

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2023

BEHOLD

I Make All Things New



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

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 27 | 7pm - Holy Cross Academy

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

HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

1. Open your Camera app
2. Tap notification that appears
3. Sign up through SignUpGenius

Troubles? Call the Parish Office

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The plans for the school expansion are being finalized and submitted to Stafford County for initial reviews in the coming weeks. We are securing bids from subcontractors and finalizing the budget and scope of the project, and beginning the work on the construction timeline.

"Building what we can afford" means matching our fund raising and costs! This is why we are asking for all HCA and parish families to quickly do the following

- Sign up for and attend an upcoming Group Information Session before they end on October 5th!
- Prayerfully Consider giving as you are able, a gift over a five year period.
- Submit your pledge card.

It's an exciting time where we're beginning to see the vision coalesce and the hard work is about to begin. St Mary's generosity is enabling us to make improvements to the school that will benefit all students and teachers and create a wonderful environment for the children of our parish to learn, grow, and play in a Christ centered environment.

With joy and gratitude to the Lord, we want to thank you for your prayerful consideration, generous stewardship and participation in the Capital Campaign.

Together we can accomplish great things for our students and the next generation!



from our pastor

Folks,

Have a Blessed Labor Day. The first time Labor Day was celebrated in this country was 1892 in New York City. Two years later Congress made it a national holiday. Many other countries celebrate this day on May 1st. Growing up, I remember pictures of the massive Soviet May Day parades to celebrate the strength and power of the Soviet worker. Thankfully our celebrations of Labor Day have usually been more low-key and less political.

Catholic social teaching affirms the dignity of work. Even money is the means by which we store up the fruit of our labor to be able to provide for the future. Money itself is not immoral; but the disordered love of money is certainly a grave temptation for humanity.

I remember in seminary a vivid story of someone trying to drag Pope Saint John Paul II to pronounce on the moral superiority of Capitalism over Communism. He refused to do so, saying instead, "It is from above!" Both capitalism and communism can err greatly on the nature of work. Capitalism can err by seeing the purpose of work as amassing wealth alone, and this unbridled pursuit can enslave and dehumanize both worker and consumer. Communism errs by seeing man as a unit of labor to be exploited for the good of the state. The purpose and dignity of labor are not found in enriching either the individual or the state. The answer lies beyond political forms to recognizing the inherent dignity of work as sanctified by God. Jesus Christ has given work a truly transcendent meaning as participating in the creative and redeeming mission of God.

Pope Saint John Paul II wrote an excellent encyclical on this theme, *Laborem Exercens*, which you can find online at Vatican.va. In it he writes, "By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity. He shows himself a true disciple of Christ by carrying the cross in his turn every day in the activity that he is called upon to perform."

Read Pope Saint John Paul II's great encyclical. It is a much better read than my simple reflections. A little bit of rest and family picnics are a great occasion to remember why we work to build up and provide for a community of love starting right in our homes.

Pax,



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.
Pastor

Urgent Need for Donated Vehicles

Two St. Mary parishioner families are in desperate need of transportation assistance. If you have a vehicle that you no longer need, consider donating it and receive a tax donation receipt. Thank you! Contact Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org.

announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

**No Coffee & Donuts
this weekend.**

**Enjoy the Labor Day
Holiday!**

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, September 24th.** 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-sep-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 Novus 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

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, Katherine Evans
Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Katherine Evans

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

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH PICNIC

CELEBRATING HOLY CROSS ACADEMY'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY!

FORMING, SAINTS, SCHOLARS AND LEADERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
4-7PM | FIREWORKS AT SUNSET

FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY COLDWELL BANKER ELITE

**FREE
EVENT!**

**HOTDOGS,
HAMBURGERS,
POTATO SALAD AND
DRINKS PROVIDED!**

PLEASE BRING:
LAST NAME BEGINNING WITH
A-F: CHIPS
G-N: HEALTHY SNACKS
M-Z: DESSERTS

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
LIVE MUSIC, ROCK CLIMBING WALL, MOON BOUNCE, INFLATABLES,
FACE PAINTING, COTTON CANDY, POPCORN, BEER TRUCK & CORNHOLE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! TO SIGN-UP VISIT [BIT.LY/45QZVCR](https://bit.ly/45QZVCR)
QUESTIONS: CONTACT ANTHONY.DEMAIO85@GMAIL.COM

our parish religious education

Upcoming Events

**Monday to Friday,
Registration of Religious
Education students at the
Parish Office.**

Tuesday, September 05

First Catechist Meeting, 6-9pm in
the PLC

Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10:

Catechist Oath of Fidelity at all
Vigil and Sunday Masses.

Monday to Wednesday, September 11-13:

Religious Education Kick Off
2023. Parents accompany
children

Monday to Wednesday, September 18-20:

Religious Education Classes

Monday to Wednesday, September 25-27:

Religious Education Classes

Saturday, September 30:

First SPRED class in the PLC 10am-
12noon

FALL KICK-OFF

ST. MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13

All Students and Families are Encouraged to Attend
our New Fall Kick-Off Event

ICE CREAM
TREATS!

- Come to class and meet your catechist & pick up your books
- Pick-Up Information Middle School & High School Youth Ministry Programs
Adult Education Formation Classes and much more...
- Visit the Church and Pray the Rosary as a Family and Receive a Holy-Card
- Enter the raffle for great prizes!

GET READY FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!

REGISTER

Time is Running Out to Register your Child(ren)
Visit the Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30am-9:00pm

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491

our parish youth ministry

September 2023

Youth Ministry Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9 FIGHT CLUB
10 HS YOUTH GROUP	11	12	13 YOUCAT	14 FEMININE GENIUS	15 MS YOUTH GROUP	16 FIGHT CLUB
17 HS YOUTH GROUP	18	19	20 YOUCAT	21	22	23 FIGHT CLUB
24 HS YOUTH GROUP	25	26	27 YOUCAT	28	29	30 FIGHT CLUB

Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th)

Every Sunday, 6:00 - 8:30pm

Parish Life Center

Dinner, friends, and faith formation for high school!

FIGHT CLUB (7th-12th BOYS)

Every Saturday, 6:30-8:00am

Parish Life Center

Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (6th-8th)

1st and 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Parish Life Center

Dinner, friends, and faith formation for middle school!

FEMININE GENIUS (6th-12th GIRLS)

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm

John Paul II House

Explore what it means to be a Woman of God!

YOUCAT (9th-12th)

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm

John Paul II House

Dive deeper into your Catholic faith!



@stmarycym



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CYM DINNER TEAMS

Work with a team of volunteers to plan and prepare meals once every 2-3 months for either our middle or high school ministry teens!

Middle School Dinners
Fridays from 6:30-7:00pm

High School Dinners
Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm

Want to Help? Contact:

Tatiana Beltran tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

Catie Espiritu cespiritu@stmaryfred.org



our parish happenings

CALLED & GIFTED

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**Discern what gifts
God has given you
and use them for
His glory.**

God is calling you to a unique
purpose in life, a work of love
that only you can do.

You have received gifts in
Baptism and Confirmation
through which God intends His
love to reach others.

Come and discover these
charisms in you!

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?"

**“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 parish 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.

Saint Mary Book Club

Our Book Club will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 10am to 12 noon, in the Father Don Rooney Community Room. Our selection over the summer was "Kristin Lavransdatter," the medieval Norwegian trilogy by Sigrid Undset. Even if you haven't finished it, or haven't read it at all, come anyway for the discussion and camaraderie.

To celebrate the resumption of our Book Club gatherings, members are invited to have lunch at Renato's after the meeting. Please let Kathy Mahoney (bmah761569@aol.com, phone 540-371-2073) know by September 10 if you would like to join us for lunch, so we can make a reservation. We are looking forward to getting together again.

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.

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium at St Mary of the Immaculate Conception will be hosting a brunch on September 9th, 2023 in the PLC, with support from members of the CCW after the 9am Mass. We are celebrating Our Lady's birthday.

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.

Medical & Interpreter Volunteers Needed for the Guadalupe Free Clinic

The Clinic is a 100% free medical clinic opened in 2005 by Fr. Jerome Magat, to serve the indigent and medically-uninsured population of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County located Southeast of Fredericksburg. The Clinic is the first Free Clinic established in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Guided by Catholic principles for health care, the Clinic seeks to assist in the total healing of all patients. The Clinic needs medical volunteers, specifically, Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Technicians, along with Doctors, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses and Spanish Interpreters. The clinic is only open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, so our volunteers normally work once a month or every other month. For more information, please go to our website at guadalupefreeclinic.org, or contact us at lcarrington@guadalupefreeclinic.org, or by phone at (804)-224-0571.

Prayer for Eucharistic Renewal

My Lord and my God,
You take the bread and wine we offer, and
through the priestly prayer of consecration,
make them your Flesh and Blood, which
was born of the Virgin Mary, hung upon
the cross, rose from the dead, and sits at the
right hand of the Father.
Your body is true food, and your blood is
true drink. Renew my heart and mind, in
love of the Most Holy Eucharist, and draw
all God's children to your wedding feast.
May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed
Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved,
with grateful affection, at every moment, in
all the tabernacles of the world, even until
the end of time. Amen.

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. Be a part of a Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith! For more information and to register for a class, email Lisa Sarber at lisakymi@aol.com or go to walkingwithpurpose.com.

Our fall studies are starting soon. Pick the study that best meets your needs:

1. Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point

Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on October 5)

2. Touching the Divine

Mondays 9:45-11:15AM in the John Paul II House (begins on September 11)

Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on October 5)

3. Fearless and Free

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Holy Cross Library (begins on October 3)

4. Rooted and Radiant

Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on October 5)

Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM via ZOOM (begins on October 5)

Fridays 9:45-11:30AM in the John Paul II House (begins on September 8)

Adult Education Opportunities

St. Mary's will begin Matthew: The King and His Kingdom on Monday, September 11 at 12:45 pm in the Courtyard meeting room. 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.

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. 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 Acts Session

St. Mary's will begin a twenty-week Bible study Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM in the library at Holy Cross Academy. Cost for materials is between \$30-\$40. Each 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.



St. Mary Food Pantry

St. Mary's has a small Food Pantry located within our parish office. It is open to ANYONE seeking food M-F 8:30am-9:00pm and Sat. 9am-1pm. We reorganized and made changes to how we feed our neighbors. We no longer accept miscellaneous food donations, but instead give bags of specific food items that will feed with dignity, those seeking assistance. When our supply is low, we alert our parishioners. Well, it's that time again. If you would like to contribute, please pick up a special ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY BLUE BAG in the back of the church (in the pull-out cabinet located across from the women's restroom). Please purchase ALL ITEMS listed on the stapled list and return the bag, at your convenience, to the parish office. Thank you and may God bless you!

List of Items:

Box of cereal
Spaghetti sauce & pasta
2 cans of tuna or chicken
2 cans of HEARTY Soup
2 cans of ravioli
2 cans of fruit
2 cans of veggies
2 boxes of mac and cheese
1 lb bag of white rice
2 cans of black beans
1 jar peanut butter
1 jar jelly

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**Knights of
Columbus®**

PRESENT:

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
GROUP INFORMATION SESSION**

**FREE
FAMILY
DINNER**

**FROM
6PM
IN THE PLC**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16**

6:30PM - FR MOSIMANN'S PRESENTATION

MENU

Baked Ziti
Italian Sausage
Homemade Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Caesar Salad

COME LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERFUL PLANS FOR ST. MARY & HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED | CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING PRESENTATION

our parish happenings

NCCS Scholarships for Scouts

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers Scout seniors, who have completed a religious emblem, the opportunity to apply for college scholarships totaling up to \$5,000.

Eligibility Requirements (All Scholarships)

- Be a practicing Catholic
- Be a full-time high school senior
- Be a registered young man or woman actively involved with a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship
- Earned the Eagle Scout, Summit Award, or Quartermaster Award
- Earned the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Light is Life (Eastern Rite) Religious Emblem
- Provided service and leadership to your Church, community, school and Scouting

How to Apply

You must use the current application. Application is available online from Sept. 1st through the March 1st deadline.

Applications may be obtained in the following ways:

Current year Scholarship Applications are available September 1st.

Email info@nccs-bsa.org

Call Elizabeth V. Olivas at 214-714-6950 (direct line) or 972-580-2114 (message).

Submit the following with your application:

- Submit the application form along with four (4) signed letters of recommendations. One letter from each of the following: Religious institution, Community, School and Scouting Unit. Please write the category at the top of each letter.
- Include a high school transcript.
- Provide a recent high-quality headshot photo of yourself in BSA uniform.

nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/

Catholic Job Opening

American Life League has an opening for a full-time Donor Services Specialist. Two years of data entry experience or related activity handling financial transactions with proven accuracy and efficiency is preferred. For more information or to apply, please visit all.org/job-donor-services.

St. Monica Prayer Group

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, September 9 following the 9:00 am Mass (10-11 am) at St. Mary's in the Courtyard Meeting Room by the Parish Office.

The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, 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 5th chapter ("Do Something Loving") from the book *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.

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.

Oración por la Renovación Eucarística

Señor mío y Dios mío, r Tomas el pan y el vino que te ofrecemos,

y mediante la oración sacerdotal de

consagración, los haces tu Cuerpo y Sangre,

que nació de la Virgen María, colgado en

la cruz, resucitó de entre los muertos y se

sienta a la derecha del Padre.

Tu cuerpo es verdadero alimento y tu

sangre es verdadera bebida. Renueva

mi corazón y mi mente, en el amor de la

Santísima Eucaristía, y atrae a todos los

hijos de Dios a tu fiesta de bodas.

Que el Corazón de Jesús, en el Santísimo

Sacramento, sea alabado, adorado y amado,

con gran afecto, en todo momento, en todos

los tabernáculos del mundo, hasta el fin de

los tiempos. Amén.



noticias en español

OICA

¿Conoces a alguien que esté interesado en hacerse católico o quiera profundizar más en la Fe? O eres un católico bautizado, pero ¿te falta algún sacramento? Nuestro programa de OICA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) es la respuesta perfecta. Es ideal para los no católicos que están en la búsqueda de la verdad o adultos católicos que aún no han recibido la Eucaristía y/o la Confirmación, estas lecciones y discusiones en grupo se llevarán a cabo la noche de los jueves a las 7 pm, comenzando el 14 de septiembre hasta Pentecostés. Se les proveerá de todo el material de lectura. Las inscripciones están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o contactando a Leticia González al (703) 473-7218.

Inicio de otoño

ST. MARY
EDUCACIÓN
RELIGIOSA

11, 12 Y 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Animamos a todos los estudiantes y familias asistir nuestro nuevo evento del inicio de otoño

- Ven a clase, conoce a tu catequista y recoge tus libros.
- Recojan información para programas de ministerio juvenil para escuelas intermedias y secundarias
- Recojan información sobre clases de educación para formación de adultos y mucho más...
- ¡Participen en el sorteo de premios fantásticos!

¡Helados
Deliciosos!

¡PREPÁRATE PARA UN AÑO INCREÍBLE!

REGISTRO

Vengan a la oficina parroquial
abierta lunes - viernes 8:30am-9:00pm

¿Preguntas? Llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 540-373-6491



TMIY

¡ESE HOMBRE
ERESTÚ!

y Fight Club
Jóvenes Grados 7-12

Convirtiéndose En un Hombre
Conforme al Corazón de Dios

Inspírate
vivir una
**VIDA
HEROICA**

6:15 am

Desayuno Caliente (PLC)

6:45 am

Presentación
(Casa de Juan Pablo II)

Para más información
contactar a Pedro en
paquetteter@yahoo.com

Semestre de otoño

Semana 1	Sept. 9	El Tema es el Liderazgo
Semana 2	Sept. 16	El Costo del Liderazgo Fracasado
Semana 3	Sept. 23	Los Cuatro Papeles del Liderazgo Masculino
Semana 4	Sept. 30	Los Cinco Atributos de Líderes Auténticos
Semana 5	Oct. 7	El Liderazgo Consistente
Semana 6	Oct. 14	Logrando Claridad de Pensamiento
Semana 7	Oct. 21	Desarrollando Integridad de Acción
Semana 8	Oct. 28	Colocando una Base para el Futuro
Semana 9	Nov. 4	La Voluntad de Pagar el Precio
Semana 10	Nov. 11	Liderazgo Auténtico en el Hogar
Semana 11	Nov. 18	La Muerte del Occidente
	Nov. 25	Día de Acción de Gracias, sin clases
Semana 12	Dic. 2	Llanto de un Niño
Semana 13	Dic. 9	Un Nuevo Día para el Hombre

WWW.TMIY.ORG

our parish 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

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- What is sexual orientation? **Monday, September 18, 2023**
- The transgender craze. **6:30pm**
- 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.

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This Month
Friends... What are they good for?

Fr. Robert Renner is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington and parochial vicar at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg. He has been known to have at least two friends and through these brief experiences pretends to have learned a lot. Using the books he was forced to read in seminary, he will guide us through how the ancients and the scriptures understand friendship. He will also try to apply this knowledge to his own life by processing it out loud in front of us all. This is a night not to miss! Come join for good friends, good beer, and good conversation. Maybe even Fr. Renner will meet someone he can talk to!



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our parish happenings

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians



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Sunday October 15, 2023
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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).



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Donations Received August 16 - August 21

Sunday Offertory	\$25,790.00
Assumption	\$10,754.00
Food Bank Children's Programs	\$4,557.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$524.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$601.00

Faith Direct Donations August 15

Sunday Offertory	\$20,916.00
Assumption	\$310.00
Food Bank Children's Programs	\$230.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$430.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 815.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection next weekend supports the Religious Education Program of our Parish. Your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

Children's Charity - September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to Stafford Junction. In 2002, the Stafford County Sheriff's Department assessed the Olde Forge community, which was known for its high crime rate. The evaluation identified several challenges such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, unsupervised children, and the arrival of non-English speaking and refugee families. In response, the Sheriff's Department launched a call for action that led to the establishment of Stafford Junction, a non-profit organization with a faith-based approach focused on enhancing the well-being of children and families in low-income regions of Stafford County. Stafford Junction's programs prioritize education, nutrition, and healthy living. Its goal is to improve the lives of those living in low-resource areas by providing them with a path to a better future. For more information, visit their website at staffordjunction.org. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

Pro-Life Reflection

"A child is God's greatest gift to the family, to the nation, to the world. The child is a life from God, created in the image of God, created for great things, to love and to be loved" (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). Saint Teresa of Calcutta died twenty-six years ago on September 5, 1997. She saw in each person – no matter how sick or depraved – the image of God. She spoke boldly to those in power about the evil of abortion. In her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, she said that the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. She led women away from abortion clinics and toward alternatives. Let us honor her by imitating her. "Saint Teresa, pray for us so that we may defend life as you did."

O Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her extraordinary service of love, especially to the poor, the unwanted, the sick and the dying. On the anniversary of her death, we ask You, Beloved Father, to flood our lives with the light and spirit of Christ. Allow us to always light the way for others with the same deep faith and love that Saint Teresa showed. Let our actions resemble her generous and humble ways. May she rejoice forever in the Light of Your Love for she dedicated herself unselfishly in the service of Your Holy Name. Amen.

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*"Then he said to his disciples,
 'The harvest is plentiful, but the
 laborers are few; therefore pray
 earnestly to the Lord of the
 harvest to send out laborers
 into his harvest'."*
 Matthew 9: 37-38



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - September

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

Brandon Desque, Nicole Moser, Jim Matarese, William David Jackson, Re & Chris MacArthur, Jason Stoker, Shirley Bozicevic, Chris Breth, Karl Eugene, Joanne O'Brien, Clifford Snipe, Carlos Enrique, Anne Keane, Ted Jung, Robert Recupero, Sam Recupero, Jr., Giulia Restivo

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

September

4 MONDAY

6:30am Margaret Schlachter+
9:00am Father Robert Renner
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

5 TUESDAY

6:30am Maria Tuyet Vu
9:00am Manuel Rios Salazar+
12:00pm Anthony Yantiss+
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

6 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Maria Sang Vu
8:15am* Louise Marahrens+
9:00am Brandy Hart+
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

7 THURSDAY

6:30am Megan and Joseph Hawthorn
9:00am Roxana Granados
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

8 FRIDAY

6:30am Steven Young
9:00am Jose Oscar Valle
Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

9 SATURDAY

9:00am Pedro E. Bernaola+
5:00pm David Spellman
7:00pm Lauren Lacy+
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

10 SUNDAY

7:00am Giacobe Thuan Nguyen+
8:30am Catherine Tandle
8:30am* John and Frances Eberle+
10:30am For Our Parish
10:30am* Adam and Catherine Clagett
12:30pm John Neil Shofi Sr+
2:30pm Jose Arturo Rivera & Juan Jose Rivera
5:00pm Maria Theresa Le Vu+
7:00pm Michael Bowen+
Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

* 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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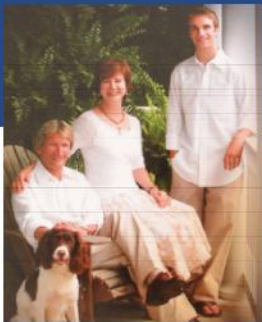
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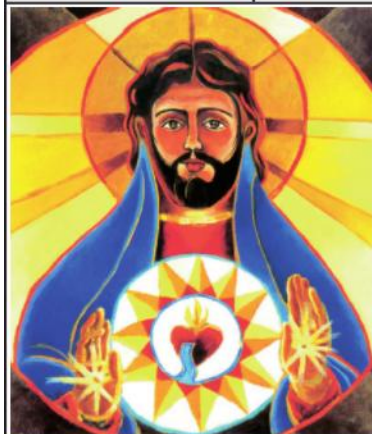
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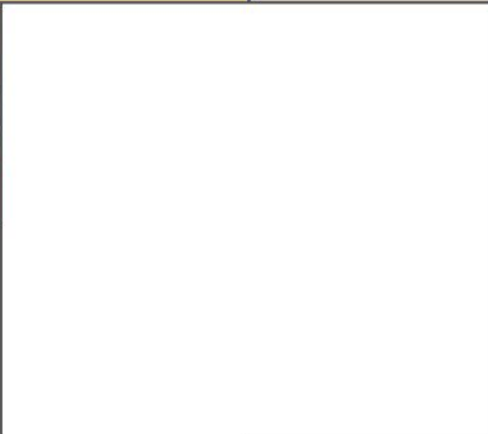
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