St. Francis Council 11136 News

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY: Happy Mother's Day to all the Mother's associated with our council. **THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who attended last Pancake Breakfast. Through your generosity we are able to donate an additional \$900 to the Summer Work Camp mission bringing our total donation this year to just over \$2,500. We also said farewell to Br Dzung Tran who has recently relocated. Br Dzung has been involved in working and leading the Pancake Breakfast for over 10 years.



COUNCIL OFFICER MEETING: Our next Council meeting is Monday 22 May at 7:30 in the Knights Hall. We will begin the transition of the council officer team, please join us to help plan events for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS: We elected our new council officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. We are proud to congratulate the following members on their upcoming officer positions:

Grand Knight- Br Richard Vale
Deputy Grand Knight- Br Mike Carducci
Chancellor- Br Leejay Acham
Warden- Br Richard Jacobs
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 Jay Hallam
2nd Year Trustee- Br Chris Miller
3rd Year Trustee- Br Tracy Beglau

SUPPORT TO TALENT SHOW: The Parish Talent show is Saturday 20 May. We need a few volunteers to help set up and tear down the stage in Our Lady of Victory Hall. Please reach out to GK Jay Hallam if you are interested in supporting.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 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;
www.facebook.com/knights11136/

Altar Flower Dedication



*Altar flowers this week are
donated by Donna Bongiovanni
In Loving Memory of
Chuck Bongiovanni*

Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one? Contact Amy Harrison, a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

Welcome to the Family!
The following new
parishioners were baptized
during the months of
February, March and April



Caroline Louise and Charles Beauregard
daughter and son of Jonathan and Jill Wright

Virginia Grace
daughter of John and Megan Czerwinski

Ava Grace
daughter of Angad and Penelope Salaria

Margot River and George Denis
daughter and son of Patrick and Teresa Fuller

Katherine Therese
daughter of Vladimir and Lauren Rudenko

Leighton Amelia
daughter of Perry and Vanessa Crottie

Ezra Martin
son of Dominic and Victoria Corcoran

Amelia Leighton
daughter of Judson and Diana Hudson

Annie Rose
daughter of Nicholas and Kelly Vita

Sophie Leigh and Gracis Lynn
daughters of Michael and Jessica Rodd

Raika Theresia
daughter of Therese Kreutzberg

Eloise Angelina
daughter of matthew and Lindsey Wert

Audrey Anne
daughter of Jason and Meghann Diedrich

Zachary Alan
son of Brian Zagorsky and Virginia Rodriguez

Trey Kevin
son of Kevin and Stephanie Meagher

**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

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Homeless Ministry

"Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen." -Mother Teresa



*Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!
Happy Easter from the Homeless Ministry!
Thank you for all your prayers and service to the
homeless and hungry!*

- 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 May 11th; meal delivered and served May 13th.
- 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 May 24th; meal delivered and served May 25th.

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.

"The openness of our hearts and minds can be measured by how wide we draw the circle of what we call family."

-Mother Teresa

Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

- Fran Beebe franbeebe7@gmail.com
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com



The Mother Teresa's Garden is being moved closer to the Parish Education Center! We are 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! Please contact Jaclyn.Jenkins@onedayfarm.com. All are welcome to PLANT A ROW at home. We will start collecting donated bounty on Sunday's in the late spring. More info coming soon.
saintfrancisparish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/

Women's Council Corner

"I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works."
Psalm 139:14



Funeral Reception Event Coordinator

The Women's Council is looking for one or two women to be the Funeral Reception Event Coordinator(s). The leader(s) of this ministry would coordinate funeral receptions held at the parish hall by gathering, organizing, and distributing information to a team of people who host the receptions. If you are that special someone please contact us for more details at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Next Planning Meeting - Monday, May 15th

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 - Sip, Dip N' Paint -

Mon., June 5th, 6:30pm or Tue, June 6th, 10:00am
Our Lady of Victory Hall

Join us for a painting class with our own talented Diane Waller! Because of high demand we have two dates to choose from. Bring a dip to share and we'll provide the drinks to sip! Sign up information is on the website.



Happy Mother's Day!

"To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war."

- Pope Francis



Please check our website for more details on each event. saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council
New to the parish or not getting our emails?
Email us at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com to be added to our directory.

THE CALIX SOCIETY - Using our Catholic faith to enhance our 12-step recovery

Calix is a national association of Catholics in recovery and their family and friends who are affected by addictions. Our participation in all other spiritual activities, such as the reception of the Sacraments, help us strive for the sanctification of each member. Meetings are held in Leesburg Saturdays 10-11:15am or online on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8-9pm. Contact Bruce at Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com

Car Raffle Chairman Tracy Beglau would like to personally thank Office Manager Leslie Sheldon for her tireless effort and diligent attention in ordering the needed supplies to mail the 2023 Car Raffle tickets to our parishioners this year.

Winner's List All Saints Catholic Church 5-Car Raffle 2023

Drawing	Winner
\$100	1st - Doug Adams - All Saints
\$100	2nd - Jim Reynolds - All Saints
\$100	3rd - David Thibedeau - Nativity
\$100	4th - Gissella Yataco - St. Rita
\$100	5th - Laurette Taylor - Sacred Heart
\$100	6th - Janice Scally - All Saints
\$100	7th - Catherine Watson - St. Raymonds
\$100	8th - Stephen Smith - All Saints
\$100	9th - Angel Garay - All Saints
\$100	10th - D. Keith - St. Francis of Assisi
\$500	11th - Damian O'Neill - Our Lady of Angels
\$500	12th - Monroe - Nativity
\$500	13th - David K. haring - St. Ann
\$500	14th - Carols Berrios - Our Lady of Good Counsel
\$1000	15th - Susan Doughty - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
\$1000	16th - Marie Ortega - Holy Family
\$2500	17th - Mary H. Gerken - St. Raymond
\$2500	18th - Carl Utz - St. Francis of Assisi
\$5000	19th - Francisca E. Dominguez - All Saints
\$5000	20th - Una Giachinta - St. Theresa
\$20,000	Tracy Maloney - Nativity
Ford Escape	Elizabeth Hale Salice - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Ford Mustang	Robert Niczky - St. Patrick
Ford Ranger Truck	Tom Augustyn - St. Mary of Sorrows
Ford Bronco Sport	Bella Garcia - Holy Spirit



Talent Show
SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 7-9PM
OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL
IT'S SHOW TIME
Sign up by May 9th
Calling all parishioners 18 years and older. Do you have a talent you'd like to showcase? Submit your entry form now!
Bring the Family!
Parishioners are welcome to come and enjoy the **LIVE** entertainment! A time to just have fun and share fellowship.
Light refreshments served.

OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING Tuesday, May 16th ~ 7pm in the Library

Mark your calendars...
The 2nd Annual SFdS Oktoberfest
will be Saturday, October 14th!!!
ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP PLAN for this festive event. Please come and share your ideas

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 May 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.

Women's Workshop: All women are invited to Made for More: A Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved on Tuesday, June 6th from 6:15 pm - 9 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center in Ashburn, Virginia. Do you long for greater peace and joy? Do you ever feel like the promises of God just aren't for you? Join workshop leader & author Elizabeth Leon for an evening of prayer, hope, & restoration. Drawing from scripture and Catholic teaching, we will discover how our brokenness can lead to healing, claim God's promises, and identify barriers to letting ourselves receive Christ's love. \$25 cost includes workshop materials and refreshments. Register at www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon 703-283-4053 or onegratefulgirl@verizon.net

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