

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

PENTECOST SUNDAY    MAY 28, 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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"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

**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!**



### REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!

Go to [saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school](http://saintfrancisparish.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@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

## This Week

Sun., May 28	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30pm OLVH
Tue., May 30	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30pm OLVH
Wed., May 31	<u>Young at Heart Luncheon</u> 12noon- Knights Hall
	<u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., June 2	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., May 27

9:00 am

Sat., May 27

5:00 pm

Sun., May 28

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., May 29

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., May 30

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., May 31

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., June 1

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., June 2

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., June 3

9:00 am

Sat., June 3

5:00 pm

Sun., June 4

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

### Easter Weekday

Michael Shields

**Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**

+ Anthony Savettiere

**Pentecost Sunday**

+ Jennifer Leigh Otis

+ Rev. Gerard Ramotso

+ Deceased members of the Bischoff family

People of the Parish

+ Tom and Barbara Sullivan

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Daisy Beatty

Renatol L. Torrijos, Jr.

**Weekday**

Ed and Carol Corcoran

Jeff Scanlon

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Holman family

Rev. Donald Calloway

**Saint Justin**

Lindalee Schwinnen

Shirley McKenzie

**Weekday**

Hudson Mentzer

+ Stefanie and Joseph Brucha

**Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions**

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

**Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity**

Lois Gallagher

**The Most Holy Trinity**

+ John Burrell Otis

+ Deceased members of the Stanek family

+ Carl and Lindsay Heck

+ Edward Konchan

People of the Parish

## Readings for the Week

Sun:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Mon:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tue:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wed:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Thu:	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52
Fri:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
Sat:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-3



Dear Folks,

Alas the news is flying by fast and furious. Hold on to your pews. Summer is about to slam into our little home in the hills of Loudoun County and we hardly seem aware of the coming sacramental needs of the parish. With the Summer vacations come the vacancies of those most serious souls who serve as Readers at Mass and Special Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass. First, please join those folks involved in giving out Communion at Mass. Janice Rees ([j.rees@stfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@stfrancisparish.org)). Secondly, please join us for the Eucharistic Adoration Hours on Friday morning until Saturday morning. If interested in a certain hour please contact Mrs. Emily Lauderback ([lauderbacks@gmail.com](mailto:lauderbacks@gmail.com)) and she will set you in the calendar. It would be nice to have three to four people cover an hour of adoration. Thank you so very very much. God bless one and all.

You will notice the road sign just before the entrance to the Church. The county, starting May 30th and continuing until June 8th will close the road to one lane. Be prepared for long delays as the workers replace a defective drainage pipe. The highway improvement may be set to prepare the coming of multiple homes across from the rectory. Please stay tuned... I have not informed the favorite dog yet. I am sure he will be traumatized.

I received a call last evening from Fr. Michae Isenberg, Diocesan Vocation Director, asking if we would please take a seminarian this summer. I assured him the parish would be delighted to have a seminarian join us. The student is a second theologian from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary (Emmitsburg, MD). He hails from Cameroon. And that is where the story gets interesting. The three seminarians in Cameroon are here, avoiding the Islamic persecutions in their home country. They will be ordained in Arlington in a few years and then stay with us for four years before returning home to Cameroon. I leave you with some of the details on our coming student.

**John Fimmuchime** - Theology II - Mount St. Mary's Seminary/ Saint John Paul II Major Seminary Bachuo Ntai Mamfe-Cameroon St. Louis Parish/Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon

**What did you do prior to entering seminary?** I entered seminary after high school

**What influenced your decision to apply for seminary entrance?**

I would say that the death of my mother when I was 2 years old is the root of my call to be a priest. There is no other explanation for the call that continues to inspire me to join the Catholic priesthood, which I trace back to the time of her death. My mother died when I was a child, and still today I cannot picture her face; I have no photo of her, I only know that I had a mother who passed away.

In the year 2005, all of my siblings left home; some went in search of jobs, while others went to live with the older ones who were already married. I was left alone with my father. During elementary school, I worked on my late mother's farm, I cooked for my father and myself, and I did most of the housework, so I pretty much say I learned to live alone at age 12. At one point I began to think that the fact that I am alive can only be explained by God's love for me, and that serving in the Church and as a priest would be the best thing I could do for God; I only wanted a place where I could give my life completely to God. Soon after completing my GCE/AL exams (high school) I shared this with my father. He told me, "John, if you want to become a priest, you will need to sponsor yourself." My father gave me 500 francs, which is about \$1. Little did I know these would be my father's final words and care for me, as he died a week later. With his death, my zeal for the Catholic priesthood



only increased. I was very determined to become a priest to respond to all that God has been teaching me in my life. I saw the need to care for the broken-hearted and to thank God for my life through the services I may offer to His people as a priest.

**Why do you want to be a priest?** To serve God freely as a symbol of my gratitude to Him.

**What are your favorite pastimes?** Spending time in church, gardening, encouraging my best friend in the spiritual life and sharing knowledge with classmates.

**What is your favorite quote?** Isaiah 49:23 "Those who hope in me will not be disappointed."

**Who is your favorite Saint and why?** St. John the Baptist. I am moved by his life history especially his humility. I wish to live such a life.

**What advice would you give to a young man thinking about the seminary?** The seminary is for all who are from the world and are ready to say no to the things of the world.

**Any other interesting facts about yourself?** I worked for six months at a radio station and was given a certificate of recognition. I worked as a miller during high school. I have a friend who has always been there to support me on my journey to the priesthood and I consider this as a gift.

Some of you will surely remember Fr. Eugene, of Cameroon, who has visited St. Francis De Sales several times. He visited just last year. He himself has been attacked/kidnapped in his parish assignment at home. I leave you an update on the persecutions of Catholics in Cameroon. All of you really need to see this. [www.aciafrica.org/news/6735/pope-francis-appeals-for-the-release-of-kidnapped-catholics-in-cameroon](http://www.aciafrica.org/news/6735/pope-francis-appeals-for-the-release-of-kidnapped-catholics-in-cameroon)

Mrs. Leslie Sheldon and her hearty band of seniors from the Young at Heart Group pulled me along for their recent pilgrimage to St. Mary's Basilica in Old Town Alexandria last week. It was a lot of fun visiting one of the eight parishes named for the Blessed Mother. It is quite the place to see. It makes for quite a story. My favorite is where George Washington offered a personal donation to the construction of the church. He was very close to the Jesuits who staffed both the parish and Georgetown University. His aide de camp was a member of the parish.

Next month we will go off to Our Lady of the Valley in Luray and stop at the new chapel at Christendom College. Many years ago, in another century, I was the administrator of Our Lady of the Valley when Fr. Gene Neyer suddenly passed away. The valley church design was set for four different country churches... they each came in pieces from Sears. More on that in another time.

The other night I had the greatest time watching the Trail Life Boys have their annual awards dinner. It was a big crowd and it was a happy crowd. As we are so proud of the kids and their projects we are so very proud of the parents who together seemed like kids in a sandbox... playing and playing, and playing. A happy, healthy, and holy setting for all to share. Well done.

A few days later I was at the Frakes Farm, along Snickersville Road, with the American Heritage Girls in their campout... in what seemed like a monsoon. A rainstorm, next to a flowing creek only a golden retriever could love. I said mass under the tent while parents and kids stood out in the driving rain. I could not help but think of the troops from the Civil War who could have bivouacked in the same area over a hundred years ago, also in the rain. My hat goes off the girls and their parents. There must be some kind of award for what they endured.

The annual parish talent show was a hoot. God bless the Womens Council and Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the event. Where would we be without the enthusiasm generated with the Women and Knights. They are the best. Next year we will shoot for a February Show, a slower time in the year. Please get yourselves ready.

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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

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

### Congratulations and Much Gratitude!

We extend our gratitude to our faithful catechists and volunteers who assisted in preparing our parish youth in their faith formation and in receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are thankful for your witness and dedication to our families.

Each one of us is on our faith journey. It doesn't end with confirmation. Growing and learning the Catholic faith is a life-long process. Please consider joining in one of the many opportunities to deepen your faith.

### Registration for Religious Education SY '23-'24

Registration for next school year will begin June 1. The following is the schedule of classes. We encourage you to register early.

**Sunday, 9 to 10:15am** - Kindergarten through 8th grade (Mass begins at 10:30am, for families who would like to attend)

**11am-12:15pm** RCIT

**4 to 5pm** - High school classes (Details TBA)

**Monday, 5 to 6:15 pm** - Kindergarten through 8th, RCIC, Adult class (details, TBA)

**Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:45pm** - Preschool through 5th grade

**5 to 6:15pm** - Grades 6-8 (pending enrollment)

Remember that every year of religious education is important! Please make sure to register early.

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 and Father Gould.

Vacation Bible School- July 10-14 "Joseph, Prison to Palace"

Registration is open! Please get your paperwork to Janice as soon as possible.

### May is the Month of Mary

Did you know there are eleven churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady? During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each! Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/) for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!



## High School

### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT

ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays after 5:30pm Mass in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Due to the Memorial Day holiday and WorkCamp related events, our next meeting is **Sunday, June 25th.**

### BACCALAUREATE FOR SENIORS

Seniors, families, and friends in our community and neighboring churches are invited to attend a Christian worship service on **Friday, June 2nd at 7pm** to celebrate the seniors' accomplishments and thank God for His amazing power and work in our lives. We'll come together for prayer, Scripture, music, reflections, and speakers. A reception will follow in OLVH. We hope to see you there!



### PARISH CAR WASH

Get your car washed, celebrate Mass, AND help raise money for WorkCamp all at the same time! On Sunday, June 11th during ALL MASSES, we'll be washing cars for our last WorkCamp fundraiser. Sign Up at [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org) to guarantee a slot. Drop-ins are welcome, but only if there's room! Arrive early - follow signs to park near the Education building - pay (cash/check/cc) - pick-up after Mass. \$20/car and \$25/SUV, truck or van.

### LAST REQUEST - ITEMS NEEDED!

We are in need of SEVERAL items to BORROW and/or DONATE for WorkCamp- water, pizza, drop cloths, fans, tools, even drivers and vans. Scan this QR code to **SEE THE FULL LIST** and reach out to Shahin or Maggie at [familyuddin@gmail.com](mailto:familyuddin@gmail.com) with questions. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support!



### REMIND

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



### July 19th-21st

Discover Christ in others.

Discover Christ in you.

**ADULTS OF ALL AGES --**

our teens need you!

Let me know if you can be a team leader at a local worksite, assist with games, spiritual reflections, discussions, or meals.

**Registration coming soon!**

## Middle School



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Go to [www.saintfrancisparish.org](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org)  
Click on Youth Ministry and follow the links.

## St. Francis Council 11136 News

**MEMORIAL DAY:** The members of St Francis Council #11136 wish to thank all the families who this weekend will honor their Veterans' sacrifices on Memorial Day. We thank you for living with their sacrifice to our Nation.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who supported and attended the 2nd Annual Parish Talent Show on Saturday 20 May.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Our next Council meeting is Monday 12 June at 7:30 in the Knights Hall. We will begin the transition of the council officer team, please join us to discuss events for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

**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](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com);  
[www.facebook.com/knights11136/](https://www.facebook.com/knights11136/)

## Knights Install New Gabriel Project Sign

A big thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council #11136 for purchasing and installing a new "Sign for Life" for our parish Gabriel Project pregnancy assistance ministry. The Gabriel Project serves any expectant or new mother in need of material, emotional, or spiritual support. Trained volunteer Angels are matched with mothers-in-need to accompany them on their journey. For pregnancy assistance, call the Gabriel Project confidential helpline 703-841-3810

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

Birtheright 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](https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view) or by going to Amazon.com, "Find a Gift", "Custom Gift List" and entering "Birtheright of Loudoun".

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



**50th Anniversary**  
**DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL 2023**  
*Rejoicing in One God, One Family*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10 | 4-8:30 P.M.**  
**MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE AT 4 P.M.**

FREE HOT DOGS & PUPUSAS\*  
FACE PAINTING & VENDORS\*  
GAMES, RIDES & INFLATABLES

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING **SCYTHIAN**

**FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**  
To reserve your tickets visit  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival)  
or scan the QR code

**WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
26 Fairground Rd, Front Royal, VA 22630

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.  
**\* DONATIONS FOR FOOD VENDORS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

## 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, 2023. 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).

## 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/)

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 June 8th; meal delivered and served June 10th.
- **Loudoun Homeless Shelter – Serve between 40 and 80 meals.**
  - o We prepare and serve meals every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Wednesday by 5pm.
    - Items due May 24th; meal delivered and served May 25th.

*"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 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.

## Women's Council Corner

*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* John 15:13



### 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 - 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.



### Next Planning Meeting - Monday, June 26th

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

### We Honor Our Nation's Heroes on Memorial Day Weekend

*"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."* - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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



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.

### St. Bridget of Ireland Church is Hiring

We are looking to hire for two positions.

The **Parish Coordinator** will be a full-time employee who will serve as a central hub for the life of the parish. Some of the responsibilities will include overseeing parish projects, implementing pastor's initiatives, and working with parish groups for events.

The **Maintenance Staff** will be a part-time employee and will be both custodial and maintenance work.

For both positions, please complete an employment application (found on our website) and submit that with a resume (for the Parish Coordinator position only) to the parish office. Please see our parish website for more detailed job descriptions.

[Stbridgetberryville.org](http://Stbridgetberryville.org).

## Catholic Distance University

### How Are We Saved? The Catholic View of Salvation

Offered June 12–July 3, 2023, this three-week online seminar will present ways to credibly, convincingly, and compellingly explain and share how we know that heaven and the afterlife are real. Taught by Steven Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America, this seminar will also present Catholic teaching on why it was necessary for Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us, and how we can accept this most precious gift of salvation. Tuition is just \$65 for those in the Diocese of Arlington, and study can be completed when you have time available during the offering dates. Enroll at [www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38065](http://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38065). Be sure to use the access code CDU15ARLINGTON when setting up your account to receive the reduced tuition.



Do you ever doubt the promises of God?  
Do you long for greater peace & joy?

## Made for More

A Workshop for Women on  
the Journey of the Beloved

JUNE 6, 2023  
6:15 PM - 9:00 PM  
ST. THERESA CHURCH  
21370 ST. THERESA LANE  
ASHBURN, VA

Discover how our brokenness can lead to healing. ♥ Claim God's promises & renounce common lies. ♥ Receive the invitation to draw closer to Christ.

To register, visit [www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com](http://www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com)

\$25 cost includes workshop materials & refreshments.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon  
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## 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. 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.

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

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