

Lifelines

Report on the March for Life

On January 21, 2015, 34 of St. Francis' youth and 3 adult chaperones traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the 41st annual March for Life. Traveling by bus with youth from St. Patrick's, Lexington, the students met thousands of youth from across the nation at an evening of prayer at the Patriot Center stadium at George Mason University. The Evening of prayer sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington, featured several high energy musical performances, prayer, reflections, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

After a short sleep in a Fairfax hotel, students returned to a packed Patriot Center for a Mass and the Life is Very Good youth rally, also sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington. A Chick-Fil-A lunch was provided for over 5,000 as people proceeded in buses to the Washington Mall for the March.

As a result of fundraising efforts in the fall, the St. Francis Youth for Life were able to cover the full cost of the pilgrimage for all members, as well as provide half-price scholarships for any other parishioners who wished to attend.

Camp Joshua Scholarships Now Available

Inviting all rising 9th – 12th graders, to join the St. Francis of Assisi Youth for Life in attending this year's Pro-Life Camp Joshua. Come to participate in a three-day weekend filled with events and activities designed to equip you to become an articulate and confident pro-life leader.

Camp Joshua will be held July 24th-26th at the Augusta Military Academy in Ft. Defiance. Cost is \$100, but the St Francis Respect Life Ministry is offering partial scholarships for those interested. Cost only \$15 to the first 20 students to sign up. Please contact Colin Kearney at thunderheadck97@gmail.com for more details or to sign up.

Want to get involved with the Respect Life Ministry?
Contact Elaine Taetzsch, Chair
at 540-448-7163
or via email at ettaetzsch@gmail.com



Stride for Life

On May 9, 2015, several St. Francis parishioners participated in the annual Comfort Care 5K Fundraiser to assist women in crisis pregnancies. Placing 1st in the teen women division and 3rd overall was Youth for Life member Gioia Corbin. Ramsey Corbin placed 1st in the boys' division. Placing 2nd overall was former Youth for Life President, John Dukes. Placing 2nd and 3rd in the teen women division were Libby and Jessica Milo.



Sheila Byrd Carmichael was the St. Francis team leader this year and overall the parish was able to raise over \$1200 through the event.

WE NEED YOU -- JOIN YOUTH FOR LIFE!

Mark your Calendars!

Summer Meeting Dates: MAY 31, JUNE 28, AUG 2

All meetings held at 1:00 p.m. in Columbian Hall

St. Gerard's Ministry

If you are pregnant and getting ready to deliver, please contact St Gerard's ministry for help with meals and prayer.

Also, if you need assistance with baby items, Mary's House may be able to help. Contact the Parish office for more information.

Love is in the Air—Youth for Life Benefit

On February 14, 2015, members of the St. Francis Youth for Life, delighted parishioners with food and entertainment. Thanks to generous donations from parishioners, a pasta dinner along with sides, wine, and delicious hand-crafted chocolates was served. Afterwards a concert was given by members of the Youth for Life. Free childcare was provided and a great time was had by all.

A free-will donation was requested and over \$1400.00 was raised. The proceeds were donated to the Knights of Columbus Council 3670 Ultrasound Initiative, which is just beginning in Charlottesville, as the Knights of Columbus at St. Francis had just finished meeting the goal for their ultrasound initiative. This money will go to purchase new ultrasound equipment for the local pregnancy centers in Charlottesville.

HOUSE PARTY!

Who?

All parish youth 13 & up

What?

Food, swimming, games & fun!

When?

Sat, June 20th, 3:30 p.m.

Where?

Coffman Home - 2881 Kratzer Road, Harrisonburg

Why?

Come get to know other youth of the parish & enjoy summer!

THE NEXT RESPECT LIFE MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 10 at 7pm IN ASSISI HALL.