

The Sunday Encore



More News and Announcements from St. Francis de Sales Parish

Sunday, May 8, 2022
The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday May 8, The World Day Of Prayer For Vocations

With today being the World Day Of Prayer For Vocations, please take some time today to pray the following prayer and make it a part of your prayer in the days to come.

***Holy Spirit**, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.*

***Inspire** us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.*

***Help** us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.*

***Inspire** parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.*

***Nudge** inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life, and societies of apostolic life.*

***Ignite** our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptized to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.*

***Disrupt** our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily 'YES!' Amen.*

Marriage Moments And Parenting Pointers: Food For Thought And Actions

Marriage Moments-This year Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday both fall on May 8. So, what do sheep and mothers have to do with marriage? Perhaps it's about taking care of another. Of course, neither of you are sheep or a child, but seek out a fun way to care for your beloved today.

Parenting Pointers-"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress." (Revelation 7:14) During these past years of pandemic, you and your children have probably experienced significant changes in stress. Our whole world has. Share what has been hardest by also something positive you've learned from the experience.

A Prayer In Gratitude For Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

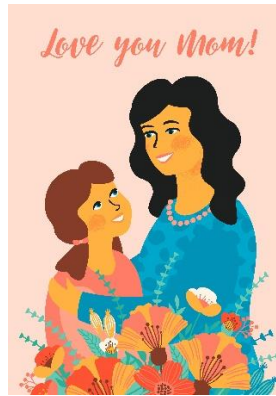
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.



Living Laudato Si' Eco-Tip Of The Week From The SFdS Parish "Green Team"

Experiencing Nature:

The Easy One: Plant something. Anything will count, but as seed or seedling that will grow into a food is ideal.

The Challenging One: Organize a campaign to clean up and take care of a public green space in your neighborhood or town.

This Week From U.S. Catholic Magazine

Please visit *U.S. Catholic Magazine* at www.uscatholic.org for this week's read and other informative and inspiring articles:

How Can Preachers Break Through The Noise Of Today's World? Readers Weigh In On The Homilies That Inspire Them-And The One's That Put Them To Sleep. By Rhonda Miska

Volunteers Needed At St. Francis Seraph Ministries

St. Francis Seraph Ministries is in **HUGE** need of volunteers to serve Breakfast and Dinner Monday through Friday to the Urban Poor in Over-the-Rhine. Shifts are 6:45-9am and 3:45-

6pm. Volunteers will help package hot meals/beverages and distribute them; do clean up; work the bag check area; organize the pantry; and help with overall sanitation. Please contact Theresa Diersen at tdiersen@sfsministries.org or 513.276.7037 for more information; or sign up directly at www.sfsministries.org/volunteer . Our mission is to nourish and nurture anyone in need.

Vocation Ministry Thought For The Week

“It is not just the womb but every cell in a woman’s body that gives birth to her child. Every cell indeed! So it was with Mary, the Mother of Christ. So it is with every Marianist man and woman who reaches the depth of spirituality our founders envisioned. It takes hold of our minds, bodies, hearts, imaginations, prayers, actions, and longings. Like Mary, we give birth to Christ in the most ordinary and extraordinary situations as we participate more fully in the Incarnation: giving birth to Christ in our world. Always, and in every way!” (Andrews, Five Pillars of Marianist Spirituality).

Which of the five pillars of Marianist Spirituality (Faith, Mission, Community, Inclusivity, Mary) can we improve upon in our Marianist Journey as a parish community? How does Mary inspire us to grow in her mission?

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“The message of Fatima is simple: Pray. Unfortunately, some people have distorted these revelations, making them into an apocalyptic event...

Mary is perfectly honored when people generously imitate her response ‘Let it be done to me as you say’ (Luke 1:38). Mary can never be seen as a rival to Jesus or to the church’s teaching authority, as exercised by the college of bishops united with the bishop of Rome.”

Leonard Foley, O.F.M. and Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.
The Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima
May 13

