

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

announcements

LIVE-STREAMING NEWS

The 8:30am Sunday and weekday Masses are the ONLY live-streamed Masses.

Live-streaming will ONLY take place on Sunday's at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses if needed due to overflow in the PLC. If the PLC is empty, no live-streaming will occur. Folks are encouraged to join the celebration of Mass in the church. For those with health concerns, Mass is being offered Sunday's at 8:30am at Holy Cross Academy – Mask are mandatory and Holy Communion is offered on the hand ONLY.

Please note, once the 8:30am live-stream is complete, the Mass is available to view all day long.

USHERS NEEDED

AT ALL MASSES

With the lifting of the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation by the Bishops, we will be in need of additional assistance at ALL MASSES

Sign up by following the link below
signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a9af29acf58-ushers

contact us

stmaryfred.org

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, Monday, after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm

CONFESSION

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

PARISH OFFICE

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

Fr. John Mosimann, Pastor
Fr. Sean Koehr, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Michael Folmar, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Scott Sina, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola
Deacon Dick Delio

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez
Parish Secretary, Jachebel Rios

MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold
Asst. Director of Music, Malinda Jones

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234
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sfry@holycrossweb.com

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Karen Sturtevant
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

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 the parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

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

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
1009 Stafford Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

The great feasts of November flow from our profession of faith that all of the members of Christ's body, living and deceased are united in a common supernatural life with Christ. This communion of supernatural life in Christ, is not merely limited to those who walk this earth. Jesus is Lord of the living and the dead, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and all of our ancestors. Those who have gone to heaven or purgatory are alive in God, and thus we share a real communion of life with them.

One of the supreme expressions of this communion of supernatural life is how God grants us the possibility of rendering atonement for one another. We can, by offering our sacrifices for others in union with the one sacrifice of Christ, merit gifts from God. Thus, we who are alive have a special place of privilege in the Church as we are able to truly help the souls of the faithful who are in purgatory. Some members of Christ's body have a privileged place of intercession (heaven) others have a privileged place of merit (us on earth), but all contribute to the spiritual well-being of the entire body.

Thus, I'd like to remind you of the importance of praying for our friends and relatives who have passed away. Know that every prayer that will ever be offered is already known to God! Even if your loved one died unexpectedly, all of the merits of every prayer you say now was made present to the soul in need at the moment of their greatest need.

Above all, having Masses celebrated for the souls of your loved ones is the greatest thing that you can do for them. There, Christ Himself, the high priest enters into the tabernacle not made by human hands and offers His perfect sacrifice for their souls. Should your loved ones already be in heaven, you will have given them a treasure of grace which they will in turn redistribute to those whom they know and love and who are in need of those graces.

This coming Friday, we will offer a Candlelight Mass for the repose of the souls of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters who passed away this past year. All are welcome! May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

pax et bonum,

Fr Mosimann

Candlelit Mass of Remembrance

Friday, November 12 at 7pm

For all those who lost a loved one this past year.

Reception following in the Parish Life Center

Altar Server Training

Calling all 4th, 5th & Middle School Students

Altar Server Training is Happening! Jesus wants to draw you closer to Him — Come serve at His altar!

Training will involve 4 sessions at St. Mary Church:

Tuesday, November 9 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 16 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 23 4-7pm

Tuesday, November 30 4-7pm

**Installation Mass
ALL NEW SERVERS
MUST ATTEND Sunday,
December 12 at 12:30pm**

"Learning to serve at the altar opened my eyes and heart to the beauty of the Mass"

- Fr. Mosimann

To register, email s
tmaryfxbg@gmail.com
Please include child's name,
age, grade, and contact
name, phone, and email of
parents

If you have any questions,
please call 540-373-6491



holy cross academy



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All Saints Day Celebration

Holy Cross Academy students remembered the saints of the church who have attained heaven on All Saints Day by attending morning Mass. In the afternoon, our students dressed as their favorite saint and paraded around the school. Favorite saints were represented as decorated pumpkins by fourth grade students and fifth grade students shared their saint reports. The day ended with sixth and seventh graders leading the school in praying the Rosary together.



Trunk or Treat

In spite of the weather, HCA families had a wonderful time at Trunk or Treat! Students enjoyed spooky hallways, a pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, raffles, and a demonstration from Majest Taekwondo. We would like to thank our PTO and their volunteers for another wonderful event.



Open House

Please join us during Discover Catholic Schools Week. Holy Cross Academy will be hosting two Open Houses on Tuesday, November 16 at 9:30am and Thursday, November 18 at 9:30am. Tours of the school will be provided and we will be available to answer questions that you have about the application process. Mrs. Lanier may be reached by email (dlanier@holycrossweb.com) or phone (540-286-1600) if you have questions or would like to schedule a tour.



Open Positions

Substitute Teacher

Please email Mrs. Angie Tomayko, atomayko@holycrossweb.com with your cover letter and resume if interested.



education

religious education

Religious Education Thanksgiving Food Drive

Grade 1 – Boxed Cake or Brownie Mix

Grade 2 – Macaroni and Cheese

Grade 3 – Canned Corn and Sweet Potatoes

Grade 4 – Boxed Biscuit or Muffin Mix

Grade 5 – 1lb. Bags Rice and Canned Corn

Grade 6 – Boxed Potatoes

Grade 7 – Canned Tuna and Chicken

Grade 8 – Boxed Stuffing Mix

Grades 9 – 12 - Canned Cranberry Sauce

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, November 8-10 Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, November 15-17

Religious Education Classes

Saturday, November 20

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 20

2021 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

Monday to Wednesday, November 22 to 24

No Religious Education Classes, Thanksgiving Break



“Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:17-18

Though Thanksgiving Day is not specifically a Catholic holy day, it certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Spiritually speaking, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. How grateful to God are you?”

catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/11/27/a-grateful-heart/



our parish happenings

Veteran's Day

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice was signed, ending the "war to end all wars." This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of that armistice.

November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during the war in order to ensure a lasting peace. In 1938 Congress voted Armistice Day as a legal holiday, but World War II began the following year. Armistice Day was still observed after the end of the Second World War. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill renaming the national holiday to Veterans' Day. Today, we remember in our prayers all those who have served for our country in the armed forces.

A Veteran's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(By Joanna Fuchs | poemsource.com)

Pray the Rosary with Your Parish

Join your parish family every morning to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday immediately following the 6:30am Mass and Monday through Saturday at 8:15am before the 9am Mass. On Thursday mornings the Rosary is offered for all Priests.

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer. —From On the Most Holy Rosary (Rosarium Virginis Mariae)

SHRED EVENT

Do you have any old files and paperwork taking up space at your home or office? Plan to join us on Saturday, November 13 from 10am-1pm to dispose of your confidential documents.

Recycling is an essential part of any commitment to sustainability, and we here at St. Mary are responding by offering this community-wide event, which will be open to all in the parish, small businesses, non-profits and area residents. Deliver materials to the back parking lot behind our Parish Life Center where you will be assisted with unloading your vehicle. There is a

5 box limit per vehicle, and we will continue to accept materials until the truck is full or 1pm, whichever occurs first. **There is NO charge, but we are most grateful for any free-will donations, which will benefit our Youth Work Camp Program.**

We will accept all office-based paper materials, and small metal fasteners such as paper clips and staples. NO ring binders, books, newspapers, magazines, plastic or metal objects and electronics or electronic media such as CDs and DVDs.

Please contact Elaine Stanislawski at estanislowski@stmaryfred.org, or call the parish office at 540-373-6491 with any questions.

Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares is offering Patriotic Pocket Squares in Honor of Veterans Day. We will have Patriotic Squares available in the church vestibule on November 13 & 14.

Please take one, tie a knot and say a prayer, then give it to someone currently serving or retired from the armed forces. Or you may take one, tie a knot and say a prayer in memory of someone who has served.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone who is ill, please contact Dian Epp at Dbep65@outlook.com

Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K 2021

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Freedom 5K (virtual) Run again this year. Register through November 15, 2021 at kofcfreedom5k.com. All donation and sponsor proceeds will be evenly divided between Mary's Shelter and St. Joseph House for Adult Education.

our parish happenings

Financial Assistance

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is always grateful for the financial support and store donations from St. Mary's parishioners. Our ministry has been able to continue God's service to our area's needy because of this generosity.

On November 11 & 18 we will again be doing in person interviews for financial assistance at Eastland United Methodist Church 10718 Courthouse Road. Those seeking assistance may lineup starting at 5:15pm. Sign in will start at 5:30pm with interviews beginning at 6pm. The line will be limited to one representative and up to 20 families. No children will be allowed in the building and masks must be worn at all times. For more information and other resources please visit our website: stvdpfredericksburg.com

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at

142 Olde Greenwich Drive is OPEN and TAKING DONATIONS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10am-4pm.

If you would like to join us as we serve God by helping those in need in our community, please call 540-898-8065 leave your name and number or contact us by email at ministrystvdpg@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 4034 is kicking off our Christmas Tree sales fundraiser. Sales will be in the lot behind St. Mary and will start the Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 27 and continue through Thursday, December 23 or until we sell out.

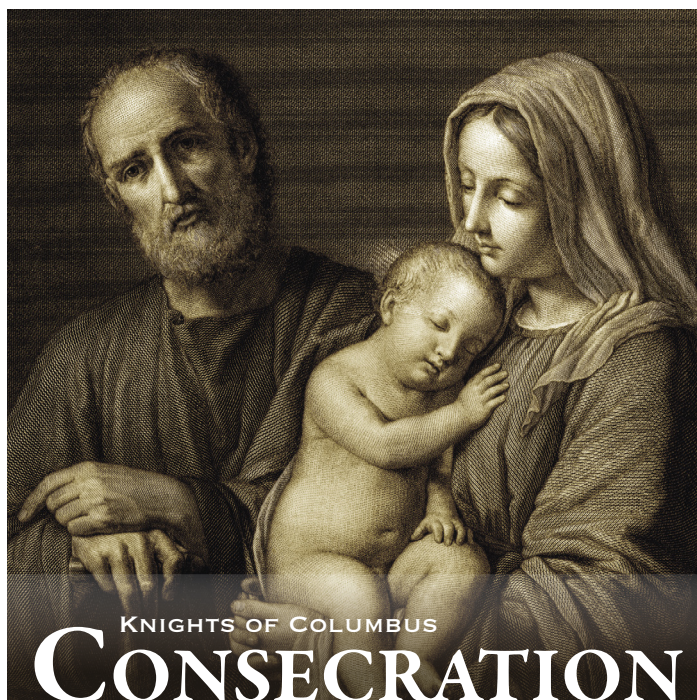
These are Virginia grown (Mt. Rogers), freshly cut premium Fraser

Firs with beautiful long-lasting soft needles and that great memorable evergreen smell.

The best selection and freshest trees of course are when the trees arrive. The trees will be sold on weekends from 8am-8pm and weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) from 3-8pm.

We also will be glad to work with anyone interested in volunteering to help with fulfilling your individual or group's community service requirements.

Please help us support the church and the community through helping the Knights of Columbus with your live Christmas Tree purchase. Questions can be directed to Tim Fleming at timgfleming@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. We invite every family of our parish to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

Four suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting Helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

our parish ministry highlight

SCRIP

What is SCRIP?

It's an easy way to purchase gift cards and receive them at FULL VALUE while generating revenue that benefits Catholic Education at Holy Cross Academy.

How much money has Scrip sales generated for HCA since we started?

We have raised on average \$7,628 per year for Holy Cross Academy, roughly \$50,000 over a 10 year period. The money raised helps with tuition assistance.

How does Scrip Work?

There are several ways to purchase Scrip Cards. You can visit the Scrip Table after Mass and purchase cards from our inventory (see the list provided). We accept cash or check OR go to ShopwithScrip.com and set up a Scrip account using the HCA enrollment code (7B876EBB188L2). When you set up an online account, you have the options to pay with a credit card, link the payment to a bank account or pay by check. If you pick the option to pay by check online, the Scrip Coordinator receives a notification that you ordered cards, and they will be available at the Scrip table the next weekend for pickup. You can also download the RaiseRight app for mobile applications. Don't see the card you want in our inventory, go to ShopwithScrip.com and click on the Retailer List. This list contains over 750 retailers from which cards can be ordered.



WE NEED HELP! We are seeking the following assistance.

We want to get back to our pre-COVID schedule. But to do that we need volunteers to sell at Holy Cross Academy after the Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am Masses, AND after the 2:30pm Mass at St. Mary and at afternoon carpool at HCA. And of course, we are always looking for people to purchase Scrip cards and support HCA. If a few more people routinely purchase Scrip cards, we could get our average sales up over \$10,000/year.

Benefits to Using Scrip

- No activation fee on Scrip gift cards
- Great for gift giving
- Great for donating to people in need
- **Using Scrip gift cards protects your bank account from scammers/skimers**
- All proceeds support Holy Cross Academy

To volunteer contact Lloyd Keeton at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com.

A BIG Thank You to Lloyd Keeton, Sue Bain, Torie Baldwin, Kathryn Gail, and Cindy Patton who have kept this program operating! **Please consider joining this fabulous team!**

our parish get involved

Updated: 10/04/2021

St. Mary / HCA SCRIP Inventory

Enroll online at shopwithscrip.com HCA enrollment code 7B876EBB188L2

Product		%
Amazon.com	\$25	2%
Amazon.com	\$100	2%
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	10%
Applebee's	\$25	8%
Apple Store/Apple.com/iTunes	\$15	5%
Apple Store/Apple.com/iTunes	\$25	5%
Banana Republic/Gap/Old Navy	\$25	14%
Barnes & Noble	\$10	8%
Barnes & Noble	\$25	8%
Bass Pro Shop	\$25	10%
Bath & Body Works	\$10	12%
Bath & Body Works	\$25	12%
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25	7%
Belk	\$25	8%
Bob Evans	\$10	10%
Bob Evans	\$25	10%
Bonefish/Outback/Carrabba's	\$25	8%
Bravo Cucina Italiana	\$25	12%
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10	8%
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8%
Burger King	\$10	4%
Carrabba's/Bonefish/Outback	\$25	8%
Cascading Card File	\$3	25%
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$10	10%
Chipotle Mexican Grill	\$25	10%
Cracker Barrel	\$10	8%
Cracker Barrel	\$25	8%
CVS	\$25	6%
CVS	\$100	6%
Darden®/Bahama Breeze/ Cheddar's/ Longhorn Steakhouse/ Olive Garden/ Seasons/Yard House	\$25	8%

Domino's	\$10	8%
Dunkin' Donuts	\$10	3%
Dunkin' Donuts	\$25	3%
GameStop	\$25	3%
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy	\$25	14%
Giant Food Stores	\$25	4%
Giant Food Stores	\$100	4%
Great Clips	\$25	8%
Hardee's	\$10	5%
Home Depot	\$25	4%
Home Depot	\$100	4%
HomeGoods/Marshalls/TJ Maxx	\$25	7%
IHOP	\$25	8%
Apple Store/Apple.com/iTunes	\$15	5%
Apple Store/Apple.com/iTunes	\$25	5%
JC Penny's	\$25	5%
Jiffy Lube	\$30	8%
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores	\$25	6%
Kohl's	\$25	4%
Kohl's	\$100	4%
Krispy Kreme	\$10	8%
L. L. Bean	\$25	16%
Lowe's	\$25	4%
Lowe's	\$100	4%
Macy's	\$25	10%
Macy's	\$100	10%
Marshalls/TJ Maxx/HomeGoods	\$25	7%
Michaels	\$25	4%
Noodles & Co	\$10	8%
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic	\$25	14%
Olive Garden/Bahama Breeze/ Cheddar's/Longhorn Steakhouse/ Seasons/Yard House (Darden®)	\$25	8%

Outback/Bonefish/Carrabba's	\$25	8%
Panera Bread	\$10	8%
Panera Bread	\$25	8%
PetSmart	\$25	5%
Potbelly Sandwich Shop	\$10	8%
Red Lobster	\$25	8%
Red Robin	\$25	8%
Regal Premiere Single Ticket	\$10.50	10%
Regal Entertainment Group	\$25	8%
Regis Saloon	\$25	8%
Rite Aid	\$25	4%
Royal Farms	\$25	4%
Ruby Tuesday	\$25	8%
Sheetz	\$25	3%
Sheetz	\$100	3%
Starbucks	\$10	4.5%
Starbucks	\$25	4.5%
SUBWAY Restaurants	\$10	6%
The Children's Place	\$25	12%
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods	\$25	7%
Taco Bell	\$10	5%
Tanger Outlet	\$25	8%
Target	\$25	2.5%
Target	\$100	2.5%
Visa	\$50	1.25%
Visa	\$100	1.25%
Walgreens	\$100	5%
Walmart	\$25	2.5%
Walmart	\$100	2.5%
Wawa	\$25	1%
Wawa	\$100	1%
Weis	\$25	5%
Weis	\$100	5%
Wendy's	\$10	6.5%

our parish food drive



St. Mary's Special Thanksgiving Food Drive

Supporting Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services
& those in our parish seeking assistance

We are hoping to provide over 100 families with a Thanksgiving Meal ~
Can you help?

Working with our Religious Education, Holy Cross Academy Students &
Parish Families – WE THINK WE CAN DO IT!

If interested, grab a special blue St. Mary bag located in the Church
vestibule (wooden cabinet across from the ladies restroom)
Purchase items listed and return the COMPLETED bag to the Parish Office
No later than Friday, November 19th

Items needed:

- (1) box of mashed potatoes, (4) cans of corn, (4) cans green beans,
- (2) cans sweet potatoes/yams, (1) jar of gravy, (1) box of stuffing,
- (2) cans cranberries, (1) bag of onions (1) jar of vegetable oil,
- (1) brownie or cake mix,
- (1) aluminum foil, (1) disposable roasting pan (turkey size)

Please try NOT to purchase glass containers

GOD BLESS YOU!



St. Mary Youth Ministry

stmaryfred.org
540-373-6491

youthministry@
stmaryfred.org

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th)

Starting Friday, September 17th, Middle School Youth Group meets the **1st & 3rd Friday** of the month from **6:30pm to 8pm** in the Parish Life Center.

CYM Dinner & High School Youth Group

Starting **Sunday**, September 12th, join us in the Parish Life Center for free dinner at **6pm** followed by Youth Group from **7pm-8:30pm**.

YOUCAT Nights

High School Teens are invited to join us for nights of Scripture, fellowship and prayer. We meet on **Wednesdays**, from **6:30pm-8pm** in the John Paul II House.

Fitness Club

Faith, Fun, and Fitness! Open to all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. We work on running, strength and agility training. All levels fitness welcome!

Contact Tatiana Beltran
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

Fight Club

All high school young men are invited to join Fight Club. Meets on **Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm** in the John Paul II House. Fight Club is an accountability brotherhood committed to leading young men to the Church through purity of heart.

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operations given in love

Weekly Offertory

Donations Received

October 19 - October 25

Sunday Offertory \$27,304.50

World Mission Sunday \$7,554

Building Fund/Debt Reduction \$221

Poor Box St Vincent de Paul \$449

Thank you for your generosity.

Retirement Fund for Religious

"Give to Those Who Have Given a Lifetime" - November 13 & 14

As you recall the people who have most shaped your life, you may remember the sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or the brother who coached your high school basketball team. Never counting the cost, these religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could be – choosing to invest in your future rather than their own. Today, these sisters, brothers and religious order priests may be elderly or infirm. Today, they need you. Ninety-four percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious. Please give generously to next weekend's second collection, which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care, which has exceeded \$1 billion annually for the last eleven years. Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Catholic Church. To learn how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

Pro-Life Reflection

When considering faithful citizenship, "The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed' " (Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Priorities at the Polls" citing Introductory Letter to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"). We pray for all public officials, especially those newly elected that they may strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death.

Children's Offertory Envelopes for November

Children's Offertory Contributions in November will be used for Christmas gifts for teenagers in foster care in the City of Frederickburg. This age group is often overlooked at Christmas, and the contributions made in November will be sent to Social Services for gifts or gift cards. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 7 - 13

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the

United States Bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 7-13, 2021. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation." (usccb.org/vocations).

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST, and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. (Pope Saint John Paul II).

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - November

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

Jason Stoker, Paul A. Lombardy, Agnes Lombardy, Courtney Kirby, Jorge Felix, Shirley Bozicevic, Mary Ullmer, Nancy Conley, Joy Zerby, Mary Farrell Bennett, Thomas Moeller, Carol Smoller, Jim Mann, Cheryl Keiser, Joy & Dave Zerby, William Lewis, Shirley Bozicevic, Joanne O'Brien, Paul Lysher

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, 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 Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Daniel Algert, Jason King, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins

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

St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email stmary@stmaryfred.org or call the office at 540-373-6491.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Thank you.

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 / 540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com / 540-538-6978

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

November

8 MONDAY

6:30am Those in our All Souls Novena
9:00am Those in our All Souls Novena
12:00pm Those in our All Souls Novena
Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

9 TUESDAY

6:30am Those in our All Souls Novena
9:00am Those in our All Souls Novena
Ez 47:1-12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

10 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Those in our All Souls Novena
8:15am* Those in our All Souls Novena
9:00am Those in our All Souls Novena
12:00pm Those in our All Souls Novena
Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

11 THURSDAY

6:30am Michael Folmar, Sr.
9:00am Colleen Pataky
Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25

12 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation
9:00am In Reparation
Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

13 SATURDAY

9:00am Tamara Folmar
5:00pm Virginia and Joseph Clay
7:00pm Those Who Died in October
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

14 SUNDAY

7:00am For Our Parish
8:30am Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
10:30am Cecilia Alvo+
10:30am* McKenzie and Joey Guthrie
12:30pm Stephen Inguanti, Jr.+
2:30pm Escolastica Bermudez de Rodriguez
5:00pm Jose Adam Osorio
7:00pm Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen+
Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

** 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.*