Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



upcoming events

October



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

14 SUNDAY, TWENTY-EIGTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop After Morning Masses Scrip on Sale after all Masses except for 2:30pm, and 7pm 6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

15 Monday, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

10:15am, Legion of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presidio, Parish Life Center, Room 100 12:45pm, Revelation Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 7pm, Confirmation Year II Meeting, Church 7:30pm, RCIA, Church

16 Tuesday, [Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]

9:30am, CCW General Meeting, Parish Life Center, Room 100 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6pm, Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross Academy 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center

17 Wednesday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

9:45am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 3pm, Divine Mercy Devotions, Church 4:45pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Religious Education Classes, Parish Life Center 6:30pm, Confession, Church 6:30pm, Bishop Barron Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 6:30pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House

18 Thursday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

9:30am, Craft Group Parish Life Center Room 100 9:45am, Epic Bible Study, Courtyard Meeting Room 6pm, CYM Board Game Group, John Paul II House 6:30pm, CYM ASL and CUED Speech Club, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Walking With Purpose, Parish Life Center 7pm, Nar-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 100

19 Friday, Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests

9am, St Anne's Sister in Faith, John Paul II House 6:30pm, Spanish Legion and Junior Legion of Mary, Courtyard Meeting Room 6:30pm, Middle School Youth Group, Parish Life Center 7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House

20 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest]

8am, Confessions, Church 10am, Al-Anon, Parish Life Center, Room 204 10am, Baptisms, Church 3:30pm, Confessions, Church 3:30pm, CYM Youth Craft Club, Parish Life Center 6pm, Scrip on Sale, Parish Life Center

21 SUNDAY, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Shop After Morning Masses
Scrip on Sale after all Masses except for 2:30pm, and 7pm
HCA Chocolate Sale After All Masses

11:30am, Evangelization Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room 6pm, CYM Dinner and High School Youth Group, Parish Life Center

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nota bene (note well, please):

- 13th Annual Saint Mary Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is 6pm, Thursday, November 29, Please **RSVP** no later than Monday, November 5. See invitation on page 10
- Plenty of Youth Group happenings to attend! More information on pages 6-7
- Knights of Columbus Essay Contest More information on page 8
- Save the date! Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, **November 4** — *More information on page* 9
- Save the date! Senior Luncheon October 23 More information on page 9
- 33 Days to Morning Glory Small Group Retreat More information on page 9

October is the Month Of The Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.



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SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm

Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am, 9am

M/W/F: 12 Noon **MASS** Sat.: 9am

First Friday 8pm

Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration, Daily between 6:30am &

9am Mass,

Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass, Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 6:30-8:30pm:

Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org Mon.-Fri., 8:30am - 4:30pm;

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Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly Fr. Michael Folmar Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal, Sr. Susan Louise Eder, O.S.F.S.

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Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

YOUTH

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Tatiana Beltran

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BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class

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 Parish Life Center 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!

from our pastor

pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

Curiosity, did it kill the cat? Curiosity can be a great thing, or open a door of destruction.

For the Good, Curiosity moves us to "subdue the Earth" and to unlock many of nature's secrets. It leads to development, ingenuity, discovery, and growth. This seems to be a constant theme of much entertainment, 'You can do anything, strive for the stars, be whatever you want.....'

And yet we have this line from the Psalm 131: "O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me." Now there is a line that I think many of us ignore or reject.

When curiosity leads us to seek knowledge to which we have no right, then it can become a powerful force of destruction.

What sort of knowledge? The lives of others. And we pry into their lives, gossip, defame, detract, and criticize. Or in our information age, we presume we know all the facts, only to later

discover that some of those facts were in error. Certainly you have noticed that retractions to erroneous headlines never gain the prominence of the original misinformation. Rash judgement the assumption of another's moral fault without sufficient proof - is often the sin that grows from our disordered curiosity.

Sinful curiosity is also often at the root of lust and immodesty. Unsatisfied with the gifts that God has given us, we become curious about others, and desire pleasures beyond what is truly good. Maybe is starts with watching a movie, but leads to other darker corners of the internet. Or it starts with a curiosity, "I wonder if he/she would treat me better...."

What do I offer as a combat? Prayer. Real time spent in prayer. Because only in finding recollection and intimacy with God, will you be able to hear the whisper of his voice to be able to pray and understand Psalm 131 above. And also, exercise some discipline in ordering curiosity. Find something in your life that adds no real value, and offer it to God by setting it aside!

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann





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holy cross academy

Welcoming Oblate Sisters

Our Holy Cross Academy community was happy to welcome Mother Maria-Rita and Sr. Maria-Theresia who were visiting us from our Oblate Sisters Motherhouse in Troyes, France. Our Sisters joined us for Mass and loved praying and singing with our school community. After Mass, one of our 8th graders welcomed them, in French, and the students offered them flowers and cards with their warmest wishes and the promise of our prayers. Mother and Sister visited each class during a whirlwind tour of Holy Cross. It was a day of family joy for our school community.

We are halfway through our first trimester of the year and our students are enjoying learning new things and making new friends. As their minds expand to take in new ideas and concepts, so also their hearts grow in forming new friendships.





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Shop and Support

Please support our parish school each time you shop at Giant Foods. Just register your Giant card at **giantfood.com** and designate Holy Cross Academy to receive your A+ Rewards. Our school **id# is 02320**. Thanks for your generous support!

Saint Mary Preschool and Holy Cross Academy are a wonderful place to learn and grow. We hope that you will consider our parish school for your children. To learn more, we invite you to visit our school website, **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 our parish school. Our first Open House of the year will be on November 13 at 9am. We would love to have you drop by!

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Discovering True Riches

On a piece of paper, make two columns. In the first column, draw or write all of the things you have or care about that be bought or sold. In the second column, write or draw those which cannot be bought or sold. Which of these things brings you the most happiness? Which of them are true riches?



Upcoming Events

Monday - October 15

Meeting for Confirmation 2019 candidates and parents at 7:30pm

Monday & Tuesday - October 22-23

Deacon Alberto Bernaola meets with Spanish Speaking Parents

Monday - October 30 - 7-9pm

Parish Life Center, Evening Program for Deanery VII catechists, hosted by the Office of Catechetics, "On the Road to Emmaus: The Mission and Spirituality of the Catechist" Agenda includes:

Video message to catechists from Bishop Burbidge

"The Mission of the Catechist," by Soren Johnson

"The Spirituality of the Catechist" by John Knutsen. Time for Q&A, discussion, and social reception.

Saturday - November 17

Diocesan Catechetical Conference. Will begin with Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The keynote speaker will be Joseph White, Ph.D., S.T.L., National Catechetical Consultant for Our Sunday Visitor Publishing and Curriculum. The theme for this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Participants will also attend 2 workshops and visit publisher's exhibits.

FORMED PICK

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Experience God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the witnesses of Saints Faustina, John Paul II, and Maximilian Kolbe.





"This series will change your life! Fr. Gaitley has scored another home run with this series."

-Dan S, Milledgeville, GA

Watch on formed.org



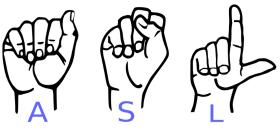
MORE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- · Listen: Brother Francis
- · Watch: John XXIII
- Watch: True Reformers
 Ep. 5: Saint Teresa
- · Watch: Lectio: Peter Ep. 9
- · Watch: Symbolon
- Ep.9: Mary and the Saints

JOIN FORMED — 1. formed.org 2. click register 3. enter parish code: F6F228

youth group





And Cued Speech Club

We will share our faith and learn to talk with our hands! We will teach American Sign Language (ASL) and Cued Speech. To register or for more information contact Mrs. Lauren McAdams: Lauren.McAdams2@gmail.com

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGES 4 - 8

STARTING OCTOBER 18
THURSDAY NIGHTS | ST. JOHN PAUL II HOUSE (DOWNSTAIRS)

our parish youth ministry

YOUTH BOARD GAME GROUP

1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month | 6pm St. John Paul II house (upstairs)

Do you love to play Monopoly, chess, card games, Clue, or other fantastic board games? Then come join us to play your favorite games, listen to Christian music, and get to know other kids who share your faith.

Hope to see you there!

Starting Oct. 18th. Open to all kids ages 5 - 10.
Contact Elizabeth Robens for more info Lizrobens@gmail.com



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

> 6TH-8TH GRADERS



SEPT. 7TH & 21ST OCT. 5TH & 19TH NOV. 2ND & 16TH DEC. 7TH & 21ST

PLC: 6:30PM-8PM



Every Wednesday | 6:30-8pm

YOUCAT

Study the word of God. Learn about your faith with awesome people like you.

#GETINVOLVEDBETRANSFORMED



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 — 12-8PM
PERMISSION SLIPS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
THIS WILL FILL UP FAST SO GET THEM IN!

Youth Ministry Middle School Fitness Club

-Faith, Fun, and Fitness!

-Meets Saturday am twice a month; alternates between James Monroe Track and Green Fitness Wellness (private gym)

- -partners with Life Runners of Fredericksburg
- -running, strength, and agility training
- -Open to grades 6-8; all levels of fitness welcome!
- -contact Rachel Luciani: lucianir@comcast.net

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Stay Up-to-Date

Be sure to stay in the know with St. Mary CYM by visiting stmaryfred.org/youth-ministry

SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION www.stmaryfred.org

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Vocalists Wanted

The Contemporary Ensemble is looking for vocalists. If you pray in song, St. Mary wants to hear you. Our vision for the 5pm Saturday evening Mass is a tasteful mix of contemporary songs and traditional hymns with instrumentation that includes piano, guitar, flute, trumpet and violin. We rehearse vocals Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm as well as Saturday afternoons at 4pm until Mass begins. Instruments rehearse Saturday afternoons at 3pm and are joined by vocalists at 4pm. If you like to sing God songs in the car or in the shower, email Gordon.Alling@ comcast.net or call 540-786-2200 (leave a message).

Fall Scrapbook Crop!

Boy Scout Troop 1410 is hosting a Fall Scrapbook Crop at Holy Cross Academy on October 27, 2019 from 9am-9pm. We will provide a 6' crafting table, snacks/drinks, and Boy Scouts to help carry your supplies in/out to your car. Register by October 15 to Torie Baldwin at vebaldwin1@gmail.com. Cost is \$35 per person.

CCW Updates

Fall has arrived, so please come and join the Council of Catholic Women for our October Bazaar activities! It is time to finish all of your beautiful creations, then deliver them to Room 100, Parish Life Center, on a Thursday morning or label them for Wanda Cushing and take them to the parish office on any weekday.

October 16 - 10am, General Meeting, Father Rooney Community Room. A special fun project will be presented by Wanda Cushing. There will be a 50-50

drawing and a gift basket raffle. Come and enjoy!

October 25 or 26 - Time to deliver your delicious bake goods and other treats to the PLC kitchen for our much anticipated Bake Sale.

October 27 - 8am-2pm, BAZAAR and BAKE SALE - Come to shop; lunch served!

October 28 - BAZAAR and BAKE SALE continues, 8am-noon.

Catholic Charities

Interested volunteers can start by submitting their information on **ccda.net** and clicking on 'volunteers' and they can also contact the volunteer manager, Arielle Reynoso at 703-778-9128, or through email, **areynoso**@ **ccda.net**.

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8-12, are invited to participate in the 2018 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This years theme is "How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action?"

In an essay of 500–750 words, reflect on how your family puts its Catholic Faith in Action, every day. This could be through daily prayers as a family, volunteering to help the less fortunate in your community, or even just reminding each other of what they mean to us.

Catholics are called to joyfully and enthusiastically live the faith. In a world of increasing noise and activity and so much self-interest, it can feel impossible to focus on what is most important: our families, our communities, our faith. Our Catholic faith is the starting point of all our actions. Just as Jesus challenged his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21), our families must constantly rise to Christ's challenge. In ways both large and small, He sends us. How have we answered the call to put our faith into action?

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God himself, with Jesus our Lord"-Saint Mother Teresa

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest with prizes distributed to the top 3 in each grade. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. Top Winners will be sent to the state level for further judging.

For entry forms can be downloaded at https://goo.gl/9ap7MK . Any additional information contact: Mr. Mark Gardner at youthdirector@kofc4034.org. Essay and Consent Form must be emailed or turned in by October 31, 2018.

Part Time Preschool Aide Needed

St. Mary Preschool is seeking a part time aide for the four year old program. A preschool aide should some education beyond high school along with experience in either a child care or school setting. Interested applicants should email their resumes to Sheri Castellarin at preschool@holycrossweb.com or contact Mrs. Castellarin by phone at 540-373-7553

our parish get involved



God's Vision for Life -Bible Study

"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." – Pope Francis

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Mary's will begin

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30pm in the library at Holy Cross Academy.

For more information or to register, call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this adult Bible study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. Cost for study materials is \$18, collected at the first class. CLASS SIZE: 35 participants.

Veterans Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Join with us to recognize our local veterans. All are welcome. November 4 in the Parish Life Center After 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am Masses.

Pancakes, Bacon, Pork Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, and Hash Brown Potatoes.

Donations accepted. Proceeds go towards AHG VA 0128 and Trail Life VA 4034 service projects. We are thankful for the continued support of CCW, KoC 4034, St. Mary's and HCA.

Senior Luncheon

The next parish senior luncheon will be held in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, November 13. Doors open at noon and a hot lunch will be served. All seniors in the parish are invited and admission is free . Entertainment will be provided. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow seniors. Usually ends around 1:45pm. No reservation required. Questions? Call Maria D'Amico at 540-785-3580.

Save the Date

The Paul Stefan Foundation's 11th Annual Gala - "I Can Only Imagine" Saturday, November 10 at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, Fairfax, Virginia

Come hear the heartfelt miraculous story of Baby Paul Stefan James & the beginning of the foundations as told by Randy & Evelyn James.

More information can be found at paulstefanhome.org/events

33 Days to Morning Glory Small Group

Want to Grow in Holiness, But Too Busy? Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family and your life, but don't have time? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to holiness, but don't know where to begin? In our hectic day and time, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Join us Fridays 9:45-11:30am at the Courtvard Meeting Room starting on November 2nd as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Our consecration day will be on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. For six weeks, we'll individually read about and reflect on four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St. John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and liveable focus.

If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Morning Glory Small Group Retreat. Call the parish office at 540-373-6491 to register. Cost is \$20 which can be paid at our first meeting. For more information contact Rachel Chaves at raziechaves@yahoo.com or 540-372-9877.

our parish











To All Who Have Volunteered at Saint Mary or Holy Cross During the Past Year

You are cordially invited to our

13th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, November 29th

6pm - Holy Cross Academy An Evening of Dinner & Dancing RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday, November 5

our parish

happenings

We invite all Christians to gather in the peace of Christ at St. Mary Monday, November 12 as we "prepare a place for unity and peace" together.



You are invited to a monthly gathering of prayer in the ecumenical tradition of the Taizé Community in France, the second Monday of every month at 8:15pm.

It is our hope that this monthly prayer brings together Christians of all churches, pastors and flocks, as together we realize a bit more each day that we must rely upon God's power to bring about Unity among all who follow Jesus, "as he and the Father are one." It is something we are unable to do ourselves.

This Unity which embraces all people stands at the very heart of Christ's mission...and belongs to the essence of our community. Let us provide a place where his Spirit can come and fulfill his plan for us.

Micah Café

Enjoy a delicious lunch with your family/friends/ministry groups at the Micah Café and know that you are engaging with the homeless and lonely in our community. The Café was created this year to offer food service training for our homeless population so that they can go on and secure a job in the food industry after receiving certification. The Café also serves as a vehicle to create community for many who are lonely. The Café is a "Pay-As-You-Can" and donations are accepted at the door. Located 1016 Caroline Street is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-2pm. Check it out!

Micah Furniture Bank

The Furniture Bank provides furniture for clients of Micah Ecumenical Services, formally homeless individuals who are moving into housing. We need help delivering and/or picking up donated items. St. Mary's serves on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am-12. This is a great ministry for teens as we need muscle to move items! Please contact Rich LaRoche to join the crew at stone48@verizon.net. To donate furniture visit micahfredericksburg.org.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Feast Day October 1

Come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and honor His Holy Mother by saying the Rosary in His Divine Presence. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We have continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 12 Noon Mass until Friday morning before the 9am Mass. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7-9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Call to Evangelization

Empower your witness! Every day we have opportunities to share our story about why we love being Catholic, but do we? Or, do we hide our light under the proverbial bushel?

This small group's purpose is to support and encourage each other in our efforts to share our faith. We discuss opportunities we've had to evangelize, what worked and what didn't, or what prevented us from trying.

If you want to engage others in conversation about our faith, join us. We meet every 3rd Sunday between the 10:30am and the 12:30pm masses (except on holiday weekends) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. For more information contact Bryan Richardson at br22406@cox.net

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Weekly Offertory

Collections for October 7

Offertory \$32,810 Kids Special Needs \$2,680 St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$134

Thank you for your generosity! Next week's collection is for World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday

"Together with Young People, Let Us Bring the Gospel to All"

Every year something special happens on the next to last Sunday of October – World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously to the World Mission Sunday collection.

This year, Pope Francis addresses the young: "Dear young people, this October, the month of the missions, we will hold the Synod devoted to you. It will prove to be one more occasion to help us become missionary disciples, ever more passionately devoted to Jesus and his mission, to the ends of the earth. I ask Mary, Queen of the Apostles, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and Blessed Paolo Manna to intercede for all of us and to accompany us always." Pope Francis continues, "The ends of the earth, dear young people, nowadays are quite relative and always easily "navigable". The digital world - the social networks that are so pervasive and readily available dissolves borders, eliminates distances and reduces differences. Everything appears within reach,

so close and immediate. And yet lacking the sincere gift of our lives, we could well have countless contacts but never share in a true communion of life. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself in the vocation that God, who has placed us on this earth, chooses to give us (cf. Lk 9:23-25). I dare say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation." Bearing witness to love in a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday unites us and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized throughout the world in a world-wide corporal act of mercy.

Your prayers and generous support offered on World Mission Sunday extends your merciful witness to the whole world, and is deeply appreciated.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available

through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Choose Life Reflection

"Pope Francis challenges us to be protectors of all creation, to be stewards of all God's gifts. We begin to exercise this responsibility when we defend human life -- especially the unborn and the vulnerable. When we affirm the sacredness of all human life, we acknowledge God's plan for each human being, and we work to defend the gift of life from every form of abuse. Similarly, when we affirm that everything God made is good and worthy of our reverence and respect, we look differently on all God's creation." (Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, MO, "Caring for God's creation is good stewardship," St. Louis Review, July 11, 2013) We pray for all those who defend the unborn, that they may be persistent and faithful in their witness as they strive to build a culture of life.

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our All Souls Novena will begin on Friday, November 2, All Souls Day. An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the Parish Office and in the vestibule of the Church. There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the altar during the Novena.

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liturgy

daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Maria Celia Brandao Lage, Leah Sapphire, Felicity Stanfield, Michael Kraljevich, Steve Zawisa, Casey Roby, Calvin Mills, Mary Jean Mills, Elise Velez, Tracey Hansen, Elizabeth Ames, Aleisa Barber, David Arnold, Maryann Greatsinger, Antonio Ferrara, Wilson and Joan Parker, Emma Gilbert, Virginia Gannon, Daniel Burke, Katherine Perusi, Dorie Lee, Christopher Szynal, Joy Zerby, Mariah Ceidlinger, Kelly Carperter-Silvers, Suzi Eggleston, Bernad Castillo, Nancy Buhite, Michael Durant, Matthew Gomer, Tricia Davis, Martha Clements, Dolores Renninger, Donna Long, Mary Ann Maynard, Zachary Payne, Margaret Krebbel, Adrianna Pruitt, Deanna Pruitt, Montgomery Wood, Gail Russell, Patricia Russo, Charles Dittmer, Bruce Mattern, Dorothy Simmons, Lillian Kendall, Nikolai Sherba, Sharon S., Barbara Clarke, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpe, Maureen Mizzles, Miles Wood, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kay Simmons, Robert Meyer, Marc and Susan Wood, John Gil, Lita Mary Mamboyo, Nathan Apicella, Timothy Travis, Kaden Sabo, Robert Nathan Servetnick, Dianne Clancy, The Chevchuc Family, Christina Bolt, Bruce Bates, Richard Casaldi, Alex Tonn, James Evans, Larry Dillman, Theresa Kovalefsky, Amber Moser, Erin Krieg, Matthew Meyer, Brittany Meyer, Sara Meyer, Douglas & Dorothy Meyer, Karla Dorsey, Mary Jean & Don Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Cathleen Mihalaki, Re Macarthur, Jordan Tackett, Bridget Sherba, Randy McNulty, Riley Horstick, David A., Marty T., Janet Yerkie, Brittany Yerkie, Elizabeth Stoehr, David Semeglo, Katherine Paone, Robert L Gomer, Carla J Gomer, Lorena Hernandez, Thomas Moeller, Lorraine Becker, Gerald Gardiner, Larry Delaney, James Keddie, Lorena Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez and Edgar Giovanni Castro, Julio Diaz, Kelly Murray, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, Fernando Vazquez, James Derouin, Karen Danis, Jim Mann, Muriel Bovat, Gina Wood, Michelle & Lawrence Hudson, Monica White & Patrick White, Betty McKee, Arturo Mendoza Sanchez, Vickie Coburn, Susana Rios-Villagrana, Jeff Shinrock, Mary Ulmer, John Michaelides, Joyce Tally, Dona Tally, Thomas Biddulph, Pat Tholen, Mary Ulmer, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Fred Becker, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Linda Burrell, Margaret Craig, Mary Dudash, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios-Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family

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, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Nelly Garcia, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Monica Hannan, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Jason Cullinan, Estrella Bernaola, Frank Spatt Jr.

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



Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

October

15 MONDAY

6:30am Glen Sturtevant, Sr. 9:00am All Discalced Carmelites Gal 4:22—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

16 TUESDAY

6:30am Robert Atkinson 9:00am Riona Mairead Horne+ Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

17 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Riona Mairead Horne+ 9:00am Maddison McCarty Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

18 THURSDAY

6:30am Lisa Romagnoli+ 9:00am Charles White+ 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

19 FRIDAY

6:30am Dominic Nguyen+ 8:15am* Fred Gasper+ 9:00am Jason Mooney+ Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

20 SATURDAY

9:00am Jose Luis Miranda+ 5:00pm Jenson Strader 7:00pm For our Parish Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

21 SUNDAY

7:00am Liz Tellez
8:30am James Palo+
10:30am Josephine Sumpolec+
10:30am* Clementina Celaya Muñoz+
12:30pm Josefina Bravo+
5:00pm Grace and John Walsh
7:00pm Thelma Odilia Rivera
Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy 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.