

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 20, 2022



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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 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 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.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
November 20, 2022**

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
- Luke 23:43



*Have a Blessed
Thanksgiving!*

Mass - 10am
(no 6:30 or 8:30am Mass)

*The Administrative and Religious Education
Offices will be closed Wednesday thru Friday,
November 23-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.*



**Gift Shop will be open on Sunday, November 20.
Hours 9:30am - 1:30pm
New items have just arrived!!
Come shop for Christmas!**

This Week

Mon. Nov. 21 “Divine Mercy” Study 10am, Rm 206
Catholicism 101 5pm, Knights Hall
Wed., Nov. 23 NO TMIY
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm, Church
Fri., Nov. 25 Women’s Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Sat., Nov. 26 NO TMIY
Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am, Library

OLVH - Our Lady of Victory Hall

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., Nov. 19 **Weekday**
9:00 am Special Intention

Sat., Nov. 19 **Vigil: Christ the King**
5:00 pm + Mary Breiding

Sun., Nov. 20 **Christ the King**
7:00 am The Zurschmeide Family
8:30 am People of the Parish
10:30 am + Anthony and Connie Taffuri
12:15 pm + Cindy Lucille Walnetski
5:30 pm + James Corcoran

Mon., Nov. 21 **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
6:30 am Tom and Cathleen Royals
8:30 am + Pat Jordan

Tue., Nov. 22 **Saint Cecilia**
6:30 am + Dr. James and Alice Gould
8:30 am + Alice Gould

Wed., Nov. 23 **Weekday**
6:30 am + Hugh and Ann Williams
8:30 am Maralan O’Neil

Thu., Nov. 24 **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac**
10:00 am Blakely and Dietrich Frers

Fri., Nov. 25 **Weekday**
6:30 am + Catherine DiCesare Corrigan
12:00 pm + Francis Michael DeBritz

Sat., Nov. 26 **Weekday**
9:00 am Thomas Aquinas Arkell O’Brien

Sat., Nov. 26 **Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**
5:00 pm + Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Oliveri

Sun., Nov. 27 **First Sunday of Advent**
7:00 am Rev. Thomas Borque
8:30 am Joseph and Jessica Conner
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm + Joseph Chmielewski
5:30 pm Rita Gudan

Readings for the Week

Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk
21:1-4

Tue: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11 – 21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/
Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Dear Folks,

Life is on the run as we rush to Thanksgiving next week. God bless all who come to our tables in gratitude to the Lord for all we enjoy in this wonderful country. God bless America.

Speaking of Thanksgiving... the morning Mass on the turkey day will be at 10 AM.

Reminder. Advent starts on Sunday November 27th. Confessions will heard each week night at 7-8 PM, with the exception of Wednesday night where confessions will be heard at 8-9 PM, after the 7 PM Holy Hour. Now is the time for one and all. If you have not been to the box in the last two or three election cycles this is your moment of greatness to stand as paragons of virtue for your parents to join you. Let us not be nervous nor indifferent because you can not remember the "Act of Contrition." The card is in the box. If you are worried about long lines, please come early. If you are worried about no lines... just catch me in the parking lot. And if you can't remember any sins since the last time you had your wings dusted then just make some up and confess... lying.

Many thanks to all who brought in food and other sundry items for the Missionaries of Charity as they reach out to the needs of five hundred Venezuelans recently planted in their backyard. God bless you one and all. You are the best.

A number of folks have asked to have a testimonial on the presence of the painting for St. Jean-Marie Vianney. Please go to page 7, you will find the words of our dear artist, Diane Waller.

Collegiate answer: The evil nemesis to Detective Sherlock Holmes was known as Professor Moriarity. The author of the Holmes mysteries, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, named the Professor after a priest from his childhood who noted to be very very mean.

Collegiate Question: Name the bird that was almost named as the image of America heralded by the Bald Eagle?



Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, November 26
@ 10am in the Library

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call us for more info, Laura Burgess at 703-727-7117.

THE Next 100 YEARS OF FAITH

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card,

a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.saintfrancisparish.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

Thanksgiving Baskets

The Religious Education and CHRSM families together are collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to families in need in Western Loudoun County. These bins are



brought over to Loudoun Valley High School who will distribute them through their parent liaison.

We would like to respond to the needs of our parish family as well. If you would like to pick up a basket from the church for your family or for someone you know, please email j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org by Monday afternoon and we will reserve one for you. Happy Thanksgiving!

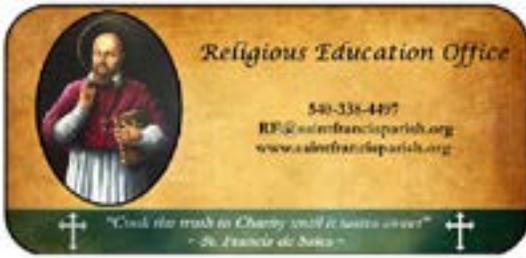
Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



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

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Elaine Marshall, Anita Gianino, Olga Howard

The Deceased: William Firth, Lois D'Elia, Bernadette Reynolds, Anne Jachts, Nancy Eastman, Ann Forrest, Nick Spadacini, Pasquale Spera, 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



Thanksgiving Baskets:

We are collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets as we have in the past, please check your email dated November 3 for suggestions. All donations must

be in by class time on Monday, November 21. Thank you for your generosity!

The Religious Education Department Needs YOU!

We are asking you to prayerfully consider the following:

- **The RE program needs more adults who are willing to be on the substitute teacher list.** You may specify which day and grade level you are most interested in helping. This is a wonderful way to be active in the formation of the youth in our parish.
- Several RE classes are without a **classroom assistant.** These adults or highschoolers will assist the catechist with routines and management. Call the office if you are interested.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will continue this week in the church. If your child missed going with their class last week, they can make it up this week.

A reminder about how to properly receive the Sacrament and an Examination of Conscience for Children and Middle-Schoolers are both available on the website, saintfrancisparish.org/parent-resources/

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades -9-10:15am
RCIT - 11-1:15pm
9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm
11th-12th Grades (Fr. Heisler) - 4-5pm

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm
Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm

Wed **NO CLASSES**

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

Sunday **NO CLASSES**

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm
Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm

Wed Pre-K-5th - 3:30-4:45pm



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

All High Schoolers Welcome!

TEEN MASS & LITURGY GROUP – Every Sunday at 5:30 PM, gather in the front rows to celebrate Mass together. ALL teens are encouraged to usher, bring up the gifts, lector, and make announcements at any Mass. Let me know if you want to be part of the *new* “Youth Liturgy Group”!

SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT: Next Youth Night is 11/20 from 6:30-8:00pm in room 213. Teens are asked to a pair of matching sweats (size XL) for Vets for Vets and a dinner contribution for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner. Friends welcome!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Our next service project is to raise wreath sponsorships for our fallen veterans (see separate announcement). Teens are encouraged to collect sponsorships from the parish community after Masses on November 19-20th. Sign up at saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/calendars-and-flyers/. We are also seeking on-line sponsorships from families and friends. Please spread the word and sponsor through Youth Ministry at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/174178.

On December 17th, National Wreaths of America Day, students in grades 8-12 will lay wreaths at Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, MD. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. This event begins at 12:00pm. If you are a student in grades 8-12, please let me know if you'd like to attend!

MOUNT 2000: February 3-5th, 2023. Registration info coming very soon!



REMIN APP: Sign up to receive text message reminders and updates. Go to <https://remind.com/join/a4d636> or text @a4d636 to 81010.

“Giving Thanks”

Sunday, November 20th, 6:30-8pm
in the gym



All middle schoolers and friends welcome!

Bring a matching pair of sweats (size XL) for our amazing veterans at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center. We'll wrap them in ribbon and write them notes!

Our high school youth group will join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck dinner. Please bring a dinner dish to share.

Email Dan & Lindsay Glass at lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com with questions.

St. Francis Council 11136 News

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL



NEXT COUNCIL OFFICER MEETING: Our next Council Officer Meeting will be 28 November, join us to plan future events like our Council Christmas Party and our golf outing to Top Golf in December. We will watch Monday Night Football after the meeting.

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE: Coats for Kids !! We are collecting coats in the Narthex through Sunday, December 4th, our council will be collecting new, clean, and gently used coats to distribute to local schools. Due to your generosity and the coats purchased by the Knights, in 2021 we were able to donate to 13 schools, Mobile Hope and the Homeless Ministry. Thank You! There will be a box in the narthex in which to place your donations. If you are interested in purchasing a box of 12 coats for children at \$237.38, please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 11136 and drop it by the Parish Office.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: We will once again be selling KCIC Cards, we conduct the KCIC Poster Contest for our young parish members and an Essay contest. We will sell Christmas Cards at the Christmas Market on December 4. Keep Christ in Christmas entry forms will be available in the Narthex the weekend of 19-20 November.

ST NICHOLAS IS COMING: St Nick will make a special visit to our 4 December Pancake Breakfast. More details to follow as he informs us of his visit plans.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE: Our December Council meeting will be Tuesday 13 December. On Monday 12 December the Parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and with a reception in the Knights Hall.

GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
When you become a Knight, you are part of a band of brothers rooted in faith. And, as part of the largest Catholic fraternal benefit society in the world, you will also have exclusive access to premium content such as faith-based e-books, videos and articles delivered right to your inbox. Get ready to be inspired to lead with your faith!

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight, St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com;
www.facebook.com/knights11136/

COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Our council will be collecting new, clean, and gently used coats to distribute to local schools through **Sunday, December 4**. Due to your generosity and the coats purchased by the Knights, in 2021 we were able to donate to 13 schools, Mobile Hope and the Homeless Ministry for a total of 552 coats. Thank You! There will be a box in the narthex in which to place your donations. If you are interested in purchasing a box of 12 coats for children at \$237.38, please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 11136 and drop it by the Parish Office by November 28th.

Christmas MARKET
Sunday, December 4th
8:00am - 2:00pm

Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick!

St. Francis de Sales
37730 St. Francis Ct
Purcellville, VA

Please join American Heritage Girls Troop 962 and our Parish Youth Ministry as we **REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.**

Our youth are completing their annual drive to raise wreath sponsorships for our fallen Veterans.

High school Youth Ministry teens will collect sponsorships after Masses on

NOVEMBER 19TH-20th

Online wreath sponsorships may be made on the St. Francis de Sales Troop VA0962

"Wreaths Across America"

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/va0107p

- 1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship (\$15)
- 2 Wreaths (\$30)
- 5 Wreaths (\$75)
- 10 Wreaths (\$150)



Wreaths from this drive will be laid at Winchester National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day. There are 5,561 graves at this particular cemetery, and we appreciate your generosity in helping us strive for our goal to honor every grave.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH at 12pm
NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

All members of the parish and friends are invited to join American Heritage Girls Troop 962 and Youth Ministry teens in grades 8-12th to lay wreaths at Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, MD. Ceremonies around the world will take place at the same moment, so don't miss this incredible event!

Contact Beth Creighton with questions:
creightonfa18@gmail.com

Parish Homeless Ministry

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



December Updates: We will be collecting food donations and signing up servers for both the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia and the Leesburg Homeless Shelter in **one upcoming Sign-Up Genius email.**

December dates are:

- Missionary Sisters of Charity: Items due on Thursday, December 8th; meal delivered and served on Saturday, December 10th.
- Leesburg Homeless Shelter: Items for Christmas Party are due on Tuesday, December 12; meal delivered and party served on Wednesday, December 13.

In January, we will resume our regular schedule:

- We prepare and serve meals and provide necessities to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to the Knights Hall the previous Thursday by 2pm.
Items due, January 12; meal delivered and served, January 14.
- We prepare and serve dinner at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the previous Wednesday by 5pm.
Items due, January 24; meal delivered and served January 25.
- We prepare "blessing bags" for needy and homeless at the shelters and in the community. We will collect items beginning in January and will sponsor a parish-wide bag-building event in February.

"Do ordinary things with extraordinary love."
- Mother Theresa

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, 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
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com

Holy Father Prayer Intentions - November Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Women's Council Corner

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Next business meeting - Monday, November 28th (Moved due to the holiday)
6:30pm Rosary in the chapel | 7pm meeting in the Library.

This is where great minds come together to create celebrations. All women are welcome to join.

Pancakes with St. Nick - Sunday, December 4th
St. Nick will be visiting us during Knights of Columbus' Pancake Breakfast! Bring the youngins so they can tell him their little prayers. He will be giving out special treats for those who are being good!

Next social - Christmas Ornament Felting



Please check our website for more details on each event. saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council All women of the parish are members of the Women's Council.

No dues or membership forms are required. New to the parish or not getting our emails? Contact us: womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com



Altar Flower Dedication

The Altar Flowers this week are
in Loving Memory of
Helen and Charles Becker



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

St. Jean-Marie Vianney

Saint John Marie Baptist Vianney, commonly known as the Curé d'Ars, was born on May 8, 1786 in the small French village of Dardilly. He was one of 6 children born to poor Christian parents, Matthew Vianney and Maria Beluse and grew up during the era of the French Revolution during which time the Catholic Church was persecuted: forced closure of parishes and churches and even executing priests. Masses were held in secret. St. Vianney was very pious from a young age with his prized possession a small figure of Mary to which he would pray constantly. He knew he wanted to be a priest from a very young age but almost did not become ordained as his father needed his help on the family farm and when he did give his blessing, St. Vianney's lack of education and difficulty in learning and remembering things (which lasted his entire life) almost prevented him from even completing his pre-seminary studies. He did so with the help of his mentor, Father Charles Balley, who recognized his holiness and fervent devotion to Jesus and Mary. When he did proceed to the minor seminary for further study, he was expelled after only 6 months due to his low grades, but Father Balley continued to assist him and by the grace of God, he was readmitted and eventually ordained on August 13, 1815 in Grenoble at age 29. He was drafted into Napoleon's armies, but due to an illness, he missed joining his detachment and was considered a deserter. But by the grace of God, he never saw battle and received a pardon.

In 1818 at age 32, he was assigned to the small village of Ars, France which held a population of about 200 farmers, 40 houses, a church that was falling apart and rarely used, and a people who had forgotten their faith while living immoral lives. For the next 41 years, he was a fervent and emotional priest who truly wanted nothing more than to save the soul of every person in his town. He started with repairing and beautifying the church: building chapels and using his own money to do so, started a free school for girls and accepted only orphans as boarders, promoted Eucharistic Adoration, daily rosary recitation, confession, daily Mass attendance, and clean and holy living through preaching about heaven, hell, sin, and forgiveness - never shying away from telling the truth or sternly exhorting the faith. He would give his own clothing, furniture or his last coin to help the needy and never tired of begging for money for the poor or teaching children their catechism. His penances on behalf of his parishioners left him at times bloody and faint (he practiced body mortifications almost his entire life and fasted for his parishioners) and lived on little food (1 potato a day sometimes with a cup of milk) and less sleep; most of his days and nights were spent in the church offering the sacraments and then in prayer praying for his people.

Through his tireless work, within a few short years the small town became very devout and by 1827 pilgrimages there were becoming common. Thousands of people from all stations of life, peasants and nobles, priests and bishops from surrounding areas knew of St. Vianney and would travel miles just for him to hear their confession where lines would stretch outside the church and down the street. He would spend up to 18 hours a day giving absolution to those who repented and telling those who did not, to leave as he had the charism of being able to read souls and see their most hidden sins. Even though

hundreds would be waiting in the confessional line for up to 3 days, he would go through the line with some assistants and would be able to tell by reading their souls who hadn't been to church in decades and would let them go to the head of the line so as not to lose any souls. He would hear up to 300 confessions a day and even heard confessions on his deathbed. By the end of his life, he had seen 100-120,000 penitents. He was also able to foresee the future, perform miracles (including multiplications of food), heal the sick and cast out demons from the possessed.

Because of his holiness, for 35 years he was constantly physically attacked by Satan (in which he was happy to suffer for Christ and was pleased on particularly violent attacks as he came to learn that the following day would always bring some major sinner, a "really big fish", to his confessional. He would say, "The grappin (his nickname for the devil) and I are practically mates."! It is said that the devil told St. Vianney, "If there were 3 such priests as you, my kingdom would be ruined." He loved to suffer for God and for his parishioners.

He was even tested when he became the victim of anonymous letters to the bishop from people who wanted to get rid of him accusing him of immoral behavior and debauchery. An investigation took place which resulted in him being cleared as no one who knew him believed him capable of such evil gossip.

He was loved for his humility, faith, gentleness, patience, and cheerfulness. After a lifetime of unsurpassed holiness and inexplicable miracles, he died on August 4, 1859 in Ars at the age of 73. He was beatified by Pope St. Pius X in 1905 and declared in April that same year the 'patron of the priests of France'; then canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI who declared him the 'patron of all the parish priests in the universe'. His feast day is August 4. Note: Although Saint John Vianney's heart is known to be incorrupt, his body is not.

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." - St. John Vianney



Good Shepherd School is a Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children preschool through 8th grade in Purcellville. We are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 academic year. If you would like to learn more about the school, please join us for an Open House:

Tuesday, December 6, 3:30 pm

Please email our Admissions Director, Cathy Struder
admissions@goodshepherdschoolva.com,
if you plan on attending

