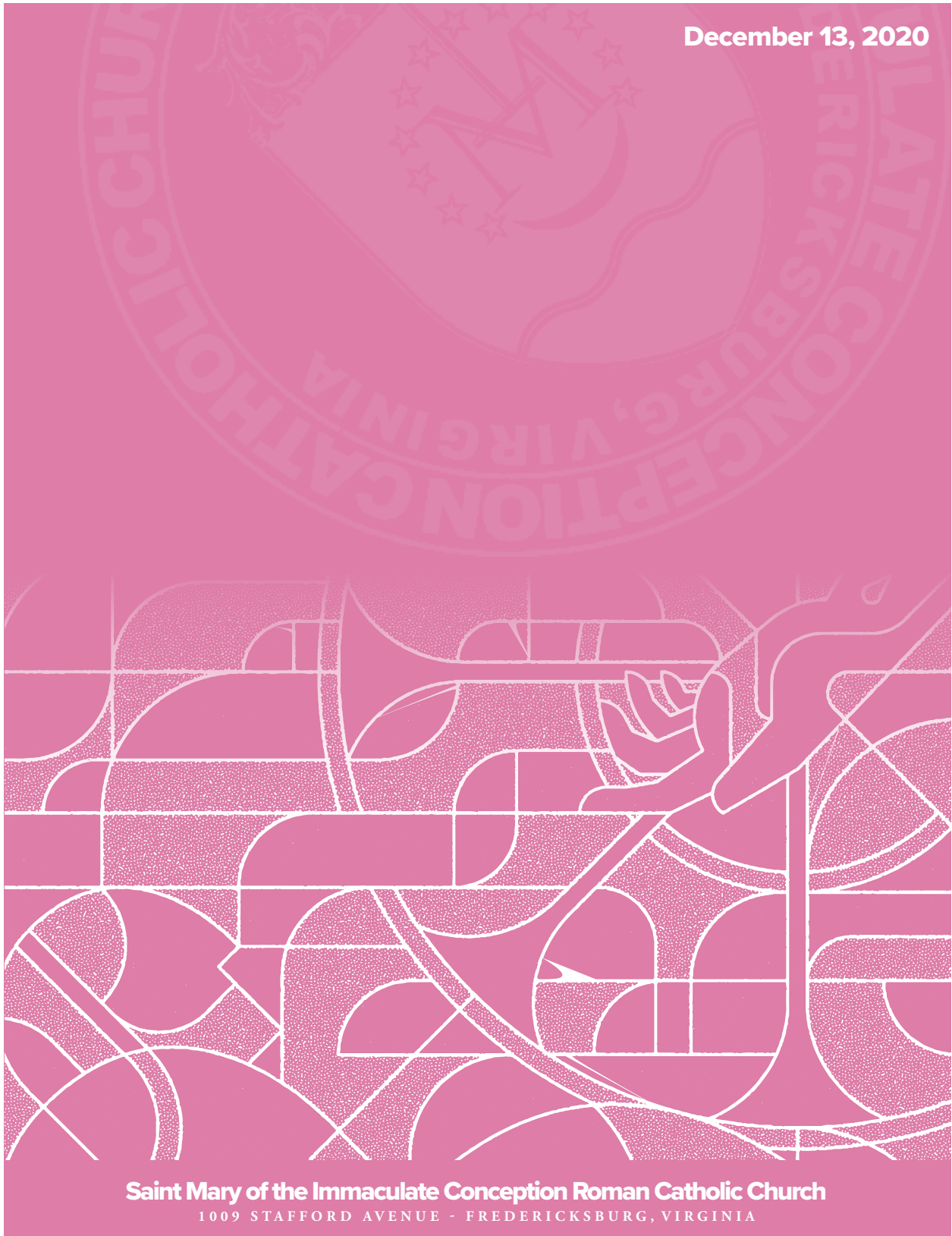


# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020



**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**  
1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# pulpit announcements

## nota bene (note well, please):

### Public Masses - Phase 3

#### St. Mary Church

Saturday 5pm, 7pm

Sunday 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm,  
2:30pm in Spanish, 5pm & 7pm

#### Holy Cross Academy

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am

#### Daily Mass Schedule

6:30am, 9am

12pm Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

#### St. Mary Streaming Schedule - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Facebook Page

Daily Mass 9am Rosary 6:30pm

Sunday Mass 8:30am and 2:30pm (Spanish)

#### Confession Schedule (Confessions continue at the Parish Life Center ONLY)

Wednesdays 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

#### Adoration Schedule

Wednesday 12:30pm- Friday 9am

## contact us

#### 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 MASS

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am  
M/W/F: 12 Noon  
Saturday: 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

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30-8:30pm; Sat., 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

#### PARISH OFFICE

540-373-6491, fax 371-0251  
stmary@stmaryfred.org  
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm;  
students staff office weekdays until 9pm,  
Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays 9:30-1:30pm

Pastor, Fr. John Mosimann  
Fr. Sean Koehr  
Fr. Michael J.R. Kelly  
Fr. Michael Folmar  
Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola  
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski  
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios  
Director of Music, David Uschold

#### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

540-286-1600  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry,  
sfry@holycrossweb.com

#### ST. MARY PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553  
Director, Sheri Castellarin

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Director, Aristides Lucas  
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

tbeltran@stmaryfred.org  
Tatiana Beltran

#### YOUNG ADULTS

stmaryya@gmail.com  
540-847-1872

#### OUTREACH

540-373-6491  
Elena Doyle - edoyle@stmaryfred.org

#### 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 Parishioner Welcome meetings held in the Parish Life Center on fourth Sunday, 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!

## stmaryfred.org

# from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

## 1. The Financial report is published in this bulletin.

These are the raw numbers for July 2019 to June 2020. So this covers prior to and early in the pandemic. The Good news is, the numbers are strong.... and look even stronger on paper. A few interesting points.

- Our number of registered families climbed of 6,000!
- 1,950 families donated on Sundays in a measurable way (envelopes/checks/electronic).
- The average annual gift of those 1,950 donors: \$1,206.
- 591 families are enrolled in Faith Direct online giving, that is 154 more than the previous year.
- Faith Direct has greatly helped us to move through the summer in the pandemic.
- Bottom line: thanks for your generosity and support of the parish.

## 2. Time for confessions!

This year I can only even more strenuously encourage you to make your Christmas confession early. Since our Religious Education classes are being taught virtually, our students and families who used to have confession offered during in-person class time will now be joining our parish confession hours and this volume may lead to longer lines. Please come early – thank you.

All confessions will be in the Parish Life Center, and there will be some times next week for confessions too... But lines (and maybe penances) will be much shorter this week.

## This week confessions will be available:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6:30pm to 7:30pm (we will try to finish all that come and arrive before 7:30pm....).

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30am to 12noon.

Wednesday 6:30pm to 8:30pm — (because they are normally scheduled here, this is the exception to the 'done @ 7:30 listing above)

Saturday 7:30am to 8:30am — bonus early start!

Saturday 2:30pm to 4:30pm — bonus early start!

## 3. All Christmas Eve/Day Masses will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center!!!

In order to accommodate as many people as possible safely, this year we will celebrate all of our Christmas Masses in the Expo Center. We will even have a very early bird special Mass at 2pm to be able to spread out safely! The 2pm Mass on Christmas Eve will specifically be for elderly and immunocompromised folks to ensure their maximum safety!

pax et bonum (peace and all goodness)

Fr Mosimann

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Ushers Needed

Please consider volunteering to usher at Christmas Mass

We need lots of help! No Experience Needed

Sign-up using the link below.

[signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29aaf58-christmas](https://signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29aaf58-christmas)

# parish life financial report

## Balance Sheet

|   | Church              | School              | Parish              |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Operating Accounts                        | 690,428             | 187,032             | 877,460             |
| DIAL Savings                              | 539,722             | 1,776,492           | 2,316,214           |
| Fixed Assets                              | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Endowment Investments                     | -                   | -                   | -                   |
| Other Assets                              | 15,918              | 33,613              | 49,531              |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       | <b>\$ 1,246,068</b> | <b>\$ 1,997,137</b> | <b>\$ 3,243,206</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                        |                     |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                          | -                   | 8,378               | 8,378               |
| Loans Payable                             | 2,145,759           | 493,300             | 2,639,059           |
| Deferred Revenue                          | -                   | 24,384              | 24,384              |
| Other Liabilities                         | 28,724              | 4,458               | 33,182              |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                  | <b>\$ 2,174,483</b> | <b>\$ 530,520</b>   | <b>\$ 2,705,003</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                         |                     |                     |                     |
| Unrestricted                              | (1,085,440)         | 325,715             | (759,725)           |
| Temporarily Restricted                    | 157,025             | 1,075,461           | 1,232,486           |
| Permanently Restricted                    | -                   | 65,441              | 65,441              |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                   | <b>\$ (928,415)</b> | <b>\$ 1,466,617</b> | <b>\$ 538,203</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b> | <b>\$ 1,246,068</b> | <b>\$ 1,997,137</b> | <b>\$ 3,243,206</b> |

## Income Statement

|  | Church              | School              | Parish              |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>                 |                     |                     |                     |
| Offertory/Tuition Related Income       | 2,496,841           | 2,585,780           | 5,082,621           |
| Ministry                               | 204,250             | -                   | 204,250             |
| School                                 | -                   | 200,224             | 200,224             |
| Other Sources                          | 162,951             | 148,173             | 311,124             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>          | <b>\$ 2,864,042</b> | <b>\$ 2,934,178</b> | <b>\$ 5,798,220</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                    |                     |                     |                     |
| Clergy                                 | 250,745             | -                   | 250,745             |
| Staffing                               | 812,121             | 2,559,221           | 3,371,342           |
| Ministry                               | 280,212             | -                   | 280,212             |
| School                                 | 5,099               | 187,791             | 192,889             |
| Buildings                              | 360,367             | 249,227             | 609,594             |
| Admin                                  | 414,232             | 90,679              | 504,911             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>         | <b>\$ 2,122,776</b> | <b>\$ 3,086,917</b> | <b>\$ 5,209,693</b> |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b> | <b>\$ 741,266</b>   | <b>\$ (152,739)</b> | <b>\$ 588,527</b>   |
| <b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>        |                     |                     |                     |
| Campaign/Extraordinary Income          | 226,925             | -                   | 226,925             |
| Capital Expenditures/Renovations       | 89,995              | 47,371              | 137,367             |
| <b>NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>      | <b>\$ 136,930</b>   | <b>\$ (47,371)</b>  | <b>\$ 89,559</b>    |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>           | <b>\$ 878,196</b>   | <b>\$ (200,111)</b> | <b>\$ 678,086</b>   |



# holy cross academy

## The Advent Season is evident at Holy Cross Academy!

During this holy season, students have many ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Students are invited to donate baby items that are given to Mary's Shelter, Birthright, and the Baby Closet during our annual Giving Tree celebration. Several classes are putting together Holly Jolly Bags to supply personal items for the homeless in our area. In each classroom, the students celebrate Advent in a special way. At Holy Cross we like to remind our children that Jesus is the reason for the season and that both giving and receiving bring the same amount of joy.

The highlight of our Advent is to have the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle of our new school chapel, providing us with a quiet place to spend time with our Lord and prepare our hearts for His coming at Christmas.

Holy Cross Academy and Holy Cross Preschool are wonderful places to learn and grow. To learn more about our parish school, please visit our website, [holycrossweb.com](http://holycrossweb.com), or call us at 540-286-1600. We'd love to share with you what makes this place so special!



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# education religious education

## Lectio Divina on St. Mary Facebook with Deacon Alberto in English and Spanish

On Tuesday, December 15 go to the parish website at [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org) and click to the "Live Stream of Masses and Devotions!" tab. Lectio Divina will be in English at 7pm and Spanish at 7:30pm.

"Lectio Divina: This method of prayer goes back to the early monastic tradition. There were not bibles for everyone and not everyone knew how to read. So the monks gathered in chapel to hear a member of the community reading from the scripture. In this exercise they were taught and encouraged to listen with their hearts because it was the Word of God that they were hearing.



When a person wants to use Lectio Divina as a prayer form today, the method is very simple. When one is a beginner, it is better to choose a passage from one of the Gospels or epistles, usually ten or fifteen verses. Some people who regularly engage in this method of prayer choose the epistle or the Gospel for the Mass of the day as suggested by the Catholic Church."

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

WATCH

### SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



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CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE F6F228

## Religious Education Video Links on Parish Website

The video links for the "Week of December 14: "Christmas Lessons" for all classes. If you are not up to Chapter 11, please use the next 3 weeks to catch up. Video Links from the "Week of September 28" to the "Week of December 14": are on the Parish Website [stmaryfred.org](http://stmaryfred.org) on the "Religious Ed Videos" tab by grade. Scroll down after clicking on the desired grade to see the links.

Students should continue to read their texts, watch their class video, do the Interactive Chapter Review and email the results to [religioused@stmaryfred.org](mailto:religioused@stmaryfred.org). Unit Reviews are also recorded.

Chapter Interactive Reviews and Unit Reviews are at [loyolapress.com/faith-formation/christ-our-life/christ-our-life-2016/parents-and-students/](http://loyolapress.com/faith-formation/christ-our-life/christ-our-life-2016/parents-and-students/) Email the Interactive Chapter Reviews and Unit Reviews to [religioused@stmaryfred.org](mailto:religioused@stmaryfred.org)

## Daily Mass and Devotionals on Facebook

Religious Education families are asked to regularly participate in the live streaming of Daily Mass and devotionals on Facebook at [facebook.com/pg/stmaryfred/videos/](https://facebook.com/pg/stmaryfred/videos/)

**Daily Mass:** 9am Every Day

**Sunday Mass:** 8:30am in English, 2:30pm in Spanish

**Rosary:** 6:30pm Every Day

This activity is beneficial for all students but particularly essential for students preparing for sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

## Religious Education Interactive Chapter Reviews

The chart below shows that many students have been submitting their Interactive Chapter Reviews. The Thanksgiving break has slowed us down. Parents, especially of students preparing for sacraments, are reminded that to be prepared for their sacraments students can only miss 5 classes in a school year. In January each child's report will be emailed to their parents.

| 11-Dec  | Chapter 1 |        |     |        | Chapter 2 |        | Chapter 3 |       | Chapter 4 |        | Chapter 5 |        | Chapter 6 |       | Chapter 7 |       | Chapter 8 |        | Chapter 9 |        | Chapter 10 |  |
|---------|-----------|--------|-----|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|--|
| Grade   | Classes   | 14-Sep | %   | 21-Sep | %         | 28-Sep | %         | 5-Oct | %         | 19-Oct | %         | 26-Oct | %         | 2-Nov | %         | 9-Nov | %         | 16-Nov | %         | 30-Nov | %          |  |
| Grade 1 | 70        | 53     | 76% | 46     | 66%       | 45     | 64%       | 47    | 67%       | 48     | 69%       | 43     | 61%       | 41    | 59%       | 22    | 31%       | 33     | 47%       | 4      | 6%         |  |
| Grade 2 | 98        | 63     | 64% | 66     | 67%       | 64     | 65%       | 55    | 56%       | 61     | 62%       | 57     | 58%       | 54    | 40%       | 38    | 39%       | 15     | 15%       | 3      | 3%         |  |
| Grade 3 | 38        | 22     | 58% | 23     | 61%       | 22     | 58%       | 20    | 53%       | 13     | 34%       | 21     | 55%       | 20    | 53%       | 18    | 47%       | 10     | 26%       | 6      | 16%        |  |
| Grade 4 | 52        | 35     | 67% | 36     | 69%       | 31     | 60%       | 34    | 65%       | 30     | 58%       | 32     | 62%       | 30    | 58%       | 19    | 37%       | 11     | 21%       | 2      | 4%         |  |
| Grade 5 | 50        | 33     | 66% | 33     | 66%       | 29     | 58%       | 24    | 48%       | 25     | 50%       | 10     | 20%       | 24    | 48%       | 24    | 48%       | 18     | 36%       | 5      | 10%        |  |
| Grade 6 | 70        | 45     | 64% | 39     | 56%       | 39     | 56%       | 36    | 51%       | 22     | 31%       | 38     | 54%       | 29    | 41%       | 30    | 43%       | 13     | 19%       | 8      | 11%        |  |
| Grade 7 | 109       | 70     | 64% | 64     | 59%       | 60     | 55%       | 60    | 55%       | 52     | 48%       | 55     | 50%       | 45    | 41%       | 21    | 19%       | 13     | 12%       | 4      | 4%         |  |
| Grade 8 | 125       | 82     | 66% | 81     | 65%       | 75     | 60%       | 72    | 58%       | 65     | 52%       | 57     | 46%       | 49    | 39%       | 37    | 30%       | 17     | 14%       | 17     | 14%        |  |
| Total   | 612       | 403    | 66% | 388    | 63%       | 365    | 60%       | 348   | 57%       | 316    | 52%       | 313    | 51%       | 292   | 48%       | 209   | 34%       | 130    | 21%       | 49     | 8%         |  |



# our parish happenings



*A Joyful*

**THANK  
YOU**

## FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This year our tree sales have been outstanding! We've nearly sold out this past week and we're all so thankful for those who made it out to purchase a fresh cut Christmas tree from the Knights of Columbus.

With your continued support, we are able to continue to help those in need around our area this time of year.

**Merry Christmas!**

## Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares Ministry is making "Pocket Prayer Squares" available again this month. They will be available this weekend, December 12 & 13 the Church vestibule.

The small squares come with a string, attached to tie a knot while you say a prayer. You can slip the square into your pocket and when your fingers touch it, be mindful of God's love and grace for you and say a prayer. If you prefer, you may say a prayer for someone else and pass it along in the form of a tiny gift.



We are praying for Steve this week. He is recovering from a stroke and suffering from Agent Orange. Steve would appreciate prayers for God's Strength and Healing.

We are praying for John (Jack) this week. He is suffering with severe neuropathy which has impacted his circulation and ability to walk. John requests prayers for God's Strength and Healing.

If you wish to request a prayer quilt please contact the office or Dian Epp at [dianepp2@msn.com](mailto:dianepp2@msn.com).



*Check Us Out*

**ST. MARY'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

IF YOU'RE 21-35 YEARS OLD,  
CONTACT US TO RECEIVE UPCOMING EVENTS

**STMARYYAVA@GMAIL.COM**



## USHERS NEEDED

Ushers needed at all masses. If you feel comfortable performing the tasks of guiding our parishioners to their seats upon arrival and assisting with the Holy Communion reception lines, we sure could use your help! Please sign-up at

**[SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-USHERS](https://SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-USHERS)**

# parish life happenings

## Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet?? Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start pre-ordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early to get Holiday deals. We have many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's, Kohl's, Lowes, Home Depot, and Bass Pro Shops in inventory now. We can order other cards from over 750 retailers. Check out the retailer list at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com). Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Last day to order Scrip cards is 14 December to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be the 19/20 December.

To set up an account at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, please email the Scrip Coordinator at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com). Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

## Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Would you like the Blessed Mother to visit your family? A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima is taken from family to family by the Legion of Mary. Please contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or [maryloufelts@gmail.com](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com) for more information.

## Faith Direct

Thank you for being a part of our St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception family. As you prepare for the end of summer and the start of a busy fall, consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and use our church code: VA635. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## St. Mary Emergency Food Pantry

We are open and distributing food Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. All are welcome! Come to the parish office and ring the bell. We are happy to help you!

## St. Mary is Seeking Sacristan

The sacristan position is for weekend Masses only. The sacristan is charged with the care of the sacristy, sacred vessels and preparing the altar for the celebration of Mass. Serving as a sacristan requires a special love for Christ in the Eucharist, attention to detail and a profound respect for silence. If you feel our Lord might be calling you to serve in this way, please reach out to Chris Lanzarone at [clanzarone@stmaryfred.org](mailto:clanzarone@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491.

## Keep Christ in Christmas

The Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. This program is to encourage all of us to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. The Fredericksburg Council of the Knights of Columbus is offering multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Christmas Card sales, a Christmas Poster contest, Christmas tree sales, all leading to coats, toys, and food for the needy.



This year, the KofC Christmas card sales will be available after the Saturday 5pm and the 7am, 8:30am, and 10:30am Sunday Masses.

**This is the final weekend to get your cards!** Additionally, we will have cards available for purchase at the Christmas tree sales area behind the Church. These sales begin next weekend. All proceeds go to support of charities in the parish and our community. Come early as the cards will sell out!

## Giving Tree

Please consider supporting one of the many ministries in our community by taking a tag from the tree and returning the gift described on the tag by December 15th. The trees are located in the vestibule of the church on the walls on either side of the front doors. We also have a tree located in the lobby at Holy Cross Academy.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.



# vida parroquial

# noticias en español



¿A PERDIDO SU TRABAJO? ¿NECESITA ASISTENCIA?

## LA ALACENA DE EMERGENCIA DE ST. MARY ESTÁ ABIERTA DE LUNES -VIERNES 9-4PM

Tenemos miembros de nuestra parroquia disponibles para ayudarles

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN  
CONTACTE A ELENA DOYLE A  
EDOYLE@STMARYFRED.ORG  
HABLA ESPAÑOL

## Itinerario de la época Navideña 2020



### Confesiones

14, 16 y 18 de diciembre: 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
19 de diciembre: 7:30am-8:30am, 2:30pm-4:30pm  
21, 22, 23 de diciembre: 11:30am-12:00pm, 6:30-7:30pm

### JUEVES 24 DE DICIEMBRE

#### MISA DE NOCHEBUENA

2pm en el centro de exposiciones de Fredericksburg  
Exhortamos a todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia de alto riesgo que asistan a esta misa.  
4pm, 6pm, 8pm (español), 10pm

### VIERNES 25 DE DICIEMBRE

#### DÍA DE NAVIDAD

7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm en el centro de exposiciones de Fredericksburg

### JUEVES 31 DE DICIEMBRE

#### VIGILIA- SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

4pm Novus Ordo, 6pm, 8pm, 12 medianoche en la iglesia de Santa María  
Todas las misas se celebrarán en la iglesia

### VIERNES 1 DE ENERO

#### SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS (DÍA DE OBLIGACIÓN)

7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (inglés), 2:30 pm (español) | Se celebrarán en la iglesia  
10:30am y 12:30pm en Holy Cross Academy

## LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

### LISTÓN ROJO

Representa nuestro amor a Dios y el amor de Dios que nos envuelve.

### FORMA CIRCULAR

El círculo no tiene principio ni fin. Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno.

### 4 VELAS o CIRIOS

Nos hace pensar en la oscuridad provocada por el pecado que ciega al hombre y lo aleja de Dios.

### RAMAS VERDES

Verde es el color de esperanza y vida. Dios quiere que esperemos su gracia, el perdón de los pecados y la gloria eterna.

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## Clases de Lectio Divina con el Diácono Alberto

Los martes a las 7:30pm, el Diácono Alberto ofrecerá sus clases de Lectio Divina en español por la página de Facebook de nuestra parroquia: [stmaryfred.org](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryfred.org). Haga click en el enlace de misas y devociones diarias.

## Convalidaciones

Si necesita casarse por la iglesia, por favor, contacte al Diácono Alberto llamando a la oficina parroquial ó a la Sra. Lizette Arce al 540-429-9291 y deje un mensaje si llama entre las horas de 8-6 pm.

El Grupo de Oración Carismático Parroquial, "Confiados en Jesús y María" les invita a su streaming live por Facebook en su página @confiadosenjesus, todos los viernes, comenzando el 31 de julio.

### Itinerario:

7pm Santo Rosario  
7:30pm Animación  
7:40pm Oración y Alabanza  
8pm Tema de formación



# The Advent Season 2020 at Saint Mary

*One additional week of Confessions is added to the regular schedule in preparation for Christmas. All are encouraged to plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession **early** in the season to avoid the last-minute rush and crowded lines, and the risk of coming too late.*

## **ALL CONFESSIONS HEARD IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER.**

**Please note:** There will be no additional Parish Confessions after **December 23**

### Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 6:30 & 9am - Noon (M,W,F); Saturday • 9am

### Immaculate Conception, December 7 & 8

*December 7: 6pm & 7:30pm*

*December 8: 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin Extraordinary Form Mass, 6pm, 7:30pm*

### Our Lady Guadalupe, December 12

*9am (English) in the Church*

*9am (Spanish) at Holy Cross Academy*

### Regular Confession Schedule

*Wednesdays from 11:30am-12pm & 6:30-8:30pm*

*Saturdays from 8-8:30am & 3:30-4:30pm*

*Due to the sheer volume of Confessions, please be patient.  
The priests will try to finish the line in a timely manner. Thank you.*

### Additional Advent Confessions

*December 14, 16, and 18 at 11:30am-12pm, and 6:30pm to 7:30pm*

*December 19: 7:30am-8:30am, 2:30pm-4:30pm*

*December 21, 22, 23: 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm*

# The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2020



## ALL CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES ARE AT FREDERICKSBURG EXPO CENTER

2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway 22401

*The Expo Center will have capacity for 1,000 people socially distanced and meets the health departments regulations for gathering of Churches as of November 19, 2020. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED OF EVERYONE OVER THE AGE OF 5 AT THE EXPO CENTER.** Because of government mandates we have a hard limit of 1,000 people so please arrive to Mass early to ensure a seat.*

### T H U R S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 4

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

2pm at Fredericksburg Expo Center

We encourage at risk parishioners to attend this Mass

4pm, 6pm, 8pm (Spanish), 10pm

### F R I D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 5

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7am, 9am, 11am & 1pm at Fredericksburg Expo Center

### T H U R S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 3 1

#### VIGIL MASSES for the SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

4pm Novus Ordo, 6pm, 8pm, 12 MIDNIGHT at Saint Mary Church

### F R I D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1

#### SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (English) - Spanish Mass at 2:30pm at Saint Mary Church

10:30am and 12:30pm at Holy Cross Academy



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## Weekly Offertory

### Donations Received

November 24 - November 30

Sunday Offertory \$17,134

Building Fund/Debt Reduction \$972

Catholic Campaign Human Development \$315

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box \$984

*The Second Collection next week is the Parish Building Fund for Debt Reduction.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Masses were offered in November for the following unscheduled intentions: Bich Dao Le, George Goodman, All Souls (4), Brandon La, Grace Sherry, +Karla Dorsey, +Robert Denman, and +Jack Alrutz.*

## Children's Charity for December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information visit [arlingtondiocese.org/mrs](http://arlingtondiocese.org/mrs).

## Pro-Life Reflection

*Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.*

## For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior!

### Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or go to the following link to donate online: [arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

## Daily Advent Prayer

*O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen.*

## Understanding Special Education

December 17, 2020 | 7pm

This workshop will help you identify your child's learning strengths and challenges as well as organize your important information about your child so it will be helpful in educational planning. Come and learn the seven phases of the special education process and identify the specific actions you may take during the special education process. You will become familiar with due process rights and learn ways to work as partners with teacher and other school personnel.

**Presenter:** Kathleen Gibson, Early Childhood Specialist, PEATC As the Early Childhood Specialist for PEATC, Kathleen helps families of young children with disabilities to understand their role as their child's first, and most important, teacher. She provides families with the resources available to help empower and support them through their child's educational journey. As a parent to young children and one with I/DD, she understands the challenges that parents face, from navigating the road to find resources or who to turn to when you need help, to advocating for accessibility in the school and community and maneuvering the twists and turns of being a parent. Register at [rb.gy/3o9egx](http://rb.gy/3o9egx).

# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Julio Diaz, Kelly Murray, Marianne Ford, Ortiz Family, 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, Thomas Biddulph, Fernando Guadarrama, Margaret Dougherty, Betty Gil, Adrienne Menjivar, Deanna White, David Mares, Chuck Boyer, Daniel Bustamonte, Hector Rios-Villagrana & Family, Miguel Correa & Family, Tamlyn Leaf, Gordon Leffel, Graciela Chavez, Nico Luiggi, Vickie Coburn, Ana B. Rojas, Maria Mangini, Melanie and Chris Koumentakos, Maryanne Schram, Jackie Davia Johnson, Jenna Cappello, Matt Seidlinger, Benjamin Grillo, Gavin Mentee, Jim Seidlinger, Mary Ellen Kearney, Kurt Gutzmann, Lois Michell, Frank Pollack, Leslie and Charlotte Heagney, Joseph Daley, Carolyn Shebora, Jordan Tackett, Melvin Schreckinger, Stephen Inguanti, Rhonda Wolfe, Delia Flores, Bruce Berry, Glen Gress, Bobby Blankenship & family, Buddy & Vincent Yerkie & Family, Carolyn Allen, Mitchell Wood, Isaac, Nikolai & Bridget Sherba, Felicity Peletier, Leah Sanford, Jason Stoker, Makenna Anne Koetzle, Peggy Silverman, Jack Ryan, Amy Peretta, Janet Fisher, Paul Scott, Wendy Vann, Michael Vann, Michelle Thomas, Jerry Hall, Zelda Meyer, Jack Ryan, Robert Boggio, Ryan McNichol, Bianca Sanchez, Jackeline Sanchez & Family, Mary Hope Burkett, Dick Geary, Sean Duarte, Dave & Joy Zerby, David Silberman, Mrs. Joann A. Formeller, Jim Matarese & Son, Paula Hass, Leony Scott, Catherine Laski, Winifred Herrin, Brenda Leffel, Deborah Nunez, Larry Hays, Alma Keyes, Mary Carr-John, Phil Fuller, Jean Guinn, Sylvia Littlepaige, Alma Keyes, Andy Johnston, Jacoby Smith, Andrew Prybys, Richard Epp, Barbara Sisbarro, Maria Atkins. Santo Domingo Hernandez Gomez & family, Otilia Dogmoc, Linda Rager, Samantha Stumpf, Lonnie Dalton, Gail Erickson, Brenda Dudley, Debbie Beebe, Blanca Garcia, Rildo Ribellino Soto, Giles Morgan, Kim Matkovsky, Frances Conn, Christine Frescas, James Murphy, Daniel Burke, Joan Baker, Stephen O'Byrne, Marian Wilinski, Martha Clements, Bernard Cruz, Margaret Krebbel, Floyd Carver, Jr., Michael Sharkey, Jerry Werline, Patricia Johnston, Claire Matthews, Zachary Payne, Ernalina Kyle, Betty Curtis, Patrick Sherba, Sr., Dennis Farmer, Ernalina Kyle, Maria Wood, Margie Hougasian, Maria Wood, Robert Gibson, Mary Brussell, Bruce Mattern, Miles Wood, Roseanne Nash, Jeanne Burke, Prudy Tarpey, Danielle McCarty, Scott Robey, Kellan Moran, Mary Bostain, Dilma Magalhaes Da Silva, Carol Mauro, Michael Robertson, Michol Durham, Maureen Mizzles, Michael Wood, Paul Remick, James Hogan, Brenda Skinner, Lourdes Jeane De Toledo Moura, Kristen Burns, Erin McKinnin, Margaret Nault, Daniel Foster and the Foster Family, Teresa Triplett, Greg Carneal, Annie Duffy, Jimmy Duncan, Deirdre McQuade, Schauobe Johnson, Paul Lyshe, Doug Johnson, Anne Graf, Deirdre McQuade, Linda Wolf, Sharon Bender, Greg Marfori, Patrick Sevbro, Rhett Loveless, Emma Bang, Rhoda Stackhouse, Karen Short, Amber Short, Adam Rousson, Marybeth Moss, Mary Jean Williams, Linda & Frank Walter, Kay Simmons, Randy Gardiner, Heather Issues, Kristy Fairbanks, Glen Sharlun, Rhoda Stackhouse, Robert Derouin, Thomas Moeller, Julianne Kelsey, Cesar Smith, Leo Conwell, Cloyd Anthony Arce, Matt and Brittnay Meyer, Pam Shapiro, Doug and Dede Meyer, Sara Meyer, Matt Busby, Zelda Meyer, Royal Schmidt Jr., Kelly Keiser, William J. Chavez, Emily Clemente

**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, 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, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobs, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King

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

## AI / Nar Anon Support Available

AI Anon is for those who have been affected by someone else's drinking, and members come together to learn a better way of life and how to find happiness. Especially at this time of year, it's important to know that you are not alone and there is help. There is an AI Anon meeting every Saturday at 10am in Room 204 of St. Mary's Parish Life Center.

Nar Anon is a program that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with substance abuse. All information and discussion is non-judgemental, informative and strictly confidential. Our meetings are in **Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm** and are open to the community at large. **Contact Wayne at [cushingwr@gmail.com](mailto:cushingwr@gmail.com) / 540-840-5230 or Wanda at [wandasj823@gmail.com](mailto:wandasj823@gmail.com) / 540-538-6978**

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

### December

#### 14 MONDAY

6:30am Julie Appleton  
9:00am Robert Oliver Palmer+  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

#### 15 TUESDAY

6:30am Isabel Therese Robin  
9:00am The Koumentakos Family  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

#### 16 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Catherine Sturtevant+  
9:00am Ruth Stellino+  
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23

#### 17 THURSDAY

6:30am Late Lawson Drackey  
9:00am Lauren Tela+  
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

#### 18 FRIDAY

6:30am Raymond Corpe+  
8:30am\* Heriberta Galendez  
9:00am Russ Moulton+  
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

#### 19 SATURDAY

9:00am Peter Stackhouse+  
5:00pm Michael Chase+  
7:00pm John Prohaska  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

#### 20 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish  
8:30am Helen Novick+  
10:30am The Sambat Family  
10:30am\* Frances and Joseph Cascio  
12:30pm Lance Schulte  
2:30pm Hernandez and Reyes Family  
5:00pm David Niederkofler+  
7:00pm Marijean Szepe+  
2 Sm 7:1-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

*\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy  
Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, 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.*