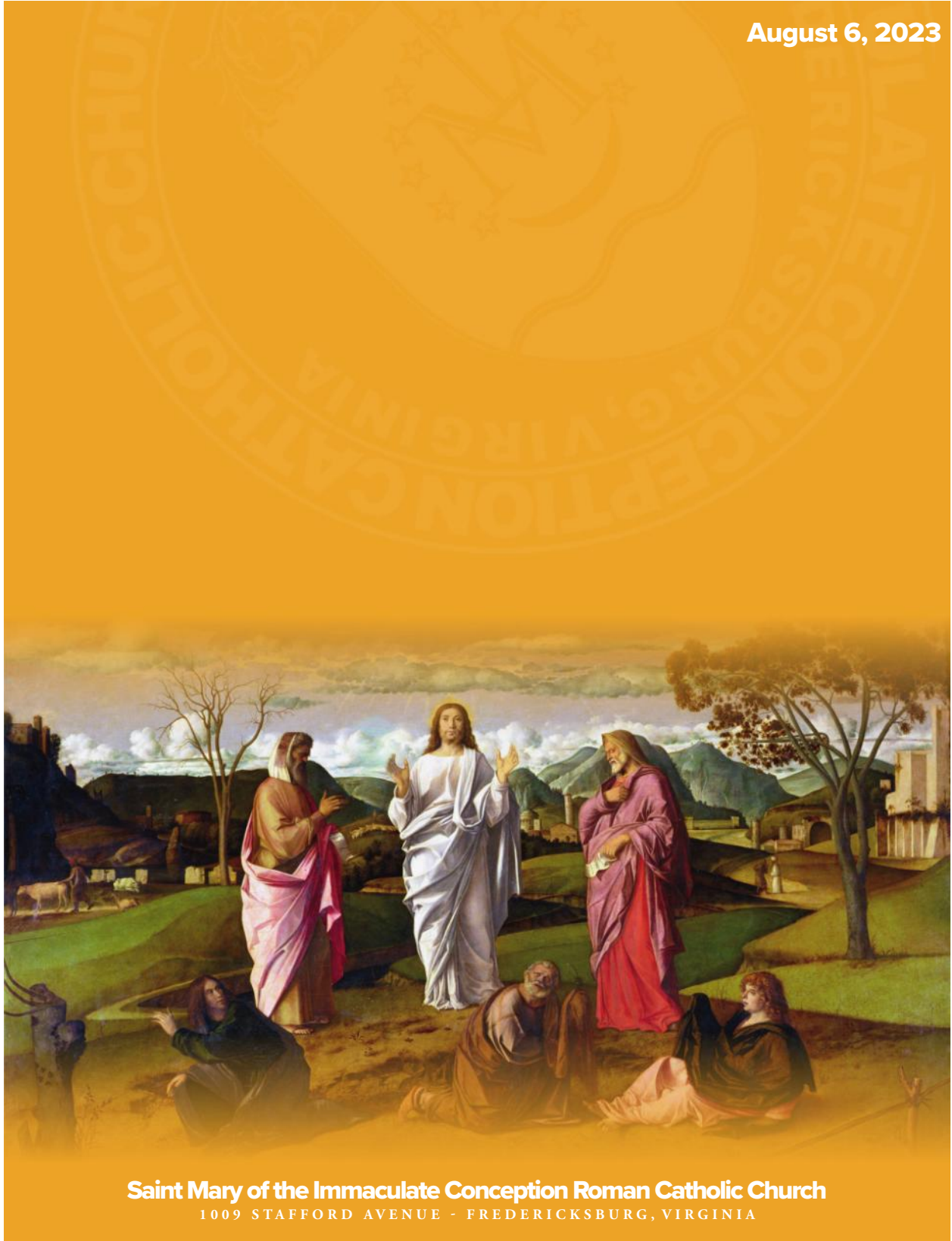


THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023



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

capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith

FINALCIAL UPDATE

We are so grateful for the 581 generous parish families that have collectively pledged \$5.4M of which we have received \$1.3M! We have now achieved 78% of the \$7M in identified needs!

When a parish community conducts a major capital campaign for some needed capital improvement, the goal is for EVERY parish household to make a pledge. After all, EVERYONE in the parish will be impacted by the results of the campaign and the improvement which the campaign funds. Moreover, participating in the campaign with a gift is a personal investment in the parish community. And the more a person is invested in a parish community with time, talent and treasure, the more the person experiences the benefit of belonging.

We feel confident that our parish is made up of families, like yourselves, that are willing to share their time, talents and treasures provided by Our Lord Jesus Christ, to help build up the Kingdom of God.

Will you please join us?

Have you attended a Group Meeting?

Come listen to Father talk about the needs of your Parish community. Please scan the QR code or call the parish office to sign up for one of our Group Information Sessions. Or ask for a 1~1 session with one of our volunteers. We have added more sessions throughout August, September and October.

Have you been Prayerfully Considering?

Understanding each family's decision is critical to understand what our next steps will be and what further actions we should be taking in the next few months to ensure we achieve the identified needs. Over the next few weeks we will be calling each parishioner who have been prayerfully considering for longer than 30 days.

If you fall into this category, we are asking that if you plan to make a pledge, please return your pledge card to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday offertory basket as soon as possible.

If you are unable to support the Capital Campaign, please return the pledge card and annotate that you are unable to participate at this time. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands" (Matthew 13:22-23)

PLEDGES	MONTHLY PLEDGE TOTAL	CUMULATIVE PLEDGE TOTAL	NUMBER OF PLEDGES	NUMBER OF SCHEDULED VISITS
PRIOR MONTHS		\$2,361,468.63	131	168
NOVEMBER	\$428,600.00	\$2,790,068.63	30	43
DECEMBER	\$516,654.00	\$3,306,722.63	34	45
JANUARY	\$423,640.00	\$3,730,362.63	69	90
FEBRUARY	\$441,555.00	\$4,171,917.63	80	97
MARCH	\$346,185.60	\$4,518,103.23	76	70
APRIL	\$262,230.00	\$4,780,333.23	43	60
MAY	\$301,235.00	\$5,081,568.23	53	59
JUNE	\$166,266.40	\$5,247,834.63	40	38
JULY	\$199,520.00	\$5,447,354.63	26	50
AUGUST	Your Pledge Here			

ALL ST. MARY PARISH FAMILIES ARE INVITED
"GROWING OUR LEGACY OF FAITH" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GROUP INFORMATION

Come & Learn About All the Wonderful Plans for
St. Mary & Holy Cross Academy!
Join Fr. Mosimann and the Capital Campaign Team
~ Listen, Ask Questions & Discern ~

August 7 | 7pm PLC
August 23 | 7pm PLC

Children Invited & Childcare Provided

Scan to RSVP



Or call the office
540-373-6491

from our pastor

Folks,

What is for me the first sign that summer is drawing to a close? 'back to school sales?' Nope. 'Football training camp?' Nope. 'Beach vacations?' Nope. All those once signaled the end of summer, but no longer. Now, it is 'Graduated Server Appreciation.'

Every year, I try to have the servers who graduated high school serve one last time in the summer when I can give them a rosary, and a thank-you-card with a little piece of green in it!

Perseverance really is everything.

For the priesthood, and for marriage the measure of our vocations isn't the intensity of our love, nor the acclaim, nor the number of friends and parishioners. The measure is our perseverance until the end of our lives.

I believe that servers persevering in serving at the altar is great training in the virtue of perseverance. There often comes a time in the service at the altar when the server gets bored, and it is no longer new and exciting. Young, new excited servers often serve with more excitement than expertise. Keeping our seasoned

experienced servers helps to train, mentor, and direct the energetic enthusiasm of youth.

Occasionally I have had a server complain, "but the young kids annoy me when they are bouncing off the walls!" To which I answer, "you were young once too. Now your calm helps to keep the celebration reverent and on point. This is now when you are most useful to me and all of the priests!"

Yes, the servers are transitioning to a new season of life. I know that the lesson of perseverance will serve them to better live whatever vocation they embrace: marriage, priesthood, or religious life!

A special shout out of gratitude to this year's five young men and women who persevered to the end of their season of service at the altar: Jayson, Timothy, Lauren, Cyrus, and Chris!

pax,



Fr. Mosimann

Feast of the Assumption Mass Schedule

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ALL MASSES AT ST. MARY CHURCH

August 14

6pm and 7:30pm

August 15

6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 4pm Latin Novus Ordo, 6pm, 7:30pm Bilingual

announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following **ALL**
Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some
fellowship!

New Parishioner Welcome

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 for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor. **Sunday, August 20th.** Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (located behind the church, next to the parish office - it's the room with the crucifixes on the wall)

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org or call 540-373-6491.

bit.ly/newparishioners-august-2023



contact us

stmaryfred.org

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm
Saturday 9am
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
First Friday 7pm Norvus Ordo (Latin Mass)
First Saturday 8:00am – Fatima Prayers & Rosary
followed by 9am Mass

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

Very Rev. John Mosimann, Gilded Conqueror x9, Pastor
Fr. Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kevin Dansereau, 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, Giovanni Camacho

MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold
Assistant to the Music Ministry, Malinda Jones

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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

HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL

540-373-7553
Director, Sheri Castellarin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Aristides Lucas
Associate Director, Mary Buer
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

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

education holy cross academy

Summer Days

The summer is flying by and the first day of school is just around the corner. The floors are polished and everything is sparking. Before we know it our students will be spilling through the doors and laughter will ring through the hallways.

There is still time to join us for the 2023-2024 school year. If you considered making an academic change for your child, it's not too late. We still have room in some of the grades. Please contact Mrs. Lanier by email (dlanier@holycrossweb.com) or call the school office (540-286-1600).

If you are interested in HCA Preschool at St. Mary, please contact Mrs. Sheri Castellarin at HCAPreschool@holycrossweb.com or call 540-373-7553.

HCA Used Uniform Sales

Mark your calendars HCA families (1-8). There will be at least three used uniform sales before school starts. These are scheduled for Thursday, August 10 and Monday, August 21. All will run from 9:30am until noon at Holy Cross Academy. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Uniform turn-ins are being accepted. There will be a



bin located in the lobby of HCA. Please use the turn-in form that was sent home at the end of school. There are also extra forms in the drop-off bin. In order to receive credit a form must be completed. Credits will be available for July 25 for items turned in before July 21.

2023-2024 Applications/Tours

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Open Positions at Holy Cross Academy

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy Preschool has openings for Part-time Lead Teachers/Aides for the 2023-24 school year. Interested candidates should contact Sheri Castellarin at 540-373-7553 or preschool@holycrossweb.com.



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our parish walking with purpose



Walking with Purpose is a Catholic women's ministry that develops Bible studies that aim to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. It is not a walking program. Each study presents practical Biblical teachings consistent with Church doctrine. Be a part of a Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith! Choose the study that best meets your needs.

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point: A 22- week study that will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God! Opening Your Heart is an incredibly effective guide to deep, lasting transformation of the heart and we encourage all participants new to Walking with Purpose to begin here. Join us as we explore the core questions of our Catholic faith. We welcome you and are confident that you will grow in knowledge and love of the faith! Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 10/5/23 to 5/9/24)

Touching the Divine: This 22-week study focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. The study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality. Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us, and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Knowing Christ more intimately, as John did, will touch your heart and fill you with hope! Mondays 9:45-11:15AM in the John Paul II House (begins on 9/11/23 to 4/15/23). OR Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 10/5/23 to 5/9/24)

Fearless and Free: This 12-week study of the book of Ephesians provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws at you. It is an ideal study for when you are wrestling with the reality that life isn't always easy, even when you are doing the right thing. Tuesdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Holy Cross Library (begins 10/3/23 to 12/12/23)

Rooted and Radiant A 6 week study of St Paul's Letter to the Colossians. You will learn how much Jesus thirsts for you, how He is the center of history and how all things were created for Him. Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 10/5/23 to 11/16/23) OR Fridays, 9:45-11:30AM in the John Paul II House – Mom's group (begins on 9/8/23 to 6/14/24) OR Zoom meeting Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM (begins 10/5/23 to 11/16/23)

Living in the Father's Love A 6-week study that integrates Scripture with the teachings of the Catholic Church to help answer the core question, "What kind of a father is God?" Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love. Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 1/11/24 to 2/22/24) OR Zoom meeting Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM (begins 1/11/24 to 2/22/24)

Reclaiming Friendship A 6-week study which will use scripture and the teachings of the Catholic church to discover God's purpose for friendship and how we can have flourishing God-centered friendships. We will also learn how to grow into a deeper friendship with God. Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 4/11/24 to 5/16/24) OR Zoom meeting Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM (begins 4/11/24 to 5/16/24) OR Tuesdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Holy Cross Library (begins on 1/9/24 to 2/20/24)

Books can be purchased online at www.walkingwithpurpose.com . Come and see what we're all about! We look forward to meeting you! Find us at Facebook- Walking With Purpose- St. Mary's Fredericksburg
For more information and to register for a class contact Lisa Sarber at lisakymi@aol.com

education religious education

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS OPEN!

Please visit the parish office TODAY to register your children!

That One Time Jesus Got Lost... And What it Taught Me About Parenting

by Becky RoachFaith & Life, Family

Seven Tips on Parenting I Learned When Mary and Joseph Lost Jesus

1. Every parent worries.

The word anxiety screamed at me during this reading. Mary and Joseph felt “great anxiety” as parents to Jesus? The thought is comforting. Not only is it normal to worry about our children, the most wonderful set of parents in all of history, the earthly parents of the Living God, experienced this type of emotion.

There is a healthy amount of anxiety that we can have about parenting. This worrying keeps us diligent and on task. When we feel anxious, we turn to God and pray for wisdom, guidance and protection. What causes you to be most anxious as a parent? Take a moment to give it over to the Lord in trust.

2. Mistakes happen.

Mary was without sin, but she still made an innocent mistake as a parent. Though the times were different then, Mary and Joseph probably should have checked in with Jesus (or whoever they thought was responsible for him) before leaving Jerusalem. It wasn't a sin, it was rather an accident or a miscommunication of some kind, but still it happened.

We make mistakes as parents all the time. In the chaos and busyness of life, we forget appointments, misplace important papers, or even leave a child behind. Learn from Mary and Joseph. Don't beat yourself up over mistakes. Apologize and do whatever is necessary to make things right again, but don't dwell on it. Show yourself mercy by not expecting perfection at all times. When have you failed to show yourself mercy? Ask for God's help and healing in those areas of parenting.
<https://catholic-link.org/6-tips-on-parenting/>

To be continued next week.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of August 06, 2023



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



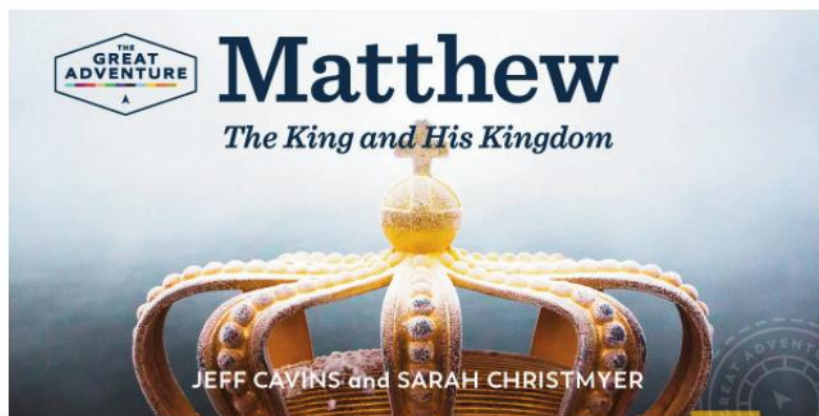
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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The book of **Matthew** brings the history of Christ to life. We see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*, a **twenty-four-part** Bible study, explores how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

St. Mary's will begin ***Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*** on **Monday, September 11 at 12:45 pm** in the Courtyard meeting room. Participants will meet to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion. Cost for materials is between \$35-\$40. Class size is limited to 25 people. Visit the Parish Office to sign up and pay for materials. Materials will be distributed at the first class. Facilitator: Bryan R.

The **Acts of the Apostles** is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* is a Bible study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.



St. Mary's will begin a **twenty-week** Bible study ***Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*** on **Wednesday, September 13 or Thursday, September 14 at 9:45 am** in the Courtyard meeting room. Participants will meet to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion. Cost for materials is between \$30-\$40. Each class size is limited to 25 people. Visit the Parish Office to sign up and pay for materials. Materials will be distributed at the first class. Facilitator: Suzette Y.

Additional Opportunity: St. Mary's will begin a twenty-week Bible study, *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* on Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 pm in the library at Holy Cross Academy. Participants will meet to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion. Cost for materials is between \$30-\$40. Class size is limited to 20 people. Visit the Parish Office to sign up and pay for materials. Materials will be distributed at the first class. Facilitator: Suzette Y.

our parish happenings

St. Mary's Warmly Welcomes Dr. Katherine Evans as Our New Assistant Director of Religious Education!

Dr. Katherine Evans is an enthusiastic convert to Catholicism, having come home to Rome in 2006. She has a master's degree in Theology from Christendom, a master's degree in Counseling, and a doctorate in Education. Most recently she served as the RCIA Director at St. Patrick Church in Fredericksburg. Prior to that she was a school principal in Haymarket for 7 years and taught in Fairfax for 8 years. She loves science fiction and is a big FredNats fan. Her husband, Dr. Michael Evans, is an aspirant in the diaconal program. They live near King George and attend St. Anthony Church.



Is Your Heart Broken by a Loved One's Addiction to Drugs?

If so, please be aware that there is a program at St. Mary that offers support to family members and friends of loved ones struggling with a drug addiction problem. The program is called NAR-ANON.

At NAR-ANON meetings, you will have the opportunity to share your story, hear stories from other members, and develop positive coping mechanisms in dealing with your addict.

Compassion and understanding are ever present at the meetings. You are not alone in this struggle! Please take the first step and come to a meeting. Just listen if you want. There is no pressure to share.

The meetings are held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Room 100 in the Parish Life Center on Thursday from 7-8pm and are open to the public at large. For more information **call or text Wayne (540)840-5230 or Wanda (540)538-6978**



Youth Mentors Needed Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services

Making a difference in young refugee lives simply with your presence, knowledge and compassion is one of the most generous and rewarding acts you can take part in today. The opportunity to directly change the course of a young life is nothing short of inspirational when you look back on where they started to where they are today and where they may go tomorrow. Our MYVA program is an opportunity to have this type of unforgettable impact by helping young refugees navigate the many influences that surround them after arrival to the country. Having just one person to ask questions or who can help provide support and guidance is more valuable to a young refugee than you can imagine.

Please consider becoming a mentor – it requires no more experience than a giving heart and the desire to have fun while helping our youth find their way in our society. Tasks include helping with school information, college opportunities, job applications and many more. The opportunities for learning and discovery are endless. Refugee youth often have questions about our country, how to navigate community resources and even how to drive. We ask for a minimum of 6 months commitment and at least 2 hours a week as our youth are in need of stability and consistency in their relationships with new individuals. Studies show the longer the relationship the greater the impact and just a couple hours a week is enough to make a significant difference in their lives. Thank you for your consideration! Contact Kathleen Renfroe, MRS Fredericksburg site supervisor, at kathleen.renfroe@ccda.net

our parish happenings



Presented by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg



Strangeways Brewery

350 Lansdowne Rd.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

MON. AUGUST 7

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm

This Month's Topic



So you wanna be happy, huh?

Fr. James Searby, a priest of the Diocese of Arlington and creator of Holiness for the Working Day podcast, will lead a conversation on the pursuit of happiness in our lives. Through exploration in psychology, theology, and his unique take on our cultural situation, we will ask the question, "is happiness even possible" and "what does it even look like?"



Fr. James Searby



Contact

St. Mary's Young Adult Group
fredericksburgtote@gmail.com

**FIRST 50 ATTENDEES GET
A FREE DRINK!**

Open to all! Young families welcome!

our parish happenings

SPRED

The Special Religious Education Development Program, (SPRED) serves children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The program helps them grow in their faith and prepares them to receive their sacraments. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.

There are a total of 12 classes which meet on Saturday mornings from 10am-12noon in the Parish Life Center. Our first class is scheduled for September 30th. Please stop by the parish office to register your child.

St. Mary Outreach

We are in need of a vehicle for a parish family that can seat at least 6.

If you have a mini van or SUV that you no longer need, consider donating it to St. Mary's.

We can provide you with a tax receipt.

Thank you. Please reach out to Elena Doyle edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

St. Monica Prayer Group

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, August 12 following the 9am Mass (10-11am) in the Courtyard Meeting Room. The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, siblings, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness. We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss the chapter titled "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus Is Doing Something" on p. 13 from The Saint Monica Club by Maggie Green, which is available on Amazon.

For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at st.monica.club@gmail.com.

Over 40 Singles

Mission: to develop and coordinate activities for single, widowed, or divorced Catholics over 40 years of age. To foster spiritual growth, friendships and service to St. Mary Parish and our community.

Time: meeting once a month to plan dates for events and get-to-togethers as a group.

For more information contact Eileen Walts with any questions emw5348@gmail.com.

Public Rosary

A public Rosary will be prayed every 3rd Saturday at noon at the statue in front of the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church. Come join us to pray for Peace as asked by the Blessed Mother at Fatima. If you have questions or wish to RSVP, send an email to michaelgkasey@verizon.net.

This regular devotion is sponsored by America Needs Fatima (ANF) and the Fredericksburg Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Gather your family and friends and join us for fun-filled Monday evenings. Knights Of Columbus Council 4034 is sponsoring a Bowling League. Teams are forming now.

There will be a league meeting on Monday August 14, 2023, 7pm at the AMF Bowling Center, 12100 Killarney Drive, Fredericksburg.

Cost is \$20 per week-per player. It's a mixed league which the following can participate; men, women and teens 16 years and older. The league starts August 21, 2023 at 7pm and continues until April 15, 2024. An awards party is held at season-end. Come and enjoy a fun time!!

For more info contact **Rick Reschick at (540) 850-5587** or **Ruth Wynn at (540) 371-0994**

our parish happenings

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 1998 or 1973?
Join us for the annual Mass for couples celebrating
silver (25 year) or golden (50 year) anniversaries!

Sunday October 15, 2023
St. Agnes Catholic Church | 3:00 pm
1910 N. Randolph St., Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Catholic Diocese of Arlington | Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703-841-2550 | FamilyLife@arlingtondiocese.org

Our Parish OUTREACH Participated in School Dressing Days

With Virginia's Free Tax weekend being canceled this year, School Dressing Days played an even more important role in aiding families with school supplies. SDD is a yearly 2-day event sponsored by the Interfaith Community Council - a coalition of 25 Fredericksburg-area churches and faith-based organizations. Over 1000 children from 500 families registered to "shop" for free back-to-school supplies and clothes.

The children's delight in being able to select an outfit and backpack, and parent smiles, made all preparations a labor of love.

Thank you to all St. Mary parishioners for your donations, and for those who participated as volunteers, the program was a great success!

Calling All Scouts!

The Pope Pius XII (Scouts 15 and up) religious emblems program will begin 9/3 and will meet once a month via Zoom on Sunday nights until May 2024. Ad Altare Dei (13-14) will also begin 9/3 (if there is interest) and will meet weekly for eight weeks via Zoom on Sunday nights. Age waivers can be granted.

Scouts throughout the parish that are interested should have their parents contact Mr Dan Paré at dan.pare.us@gmail.com.

Micah is Hiring!

Housing Care Coordinator (case manager)

Coordinates housing-focused care for neighbors who have moved from street homelessness to permanent housing. Includes interventions internal to Micah and across community partners.

Housing Locator (tenant agent)

Networks local landlords to enhance access to permanent housing solutions for people overcoming homelessness. The Housing Locator works across the homeless response system to provide training on housing opportunities and tenant/landlord roles and responsibilities.

SOAR Coordinator

Supports wrap-around process of preparing high-quality Social Security benefits applications using model specific to the unique needs of homeless individuals. Online, 20-hour training is required to submit strong SOAR applications and become a certified SOAR worker.

To apply, visit indeed.com/cmp/Micah-Ecumenical-Ministries-1/jobs



our parish youth ministry

August 2023

Youth Ministry Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 SPORTS TUESDAY	2 CHOSEN STUDY	3 CHESS CLUB	4	5
6	7	8 SPORTS TUESDAY	9 CHOSEN STUDY	10 CHESS CLUB	11	12
13	14	15 SPORTS TUESDAY	16 CHOSEN STUDY	17 CHESS CLUB	18	19
20	21	22 SPORTS TUESDAY	23	24 CHESS CLUB	25	26
27	28	29 SPORTS TUESDAY	30	31	1	2

Month of the Blessed Sacrament

SPORTS TUESDAY (6th-12th)

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm
Holy Cross Academy
Fellowship and sports for middle and high school!

CHESS CLUB (3rd-9th)

Every Thursday, 2:00-3:30pm
Parish Life Center
Play chess and grow in skill and sportsmanship!

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY (9th-12th)

Every Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:00pm
John Paul II House
Watch and discuss Season 1 of The Chosen with scripture!



@stmarycym



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SUMMER

CHESS CLUB

COME PLAY CHESS & DEVELOP NEW SKILLS

GROW IN SPORTSMANSHIP AND VIRTUE

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Week 5	Oct. 7	How to Overthrow an Empire
Week 6	Oct. 14	Word - Witness - Walk
Week 7	Oct. 21	The Men We Need to Build the Kingdom
Week 8	Oct. 28	The Kingdom Comfort
Week 9	Nov. 4	Acquiring A Taste for Heaven
Week 10	Nov. 11	Blinded By The Kingdom
Week 11	Nov. 18	On Earth As It Is In Heaven
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Second Collection next weekend is for Parish Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Charity - August

All Children's Charity donations for the month of August will be donated to Leashes of Valor, a national nonprofit working to provide a highly-trained service dog to every post-9/11 Veteran who needs one to ease the symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Military Sexual Trauma (MST), an underlying trauma to PTSD. Their mission is as simple as it is critical: bring service dogs and post-9/11 Veterans together to enrich the lives of both. Leashes of Valor was founded in May 2017 by three United States Military Veterans with over 40 years of combined service and expertise in service dog policy and law, military canines and canine training, who know the healing power of canines because they experienced it themselves. The facility is located on a 20 acre farm in rural Virginia, with a live-in facility for training veteran and service dog teams. Training a service dog costs \$25,000.00 per dog, but thanks to the generosity of donors, veterans who receive a Leashes of Valor service dog pay nothing. For more information, visit their website at leashesofvalor.org.

Pro-Life Reflection

"Suddenly there were two men talking with Him – Moses and Elijah." (Luke 9:30) Jesus was transfigured; the glory of His divinity shone through His humanity, which reminds us that humanity always expresses the image of God. The Transfiguration was meant to remind the Apostles that death would not have the last word. Jesus, may Your Transfiguration be a powerful reminder that You have brought about a new kingdom of life."

"The hour of Transfiguration came for Jesus when He was about to enter the night of suffering and death. As members of His Body, we can only receive the grace of transfiguration, which He has won for us, by following the same path — the pathway of humiliation and purification." (Text of a Plaque at the Basilica of the Transfiguration in the Holy Land)

Only with hearts full of adoration can we ascend Mount Tabor, the Mount of Transfiguration. (Excerpt from The Holy Land Today by M. Basilea Schlink)

Prayer for Our Priests

"Only in Heaven will he be able to measure his greatness. If he were to understand it already here on earth, he would die, not of fright, but of love ... After God, the priest is all." (St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, Feast Day August 4th)

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of Your priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them, and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here on earth, and in Heaven, their everlasting crown. Amen.

– St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, we pray: obtain for us many holy priests & vocations to the priesthood.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - August

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

Adam Burgh, Andy Costa, Anthony D'Ostilio, Bobby Gibson, Chris Breth, Clifford Snipe, Ed Lombardi, Giulia Restivo, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, William David Jackson-nickname Liam, Joanne O'Brien, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Kelsey Just, Kieth & Theresa Kovalefsky, Larry Dillman, LaVaughn Halloway, Lynette McMorland, Michael Fedowitz III, Michael Hancock, Pj Hancock

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

Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, John Moring, 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, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, David Oechslein, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's EVERY Wednesday following the 12 noon Mass ALL DAY – ALL NIGHT Wednesday & Thursday Concluding on Friday Mornings at the 9am Mass.

*"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the GREATEST GIFT OF LOVE – the tender love of Our Father in Heaven"
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Contact: Serena Nguyen, Coordinator
Adoration@stmaryfred.org

Daily Mass Intentions

August

7 MONDAY

6:30am Emilia Guthrie
9:00am Jacob Butcher
Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

8 TUESDAY

6:30am Enrique Lizarralde+
9:00am Dorothy Simmons+
Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

9 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Ana Wilcox
9:00am Bill Adams
Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35

10 THURSDAY

6:30am Arthur Canizares
9:00am Vincent Thien Nguyễn
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

11 FRIDAY

6:30am Jose Ferdinand Lemus+
9:00am Scott Vezina
Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

12 SATURDAY

9:00am Gabrielle Jones
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm Maryann Lanh Nguyễn+
Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

13 SUNDAY

7:00am Rosa Man Vu+
8:30am Louis Barrett+
8:30am* Heather Wilcox+
10:30am John Holzworth
10:30am* Nancy Gannon+
12:30pm Megan Woyak
2:30pm Esteban Carrera+
5:00pm Grace Zettler Fidiam
7:00pm Donald Beal+
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

* 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.

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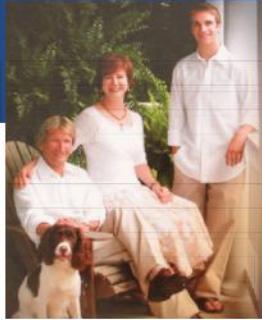
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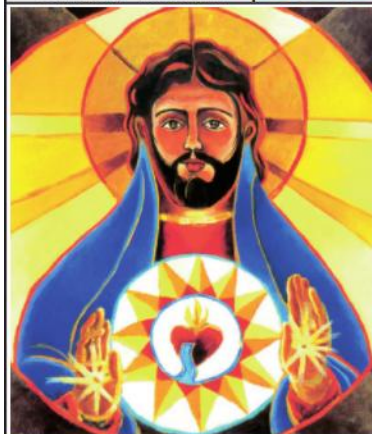
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