



OUR LADY of GOOD COUNSEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 3, 2025 | 18th 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

Summer Office Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm,

Fri 9am - 1pm

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch



BELOVED!
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, strive to be witnesses 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.

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

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AUGUST OUTREACH DRIVE

OLGC YOUTH MINISTRY

This month the Youth Ministry is collecting backpacks and school supplies for Vienna families in need. Collections will take place before, after, and during Mass the weekend of August 9 and 10. Volunteers will help collect, divide items, and create backpacks of school supplies for certain grades. The list of items is divided between Saturday and Sunday but items can be dropped off either day in DeSales Hall. Scan the image with your phone to sign up.



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

August 3 – August 10

Saturday, August 2, 2025 / Sunday, August 3, 2025

+ Theresa M. Bruno
+ James Lewis
+ Al McGarraghy
+ Roberto M. Rodriguez, Jr.
+ Samuel Chung Lam Ho

Monday, August 4

8:30am The OLGC Parish Community

Tuesday, August 5

8:30am + Henry Mariner

Wednesday, August 6

8:30am + David Belt

Thursday, August 7

8:30am + Wanda Burggraff

Friday, August 8

8:30am + Nieves Lozada

Saturday, August 9

8:30am + Julie Winkler

Saturday, August 9, 2025 / Sunday, August 10, 2025

+ John, Ann, & Samantha Schell

+ Victor Leny & Marvin Dumon

+ Rosa Mirian Flores

+ Coby Johnson

+ Souls in Purgatory

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

+ **Patricia Fallon** sister of Wilma Lane and aunt of Brian Lane
+ **Angela Bendorf**

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church In Loving memory of Miss + Cynthia “Cindy” Boyce

SET IT AND FORGET IT

You can set up recurring gifts to OLGC through FaithDirect. Email info@faithdirect.net or call 1.866.507.8757 to learn how you can set up automatic giving.

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

Sunday, August 3,	Donut Social	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Sunday, August 3,	OCIA Inquiry	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
Sunday, August 3,	OCIA Inquiry	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
Sunday, August 3,	OLGC Adult Softball League Games	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Field-Lower
Monday, August 4,	Our Lady's Rosary Makers	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
Monday, August 4,	Our Lady's Quilters	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
Tuesday, August 5,	Adult Faith Formation	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm
Wednesday, August 6,	St Vincent DePaul	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Wednesday, August 6,	Inquiry Classes	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
Thursday, August 7,	Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm
Thursday, August 7,	OLGC Adult Softball League	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Field-Lower
Friday, August 8,	OLGC Adult Softball League	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Field-Lower
Friday, August 8,	Open Mic Night	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Saturday, August 9,	Confessions	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Reconciliation Room
Saturday, August 9,	Baptisms	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Church
Saturday, August 9,	Used Uniform Sale	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	School-Gym
Saturday, August 9,	Outreach Drive: Backpack Drive	3:30 PM	6:00 PM	DeSales Hall
Saturday, August 9,	Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Church
Sunday, August 10,	Outreach Drive: Backpack Drive	7:00 AM	6:30 PM	DeSales Hall
Sunday, August 10,	Christ House Food Collection	9:30 AM	1:00 PM	Parking Lot-St Joseph Center
Sunday, August 10,	OCIA Inquiry	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	St Joseph Ctr
Sunday, August 10,	OLGC Adult Softball League Games	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Field-Lower

Volunteer Background Checks & Training

If you are interested in volunteering with children, you are required to have training. If you are volunteering for the first time, you need to fill out a request form: www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children to start the process.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Sanctuary Candles are available on a weekly basis starting on a Sunday. To “light a candle for someone” indicates one’s intention to say a prayer for another person, the candle a symbol of that prayer. For a donation of \$25, you may have the candle burn for a week in memory of a deceased loved one, for a celebration or for a special intention.

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



Catholic Diocese of Arlington
**2025 Mental Health
Day of Prayer**

*I Am With
You Always*

Healing From Trauma and Loneliness

Saturday, August 23rd

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Catholic Church
9:15am - 2:15pm

CEUs | Lunch | Confession |
Small Group Sharing

Mass with

Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

Bishop of Arlington | Celebrant & Homilist

Keynote By

Dr. Maura McFadden

Clinical Psychologist

Register today at
arlingtondiocese.org
/mentalhealthdoph

Readings for the Week/

Lecturas de la Semana

Week of August 3-10, 2025

Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday - Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday- Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday- Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday - Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Friday - Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday - Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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.

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2024—June 2025

	Apr 2025	May 2025
Offertory	212,778	175,198
Total Budgeted	230,765	171,598
Variance	(17,988)	3,600
YTD Received	1,965,324	2,140,522
Budget YTD	2,082,696	2,254,294
Variance	(117,372)	(113,772)

FAITH FORMATION

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open for OLGC's *Catholic Christian Formation (CCF)* religious education program! The CCF program proclaims Christ's message and helps students apply it to their lives to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve the Lord.

Online registration and payments can be made on the website and through Faith Direct: olgcva.org/faith-formation/children-youth/ccf-2025-26-registration

Tuition Fees for Grades K-8:

\$200 = 1 child \$375 = 2 children
\$400 = 3 children or more

Sacramental supplies for in-person and homeschool students:

\$105 for every child in Grade 2 or Emmaus preparing for First Eucharist;
\$105 for every **child in** Grade 8 preparing for Confirmation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLGC offers Children's Liturgy of the Word for our youngest parishioners... children, ages 3-7 and their siblings every Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass from September through June. It is a fun and unique way to explain the Word of God on their level.

If you'd like to volunteer with the CLW team for the 2025-2026, we'd love to have you. You can participate as little or as much as you like -- read the Gospel, help with crowd control, or teach a lesson. No prior experience is necessary, however you will need to be compliant with the Diocese of Arlington to work with children.

We also welcome pre-teens as helpers and Confirmandi looking for service hours. **Please contact Regina Allegra at sisfroggy@verizon.net or text at 703.798.6008 with questions.**

COME & SEE - LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Are you an adult who wishes to be baptized? Or one who was baptized in another faith and is now considering joining the Catholic Church? If so, you are invited to join our inquiry class which will meet throughout July and August on Sunday mornings. Please join us on August 3, 10, 17, or 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph's Center at OLGC, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

This is the perfect time to learn more about the OCIA program, which will start again in the Fall. If you cannot join us on a Sunday morning in July, please contact the front office and they will put you in touch with an OCIA team member.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Discover the heart and soul of your Catholic beliefs with *Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This engaging, 20-session series was filmed across 40 locations, spanning 4 continents and 10 countries, showing you the universal beauty of the Church. Participants will meet weekly to view the dynamic video presentations followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

Learn from some of the most renowned Catholic educators of our time, including Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. *Foundations of Faith* offers a comprehensive exploration of the *Catechism*, unpacking its rich theological insights and helping you apply them to your everyday life. Strengthen your connection to the truth, beauty, goodness, and fullness of the Catholic Faith!

Join us for *Foundations of Faith* – Tuesday morning study by Zoom beginning September 16 from 9:45am to 11:45am.

**We will have a Meet & Greet in the Brisson Room of St. Joseph Center on Tuesday, September 9 at 9:45am. Zoom classes begin September 16.

For more information or to register for the Zoom study, contact Fran Davenport at bwdavenport@cox.net or 703-867-2378.

To order the study materials: Study set \$39.95 On-line access \$6.95

ascensionpress.com/foundations-of-faith-a-journey-through-the-catechism-of-the-catholic-church

Verso l'alto

HIGH SCHOOL HIKING AT GREAT FALLS

Monday, August 11
9am-12pm
Completely free!
Bring a water bottle and hiking boots/sneakers

Contact Chris Rosecrans for more information
chrisrosecrans@gmail.com

OLGC YOUTH MINISTRY

You belong here!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY REGISTER HERE!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY REGISTER HERE!

EMAIL CCLEM@OLGCVA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

OUTREACH

THANK YOU FROM SVPD

The OLGC Society of St. Vincent de Paul extends our sincere thanks and gratitude to our parishioners for their generous outpouring of support last weekend. We collected \$1200 in gift cards and just over \$5000 in donations. These donations will help to keep lights on, put food on the table, and prevent eviction for many of our callers. Thank you!



OLGC SCHOOL REQUIRED STUDENT FORMS DUE PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL! If you have not yet completed the **Family Updates** and the **F-1A Annual Student Health History Update**, please refer to the July 8th email titled “*Diocese of Arlington Notification of OLGC Student Enrollment*” from PowerSchool Enrollment.

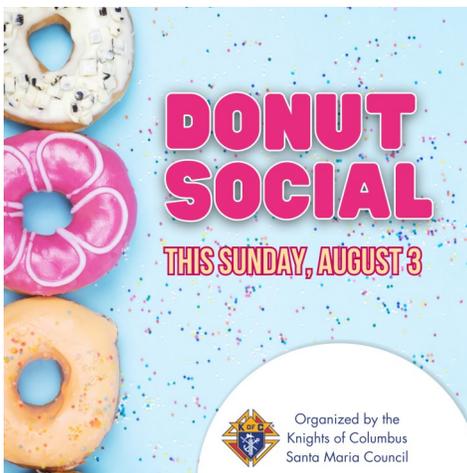
ECAP REGISTRATION REGISTER CLOSES AUGUST 7—OLGC School offers 1-hour, 2-hour, and 3-hour ECAP programs for the 2025-2026 school year for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade after the school day. Register today: <https://www.olgcschool.org/parents/ecap>

USED UNIFORM SALE—AUGUST 9

Join us on Saturday, August 9th for the Used Uniform Sale from 10-11 a.m.! This event is open to families with students in Grades K-8 at OLGC and offers gently used uniforms and spirit wear for just \$5 each.

Time for New School Families: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. *We will have a special early opening for new to OLGC school families from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. so our volunteers can work with them on finding the correct uniform pieces for their students.* Location: Lobby of the Fr. Brisson Gym (Door #3). Please park in the basketball court lot during the sale. Payment: Credit card or Apple Pay are accepted. No cash or checks, please. *Note: This sale is for Grades K-8. Preschool families can attend a separate sale on August 20. For inquiries, email olgcuseduniforms@gmail.com.*

FELLOWSHIP



OPEN MIC NIGHT—AUG 8TH

Showcase your skills at open mic night August 8th in DeSales Hall from 7-10 pm.

FALL FEST 2025 — SEPT. 21ST

Mark your calendar now to attend this outdoor festival of carnival entertain, games, food, treats and more. Invite your neighbors and friends to experience the fun and fellowship of OLGC. Fall Fest is on September 21 from 11:30 am—4 pm.

BINGO NIGHT

Join us for fellowship and fun in De Sales Hall from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, August 29th. *Catch up with your OLGC Community members after a summer away!* Be ready for 15 bingo games, guest callers, exciting prizes and more! Tickets will be available soon to purchase.

CYO TRACK & FIELD—CALLING ALL RUNNERS

Sign up now for OLGC Track and Field! Practices will be held Mondays (and some Tuesdays) this Fall, and the season will include one huge super fun track meet in October or November (TBD).

Sign up today! Registration closes September 15 and no late registrations will be taken. See website for more details and to register: <https://www.olgcva.org/fellowship/athletics/track-field>.

Contact RACHEL MCCARTHY rachelmccarthy2003@gmail.com for more info and to help out with coaching!

CYO TENNIS - JOIN THE TEAM!

OLGC Parish is excited to kick off another season of CYO Tennis for OLGC School and CCF students in grades 4–8. All skill levels are welcome! *Assessments will take place on August 21 & 22 from 4:45–6:45 PM at Marshall High School.* These are drop-in style, players may arrive at any time during the window. Assessments typically take about 15–20 minutes.

We plan to field four co-ed teams: Wimbledon 1 – 4th–5th grade / Wimbledon 2 – 4th–6th grade / US Open 1 & 2 – more experienced players

Coaches needed! Each team must have at least two VIRTUS-certified volunteers. Practices will be held on weekday evenings at Marshall or Madison High School, based on coach and court availability.

Matches begin in early September and run through mid-November. They are held on Sundays at 1 PM or 3 PM at local FCPS courts (locations TBD). To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Ashley Binkowski at ashleybinkowski@gmail.com. Registration details coming soon!

¡SE NECESITAN CATEQUISTAS!

Este otoño en nuestra parroquia, más de 300 niños y jóvenes se inscribirán para aprender más sobre Jesús y la fe católica. Puedes ayudarlos a aprender y crecer en la fe convirtiéndote en catequista para el programa de Formación en la Fe.

Buscamos adultos y estudiantes de preparatoria (High School) con ganas de enseñar, y te brindamos capacitación, materiales y apoyo durante todo el año.

Nuestra reunión y recorrido de catequistas será el martes 19 de agosto; las clases comienzan el 6 de septiembre.

Gracias de antemano por tu consideración, tiempo y compromiso con el crecimiento de la iglesia de Cristo; esta misión depende de nuestros catequistas.

Visita olgva.org/faith-formation/children-youth para obtener más información o inscribirte

Formación en la Fe / Catequesis: Ya estamos inscribiendo estudiantes para el año escolar 2025-26. Por favor, inscríbanse en olgva.org/faith-formation/children-youth/ccf-2025-26-registration lo antes posible, para que podamos prepararnos con materiales y libros. Por favor recuerde que el cupo es limitado. Las clases comienzan el 6 de septiembre.

Décimo Octavo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario (Agosto 3, 2025)

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos recuerda lo perjudicial que es que hagamos de nuestros éxitos materiales, y de nuestros placeres, las principales prioridades en nuestras vidas. San Francisco de Sales nos enseña cómo podemos *re-direccionar* estos afectos de forma que “podamos enriquecernos con las cosas que realmente interesan a Dios”:

A veces pareciera que jamás tenemos lo suficiente para satisfacer nuestros deseos. Incluso aún, siendo conscientes de que las riquezas, y las posesiones terrenales, sólo representan poderosas tentaciones que gradualmente van dilapidando nuestro corazón si nos

aferramos a ellas de manera excesiva. Más aún, el cuidado que debemos tener para poder preservar e incrementar nuestro capital, y nuestros bienes materiales, agota nuestra energía. Aun así, yo quiero inculcar en sus corazones la riqueza junto con la pobreza. Encárguense de incrementar su riqueza y sus recursos, pero háganlo de forma justa, apropiada, y caritativa. Ustedes deben asegurarse, aún más que las personas de mundo, de que su propiedad sea rentable y fructífera.

Nada nos hará prosperar más en esta vida que dar limosna a los pobres. Dios nos retribuirá, no sólo en el próximo mundo sino también en este. Nuestras posesiones no son nuestras. Son un regalo de Dios quien desea que las cultivemos, y que las hagamos productivas y rentables, para el reino de Dios entre nosotros.

Cuando trabajamos para obtener un beneficio terrenal, y nos regimos por el amor pacífico de Dios, hacemos nuestra labor con cuidado, calmadamente, afablemente y agradablemente. Esta manera gentil y simple de actuar nos conduce al amor divino. El amor divino jamás dirá que bastante es suficiente. El amor sagrado anhela contar con el coraje necesario para progresar por la senda de la verdadera felicidad. Ustedes pueden poseer riquezas materiales sin necesidad de envenenarse con ellas, si tan sólo se limitan a dejarlas en sus casas y sus carteras, y no en sus corazones. Es de esta forma que viviremos con humildad espiritual en medio de la riqueza. En conclusión, en vez de dejarse cautivar por los bienes terrenales, permitan que su espíritu humano, que ya está encaminado al cielo, emigre rumbo a la bondad de Dios; quien sana y otorga sabiduría al corazón humano cuando este se abre al recibimiento del amor divino.

Día de Oración por la Salud Mental

Estimados delegados, Espero que estén disfrutando del verano al lado de sus familiares y amigos. Les comparto los detalles sobre el Día de Oración por la Salud Mental, que se

Diócesis Católica de Arlington
Día de Oración por la Salud Mental 2025
Yo Estoy Con Ustedes Siempre
Sanando del Trauma y la Soledad

Confesiones | Almuerzo | Compartimiento en Grupos

Sábado, 23 de agosto
Iglesia Católica Our Lady of Good Counsel
9:15am - 2:15pm

Santa Misa con
Mons. Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington | Celebrante & Homilista

Orador Principal
P. Lino Otero, LC
Director de Aprendizaje Permanente, Divine Mercy University

Este evento es **GRATIS!**
Por favor registre:
arlingtondiocese.org/mentalhealthdoph



Patrocinado Por:
La Diócesis Católica de Arlington, Divine Mercy University & Comunidad de San Labre

llevará a cabo el sábado 23 de agosto en la parroquia Our Lady of Good Counsel. Las puertas se abrirán a las 9:00 a.m. La conferencia en español con el Padre Lino Otero, LC, será de 9:30 a 11:00 a.m., seguida por la Santa Misa presidida por Mons. Michael Burbidge. El almuerzo se ofrecerá inmediatamente después de la Eucaristía.

Posteriormente habrá otras sesiones en inglés. Pueden quedarse si lo desean, o retirarse después del almuerzo. Por favor, inscríbanse utilizando el siguiente enlace:

https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Events/Events/RISEMultiUse/Sign_on.aspx?EventKey=OFLMH25G

Al llegar a la segunda página del formulario, después de ingresar su nombre, dirección, correo electrónico, etc., asegúrense de escribir “Spanish” donde dice “Please indicate the reason for your attendance”, y “Apostolado Hispano” donde pregunta “How did you hear about us?”. Aquí les comparto una imagen como ejemplo para su referencia. Además, les agradecería que enviaran un correo confirmando su inscripción a

apostolado@arlingtondiocese.org, para poder coordinar adecuadamente el espacio y el almuerzo.

Les recuerdo que el evento es para delegados y líderes y es completamente gratuito.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) MINISTRY:

ST. MARK ESL Program is seeking volunteers to participate in our in-person classes for the Fall 2025 Term. We especially need classroom aides to work alongside our experienced teachers. Our goal is to 'Welcome the Stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds can come and learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.!

**English and
Citizenship Classes**
Join our Community of Cultures!



No experience is necessary to Volunteer! Orientation for volunteers will be on Thursday, September 11, 2025. All classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30 pm from Tuesday, September 23, 2025 until Thursday, May 7, 2026 with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods. In addition to English language classes, we will also offer informal English Conversation, Writing and Citizenship Preparation from 7:00-7:45 pm also on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For additional information on Classes and Volunteering for this important ST. MARK Ministry, email stmarkesl@gmail.com, or see the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org.



For more information on volunteering, call Monica at: 703-980-9380.

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



BREAKFAST BUFFET – Hop on over to American Legion Post 180's legendary Breakfast Buffet (all you care to eat) on Sunday, August 17, served from 8 am to Noon. Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley's famous sausage gravy and biscuits, fresh fruit, and other delicious offerings. Adults pay \$12 and only \$5 for children under 12. Checks are OK but no credit cards, please.. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N. in Vienna.

VOLUNTEER SOCIAL – If you've been thinking about becoming a volunteer for the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia (SCNOVA), here's your chance! You're invited to attend a Volunteer Social on August 13 from 4-5:30 pm at Bear Branch Tavern, 133 Maple Ave. E. in Vienna. Feel free to bring a friend! Here you'll enjoy some tasty bites and spend time with staff and meet current volunteers. You'll learn about SCNOVA volunteer opportunities and how to make a positive difference in our community. This is a free event. Call or register, 703.281.0538 or email Office@scnova.org. Since 1998 the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia, a non-profit organization, has been dedicated to improving the quality of life as we age. They do this through free supportive programs and services, personal enrichment and volunteer engagement

that enable our senior neighbors to live full and productive lives while aging in place.

THE POWER OF POSITIVITY: WHEN LIFE GIVES US LEMONS – There are many health benefits linked to being positive. This free presentation offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation will cover positive thinking, how to have an optimistic attitude, and tips for staying positive when life feels negative. It will be held on Monday, August 11, 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center. You may register for Activity 1242519-A1 using your WebTrac account or call the Center to tell them you'll be there: 703.255-6360.

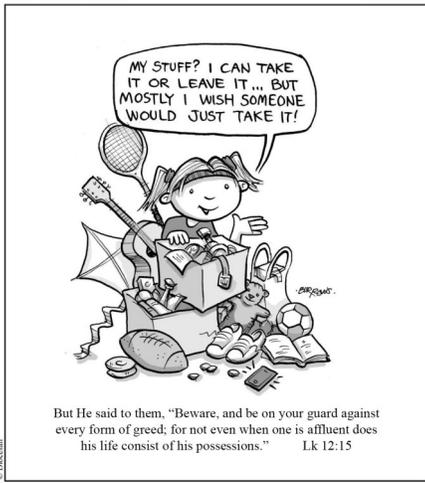
HOW TO AVOID PARKING LOT REPAIR SCAMS – Recently, the Fairfax County Police Department has received reports of a scam targeting drivers in local parking lots. Scammers approach people under the guise of offering quick, affordable car repairs, but instead leave behind poor work, damage, and a lighter wallet. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, your money, and your vehicle. The scam begins when someone approaches you in a parking lot, claiming to be affiliated with a well-known car brand. They offer to fix minor dents or scratches on your vehicle while you shop. The price sounds reasonable and the repair seems quick and easy. Once the work is "done," victims often return to find low-quality results, sticky substances left on the car, or even further damage. In some cases, the scammer pressures victims to pay more than originally quoted and only accepts cash or gift cards. By the time the fraud is realized, the scammer is gone.

To protect yourself, politely decline and walk away. Reputable auto repair services do not operate this way. Never pay with cash or gift cards to someone offering on-the-spot repairs. Take your vehicle to a trusted auto body shop with proper credentials and reviews if you require repair. Lastly, trust your instincts - if something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. (Golden Gazette)

KIDS ON THE GREEN – Enjoy the last of a summer series of free, interactive kids' programs presented by the Town of Vienna and generous sponsors. This is a great way to spend time with those young grandchildren, one-on-one. Performances are on Tuesdays at 10:00 am on the Vienna Town Green. The first event this month will be on August 6 featuring the magic of Drew Blew Shoes, and the last three are all about kids' music: Tony M. Music on August 12, Marsha and the Positrons on August 19, and Peter McCorry on August 26. Please bring chairs or blankets, and in the event of bad weather, call 703.255.7842 for an update.

CHILLIN ON CHURCH – These are free Vienna-style block parties held from 6:30-9:30 pm on historic Church Street on the third Fridays of summer through September. There'll be live music, food trucks and beer/wine sales, something for everyone! Bring blankets or lawn chairs and remember to leave your pets at home. No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted. The last two events will be on August 15 and September 19.

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BOSCO BBQ FUNDRAISER

Calling all Young Adults! Join us for a fundraising BBQ supporting the **Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB)** on **Saturday, September 6th at 12:30 pm** in Alexandria. ASJB is a Catholic nonprofit organization that helps rising college freshmen grow closer to God as they transition to college. Come meet other young adults and learn about how you can be a part of our mission! Please register at asjb.org/bosco-bbq by September 2. Location will be provided upon registration. If you have questions, please email Cora Scheib at cora@asjb.org.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

OLGC PARISHIONER CHOSEN FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE-LEVEL POSITION

Congratulations to OLGc's Andrew Zaso, who has been chosen as a District Deputy for the Virginia Knights of Columbus State Council. Andy, a past Grand Knight of Santa Maria Council 4654, will represent this Council and several other nearby Councils at the State level. Andrew (in red) is pictured along with current Council 4654 Grand Knight Mike Churma and Father Kumar.

JOURNEY OF FAITH: A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

Featuring the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra - Saturday, September 6 at 8:00pm.

Following a triumphant Carnegie Hall debut, Journey of Faith: A Musical Tribute to Mother Teresa comes to the Music Center at Strathmore for one night only! Find inspiration and encouragement in the extraordinary life of Mother Teresa through powerful music performed by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, led by renowned conductor Dante Anzolini, and featuring soprano Catherine Wethington, baritone Sean Michael Plumb, and a professional caliber Tribute Chorale.

Click here to register: strathmore.org/events-tickets/in-the-music-center/journey-of-faith-a-musical-tribute-to-mother-teresa/

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