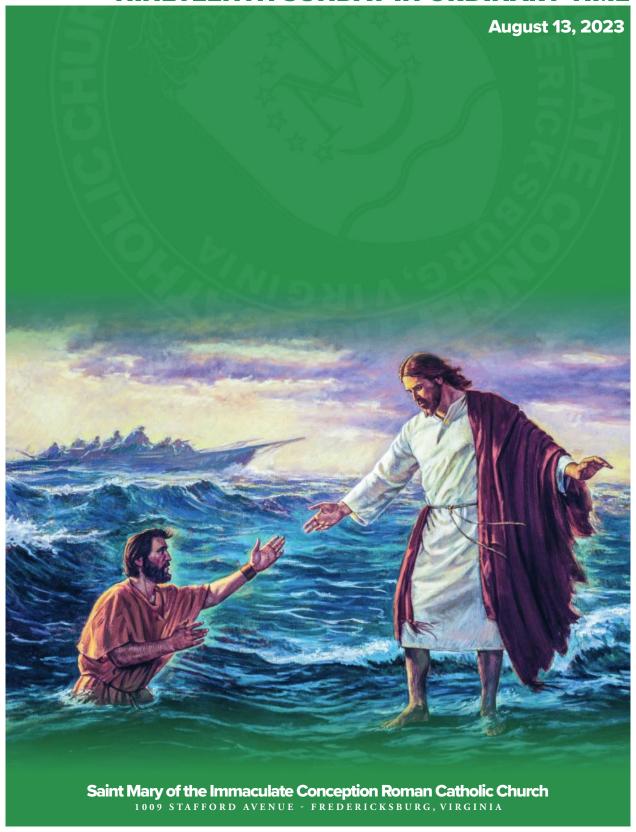
# **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



# capital campaign

# **Growing Our Legacy of Faith**

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

# PIZZA WITH PADRE

September 10 | 1:30pm - PLC

September 16 | KofC Family Dinner - 6pm - PLC

September 17 | Pastries with Padre | 8am - PLC

September 29 | 7pm - PLC

October 1 | 1:30pm - PLC

October 5 7:00pm - PLC (En Español)

Come & Learn About All the Wonderful Plans for St. Mary & Holy Cross Academy!

Join Fr. Mosimann & the Capital Campaign Team ~ Listen, Ask Questions & Discern ~





Scan to RSVP OR Call the Office 540-373-6491

Folks,

So Bishop Burbidge appointed me as a Vicar Forane (= Dean). Thank you bishop for your confidence and entrusting this work to me. It is a five year appointment, renewable for a second term at the discretion of the bishop.

Which begs the questions: 'what is a Vicar Forane? And do you get to wear a fancy new hat?'

First: no new hat.

Second: the position of Vicar Forane, is appointed by the local bishop. His role is to oversee the priests of a particular area. Each diocese is divided into areas called vicariates. In the United States, the position is usually referred to as a dean and the region as a deanery.

Canon Law lists among the duties of the Dean: to oversee the spiritual needs of the priests in his region, to be attentive to pastoral issues in his region, to coordinate regional pastoral responses, to ensure that religious functions are celebrated according to

the provisions of the sacred liturgy, to check that the parish registers are correctly entered and duly safeguarded, to check that ecclesiastical goods are carefully administered, to encourage the clergy to attend at the prescribed time lectures and theological meetings or conferences, to visit each parish in the Deanery at a frequency determined by the bishop.

Cliff notes: In essence, the role is to assist the bishop in the smaller but essential matters of the diocese, the wellbeing of the clergy, and the administration of parishes.

Also you still call me 'Father.' No new hat, no new trim on my cassock, but I do get to update the bulletin with the title! So the bulletin will have me listed as Very Rev. John Paul Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor.

I am still your pastor, that isn't changing!

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor

# 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

### **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 Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor Reverend Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar Reverend Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar Reverend 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

# stmaryfred.org

### **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

# **Welcoming Mrs. Ennis**

For I Know the thoughts that I think over you, says the Lord: thoughts of peace and not of affliction, so that I may give you patience and an end. ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Many of you might recognize Mrs. Ennis from HCA Preschool at St. Mary. Mrs. Ennis will be joining HCA this year teaching second grade. You might not know that Mrs. Ennis is a former swimmer and swim coach.

One of the things Mrs. Ennis loves most about teaching is seeing the growth that takes place from the beginning of the year to the end. But most of all, she loves to see the smiles as her students grow in confidence and form relationships not only with the adults and other students in their lives but with God.

Mrs. Ennis' higher education began on the beautiful campus of Virginia Tech - Go Hokies! She majored in Human Development followed by a Masters in Curriculum and Development from Radford University.

Mrs. Ennis loves to spend time with her family. She also enjoys baking, reading, watching baseball and taking walks.

Welcome to the "Big School", Mrs. Ennis!

# **Enrollment**

Our enrollment is growing for the coming school year with calls from interested parents still coming in. HCA still has openings in grades 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Application information is available on the school website at **holycrossweb.com/admissions**.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy, please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at **dlanier@holycrossweb.com** or 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.

# **Open Positions at HCA**

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy has the following open positions for the 2023–2024 school year.

## **Substitute Teachers**

For more information on these positions and others in the Diocese of Arlington, please visit <a href="https://bit.ly/32w7x3T">https://bit.ly/32w7x3T</a>







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# religious education

# **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS OPEN!**

Please visit the parish office TODAY to register your children!

# **CATECHISTS NEEDED**

**MONDAY: 4:45pm - 7<sup>th</sup>** 

**TUESDAY: 4:45PM - 4TH** 

TUESDAY: 6:00pm - HCA 5TH

TUESDAY: 6:30pm - 5TH & 7TH

WEDNESDAY: 4:45pm - 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, AND 8<sup>TH</sup>



# our parish youth ministry



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	SPORTS TUESDAY	CHOSEN STUDY	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!









# happenings





Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or delving deeper into the Faith? Or are you already baptized Catholic but missing a Sacrament? Our O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) class is the perfect solution! Ideal for non-Catholics seekers or Catholic adults who have not yet received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, this lecture and discussion group will be held on Thursday nights at 7pm beginning September 14 and going through Pentecost. All reading materials will be provided. Registration forms are available in the main office, or by contacting Katherine Evans, OCIA Director, at 540-373-6491 x 210 or kevans@stmaryfred.org.

# **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

# **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.

# SPRED

The Special Religious Education Development Program, (SPRED) serves children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The program helps them grown 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**.

# **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.

# **KofC Bowling League**

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

# vida parroquial

# noticias en español



# Conferencia Libres y Felices en Cristo Jesus

Basado en las 5 Llaves de Liberado de Neal Lozano (Unbound) • El Ministerio Liberado pone el poder de Dios en los corazones heridos

# **29 y 30 septiembre de 2023**

29 sep 6-9pm y 30 sep 8am-9pm

\$125 por pareja

incluye comida y

# **Holy Cross Academy**

250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

# La conferencia te dara el poder

para romper el poder de las cadenas que atan/esclavizan tu vida para que puedas caminar en plena libertad

# Cada uno de nosotros esta peleando una batalla invisible con:

- Pensamientos negativos, pecados ocultos y relaciones no sanas
- Habitos destructivos, idolos y falsa identidad
- Resentimiento; heridas y amarguras que parecen nunca sanar

¿Que tal si tu vida pudiece alcanzar y experimentar el amor de Dios? Tu vida nunca seria igual!

### Para mas Información Ilamar a: Giovanni (540) 373-6491 Gustavo 540-229-3313

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Cupo Limitado

Por la naturaleza de la conferencia es importante no traer niños.

Enlace de registro:



# Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos

### **BAUTISMO**

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia 90 días antes de solicitar el Bautismo
- Tomar las clases previo al bautizo
- Las clases son el primer sábado del mes a las 12 del mediodía

Llame a Gio a la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491, para programar la fecha del Bautismo al menos cuatro semanas por adelantado.

### **MATRIMONIO**

- Debe ser miembro de la Parroquia
- Contactar a la Parroquia seis meses antes para iniciar la preparación

### PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

- Niños de 1ro y 2do grado, 3-11
- Preparación de 2 años

## CONFIRMACIÓN

- Jóvenes de 6to -8vo grado
- y Secundaria (High School)
- Preparación de 2 años

## RECONCILIACIÓN

- Miércoles 11:30 am 12:00 pm,
   6:30 8:30 pm
- Sábados 8:00 8:30 am y 3:30
   4:30 pm

## QUINCEAÑERA

- La quinceañera necesita tener el Sacramento de la Confirmación
- No hay misas privadas
- Sólo hacemos una Misa de quinceañera al mes

Para más información comunicarse con la oficina parroquial al (540) 373-6491

# our parish happenings



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)

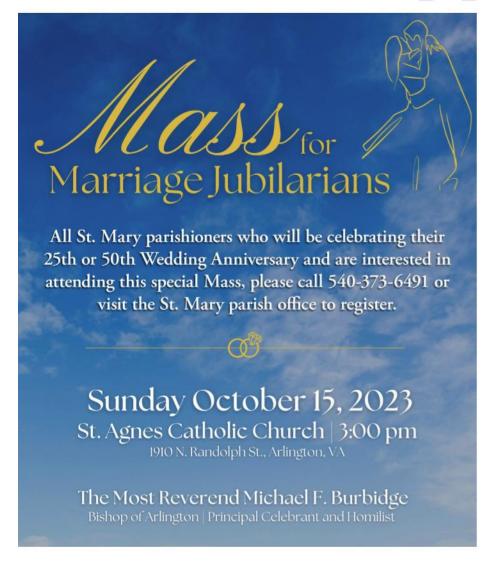
Rooted and Radiant A 6 week study of St Paul's Letter to the Colossians. You will learn how much Jesus thirsts for you, how He is the center of history and how all things were created for Him. Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 10/5/23 to 11/16/23) OR Fridays, 9:45-11:30AM in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

# happenings



# 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

# **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

# **Trail Life / AHG**

Do you have a son or daughter age 5 to 17 wanting to participate in a variety of activities such as: camping, archery, shooting, fire building/safety, bike rodeo, pinewood derby, caroling, service projects, and so much more while also learning about their faith?

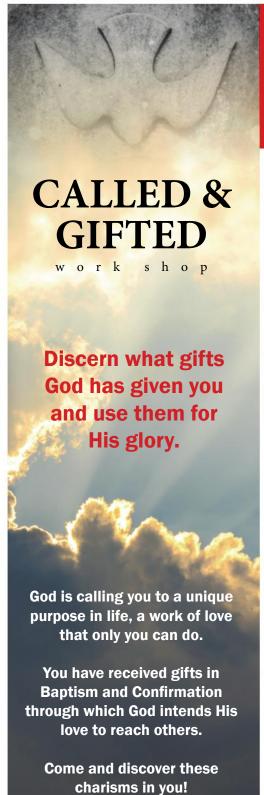
Trail Life Troop VA-4034, chartered through HCA, and American Heritage Girls Troop VA0128, chartered through St Mary's CCW, are having a parent information meeting at Holy Cross Academy on Thursday August 31st at 7:30 p.m. TL and AHG are Christian adventure, character, integrity, and leadership programs for young men and women, respectively. The K-12 programs build skills and allow growth on a personal level and as a role model and leader for peers and to support the Church. For more information visit traillifeusa.com or americanheritagegirls.org

Questions? Email troopmasterva4034@gmail.com for Mark Gardner (Trail Life) and va0128ahg@gmail.com for Maureen Siegmund (American Heritage Girls).





# happenings



# Discover GOD's call for your LIFE

# Who Can Benefit From This Workshop?

- Anyone asking "What does God want me to do?"
- Parents who want to help their children live their faith and recognize their charisms.
- People in transition who might be changing jobs, adjusting to an empty nest, returning to the workplace, or retiring.
- New or returning Catholics who want to explore what it means to live their faith fully as an adult.
- People wondering, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life, in this time and place?
- **66** I have a lot more gratitude for how God is working in my life."

"It can't help but permeate every aspect of life. I encourage people to realize it doesn't necessarily translate into something immediately, but will reveal itself over a lifetime."

A superb experience.

# Saturday, October 7, 2023 9:00am—3:30pm

Holy Cross Academy 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

## -Workshop Schedule -

The Call of the Laity

Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory Explained

Role of the Holy Spirit

Charisms

Discernment Process

Role of Charisms in Parish, Community and World

### SPACE IS LIMITED • REGISTER TODAY!

\$40

includes materials and meals (financial aid available)







### For more information

contact 540-373-6491 or email stewardship@stmaryfred.org

### Watch this video:

"The World Awaits Your Yes!" https://vimeo.com/322254299

# our diocese

# Living Waters

A Christian Response to Gender, Sexuality and Freedom

for parents, young adults and high school students

- · What is sexual orientation? Monday, September 18, 2023
- The transgender craze.
- · What does it mean to be chaste?
- · Helping young adults navigate sexual and relational issues.
- · What does integration look like for those who experience same sex-attraction?
- The Church's teaching on human sexuality as a roadmap to freedom. Desert Stream Ministries

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Fredericksburg, VA

Presentation by Marco Casanova Associate Director



6:30pm



# happenings



# **Thy Kingdom Come**

Claim Your Royal Dignity and Inheritance

# Get Inspired to **LIVE** a **HEROIC LIFE**

6:15 am Hot Breakfast (PLC)

6:45 am
Presentation (Church)

For more information contact Peter at paquettepeter@yahoo.com

# **Fall Semester**

Week 1	Sept. 9	Thy Kingdom Come	
Week 2	Sept. 16	The Kingdom is Like Leaven	
Week 3	Sept. 23	Christ The King!	
Week 4	Sept. 30	The Overthrow of Satan	
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	
	Nov. 25	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, NOTMIY	
Week 12	Dec. 2	My Son, Jonathan	
Week 13	Dec. 9	The Kingdom is Like Weeds Among the Wheat	

# **WWW.TMIY.ORG**

# our parish happenings



# operations

# given in love

# **Weekly Offertory**

**Donations Received July 26 to July 31**Sunday Offertory
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box

\$24,720.00 \$196.00

Thank you for your generosity!

# Special Collection: Children's Programs of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank August 19 & 20

Next weekend we will take up a special collection for the following Children's Programs of the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank:

### **School Food Pantry**

School-Based pantries are located on the grounds of a school to provide a more readily accessible source of food assistance to children and their families. As a need is identified by school staff, the pre-packed boxes containing a few days of emergency food, along with resource materials such as a pantry reference list and SNAP information, are distributed to the families in need.

## **After School Snack Program**

The After-School Snack Program provides nutritious, freshly prepared snacks to children in an environment that is safe, accessible, and convenient. Sites are located at organizations that provide after-school programming for youth, such as Schools and Libraries.

## **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**

With the Summer Feeding Program, children and teens ages 18 and younger can continue to eat healthy while school is out at no cost. Participating sites serve meals on-site or grab & go meals for children to enjoy, just show up, receive a meal, and enjoy it on the go. Parents and guardians are allowed to pick up meals from grab & go sites even when their children can't be present.

Your kindness and generosity in supporting the less fortunate in our community is greatly appreciated. For more information, visit **fredfood.org/Feeding-Children**. God bless you.

"Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? ... 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:37, 40)

# **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**

"The Almighty One has done great things for me.." (Luke 1:49) In the human family there can be no closer bond than mother and child. They belong together; their destinies are intertwined. That is one of the central messages of the prolife movement. To love and care for a mother necessarily means protecting, loving, and caring for her child. Blessed Virgin Mary, on the joyous day of your Assumption, we honor you. Pray for us and for the victory of life!"

# Divine Mercy Support Group for

# Separated and Divorced Catholics

The mission of the Divine Mercy Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics is to help individuals grow in their Catholic faith while experiencing the pain of separation and divorce. The goals of the group are to offer support, hope, comfort, prayer and authentic Catholic teaching to its members. Our motto is "Jesus Christ, I trust in you!"

Divine Mercy Support Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the St. Jude Church Activity Center. Beginning in October, the group will begin the *Recovering from Divorce* program from Divorced Catholic. It is a 13 session program. Each month a new topic will be discussed accompanied by a video showing divorced Catholics sharing their experiences, challenges and triumphs. Every session ends with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in our beautiful church.

For more information, text "Support" to 84576.



# 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 Jacksonnickname 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

## **14 MONDAY**

6:30am All Souls in Purgatory 9:00am Father Phillip Cozzi 12:00pm Rita Lawson+ 7:00pm Donald Nemcik+ Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

### **15 TUESDAY**

6:30am The Owen and Osowski Families

9:00am Ann Skinner 12:00pm For Our Parish 6:00pm Eloise Braud+ 7:30pm Leo Harrison+

Rv 11:19a-10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## **16 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Cristina Beltran+

9:00am Joseph and Elaine Stanislawski

12:00pm Bob Ezersky+ Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

### **17 THURSDAY**

6:30am Mercedes Rafferty+ 9:00am Tibor Baksy

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1

### **18 FRIDAY**

6:30am The St. Vincent de Paul Society 9:00am Ruth Stellino

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

### **19 SATURDAY**

9:00am Jose Manuel Garcia Ramon+

5:00pm Paul Glancy 7:00pm For Our Parish Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

### **20 SUNDAY**

7:00am Thomas and Michael Tschirn

8:30am Richard Epp

8:30am\* Alyssa Bornschein Green Family

10:30am Patrick Bereit Sr. Lucia Treanor 10:30am\* 12:30pm Rita Lawson+ 2:30pm Juan Velis Romero+ 5:00pm Andy Pacheco+ 7:00pm David Spellman

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

\* 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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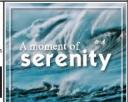
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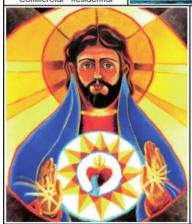
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