

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER    MAY 7, 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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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

## 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!

**St. Francis de Sales  
Catholic Church**  
**Blood Drive**  
Sponsored by St. Francis Council 11136

**WHEN:**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
**37730 St. Francis Ct.  
Purcellville, VA**  
*Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the  
Knights of Columbus Hall.*

  
**Every Drop Counts.  
Donate Blood.**

### Book Your Appointment Today

•Visit <https://bit.ly/SFDS2023>

•Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 3026

•Contact Mark Furman - [furmanma@outlook.com](mailto:furmanma@outlook.com)



Blood Donor Services

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

Photo ID Required. Masking is optional for all donors. Allow one hour for your donation.



## This Week

Mon., May 8	<u>Catholicism 101</u> 5pm Knights Hall <u>Knight's Council Mtg.</u> 7:30pm Knights Hall <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Room 202
Wed., May 10	<u>SoulStitch</u> 12pm, Knights Hall <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., May 12	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel
Sat., May 13	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, OLVH

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., May 6

9:00 am

Sat., May 6

5:00 pm

Sun., May 7

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., May 8

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., May 9

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., May 10

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., May 11

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., May 12

6:30 am

12:00 noon

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

### Easter Weekday; First Saturday

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

### Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

+ Walter Shearrow, Sr.

### 5th Sunday of Easter

People of the Parish

+ Steve Brooks

Hans and Odile Seeger

+ Emilie Lenhart

+ Tom and Barbara Sullivan

### Easter Weekday

Caroline Hertz

Laura Burgess

### Easter Weekday

Finley Mason

+ William Firth

### Easter Weekday

+ Gus and Nellie Hertz

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

### Easter Weekday

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Jack Burden

### Easter Weekday

Blaise Bonny

+ Neal Brown

### 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

## Readings for the Week

Sun:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Mon:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tue:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thu:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Fri:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Sat:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



Dear Folks,

The month Mary has recently started so let us please be attentive to our daily prayers/intentions invoking the Blessed Mother for our needs.

Speaking of needs, Many thanks goes out to all of those who contributed to the Annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal. The Bishop sent a very nice letter of appreciation. We raised 115% of our expected goal of \$206,000.00. God bless you for your tremendous generosity. Well done indeed.



Just a moment to give you an update for the calendar. First, the CCD year comes to an end the week of May 14. That is roughly two weeks away. God bless the wonderful souls who offer their great time and talent as teachers and aides in the annual program. They offer their hearts and souls to affect the hearts and souls of their students, who in their apostolic endeavors change the hearts and souls of their parent and family members. If you would like to see what the future of the Faith looks like please take a look at our CCD program. I am always telling the parish Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Diane Taylor, and her assistant Mrs. Janice Rees that they support the greatest CCD program I have ever seen. Well done one and all.

On May 21st we will host the annual Blessing of Motorcycles, at 2pm, following the 12:15 Mass. Come one, come all. They are a great bunch and are zealous in the care they offer their bikes. Let us pray, the Heavens angels watch over them and always keep them on the, "High Side," away from danger.

On June 2nd, by the great initiative of the parish Women's Council, the parish will host the annual Baccalaureate service for those about to graduate from high school. All are welcome to join in on the day in invoke the Lord to send down the Holy Spirit on our graduates as they step out from their homes. They will be missed when they go and they should be assured of our prayers and encouragement for their new endeavors in life.

And finally, in the not too distant future... Vacation Bible School returns. That will take place on July 10-14th. For those interested in helping in the program please contact Mrs. Janice Rees in the DRE's [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org). I offer that news early in case it will affect the Summer vacations for some of our families.

God bless one and all. Especially all who are involved in our Adoration Hours on Friday morning to Saturday morning. Pick an hour and pray for anything you want... but please remember the foolish pastor. Also, please join us for our weekly holy hour, each Wednesday at 7pm, followed by confessions. And finally, please join us for the nightly rosary for Ukraine, offered on the parish website at 9pm. And in closing, let us pray for one another.

**Collegiate Answer:** The song for the Air Force that played out in the opening of our local TV Station was called, "Air Force Blue." It is a catchy tune that probably did a lot to promote the Air Force... and Iowa National Guard. The poem, penned by an American Aviator was by, John Gillespie Magee Jr. and titled, "High Flight." An awesome poem played each morning on the opening of the local television station.

**Collegiate Question:** What is the one, and only, American site, recognized for a Marian Apparition?

Below are the names of people along with the date of death from our parish who **died during the month of May** since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead. Let us commend to the Lord's mercy the following:

Mary Sue Couser, May 21, 2021  
Michele Anne Mackey, May 10, 2019  
Arthur Busher, May 24, 2018  
Lisa Dugan, May 6, 2017  
John Andrew Boswell, May 5, 2016  
Sarah Haisten, May 13, 2014  
Clair Olson - May 19, 2012  
Hans Seeger - May 11, 2012  
Robert Dowling - May 22, 2011  
Mary Franz - May 15, 2008  
Edmund Hoffman, Sr. - May 29, 2007  
Eugene Kurtenbach - May 26, 2007  
Anne Kirby-Overmyer - May 17, 2006  
Arnold Juliano - May 28, 2006  
Nick Trbovich - May 18, 2005  
Grace Alexander - May 30, 2005  
Robert Moore, Sr. - May 19, 2004  
Deacon Gerald Melvin - May 17, 2004  
Jeff Gunnells - May 1, 2001  
Juanita Heller - May 22, 2001  
Veronica Mannion - May 24, 1999  
Charles Gobs, Jr. - May 26 1999  
Andrew Beaudway - May 4, 1998  
John Donohoe - May 2, 1998  
Florence Egan - May 18, 1995  
Joseph Amari - May 4, 1989  
Richard Klyn - May 12, 1986  
John Minogue - May 10, 1983

*Our thoughts and  
prayers are with ...*

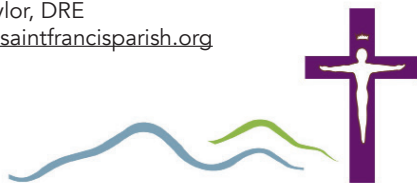


**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C Joshua Wilk, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow; 1LT Caleb McGowan

**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, Timotha Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert. Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall

Diane Taylor, DRE  
[d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org)



## St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

**First Holy Communion** Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm; Rehearsal Friday, May 12 at 5 and 6:30pm

Sunday, May 14 all First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Communion attire and participate in the May Crowning immediately following the 12:15 pm Mass.

### May Crowning

Sunday, May 14

Immediately following the 12:15 Mass

Children will be called to the back of the church at the end of Mass to participate in this beautiful procession to honor our Blessed Mother.

An email was sent to all families of First Communicants. Please make sure you've responded to that email so that we can properly plan the procession.

## Religious Education registration is coming soon!

Parents, please register your children for classes this month so that we can plan for our catechist and volunteer needs. Our schedule for next year will be:

Sundays, 9-10:15 am - Preschool through 8th grade  
4-5 pm - High school classes

Mondays, 5 - 6:15 pm  
Kindergarten through High School, RCIC/RCIT

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:45pm Preschool through 5th grade  
**NEW!!** 5-6:15 pm - Grades 6-8 \*\*\*

Remember that every year of religious education is important. Please make sure to register for your preferred session early. Some Sunday classes fill up very quickly.

\*\*\*Note: Wednesday middle school level classes which do not reach a minimum of 10 students will be cancelled and students will be moved to either Sunday or Monday.

All children preparing for sacraments (Communion Years I and II, Confirmation Years I and II, RCIC and RCIT) are asked to attend classes in person. The homeschooling option is available under special circumstances, with the approval from the Director of Religious Education and Father Gould.

### HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

for the 2023-2024 Religious Education School Year  
(dates and times TBD)

9th-12th Grade Moral Formation, Father Gould  
11th-12th Grade Philosophy Class with Father Heisler

Parent Class during Monday RE Session  
Mondays, 5-6 pm  
"Catholicism 101" with Father Heisler



Lindsay Glass  
Director of Youth Ministry  
540-338-6381 or  
[l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

## 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! Our next meeting is Sunday, May 7th.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Parish families and friends are invited to the WorkCamp Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, May 7th**, so spread the word! Proceeds from this event will go directly towards WorkCamp 2023 thanks to the Knights of Columbus! Breakfast will be served following the 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30am Masses. **ALL WORK-CAMPERS** are expected to volunteer. Non-WorkCampers may volunteer, as well. Sign-up at [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org) under Youth Ministry.

**SHELTER COOKING:** Meet us in the kitchen **Monday, May 8th from 5-6:30pm** to cook for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter. The newly confirmed 8th grade girls from Mrs. Giattino's RE class will be joining us. Please LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT so I can get a headcount.



### WORKCAMP June 17th-23rd, 2023 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 use tradesmen and security personnel), please email Shahin or Maggie ([familyuddin@gmail.com](mailto:familyuddin@gmail.com)). Come bring your gift to the altar!

### SAVE THESE DATES:

Parish Car Wash During All Masses - Sunday, June 11th  
College Night At St. Mark's (for seniors) - Wednesday, June 28th  
"God Squad" Hs Summer Camp For 9th-12th - July 19th-21st

## Middle School



## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who attended our 30th Anniversary Mass and Reception last weekend. We honored all our members who have been Knights for 30 years or more. Please see the list at right. A special thanks to Br Joe Borneman who organized the event, Brothers Michael Corrigan, Scot Cypher and Chris Wickman who set up the Knights Hall and managed the food and refreshments served during the reception. It was a wonderful event to celebrate what great works these Men have accomplished over so many years.

**LAST PANCAKE BREAKFAST OF THE SPRING – PROCEEDS TO WORK CAMP:** Today we are hosting our last Pancake Breakfast of the Spring. Please come join us and be extra generous with your good will offering as the proceeds will go to support WORK CAMP. Also, this will be the last Pancake Breakfast for Br Dzung Tran. Dzung has been doing pancake breakfast for nearly 10 years, so please come by and say farewell to him.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Our next Council meeting is Monday 8 May at 7:30 in the Knights Hall. We will vote our officer slate for Fraternal Year 2023-2024 and discuss transition of the new team and finalize our last Faith in Action programs.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** It is easier than ever to process an application for membership, go to [kofc.org/join](http://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/](http://www.facebook.com/knights11136/)

## Charter Members of Knights of Columbus St Francis Council #11136

Charter Grand Knight - Sir Knight, Lawrence L Domonkos  
65 Years – 1st Degree 2/1/65

Brother Robert R Decker – 60 Years – 1st Degree 5/1/63

Brother John L Bartyczak – 42 Years – 1st Degree 7/1/81

Brother, Henry T Varno – 39 Years – 1st Degree 12/11/84

Brother, Raymond Latka – 37 Years – 1st Degree 6/1/86

Brother, James C Bogaty – 35 Years – 1st Degree 12/1/88

Brother, Dino Sammarco – 34 Years – 1st Degree 5/1/89

Sir Knight, Dennis J Godfrey – 30 Years – 1st Degree 6/1/93

Sir Knight, John W Prohaska – 30 Years – 1st Degree 6/1/93

## Members of this Council Celebrating 30 years of service in the Knights of Columbus

(In order of their 1st Degree dates,  
beginning with the longest tenure)

Brother, Claude E Gianino – 66 Years – 1st Degree 12/1/57

Brother, Gerald Gingras – 65 Years – 1st Degree 4/1/58

Brother, David W Balding – 55 Years - 1st Degree June 20, 1968

Sir Knight, Francis A Castelli – 50 Years – 1st Degree 5/1/73

Brother, Donald A Young – 49 Years – 1st Degree 3/4/74

Brother, John M Murphy – 47 Years – 1st Degree 3/1/76

Sir Knight, David H Wilson – 46 Year – 1st Degree 4/1/97

Sir Knight, Pietro Sacripanti – 44 Years – 1st Degree 10/21/79

Brother, James A Haid – 43 Years – 1st Degree 4/1/80

Brother, John J La Falce – 42 Years – 1st Degree 4/1/81

Sir Knight, Randall S Quintana – 41 Years – 1st Degree 5/18/82

Brother, Stanley R Szemborski – 39 Years – 1st Degree 2/1/84

Brother, Mark A Furman – 39 Years – 1st Degree 6/13/84

Brother, Edward L Orlowski Jr – 38 Years – 1st Degree 3/1/85

Brother, Andrew M Koch – 37 Years – 1st Degree 2/6/86

Brother, Edward M Mautner – 35 Years – 1st Degree 1/1/88

Brother, Vernon W Conaway – 35 Years – 1st Degree 5/1/88

Brother, Frank L McCabe – 35 Years – 1st Degree 6/1/88

Sir Knight, Rev., Jame A Gould – 35 Years – 1st Degree 6/16/88

Brother, Michael H McGinley – 35 Years – 1st Degree 10/28/88

Brother, James A Morgan – 33 Years – 1st Degree 3/21/90

Brother, Andrew T Lewandowski – 32 Years – 1st Degree 9/19/91

Sir Knight, Steven J Voss – 31 Years – 1st Degree 4/23/92

Brother, John F Zugschwert – 31 Years – 1st Degree 5/11/92

Brother, William J Hildbold – 31 Years – 1st Degree 11/1/92

Brother, Dominick J De Angelo – 30 Years – 1st Degree 6/1/93

Brother, Edwin M Huth – 30 Years – 1st Degree 9/1/93

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)

## 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](mailto:a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org) or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

## 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](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)
- Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.  
[saintfrancisparrish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/](http://saintfrancisparrish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/)

## Women's Council Corner



*"'Everything is lawful for me,' but not everything is beneficial. 'Everything is lawful for me,' but I will not let myself be dominated by anything." 1 Corinthians 6:12*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Kathleen Terjesen** our new Vice President & **Lisa Anderson** our new Marketing Lead. We are very blessed to have them join our executive team! We also say thank you to **Sandy Regan**, our President, and **Maggie Uddin**, our Secretary, for taking on these roles for another two year term. **Hershey Youngblood & Gail Donohue** will continue on as our anchors in this sea of change for their second year as our Treasurer & Communication Leads. We pray God will guide and inspire them to help serve our Women's Council!

### Funeral Reception Event Coordinator

The Women's Council is looking for one or two people 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](mailto: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 - Sip, Dip N' Paint

**Monday, June 5th, 6:30pm / Tuesday, June 6th, 10am**

Our Lady of Victory Hall

Save the date for our next painting class with our talented Diane Waller. Because of the high demand we now have two dates to choose from! Sign up will be coming soon.



Please check our website for more details on each event. [saintfrancisparrish.org/womens-council](http://saintfrancisparrish.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.





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)



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com) Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon 703-283-4053 or [onegratefulgirl@verizon.net](mailto:onegratefulgirl@verizon.net)



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