

**Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

14 august 2016

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



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some reflections
by participants
on the Youth
Ministry's trip to
Banica.*

what's coming



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Roman Catholic Church

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

august

14 SUNDAY, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Trail Life 4034)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.

15 Monday, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [not a holy day of obligation]

6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm, and 7:30pm (bilingual):
Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Church.

16 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Stephen of Hungary)

7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

17 Wednesday, Weekday

18 Thursday, Weekday

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

19 Friday, Weekday (Saint John Eudes, Priest)

20 Saturday, Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

21 SUNDAY, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Saint Mary Preschool)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
9:30am, Believe Group (cancer support group), Courtyard Meeting Room.
3:30pm, Health Ministry meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Monday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm, Parish Leadership Dinner, Parish Life Center.

23 Tuesday, Weekday (Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin)

24 Wednesday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

25 Thursday, Weekday (Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, Room 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.

26 Friday, Saint Monica

7pm, **Called & Gifted Workshop**, Parish Life Center. *Registration required.*

27 Saturday, Weekday

9am, **Called & Gifted Workshop**, Parish Life Center. *Registration required.*
SCRIP on sale after the 5pm Mass.

28 SUNDAY, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center. (Saint Anne Sisters in Faith)
SCRIP on sale after all Masses except 2pm Mass.
11:30am, New Family Welcome Meeting, Church.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

- ✂ The **Second Collection this weekend** is for Parish Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✂ Join us for a **Noon Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** until September 2, 2016. Please consider joining us on your lunch hour.
- ✂ Although not a holy day of obligation, **August 15 is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. All are invited to join us on this Feast day. Masses at 6:30am, 9am, Noon, 6pm, and 7:30pm (bilingual).
- ✂ Our next annual **Called and Gifted Workshop** will be held on **August 26-27, 2016**. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! Registration forms are available on the parish website, in the vestibule of the Church or parish office. **Registration ends August 17!**
- ✂ **Religious Education Save-the-Dates:** August 30, New Catechist Orientation September 6, Special Training September 3-4, Catechetical Sunday September 12-15, First week of RE
- ✂ **Upcoming:** Parish Leadership Dinner for all ministry leaders, August 22
- ✂ **Upcoming:** Parish Ice Cream Social, Cakewalk and Dance, Sunday, September 11, Holy Cross Academy
- ✂ **Upcoming:** Parish Life Weekend—September 17-18

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SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am First Friday 8pm Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm All Night Adoration, First Friday Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm
CONFESSION	Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.
PARISH OFFICE	540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm; <i>students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm</i> Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann Fr. Keith Cummings Fr. Stephen Holmes Fr. Colin Davis Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio Executive Assistant, Rick Caporali Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Sacred Music, David Mathers Secretary, Mary Fitch
HOLY CROSS ACADEMY	540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL	373-7553 Director, Nanci Scharf
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE	373-6491 Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
YOUTH MINISTRY	373-6491 Director, Leo Chavarria
HEALTH MINISTRY	845-3031 Lois Sullivan, RN, FCN
BAPTISMS	Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.
MARRIAGE	Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.
JOIN US	New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

Dear Folks,

I share with you the sad news that David Mathers, our Director of Sacred Music, will be resigning in February 2017 in order to take the same position at St. Bernadette's. David has very generously served this parish for more than nine years and seen great growth in the music ministry. This change will provide him a much shorter commute to work and an opportunity to continue to collaborate with Fr. Rooney.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Taizé prayer gathering in the church and it was a unique opportunity for me to sit back in the pews and simply listen, pray and reflect on his service to the parish. The quality of the music made immediately clear the love and preparation that he and all of the musicians and choir put into their service to the parish. Thank you David.

We are able to announce this in an early timeframe, because of the unique nature of this transition. David will be with us through the fall, Christmas, and Choir pilgrimage. He will help me in forming a search committee to find a new music director. If it proves mutually beneficial to both Saint Mary and St. Bernadette's, the transition to a new music director could happen at a date earlier than February. This would not preclude his participation in the Choir pilgrimage. I have had to hire music directors three times in the past, and being able to do so while maintaining the continuity here will be a great assistance.

When the appropriate time comes, you will of course be given opportunity to express your gratitude to David with a farewell reception. One of the smiles that came to my face was considering the final season farewell tours of Cal Ripken and other professional athletes. Ample warning of this transition affords us ample time to plan and express our gratitude.

Again, thank you David for your service. Your love of the Liturgy, Christ, and His Church shines through everything you do. I join the parish in praying for God's blessing on your next chapter in serving the Lord.

pax et bonum,
Fr. Mosimann

"COME AND SEE"

RCIA

We invite **all who seek a deeper life in Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of this Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please call the parish office to register.

You are welcome. Begins **9/12**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Program begins at Saint Mary on **Monday, September 12** and lasts until the Easter Vigil. We meet on Mondays from 7:30–9:15pm with a 45 minute class (all in the parish are welcome to attend), then refreshments and small group discussion follows about the topic of the evening and other formation topics.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments of Baptism (or make a Profession of Faith if already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact the parish office to register or email us at RCIAstmaryfred@gmail.com.

holy cross academy

It's Back-to-School time!

Our floors are polished and we have ordered all our textbooks. Our school looks beautiful and our teachers are already hard at work preparing their classrooms. All we need now is for the children to return; our school is empty without them!

Having completed our school reaccreditation, we have charted a course for the future. We have assembled our goals and are blessed to have a talented, energetic faculty and staff to make them a reality.

We are still accepting application for this school year, although several grades are full. If you would like to know about our parish school, please just give us a call! We would love to talk with you.

We invite you to visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. If you would like to see what we can do for your child, please call our HCA office at 540-286-1600 or St. Mary Preschool at 540-373-7553 to arrange for a tour or to let us tell you all about Holy Cross Academy, our parish school.



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education

religious education

Religious Education volunteers needed

We still need 14 more catechists:

- 2 for Monday at 6:30pm
- 4 for Tuesday at 4:45pm
- 3 for Wednesday at 4:45pm
- 5 for Thursday at 4:45pm

Assistant catechists, prayer-aides and office volunteers are also needed. High school students are welcome to volunteer as assistant catechists and prayer-aides. Don't forget—this is a good opportunity to earn service hours for their diploma.

Important dates

- **Tuesday, August 30**
New Catechist Orientation from 6–9pm in the Parish Life Center
- **Saturday and Sunday, September 3–4**
Catechetical Sunday and Profession of Faith for all Catechists at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses
- **Tuesday, September 6**
First Catechist Training session from, 6–9 pm in the Parish Life Center
- **Monday to Thursday, September 12–15**
The first week of Religious Education Classes.
Parents are to accompany their children.

teach the faith

catechist

noun | cat·e·chist | \ 'ka-tə-kist \

a teacher of the principles of the Christian religion

The role of a Catholic catechist is to teach the Faith of the Catholic Church by both word and example.

st mary preschool

It's Not Too Late!

We have a few openings left in the 3 and 4 year-old class at St. Mary Preschool for the **2016-2017 school year**. Classes meet either mornings or afternoons. Come join in the fun!

For more information, please contact Mrs. Scharf at 373-7533 or nscharf@stmaryfred.org.



youth ministry

What was the most rewarding part of the Banica trip? Why?

Being shown that material possessions aren't related to joyfulness or living a fulfilling life. That's something that I've heard many times before the trip but I never really understood or believed it. Now I've seen it first hand and its changed how I want to live my life.

—Katie Thome

The most rewarding part of the Banica trip was the smiles and waves I received everywhere I went and the sense of accomplishment I felt after we finished a cement floor or another part of the church. To me, the cement floor was small but for them it was huge. I take for granted a lot of what I have. This trip has taught me to be more grateful for what I have. —Catherine Johnson

The most rewarding part was being able to watch the movie in the finished chapel with everyone because there was so much excitement and happiness by just spending time in a loving and gracious community. — Ana Doyle

What was the most challenging part of the Banica trip? Why?

The most challenging part of the trip was coming back home, I felt close to the people in Banica and the trip was relatively short. The culture in America seems to be the exact opposite in terms of gratitude and it's hard to see how some people in America act compared to those in Banica.

—David Tignor

people I was helping and being greeted with a smile was the motivation I needed to put aside the heat and sweat and focus on the task at hand and work harder. —Catherine Johnson

The most challenging part of the Banica trip was getting used to the heat and the simplicity of everyday life. [It was hard] going from having warm water for showers and cold water to drink to cold water for showers and lukewarm water to drink. It was hard to get used to and each day thinking of just getting a glass of ice water was so tempting but I would give up ice water any day if it meant having another opportunity to help a community in need. Meeting all the



How did the themes of encounter and solidarity in the trip help you see God in the people of Banica? How will you bring that back home?

Even though most of us didn't speak Spanish it shows you how far a smile and hola can go. When we were leaving the work site on the last day and saying bye to everybody I felt a deep connection with them and I'd never actually talked to them. I want to bring this back home by having compassion for all people and talking to and encountering more people.

—Katie Thome

By constantly playing with the kids in Banica I was able to notice the simplicity in the way they live and how content they were with things that wouldn't be enough to entertain people in the U.S. This made me realize that God is present in all people and in all different ways. He doesn't show himself in the same way to every person. God comes in all sorts of variations and being able to recognize that here at home helps me to remember to treat all people with love and mercy.

— Ana Doyle

banica 2016

CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group

Starting September 18, join us for dinner at 6pm followed by Youth Group from 7pm–8:30pm. We are kicking off the year and diving right into what God has planned for us! Games, powerful speakers, small group discussions, and prayer time!

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adult education

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Starts
September
15

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially

through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Class details:

- **Starts September 15 and continues for 11 weeks.**
- Thursday at 9:45am in the Courtyard Meeting Room
- Facilitator: Suzette Young
- Cost: \$20 due first day of class
- **Registration:** Call the parish office by September 7 so materials can be purchased

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You

Starts
September
28

Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an *Extraordinary Jubilee Year*. And the focus? Mercy. Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. We invite you to join us as we participate in *Doors of Mercy*. This is not a bible study, there is no written homework, just eight simple sessions that will allow you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy in this once-in-a-lifetime program. Even if you've never participated before, please, we invite each and every one of you to join us – you'll be so glad you did.

Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You is an 8-week

journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ.

Fr. Jeffrey Kirby (via DVD format) will guide group members through God's covenant with his people, by explaining the events of the Bible and showing how God pours out his mercy even after they stray from Him again and again.

Each weekly session is capped by insights from various Catholic authors, speakers, and clergy, which demonstrate the power of Divine Mercy in the world today, inspiring you to seek God's mercy and to foster a closer relationship with Christ.

Class details:

- DVD Bible study with Fr. Jeffrey Kirby
- **September 28–November 9**
- Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the Courtyard Meeting Room
- Facilitator: JoAnne Baker and Tess Thome
- Cost: \$20 due first day of class
- **Registration:** Call the parish office by September 20 so materials can be purchased
- Questions: See www.mercystudy.com or email Tess Thome at tessnmike@cox.net

Experience the joy of following Christ

Watch for the
following in the
new year!
2017

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—He wants you to be his disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful

love, and to love others as he has loved us. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

You will:

- Learn what it takes to follow Christ.
- Discover the joy of divine friendship.
- See how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Class details:

- DVD Bible study on the Gospel of John with Professor Edward Sri (30 minute DVD sessions)
- **Starts January 5, 2017 and continues for 8 weeks**
- Thursday mornings at 9:45am in the Courtyard Meeting Room
- Group Facilitator: Suzette Young
- Cost: \$15

adult education

Starts
September

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Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic women's Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church. There are several 22-week courses offered by WWP. **This year Saint Mary is offering two courses**—all women of the parish are invited to join us! You can get more information by visiting www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point. This foundational course is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more experience in Bible Study.

Join us as we dive deeper into the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. Some of the questions we'll explore:

- How can I conquer my fears?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in my life?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my friendship with Christ?
- What are the limits of Christ's forgiveness?
- Why and how should I pray?
- What is the role of suffering in my life?
- What challenges will I face in my efforts to follow Jesus more closely?

Discovering our Dignity gives us modern-day advice from women of the Bible. Ancient wisdom, sage advice, sorrowful failures and woundedness. In *Discovering our Dignity*, we learn that women of the Old and New Testament were sometimes as flawed and broken as we can be. Yet, the power of God worked in their lives. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, they reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way—woman to woman.

Class details:

- **Both classes start September 29**
- Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm in the Parish Life Center
- **Materials:** There is a book which can be bought online (visit walkingwithpurpose.com, go to "Store," then "Study Guides") or through the church. We will discuss these options at the first meeting.
- **Registration:** Register when you come to the class.
- **Questions:** Contact Lori Mattson, lori@acumen-ea.com

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Global Prayer MinistryOngoing.
Join**today****Please join and pray with us.**

With firm faith in the power of prayer and through the convenience of social media, we are announcing a new ministry this weekend, which we are calling **"Global Prayer Ministry."**

Once a week, we will send out a specific intention to all who are registered by your choice of email or text. Our hope is that we all will pray **at the same time at Noon on Fridays** for five or ten minutes for the intention that was sent.

Simply text "Prayer" to 845-76.

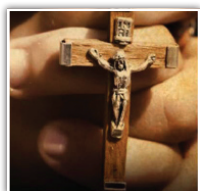
You will receive a confirmation message AND another message asking you to CLICK a link to give your name and email address to join our group.

For those that do not have a cell phone but wish to join, you can do so via the internet. Please visit new.flocknote.com/StMaryCatholicChurchFre1/GlobalPrayerMin.

parish life given in love

Discover God's call for your life

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life—a work of love that only you can do. Discern your spiritual gifts and begin to discern God's call. The Called and Gifted Workshop is a two-day live presentation which includes Church teaching on the laity and lay apostleship, the nature of gifts, call and vocation, and how to undertake the process of discernment. Our next Called & Gifted workshop is **August 26-27 in the Parish Life Center.** Please register with the Parish Office by **August 17.**



Cancer support group

Our Believe Group—a group for those facing a cancer diagnosis and those sharing this experience with a loved one—is continuing to expand and we welcome all interested parishioners. The gathering focuses on living the spiritual journey that come with the challenges of having this diagnosis as well as the blessings of survivorship. We offer prayers and reflection, small group discussions and the opportunity to connect with others through shared experiences. **The facilitator is Regina Kenner, the Cancer Navigator at Mary Washington Healthcare.** The next meeting will be **August 21 from 9:30-11am** in Saint Mary's Courtyard Meeting Room. If you have questions, please call **540-845-3031** or bring your questions to the meeting.

Roof update

Beginning on or about the week of August 15th, we will begin tear-off and replacement of the flat roof over the vestibule. This stage will take two days and will involve a dumpster located on the sidewalk, closest to the Parish Office. Please note that the two handicapped

spaces located there will not be available. The schedule is to run Tuesday into Wednesday or Wednesday into Thursday weather permitting. We are doing what we can to minimize the disruption and appreciate your patience.

September book club

The parish book club will resume its monthly meetings on **Tuesday, September 13 at 10am** in the John Paul II House. The selection for discussion is a work of Christian fiction, *The Reunion* by Dan Walsh. **Need more information?** Contact Kathleen Mahoney at **540-371-2073** or **bmah761569@aol.com**.

"Optio Secundus" Catholic Men's group

The next meeting of the Optio Secundus or "Second Option" of the Catholic Men's Group will be **Wednesday, September 14** at the Adventure Brewing South formerly the Blue and Gray Brewpub at 3300 Dill Smith Drive, Fredericksburg 22408.

"But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all." (1 Corinthians 2:15)

Deacon Alberto will be there to continue his guidance, fellowship and just good camaraderie. We are grateful for the Deacon's willingness to guide the Optio group as we struggle in today's secular world as men, dads and granddads of good Catholic faith. The Optio Group strives to bring Catholic men together to discuss daily applications of our faith, duties and responsibilities to our families and communities. Social half-hour **begins at 6:30pm**, followed by an open discussion and **optional dinner from 7-9pm**. If you are new to the Parish or have never joined

us before, you are very welcome! **Questions?** Contact Kevin Wilkinson at **540-898-8353** or **kwilksn@yahoo.com**.

Cursillo Women's Weekend

Come and discover the Cursillo community! **The next Women's Weekend is September 15-18.** The retreat is wonderful opportunity to deeply reflect on your relationship with Christ and to grow as a member of the Christian community. It will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. **To register or for more information**, please contact Joyce Bodoh at **540-521-0588** or **joycebodoh@gmail.com**.

Celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year?

Were you married in 1966 or 1991? Then join Bishop Paul S. Loverde for the 2016 Marriage Jubilee mass to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, VA. **Contact the parish office to register no later than September 23.** For more information, visit **www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM**.

Treasures needed for annual KoC yard sale

The Knights of Columbus continues to seek donated items and monetary donations for the **annual Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, September 24.** Consider donating unneeded items such as appliances, furniture, kitchen items, hobby and craft items, baby items, coats and jackets, TVs and electronic items, books, movies, children's items, tools, mowers, barbeque grills, and anything else in good shape that you no longer need. **You may drop off items** on Saturday mornings

liturgy called in love

at the KoC 4034 Council home on Harrison Road **or we can pick up items** on Saturday mornings at your location. **Point of Contact for pick-ups:** Fred or Debbie Nunez (540) 371-3125. **Questions about the Yard Sale** can be directed to the Tim Fleming through e-mail at yardsale@kofc4034.org. All proceeds go to charity.

Holy Cross job opening

Holy Cross Academy is seeking a front office secretary. Strong personal skills as well as experience with technology and website maintenance are required. Applicants should email a resume with relevant training and experience to principal@holycrossweb.com. The position is full-time during the school year and part-time in the summer. Salary is based upon experience.

HCA Fun Run/Walk, September 11

Our second 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk is scheduled for **September 11, 2016** right before the Parish Ice Cream Social. The 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk will start at the Walmart at Stafford Lakes (at the garden center side) and finish by the playground at Holy Cross Academy. No registration or entry fee is required, however, we are asking for a \$1.00 donation to help offset the cost of the runners' reward. **This event is primarily for children ages 12 and under** and is non-competitive. All are welcome. This is a stroller friendly Run/Walk! **We will start promptly at 3:15pm** so that we can finish by 4pm—just in time for Ice Cream and the Cake Walk at the Parish Ice Cream Social.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Sandra Infante, Maria Stine, Peter & Barbara Wood, Mary Ulmer, Victoria Sibley, Nancy Borrero, Carmen Cardinelli, Teresa McPherson, Chris Enke, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, Harold Gardiner, Gerald Gardiner, Carla J. Gomer, Patricia Russo, Marianne Ford, Richard Sadler, Diane Beverly, Nancy Sokolowski, John Gabriel, John Haas, Jim Matarese, Tommy Davis, Marianne Ford, Olen Bullard, Michael Kraljevich, Dawn Miller, Ortiz family, Linda Kaila, Charles Boyer, Amy Gilkerson, Sadie Harder, Elizabeth Grant, Wayne Culbertson, Providence & Thomas Moeller, David Davenport, Brian Yednock, Gretchen Schuster, Dick Fadden, Elise Velez, Jim Canty, Maureen Flanagan, Regina Gaudreau, Jessica Gaudreau, Denise Pooler, Gerard Fitzpatrick, Jamila Alarcon, Betty & John Gil, Daniel Burke, John Druett, Margaret Gralton, Cheryl Wood, Barbara McCoy, Leroy Spangler, Francine Ochman, Veronica Johnson, John Storm, Joshua Oltman, Gladys Bowen, Frances Schwab, Martha Clemens, Lynn Dennis, Anne Shelton, Barbara Gillette, John Gannon, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Smoot Major, Marian Wolinski, Holly Smith, Mike Harwich, Larry Dillman, Jerome Murphy, Jim Evans, Keith Kovalesky, Patrick Clarke, Cody Harrell, Janie Sherry, Michael Tallarita, Chris Szydal, Judith Cantell, Delores Renninger, Phil Kronsberg, Tamlyn Leaf, Paul Godwin, Patricia Phillips, The Valconi Family, Tim Murphy & family, Matt Dombro, Regina "Gina" Wood, Glenn Nicholls Sr., Amber Hedegety, Josephine Kreider, Theresa Aguilar, Darlene Guinn, Boyd Woodside, Lillian Held, Karen Danis, Duska Green, Mary Jean and Don Williams

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, Dominick Joseph Petro, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Sean Plunkett, Roy Selvidge, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Geoff Mann, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Gary Rotsch, Anthony Howell

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Electronic Offertory

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Daily Mass intentions and readings

august

15 MONDAY

6:30 +Dorothy Divitantonio
9am +Eloise Brand
Noon +Ricky Clark
6pm Rocio and Robert Atkinson
7:30 (bilingual)Vocations
Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-27,
Lk 1:39-56

16 TUESDAY

6:30 John Comerford Sr.
9am Joseph and Elaine Stanislawski
Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

17 WEDNESDAY

6:30 David Garrison
9am +Ronald Destri
Noon Thomas Michael Lloyd
Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

18 THURSDAY

6:30 +Alice Whitney
9am +Barbara Mertens
Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

19 FRIDAY

6:30 +Leo Temple
9am +Tony Stein
Noon +Lucy Jenkins
Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

20 SATURDAY

9am +Dr. Lewis Fickett
5pm +Paulette Lake
7pm +Jack and Clara Schirmer
Ez 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12

21 SUNDAY

7am +Patricia Clark
8:30 +Mary Ellen Hermann
10:30 +Robert Van Kleeck
10:30*For Our Parish
12:30 Frank G. Schupp
2pm +Juan Velis Romero
5pm +Frances Cascio
7:01 +Bon Van Than
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy

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Choirs Seeking Members

The Saints Mary Music Ministry welcomes singers and instrumentalists who wish to share their gifts to help foster the sung prayer of our parish. We have five choirs that sing for our parish liturgies: Adult Choir, Folk Choir, Coro Hispano, Children's Choir (grades 2-6) and Youth Choir (grades 7-12). If you enjoy singing or if you play an appropriate instrument and would like to contribute your time and talent to the parish liturgies in this special way, **please contact David Mathers, Director of Sacred Music, dmathers@stmaryfred.org or (540) 373-6491 x217.**

Get to Know the Adult Choir

Our Saint Mary Adult Choir is preparing for a pilgrimage to Rome and other locations in Italy in January. We want the entire parish to get to know the 45-member Adult Choir a little better so you can be aware of and part of this special spiritual project. In the coming weeks they will sing at the following Masses:

August 21, 10:30am • August 28, 12:30am • September 3, 5:00pm

Prayer and Support for the Choir Pilgrimage

The Adult Choir will be asking for your prayer intentions to carry with them on their Pilgrimage to Rome and other places in Italy in January. Stay-tuned for more information on how that will work!

The Adult Choir is also engaged in a number of fund-raising activities to support their Pilgrimage to Italy, including a **Cabaret Night with Silent/Live Auction on October 15** featuring some of our finest local talent (save the date!), a **choir concert on November 18**, and the creation of a **CD recording**. Your generous contribution will ensure all members of the choir who can make the commitment to this spiritual journey may participate. **Contact David Mathers** for more information at dmathers@stmaryfred.org or (540) 373-6491 x217.

Weekly Offertory

July 7 Offertory \$38,079.
Children's Programs of
Fredericksburg Food Bank 3,725.
Poor Box (St. Vincent de Paul) 111.

Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

July's unscheduled Masses

Masses were offered in July for the following unscheduled intentions: All Souls, +Omar Merino, Holy Souls in Purgatory, +Sister Madeleine Gabrielle, +Imogene K. O'Toole, +Sister Cecile Bernard, Quirino Merino, and +Christiana Grimme.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for August

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of August will be donated to the **Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation**. Originally established in 2006 to assist the family of nineteen month old Grace who courageously battled a rapidly progressing form of cancer called neuroblastoma, the Foundation has grown, in Grace's memory, and now provides resources and financial support for local families of children battling rare forms of childhood cancer, as well as grants for pediatric cancer research. The Grace Oughton Cancer Foundation thanks you in advance for your contributions in support of their efforts. For more information, visit their website at www.thegocf.org.

Pro-Life reflection

"The Almighty One has done great things for me.." (Luke 1:49) In the human family there can be

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no closer bond than mother and child. They belong together; their destinies are intertwined. That is one of the central messages of the pro-life movement. To love and care for a mother necessarily means protecting, loving, and caring for her child. *Blessed Virgin Mary, on the joyous day of your Assumption, we honor you. Pray for us and for the victory of life!*

Are you a UMW or Germanna student?

Join us for special **Welcome Masses on Sunday, August 28** at 11:30am and 5:30pm at UMW's **Catholic Student Center** located across the street from campus (the red brick building with white columns) at **1614 College Avenue**. Meet new friends, and grow in knowledge and love of your Catholic Faith. Discover retreat and service opportunities and much more. **Contact us** at 540-373-6746 or visit our website, umwcatholic.org. **Germanna students are welcome to participate at the UMW Catholic Campus Ministry.**

SCRIP gift cards

Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Torie Baldwin at scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase. **Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!**

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15 Mass Schedule

**6:30am, 9am,
12 Noon, 6pm, 7:30pm**
bilingual

Novena with Exposition
will take place immediately
following the 6pm Mass

Welcome to SHARE at Saint Mary Parish!

Order Deadline: August 15
Food Pick-Up: August 27

This is a food cooperative program with a community service requirement. Package Pick-up is typically the **fourth Saturday of the month at the Parish Life Center between 7:30am and 8:30am**. The following month's menu will be available at the time of pick-up. Please contact Rick Caporali for more information and details, rcaporali@stmaryfred.org.

Shopping for August:

Value Package

\$22 + 2 hrs community service

- Deli Roast Beef - 1.25 lbs.
- Boneless Chicken Thigh – 1.75 lb
- Ground Beef – 1 lb
- Beef Hot Dogs – 12 oz
- Beef Meatballs – 12 oz
- Turkey Sausage – 8, 1.8oz patties
- And 8-10 lbs of essential, fresh produce, including potatoes and onions

Labor Day Grill Box (Limited Item!)

\$31 + 2 hrs community service

- 8 – 4.5 ounce Sirloin Steaks
- 2.5 lbs Boneless Chicken Breasts
- 12 – 4 oz Holton Hamburgers
- 15 oz – Beef Hot Dogs

Salmon and Shrimp Box

\$25 + 2 hrs community service

- 3 lbs of Salmon Filet, plus
- 2 lbs of Battered Shrimp

Summer Salad Box

\$16 + 2 hrs community service

- Spinach, Tomato, Cucumbers, Green Pepper, Bella Mushrooms, Iceberg Lettuce, and Red Onions

Menu items are always subject to change. When we must substitute, we try to give better value.



SHARE Order Form

Value Package (\$22)

_____ x \$22. = \$ _____

Labor Day Grill Box (\$31)

_____ x \$31. = \$ _____

Salmon and Shrimp Box (\$25)

_____ x \$25. = \$ _____

Summer Salad Box (\$16)

_____ x \$16. = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name

Address

City ST zip

email

cell/phone

Community Service Hours:

____ hrs Church ____ Host site
____ hrs Youth ____ Transport
____ hrs Shelter ____ Comm. Dinner
____ hrs Seniors ____ Vincent de Paul
____ hrs Micah ____ MW Hospital
____ hrs School ____ Parish Ministry
____ hrs Community Service
____ hrs Other ____ hrs Other

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH, MONEY ORDER, or EBT.

No CHECKS; Payment due when order is placed.

Money Orders should be made to: SHARE FOOD NETWORK.