

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 26, 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

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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

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

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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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
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from our pastor pax et bonum

Dear Folks,

The Feast of the Holy Family falls right smack between Christmas and the Feast of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1). It is a reminder on the importance of family life. Like our Lord, we are born into a family by divine providence.

I have 23 nieces and nephews, and a great-uncle, many times. Life is such an amazing blessing and mystery. I have observed how life has slowed down for mothers as their life really revolves around her newborn. Ok, slowed down isn't the best word, as any parent can attest, but many of the things that she would otherwise be doing (social visits, extended family gatherings) just give way to the singular importance of caring for this new child. This has struck me because it is fitting, but also because its timing is causing me to reflect on the birth of Our Lord. We run around 'getting ready for Christmas', we celebrate His birth with big fanfare and party, and now?.... Our lives do slow down this week. Thanks be to God! Do our lives revolve around this Child who has been born of the Virgin Mary? In your own experiences of the miracle of life, I hope you can see an image of the Life who has come into the world.

Sometimes folks tell me that their families are soooooo 'not holy.' But that's ok. Remember that the head of the Holy Family is St. Joseph, the only member of the holy family who ever sinned! And Jesus makes us a member of His family, so we do share in its perfection. Seeing that holiness is possible should not discourage us but fill us with hope that God has provided, where we cannot.

May your lives this week be a celebration of the birth of Our Lord with eyes open to see his blessings in the daily lives of your family.

pax et bonum,



Fr Mosimann

P.S. A quick "shout-out" to the Marriage Ministry program, Choice Wine, beginning in just a few weeks. Families are made stronger when couples invest time and work into their marriage. I encourage married couples to consider this program.

New Parishioner Welcome | Sunday, January 16 | 10:30am-12pm

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and a few members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending some time with you, to get to know you a bit and see how you (and your family) might be interested in sharing your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot (in-person OR via ZOOM) for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A9AF29AAF58-newparishioner>



St. Mary Marriage Ministry

Providing support for married and engaged couples to clearly understand, strengthen and nurture the beauty of their sacramental marriage and create community here at St. Mary!

The Choice Wine Program to Begin January 2022

We will gather the 3rd Saturday of every month at St. Mary's Parish Life Center

6:30pm for Wine & Cheese (refreshments/social)

7:00-8:30pm Program

Contact: Elena Doyle edoyle@stmaryfred.org to register

Monthly Meetings

January 15

July 16

February 19

August 20

March 19

September 17

May 21

October 15

June 18

education

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Dedication of Immaculate Conception Hall

On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Father Mosimann led a dedication of the Holy Cross Academy's hall. In recognition of the relationship with our parish, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, our hall has been named Immaculate Conception Hall. Banners of our Blessed Mother adorn the walls by the doors and various saints will also be displayed throughout the year!



Ugly Sweater/Christmas Dress Down Day

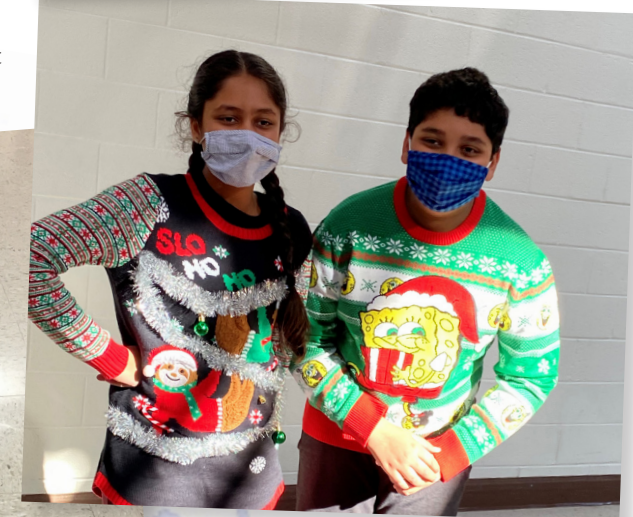
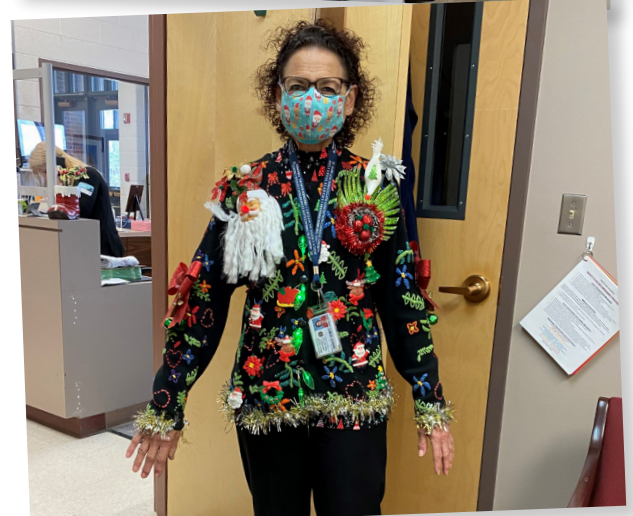
Students participated in an Ugly Sweater/Christmas Dress Down Day to support St. Mary's Christmas Project collection. The students and staff had a blast with this worthy cause and raised \$500! We would like to thank our families for their generous donations.

St. Nicholas Visit

Students were surprised by a visit from St. Nicholas. They placed their shoes out in anticipation of the visit and were rewarded with delightful treats. St. Nicholas even visited the adults, providing clever shoes too!

Next Open House January 30, 2022, 1-3pm

Holy Cross Academy will be hosting an open house on January 30 from 1-3pm for families who are interested in learning more about our amazing school! Don't miss the opportunity to take a tour, talk to teachers and meet members of our community. The online application link will open for new families at the end of January.



religious education

Religious Education Events

Monday to Wednesday, January 3 to 5

Religious Education Classes, Religious Education Family Week

Saturday, January 8

Baptism of RE students at 10am in the church

Monday to Wednesday, January 10 to 12

Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, January 17 to 19

No Religious Education Classes, Semester 1 ends

Wednesday, January 19

4th Catechist Training 6-9pm

Thursday, January 20

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night at HCA from 7-8pm

Monday to Wednesday, January 24 to 26

Religious Education Classes

Thursday, January 27

First Penance & First Communion meeting at 7pm in church

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

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FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

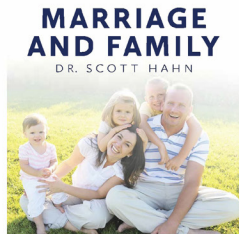
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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Catechism of the Catholic Church: VI. The Domestic Church

"1655 Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household."164 When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved.165 These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.

1656 In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia domestica*.166 It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation."167

1657 It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity."168 **Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school for human enrichment."**169 Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life."

our parish happenings

First Saturday Devotion

Begins January 1st on the Feast of Mary of the Mother of God, at 8:00am with the Rosary before Mass.

Primeros Sabados Devocionales

Solemnidad, Maria Madre de Dios, Enero 1 a las 8:00am con el rosario antes de la Santa Misa.

Men's Cursillo Weekend

The Men's Cursillo weekend for the Arlington Diocese will take place March 24-27, 2022 at San Damiano Retreat House, White Post VA. This is a fun, fast moving retreat designed to center oneself, grow in grace, and connect with other Catholic Men in small groups with discussions. There will be 2 Spiritual Directors and 10 lay speakers. There will be time for Reconciliation, Mass, reflection and learning from others. Please contact: Tammie Chute at tammiechute@hotmail.com or go online to: arlingtoncursillo.org and click on the top right hand choice of Cursillo Weekends.

As an added note....TMIY, we would love to have any of you participate for another angle on living your faith. Knights of Columbus, this is an opportunity to gather with other Catholic Men who walk the faith journey. All men are welcome!

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Have the Blessed Mother to visit your home? Contact Mary Lou Felts, 571-723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com.

Micah Cold Weather Shelter

Micah has started housing those in need in local hotels and will continue to do so until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and registering clients at the hospitality center, helping with other tasks and busing the clients to a local hotel. **Each participating church is asked to bring items for those in need. Items most requested are t-shirts (all sizes), underwear (boxers), deodorant and razors. Please consider how you might be able to support this need.** All donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that Micah can provide hotel rooms during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit **Micah Ecumenical Ministries**, dolovewalk.net or **Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter**, brisbencenterv.org.

Pray the Rosary with Our 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.



TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

BEGINS JANUARY 29th

Saturday Mornings at 6:00am

Hot breakfast followed by a presentation and small group discussion

Contact Peter (paquettepeter@yahoo.com) or Stephen 714-305-7553 to learn more

our parish happenings

Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities for 2022

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Join fellow parishioners for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass beginning January 12, 2022 through February 16th. Start time is 6:30pm. THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY. MAX class size is 15. Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 to sign up. Cost for materials is \$20 (which will be collected at the first class). Contact Suzette at agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com for more information.

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage.

While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

Join fellow parishioners for No Greater Love beginning March 9, 2022 through April 6th. Start time is 6:30pm. THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY. MAX class size is 15. Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491 to sign up. Cost for materials is \$20 (which will be collected at the first class). Contact Suzette at agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com for more information.

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2021

F R I D A Y , D E C E M B E R 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Vigil Mass 6pm | 12am (midnight) at Saint Mary Church

S A T U R D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1
**SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD (Not a Day of
Obligation)**
7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30 (Bilingual) at Saint Mary Church
No Saturday Confessions

VIGIL for the EPIPHANY
5pm & 7pm at Saint Mary Church

S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 2
FEAST of the EPIPHANY
Saint Mary Church
7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm
Holy Cross Academy
8:30am (High Risk Covid Mass) & 10:30am

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Weekly Offertory

Donations Received December 7 - December 14

Sunday Offertory	\$39,162.86
Catholic Charities	14,445.00
Parish Christmas Charities	1,065.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	275.00

Faith Direct Donations 12/4/21

Offertory	\$81,856.00
Debt Reduction Fund	6,260.00
Parish Collection for Special Charities	4,245.00
Catholic Charities Christmas Collection	3,852.00
Immaculate Conception	3,083.50
Christmas Offertory	7,210.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-Life Reflection

The Shepherds saw the newborn Christ, and the message that they had heard was that He was a Savior for all people. Seeing Him, they understood this even better. After all, who is more approachable than a baby? Nobody, no matter how poor or lowly, would have reason to be afraid to approach Him. *Lord, You continue to reveal Yourself in the tiny babies yet in the womb. May we see You, and love You in them.*

Children's Offertory Envelopes for January

Camp Rainbow is held every Spring for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. For more information, go to marywashingtonhealthcare.com.

2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21, 2022 | WASHINGTON DC

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 21 to commemorate the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be available in the vestibule of the Church the week of January 3rd.

EQUALITY
BEGINS IN
THE WOMB

liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - December

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, Eileen Geary, Michael Vasquez, Philip Haas, Jim Mann, Joyce Fonda, Maria Pierce, Cathleen Mihalaki, Edward Bohnenberger

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.

Are You Affected By A Loved Ones' Addiction to Drugs?

If you are, please be aware that there is a program at St Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with this problem. The program is called Nar-Anon.

One of the best benefits of Nar-Anon is that you will find compassion and support from others who are experiencing similar problems and struggles as well as people who have made it through these struggles. You will have the opportunity to hear stories from other members who have addicts in their families as well and see what coping mechanisms worked for them.

All information and discussion at the meetings are non-judgmental, informative, and strictly confidential. The meetings are in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8 pm and are open to the community at large. For more information, contact Wayne at cushingwr@gmail.com/540-840-5230 or Wanda at wandasj823@gmail.com/540-538-6978.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

December

27 MONDAY

6:30am Owen and Sarah Farmer
9:00am Providence Moeller+
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 TUESDAY

6:30am Father Sunny Joseph
9:00am Ricardo Chavez+
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

29 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Samuel Seidita+
9:00am Solanus Guthrie
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

30 THURSDAY

6:30am Rosalinda Canizares
9:00am Lori Barlow
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

31 FRIDAY

6:30am Thelma Odilia Rivera
9:00am Eldon Ulmer
6:00pm Freddy Arevalo+
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

January

1 SATURDAY

12:00am Paul Lysher
7:00am Nicolo Mastropaolo+
8:30am Robert Epp
10:30am Patricia Canning+
12:30pm Daniel Nagle+
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm The Stubb Family
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 SUNDAY

7:00am Marie Louise Moriarty
8:30am Danny Clarke+
10:30am Those Who Died in December
10:30am* Marguerite Peggy Cauley+
12:30pm Charles Harding+
2:30pm Luis Vivero+
5:00pm Jesus Castellano+
7:00pm Fr. Michael Folmar
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

** 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.*