

NOVEMBER

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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*Administered by the Oblates of
St. Francis de Sales*

Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays

Saturday Vigil 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am (online),

12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online

www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Chapel open for prayer

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Confessions Saturdays 9:00am

or by appointment

Office Hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

*"We have a heart! Let us follow
it. God doesn't make a mistake
with his creation. He has laid
treasures of love and tenderness
in this heart, each according
to the vocation he has called
people to."*

- Blessed Louis Brisson

*"¡Tenemos corazón! Sigámoslo.
Dios no se equivoca con su
creación. Ha depositado en este
corazón tesoros de amor y
ternura, cada uno según la
vocación a la que ha llamado
a las personas".*

- Beato Louis Brisson

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered during all the Masses at Our Lady of Good Counsel parish on the weekend of November 23-24, 2024. To prepare for that special Sacrament, two questions are asked and answered below:

What is the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Who may receive this Sacrament?

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK?

Jesus desires to be present to his people throughout all the moments and circumstances of their lives, but especially at significant moments in their lives of faith. Illnesses or surgery or the diminishments of aging, among others, are such moments.

The biblical foundation for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is found in the Letter of St. James: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven" (James 5: 14-15).

Let us briefly look at the five elements in these verses: (1) the elders of the church (2) who pray over the sick person (3) and anoint them with oil; (4) the relationship between faith, salvation and resurrection (5) and the forgiveness of sins.

The elders of the church are called to pray over, anoint with holy oil, and forgive the sins of the sick person. The "elders" in this sacrament are the priests who administer the sacrament.

Depending on the condition of the sick person, the ritual may contain several prayers, litanies, and scripture readings. The Sacrament of Penance may also be administered beforehand.

However, the only gestures and prayers that are essential in this Sacrament are the silent imposition of the hands by the priest on the head of the sick person, the anointing of the sick person's forehead and hands with the Oil of the Sick, along with the words that accompany those anointings. The imposition of hands invokes the presence of the Holy Spirit while recalling the healing touch of Jesus in the many gospel accounts.

When he anoints the forehead of the sick person, the priest prays these words: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy



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Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:
bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule

Sat. Nov. 9 / Sun. Nov. 10, 2024

+ Geraldina Ramirez
+ Richard Even
+ Joseph Minh Nguyen & Maria Voc Tran
+ Michael A. Tuszka
+ Charles & Eugene Reiter

Monday, November 11

9:00am + Phyllis Manfred

Tuesday, November 12

8:30am + Gerald T. Skowronski

Wednesday, November 13

8:30am + Dr. Danilo Gutierrez Lee

Thursday, November 14

8:30am + Elizabeth Samson

Friday, November 15

8:30am The OLGC Community

Saturday, November 16

8:30am + Kelly Mansfield

Sat. Nov. 16/ Sun. Nov. 17, 2024

+ Blanca Sone
+ Charles McMahon
+ Richard Sullivan
Ray Family
Maria Romero

**Please keep those listed in the prayer
intention book and the recently
deceased in your prayers.**

**Please pray for those for whom
candles are lit:**

Church	In memory of William Maguire
Chapel	For the Healing of Encarna
OL Votive	Prayer for Healing

SANCTUARY CANDLES

For a donation of \$25, you may have a candle burn for a week in memory of a deceased loved one, for a celebration or for a special intention.

Visit olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle to light a candle.

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Please contact our staff if you have questions about any matter related to the life of the church. Below is a list of the many people here to help.

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Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654..... www.knightsvienna.org
Counseling Catholic Charities **Consejería** Caridades Catolica 703.425.0109

Our website, OLGCVA.org, is a source of lots of information about our parish life. There are a number of ways you can communicate with staff for specific needs through the site. The links below provide first steps to various things you may need.

OLGC Funerals: www.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/funerals

Devotional Candles: www.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship

Join the Parish: olgcv.org/register

Schedule an Event: olgcv.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: olgcv.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention/Devotional Candles: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick *from page 1*

help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.” The sick person and those present respond, “Amen.” When he anoints the hands he prays, “May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.” Again, those present respond, “Amen.”

The Letter of James assures us that “the prayer of faith will save the sick.” With this sacrament there is always healing in that sins are forgiven, and grace is conferred. Many who receive the sacrament speak of an inner healing or a deepening of trust and confidence in a caring and provident God. Sometimes there is even physical healing or an improvement in the bodily illness of the sick person.

Depending on the gravity of the illness, the anointing also spiritually prepares the sick person for sharing in the paschal mystery of the dying and rising of Jesus. If the person is able, Holy Communion is received after the anointing.

In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, sins are forgiven. For this reason, only a priest or a bishop may administer this sacrament.

WHO MAY RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK?

This Sacrament was never meant to be administered only to those who are actively dying. Unfortunately, many came to view it in that manner. This misunderstanding was addressed by Vatican II when it changed the name of this sacrament from “Extreme Unction” to the “Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick,” indicating by that change in name that the sacrament was no longer to be administered only to those at the point of death. Certainly, it may and ought to be administered to those for whom death is imminent. But it may also be administered to those whose illnesses, though serious, are not immediately life-threatening. Thus, those who are about to undergo surgery of any kind or those who are in the early stages of a serious illness such as cancer or who are suffering from a chronic disease such as diabetes or heart disease, or those of advanced age may receive the Sacrament. Also, those in their senior years, when life is more fragile and vulnerable, may receive it.

When the priest blesses the oil to be used in administering the sacrament of the sick, he asks God to “send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed by it; heal them in body, in soul and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction.” (Pastoral Care of the Sick, 123). The use of the words, “in body, in soul and in spirit” speaks to the wider embrace of this sacrament as envisioned by its new name, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides a helpful guideline regarding the frequency of this sacrament by those who are ill: “Each time a Christian falls seriously ill, he may receive this Anointing of the Sick, and also when, after he has received it, the illness worsens” (# 1529). In other words, this sacrament which was never meant to be received only at the end of life, ought to be received as frequently as is necessary given the nature and seriousness of one’s illness.

In the Gospels Jesus, the Divine Physician, draws near to all those who suffer. He does the same in this Sacrament. So, go to Him who, in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, desires to be your Healer, Savior, Comforter, and Lord!

Rev. Lewis Fiorelli OSFS



Please pray for our OLGC youth as they prepare for confirmation.

Adam	Dina	Maximo
Adriana	Dylan	Megan
Alec	Elizabeth	Michael
Alessia	Emsley	Molly
Allegra	Eve	Nathan
Alyssa	Felicitas	OWEN
Ana	Felipe	Owen
Ann Marie	Gabrielle	Patrick
Anna	Gabrielle	Patrick
Anne	Georgia	Peter
Antonia	Gianna	Raegan
Ashley	Gianna	Reagan
Ashton	Harrison	Ronald
Aviana	Ian	Ryan
Beckett	Isabella	Ryleen
Bianca	Jack	Samantha
Boden	Jackson	Samantha
Bradley	Jake	Santiago
Braedan	Jakub	Scarlett
Braedan	Joanie	Sean
Brayden	Johannes	Simon
Brianna	John	Sofia
Bryce	Joseph	Sofia
Callie	Joseph	Sophia
Cameron	Joshua	Sophia
Camila	Kaitlyn	Sophie
Carson	Kyu	Stella
Cecilia	Lakan	Sydney
Cecilia	Leah	Thomas
Charlie	Luca	Thomas
Charlotte	Lucy	Thomas
Chase	Maclin	Vienna
Chase	Marco	Viggo
Cole	Marek	Vincent
Conall	Mateo	Virginia
Corbin	Matthew	Wesley
Daniel	Matthew	Winifred
Daniela	Max	

Seeking a Friendly Attitude and a Heart for Service!

If you enjoy welcoming others and lending a hand, please consider joining our OLGC Usher Ministry. As an usher, you'll play an important role in making parishioners and visitors feel at home, assist with seating, provide guidance, and ensure our services run smoothly. It's a wonderful way to serve your church community while sharing your warm spirit. No prior experience is needed! For your convenience, two separate Usher trainings will be at 7p in the Church:

- Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00pm

All assistance is welcome and appreciated! We are in particular need of help at the Saturday 4p and Sunday 5p Masses. All interested parishioners, please sign up at bit.ly/OLGC-usher-training.



Confession and Adoration

Tuesday, November 19th 7-8pm in the OLGC Chapel will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

This is open to the parents and siblings of the OLGC families. Feel free to stop by to spend some time with Jesus and go to confession!

There will be praise and worship music as well as opportunities for silent prayer.

There will be handouts for Examination of Conscience and how to go to confession if it has been a while since you have gone to reconciliation. Parents are encouraged to go as well!

Calendar (Subject to change, updates at www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar)

November 10 – 17

SUNDAY			10
Christ House Food Collection	9:30 AM - 1 PM	SJC parking lot	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel	
OCIA Breaking Open the Word	10:30 - 11 AM	Reconciliation Rm	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
Jr. High CCF	6:15 PM - 7:45 PM	School	
MONDAY			11
Veteran's Day			
No School & Offices Closed--Parent-Teacher Conferences			
Lamb Center Breakfast	6:45 - 7 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
GS Troop 50274	3 - 4:15 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY			12
Student Picture Makeup Day & Groups	7:45 - 11 AM		
Book Study: <i>The First Christmas</i>	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
CS Pack 976 Bear Den	6 - 8 PM	School	
Mystagogy	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm	
WEDNESDAY			13
High School CCF	5 - 7 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm	
BSA Troop 976 adult meeting	6:30 - 8 PM	School-Loft	
BSA Troop 976 meeting	7 - 8:30 PM	Counsel Rm	
OCIA	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
THURSDAY			14
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
CS Pack 976 Lion Den	6 - 8 PM	School	
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
FRIDAY			15
Lamb Center Lunch	10 - 10:15 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Girl Scout Troop 50118	3 - 4:30 PM	DeSales Hall	
SATURDAY			16
GS Troop 50232	2 - 4 PM	Counsel Rm	
SUNDAY			17
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel	
OCIA Breaking Open the Word	10:30 - 11 AM	Reconciliation Rm	
Discover Catholic Schools Open House	11 AM - 12:30 PM	School/Preschool	
CCF-Emmaus	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm	
Girl Scout Troop 50296	3:30 - 5 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
Jr. High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School	

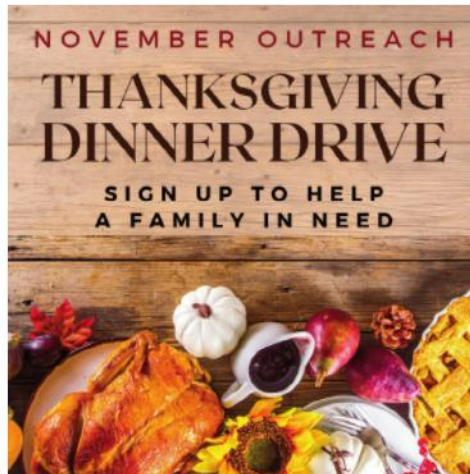
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

In these unprecedented times, your dedication to these local families is greatly appreciated. Last year, through the extraordinary generosity of the OLGC community, we provided 450 Thanksgiving Dinners. Due to the continued challenging financial times, this year we will support:

- Clearview Elementary School
- Oakton Elementary School
- Freedom Hill Elementary School
- Marshall Road Elementary School
- Louise Archer Elementary School
- Stenwood Elementary School
- Flint Hill Elementary School
- Cedar Lane School (gift cards only)
- OLGC's St. Vincent DePaul Society

All Thanksgiving Dinner baskets will be for a family of 6.

Please include a \$25 Walmart Gift



Card so families can purchase a turkey and other fresh items. A \$25 Walmart gift card is recommended, but additional cards, in \$25 increments, can be donated to help support the families needs. Visit bit.ly/ThanksgivingMeals-2024 to learn more and sign up to bless a family in need.

OLGC's Joy of Christmas Giving

Sponsor a Family

Add a family in need to your gift giving this year. Families are referred to the program by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vienna public schools, and OLGC families. If you would like to sponsor a family on your own, or team up with friends, co-workers, or parish groups, contact Fran Davenport at 703.867.3278, Maria Madocks at 703.319.0010 or via email at olgchristmasgiving@gmail.com to be matched with a family.

Giving Tree

As part of the Joy of Christmas Giving Program, a giving tree will be located in the Narthex. The tree will be decorated with tags and on display as of Sunday, November 23rd. On the back of each tag there will be explicit instructions regarding gift wrapping. Gifts can be dropped off before and after the Masses on December 14th and December 15th.



Please consider signing up to volunteer for this very worthy cause.

This year, we will not have online gift options. This is only for volunteer opportunities.

Any questions contact Chris Desmarais, chrisdesmarais526@gmail.com or Theresa Caputy, ctlc26@aol.com.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

OLGC Troop 976 Annual Christmas Wreath Sales

Pre-order your wreaths now!

OLGC's Boy Scout Troop 976 is conducting their annual sale of festive Christmas wreaths. The wreaths are \$35 each and usually sell out quickly—the Troop recommends pre-ordering early this year to ensure you get one! The beautiful greenery we select is fresh from a Maryland farm, and the proceeds help keep dues accessible for many members of our Troop. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/T976wreaths.



Holiday Bike Drive

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is collecting bikes to help people in need this holiday season. Bikes for teenagers and adults, who need transportation, can be dropped off until Nov. 28 at—

Antioch Christian Church parking lot,
1860 Beulah Road;

317 Church Street NE driveway;

218 Elmar Drive SE driveway; or

9807 Wintercross Court driveway.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
De Sales Hall



Save the Date: December 8 Breakfast with Santa!

Join the OLGC Community in De Sales Hall on Sunday, December 8th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM for a pancake breakfast and photos with Santa. Watch for tickets and details soon!



BeLOved!
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



**American
Red Cross**

Heroes Saving Lives

Join Us. Save Lives.
Be Proud.

VFW Post 8241 Blood Drive Nov. 22

Please Consider Donating Blood to the Red Cross Before the Holidays

McLean VFW Post 8241 is hosting a blood drive at 1051 Spring Hill Road in McLean on Friday, November 22, from 10 am to 3 pm. Please use the link below to sign up. If you have any questions, please email Charlie Wintermeyer at chaswint9@gmail.com. Thank you very much! Visit rcblood.org/3YhNWxi to schedule a donation.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING @ OLGC SCHOOL

Biography Day

Fifth Grade Biography Day on October 30th allowed OLGC students to delve into the lives of remarkable individuals who have left a lasting impact on our world. Each student selected a historical figure or contemporary hero to research and present to their

classmates, teachers, and parents. Fifth Grade Biography Day not only enhances students' public speaking abilities but also instills a sense of curiosity and respect for the diverse stories that have shaped our history and continue to inspire us today.



Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

Yes, fall is in the air and it's time to begin thinking about turkey!! "A Bounty of Blessings" is the theme for the next luncheon for OLCG seniors on Thursday, November 21 at noon in DeSales Hall. The serving table will be a groaning board for this holiday gathering, featuring all the traditional Thanksgiving foods. Hector Munk will be there to entertain you on the piano, playing your favorite music as you enjoy your meal. There's never any charge, but reservations are required and easy to make: RSVP to bit.ly/seasoned-citizens-nov2024, email seasonedcitizens@olgcv.org, or call Dagny, 703.281.5525. Please note that take-home meals are only available for homebound OLCG parishioners. Email Heidi, heidilinksnyder@gmail.com to make arrangements.



For planning purposes, no reservations will be accepted after Sunday, November 17.

The Book Swap Table will again be there to accept your donations of jigsaw puzzles and recent books (nothing else, please.) Be sure to select something to take home with you!

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Plan to enjoy this all-you-care-to-eat breakfast buffet next Sunday, November 17 at American Post 180, 330 Center St. N. in Vienna. It runs from 8 am-noon and features a wide variety of your favorite breakfast foods. It's very reasonable—adults pay only \$12 and \$5 for children under 12. Proceeds fund children's, veterans' and youth projects.

YOU'RE INVITED

There will be a National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter meeting Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm at the Vienna Community Center. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will discuss health insurance changes for 2025. This has always been an excellent presentation which the Chapter features annually before open enrollment season begins. There'll be plenty of time for questions. NARFE members and guests are all welcome. There's no charge.

DOWNSIZING

If you've missed previous lectures on this topic, here's another chance to attend this comprehensive seminar which will help you plan for the future by discussing various

aspects of the downsizing process. Some topics to be discussed include decluttering your current home, organizing, getting it ready for sale and selling it, to researching future home options. These would involve different types of living and levels of care. Jeff Wu will be the presenter at the Vienna Community Center on November 14 from 10-11 am. Free.



THE ALPHABET SOUP OF MEDICARE

If you missed last month's event, here's another chance to attend this informational presentation about Medicare on Saturday, November 16 from 9:45 am-12:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center. The fee is \$10 for Vienna town residents, \$12.50 for everyone else. Register for Activity 24156-B1 using your WebTrack account or stop by the Center to do it in person.

Elder Wisdom

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot, American Christian missionary

In September, we welcomed our newest members to the OLCG community through the waters of baptism:



Francisco McCreary Herrera
George Edward Slagen
Piper Jane Battjer

Josephine Eve Busche
Colin Davis Rasson
George Robert Tuinstra

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of November 10-17, 2024

SUNDAY 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;
Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

MONDAY Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours,
Bishop

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint Frances
Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

THURSDAY

Phmn 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

SATURDAY

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2024—June 2025

	Aug. 2024	Sept. 2024
Offertory	172,284	175,331
<u>Total Budgeted</u>	<u>178,304</u>	<u>168,507</u>
Variance	(6,020)	6,824
YTD Received	351,459	526,789
<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>360,241</u>	<u>528,747</u>
Variance	(8,782)	(1,958)

Weekly & Second Collections

You may give with checks or cash
via envelopes, give online at
membership.faithdirect.net/VA875,
or text amount to 703.810.7674.
Thank you.

November

11/10 Retired Religious

11/17 Campaign for Human
Development

11/24 Archdiocese for Military

11/28 Thanksgiving

Altar Server Training/Refresher

Your help is needed to dress an awesome altar for Mass! Join us for the final Altar Server training and refresher before the holidays on Wednesday, November 20th, at 3:30 pm in the Church. The session will last 90 minutes, including training (60-75 minutes) and a Q&A and/or alb fitting (15-20 minutes). Parents are encouraged to attend as a second set of ears and to ask questions. Open to new altar servers, as well as experienced altar servers needing a refresher. Please use this link to sign up: bit.ly/OLGC-altar-server-training.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Sign up for training - or a refresher -
on Wednesday, November 20 at 3:30 pm.



Mass for Deceased Knights of Columbus

**Remember and celebrate the
lives of Knights of Columbus
who have passed on.**

A Mass for deceased Knights of
Columbus will be held on Thursday,

November 21st, at 7pm, in the
chapel at St. Mark. This Mass is an
annual tradition to remember our
departed servants. All are welcome.
We invite widows and families of
our deceased Knights to join us.

SECOND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 17

Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the U.S. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

CCHD is an essential part of the Church, the United States' social mission and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities. it works to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "to bring good news to the poor...the release of captives, sight to the blind and the oppressed

go free." The campaign, through the generous support of Catholics in the US enables us to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit usccb.org/cchd/collection.



ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024



OUR LADY of
GOOD COUNSEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE OLGC ADMINISTRATION

Dear OLGC Community,

We are pleased to share with you these highlights from our FY24 annual report. First, we want to thank you, our parish community, for your continued loyalty and generosity. Parish events like the Lenten Fish Fry, Bingo Night, Fall Fest, Spaghetti Dinner, Sweets with Santa, and the Spring Gala, which provided us opportunities to celebrate our community and strengthen our bonds, stand out as fond memories of this past fiscal year. The Gala of Eden was our first auction since 2019 and was a huge success both financially and in building fellowship among parish families. We benefit from such a vibrant community of many cultures and talents, and we are deeply grateful for each and every one of you.

Sacramental and ministry highlights from the past year include:

1. 94 Baptisms celebrated
2. 365 students enrolled in the CCF religious education program
3. 399 First Communions
4. 121 Confirmations

We are blessed to have so many catechists and other volunteers who welcome new members and assist in the religious formation and sacramental preparation of our youth. Nonetheless, we are always in need of additional faith formation volunteers and encourage your involvement in this critical aspect of our parish outreach.

Our school continued to have full enrollment for K-8 and Preschool (over 520 students combined), and we remain thankful to our faculty, administration, and staff for their dedication and innovative instruction.

In the financial area, we achieved \$9.6M in FY24 operating income, an 8% increase over FY23. Offertory revenue declined by 5% and has not returned to FY19 levels. Other revenue sources relate to the restart of the Spring Gala, which grossed over \$500K. These monies helped to cover the cost of new teacher laptops, new public address system extensions in the school, new sound systems in both DeSales Hall and the school gym, and landscape beautification projects across our campus. Operating expenses increased by 8% to \$ 7.9M, resulting in net operating income of \$ 1.7M. A portion of these surplus funds were added to a capital reserve “rainy day” fund with the remainder being used to build operating cash reserves (the Diocese recommends maintaining cash reserves to cover at least 8 months of operating expenses).

Other FY24 income of \$4.4M reflects Cornerstone Project gifts and pledge receipts against capital expenses of \$ 1.3M. The latter includes the completion of Phase 3 of the school HVAC project along with school flooring upgrades. Cumulatively, we have spent over \$ 4.6M against the \$13M Cornerstone CAPEX project list. On June 30, 2024, we had approximately \$7M in unspent Cornerstone Project cash and \$1.8M in uncollected pledge receivables. Recently, we received approval from the Diocese to move ahead with our next major initiative: narthex and church renovations. This will include new narthex flooring, bathroom updates, updates to lighting, St. Francis de Sales and Our Lady of Good Counsel dedicated prayer spaces, the installation of a permanent baptismal font, the return of the Mary and Joseph statues to the church interior, the refinishing of church pews and more.

Last year's parish theme, “Do all things with great love,” reflected our Salesian tradition. Focusing on this year's theme, may we continue to experience God's Beloved embrace this year and witness each day how we are, and can strive to Be, the face of Love to one another. With deep gratitude for your generosity and your faithful commitment to OLGC, we remain proud and honored to lead our parish.

Live Jesus!

Fr. Mathias Kumar Fr. Matt Hillyard



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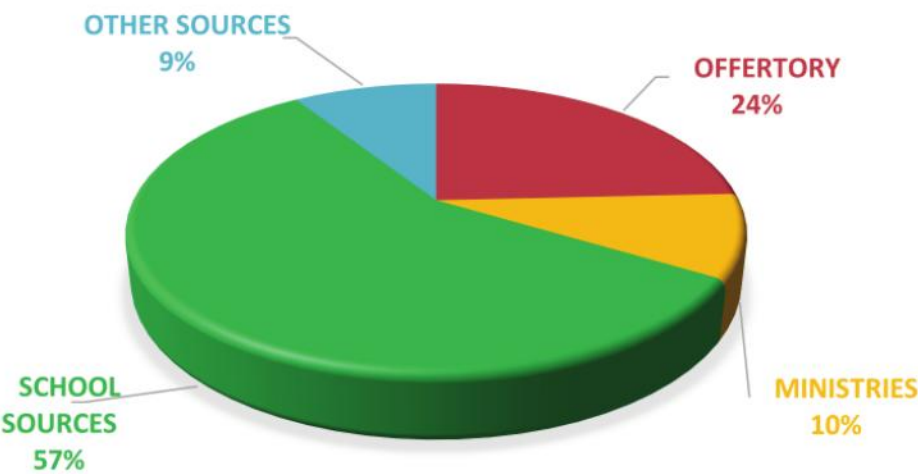
FY24 Financial Report

		FY23		FY24	
Balance Sheet	ASSETS				
	Operating Accounts	1,411,439		1,122,707	
	DIAL Savings	7,179,183		12,283,492	
	Other Assets	1,908,490		1,938,510	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,499,112		\$ 15,344,709	
	LIABILITIES				
	Accounts Payable	555,449		359,807	
	Deferred Revenue	2,030,003		2,147,173	
	Other Liabilities	361,557		427,039	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,947,009		\$ 2,934,019	
	NET ASSETS				
	Without donor restrictions				
	Unrestricted	4,259,001		6,048,805	
	With donor restrictions				
	Temporarily Restricted	3,243,102		6,311,885	
	Permanently Restricted	50,000		50,000	
	TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 7,552,103		\$ 12,410,690	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 10,499,112		\$ 15,344,709	
Income Statement		FY23		FY24	
	REVENUE SOURCES				
	Offertory	2,438,170		2,323,614	
	Tuition Related Income	4,661,373		4,946,121	
	Ministry	369,894		897,000	
	School	435,613		545,340	
	Other Sources	952,469		869,895	
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 8,857,519		\$ 9,581,970	
	EXPENDITURES				
	Clergy	196,449		213,850	
	Staffing	4,923,832		5,189,342	
	Ministry	445,055		644,641	
	School	380,458		278,587	
	Buildings	780,334		1,011,827	
	Admin	604,002		573,445	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 7,330,130		\$ 7,911,692	
	NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,527,389		\$ 1,670,278	
	OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE				
	Campaign/Extraordinary Income	1,944,154		4,454,138	
	Capital Expenditures/Renovations	1,604,330		1,265,849	
	NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 339,824		\$ 3,188,289	
	NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,867,213		\$ 4,858,567	

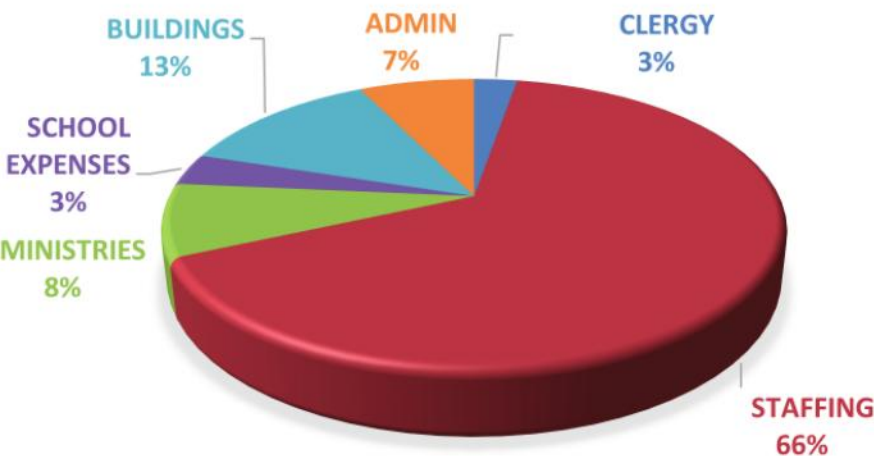


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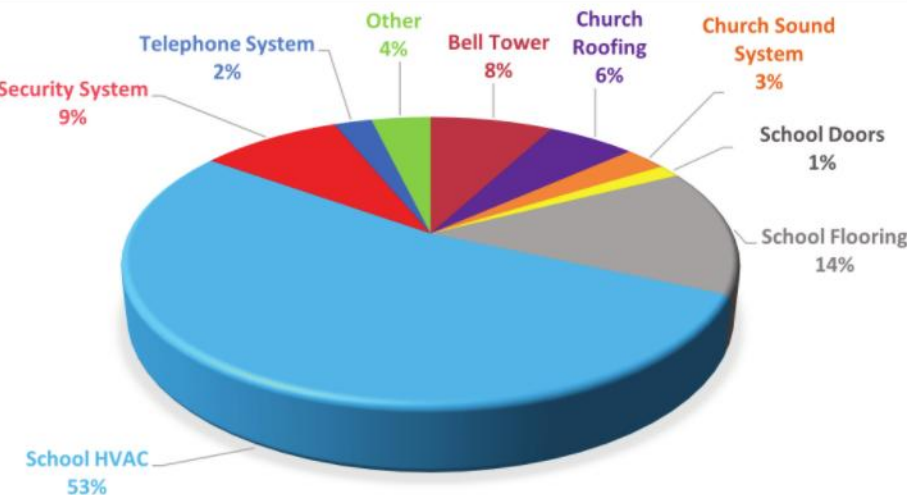
FY24 REVENUE



FY24 EXPENSES



CORNERSTONE PROJECT EXPENSES (FY21-FY25 SEP)



Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind
and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful
of the cost paid for
the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless
the members of our
armed forces.
Give them courage,
hope and strength.
May they ever experience
your firm support,
gentle love and
compassionate healing.
Be their power and
protector, leading them
from darkness to light.
To you be all glory,
honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.

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NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL BUEN CONSEJO

DESAYUNO CON SANTA

Vengan a disfrutar en comunidad de un desayuno con panqueques y tomarse fotos con Santa, el domingo, 8 de diciembre, de 11: a.m. a 2: p.m. en el salón De Sales. Esta será una gran oportunidad para que sus hijos se tomen una foto navideña con Santa y disfruten del desayuno con otros feligreses al mismo tiempo. Las entradas y los detalles estarán disponibles en línea la próxima semana.

VOLUNTARIOS

San Francisco de Sales dijo: "La oportunidad de hacer grandes cosas no llega a menudo, pero en todo momento, podemos hacer pequeños actos con gran amor". Como seguidores de Cristo, somos llamados por medio de nuestro Bautismo a servir a nuestros hermanos en nuestra parroquia, comunidad, país y el mundo entero. Es nuestra esperanza que todos los feligreses tengan la oportunidad de descubrir y desarrollar sus dones dados por Dios. Estamos necesitando voluntarios de lectores, ministros Eucarísticos, ujieres, monaguillos, miembros del equipo de bienvenida y celebraciones culturales.

PERSPECTIVA SALESIANA

DOMINGO 32 del TIEMPO ORDINARIO (noviembre 10, 2024)

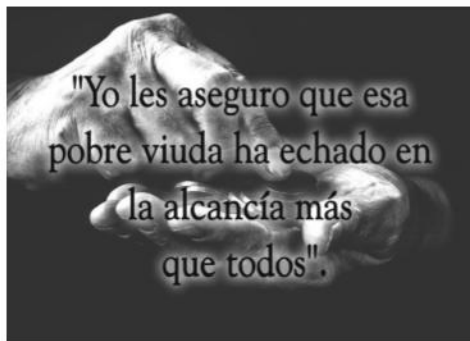
Énfasis Sugerido Tener confianza en Dios nos hace generosos con los demás.

La primera lectura del Evangelio de hoy nos cuenta las historias de dos viudas que son muy similares. En vez de depositar su confianza en otras cosas, ellas confían plenamente en Dios.

Sucesivamente ambas reciben reconocimientos y recompensa por

su confianza, y por su fe en El.

La primera viuda es una extranjera para los Hebreos. Ella es de Sarepta, una ciudad ubicada en las costas del Mediterráneo. Elías viajó por aquella tierra en tiempos de hambruna. Como es de esperarse, cuando hay hambrunas los ricos se quejan y los pobres mueren de hambre. La mujer era pobre. Cuando Elías la conoció ella estaba recogiendo lo último que le quedaba antes de que su hijo y ella murieran. Imaginen ustedes a un extraño acercándose a esta mujer y pidiéndole algo de comer en nombre del Señor. Imaginen también a esta mujer poniendo su fe en Dios y dándole de comer al profeta. El haber depositado toda su confianza en Dios hizo que ella recibiera comida suficiente para un año.



La segunda viuda fue aquella que, según cuenta la lectura del Evangelio, puso dos monedas en la tesorería del Templo. Jesús dijo que su donación, aun cuando pareciera insignificante fue en realidad grandiosa, porque ella había dado todo lo que poseía. Su donación fue realmente el acto de depositar su fe en Dios para que él la cuidase.

Lo que estas dos viudas hicieron son cosas que a nosotros nos resultan extremadamente difíciles. No importa cuán grande sea nuestra fe, nos resulta

tremendamente difícil depositar nuestra confianza plenamente en Dios. Hay algo en nosotros que nos lleva a tratar de encontrar la solución a nuestros problemas por fuera del ámbito de la fe. Existe una gran falacia en nuestros tiempos que es el pensar que el dinero puede solucionar todos nuestros problemas. El trabajo de los publicistas es vendernos la idea de que podemos comprar la felicidad. Paradójicamente la felicidad para aquellos que han sido bendecidos con riquezas materiales, muchas veces radica en que ellos comparten libremente sus éxitos con los demás.

El mensaje importante de las lecturas de hoy es que debemos poner toda nuestra confianza en Dios, en lugar de ponerla en las cosas materiales. Esto es difícil para nosotros porque requiere que pongamos en práctica la virtud perdida de la humildad. Sólo una persona humilde, que reconoce la profunda necesidad que tiene de Dios, tiene la certeza de que la presencia de Dios en su vida es fundamental para su felicidad.

Quizás algún día nosotros tendremos ese grado tan profundo de fe y de confianza en Dios, como lo tuvieron estas dos viudas quienes confiaron en El. Aunque también es cierto que esta es la razón fundamental por la cual nos reunimos para adorar, para orar y para celebrar los Sacramentos: Aun cuando somos conscientes de que nuestra fe puede ser fortalecida, también reconocemos que no podemos fortalecerla nosotros solos.

Necesitamos a Dios.

Nos necesitamos los unos a los otros.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Solemn Vespers with Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for the celebration of Solemn Vespers to be held in thanksgiving for the naming of six priests of the Diocese of Arlington as "Chaplains to His Holiness" by Pope Francis and bestowing on them the title of Monsignor. Solemn Vespers will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, at 7 p.m., on Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to a dessert reception to follow in Burke Hall. The Solemn Vespers will be livestreamed at youtube.com/live/2lzb7KukesQ. Learn more at arlingtondiocese.org/event/solemn-vespers-2024.

WATCH "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST"

Ever want a glimpse into the life of a priest in our diocese? Now you can. We invite you to watch "A Day in the Life of a Catholic Priest" to follow Fr. John Paul Heisler from morning prayer to night prayer to see a window into the vocation of the priesthood. To view: bit.ly/a-day-in-the-life-catholic-priest.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ST. MARTIN DE PORRES SENIOR CENTER

Volunteers Needed: The St. Martin de Porres Senior Center provides a variety of services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. The senior center is a multicultural community, with more than 20 countries represented, providing congregate meals, health screenings, exercises, educational activities, and numerous activities. Volunteer needs: exercise instructors, nurse or nursing students, computer and tech instructors, breakfast and lunch volunteers, nutritionist, activities assistant, arts and crafts leader, and presenter of topics of interest to seniors. The senior center is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, Va. To volunteer, contact Maria Mellor at 703.751.2766 or maria.mellor@ccda.net.

JOIN US FOR THE 43RD CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL!

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Catholic Charities invite you to join us Friday, February 7, 2025, for the 2025 Catholic Charities Ball. The annual winter event, beginning at 6 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, McLean, is an opportunity for Catholics and friends to come together to celebrate the ministries of Catholic Charities and renew support for continuing its work. Purchase a table, a seat, or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.6 million, by visiting ccda.net/ball. Please RSVP by January 24.

FINDING DIVINE TRUTH IN CATHOLIC LITERATURE

Our faith has produced an abundance of Catholic writers throughout the ages, and the grace they received in the Sacraments permeates their works. Come spend a weekend with Fr. Rich Miserendino at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and dive into short stories and snippets of longer works as we contemplate the divine Word glimpsed in the written word in the likes of O'Connor, Chesterton, Waugh and more. The retreat begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 13, and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/events for details

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Karen Cruess

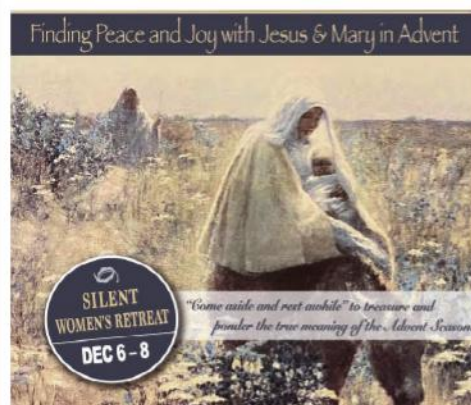
November 11 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Visit to Mount St. Mary's Seminary

Nov. 15 @ 5:30 pm - Nov. 17 @ 3:00 pm

Mass in Honor of National Black Catholic History Month

November 17 @ 11:00 am



Advent Women's Silent Retreat

Retreat to the Arlington Diocese San Damiano Spirituality Center in White Post, Virginia, and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. The retreat begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.



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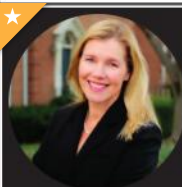
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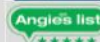
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