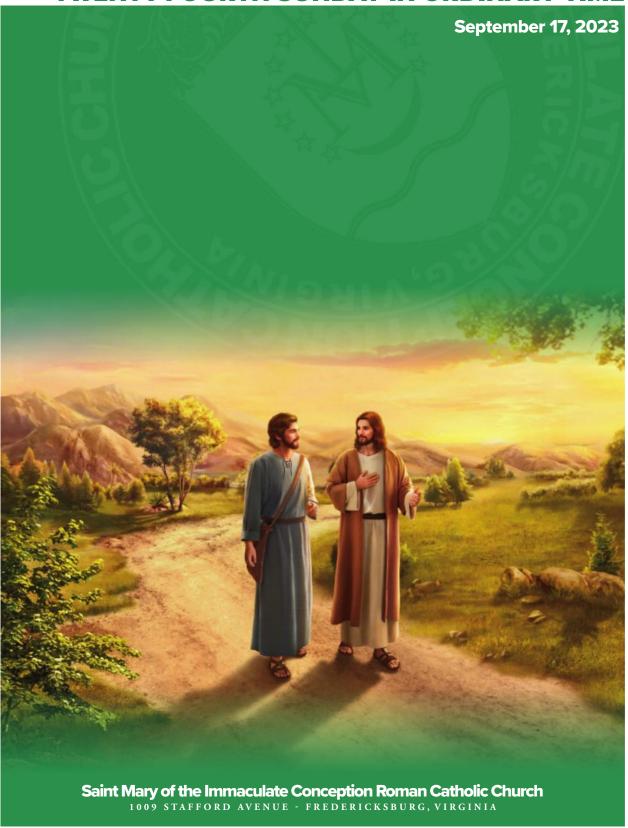
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 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

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS IN THE FINAL PHASE!

We are excited! 615 Parish families have pledged a little over \$5.6M. This will fund 81% of our identified parish needs. So many have graciously participated in the campaign and shared their story. Thank You!

The Capital Campaign for St Marys is in the final phase! This is the final push, after many months of hard work to wrap up the campaign.

What are you asked to do over the next month?

Pray - We all know the power of prayer and through prayer we will be successful. Please pray for a successful campaign and the needs it will fund.

Participate - We encourage you to Sign-Up and attend an upcoming Group Information Session. There are only five sessions left! Come listen, learn, and then discern.

Discern - We ask each family to prayerfully consider what their financial sacrifice will be. Five year commitments have made this campaign a great success!

Share with others. Tell your friends, family, and fellow parishioners about the campaign and the positive effect it will have on our parish and school.

We want to personally invite all families to participate and help get us to 100%. Together, we can pay forward all the blessings and benefits that we enjoy here, at St. Mary's provided from all the hard work and sacrifices of parishioners who have gone before us.

Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.

- Mother Teresa





Folks,

Next week's planned parish picnic has to be postponed to next April!

Postponed!?! We have been excited about our parish picnic and only this week discovered a conflict that has compelled us to move it to the spring. Ouch!! It is a conflict too complicated to explain via the bulletin, but a few things need to be coordinated by our vendors (for the inflatables, food, and fireworks) and it will just take more time to make that work.

So, we made the hard decision to move the picnic to next April. We didn't want to push it too far into the fall, where weather could derail our plans, so we opted for spring. We have a date and are firming up details, but we also want to be sure that the vendors can get all the ducks in a row, before giving the date.

Thanks to the Knights, parish, and school staff who found the conflict, and quickly pivoted with a solution!

A reminder that our **Called & Gifted Workshop** is Saturday, October 7th. This Workshop has helped thousands of people to discover their gifts and many parishioners at St. Mary are happily involved in ministry because they have attended. All of us have unique gifts given to us at baptism. I invite you to take a leap of faith and attend the Workshop and see how your life and the lives of those around you can be affected by your YES to discovering your God-given gifts and sharing them!

Here is the link to a short promo video that shares more about the workshop.

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

All are welcome! Bring a friend.

Registration link: REGISTER TODAY! Registration ends September 29th. bit.ly/48iXUmr

Pax,

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.

Pastor

announcements

Pastries with Padre after the 7am Mass

NO Coffee Shop after the 8:30am Mass

Coffee & Donuts after the 10:30am Mass

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

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

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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

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New PTO Members

We would like to welcome and introduce our new PTO members for 2023-2024. The PTO is an important part of the Holy Cross Academy. We are blessed with involved, enthusiastic parents who give generously of their time and talent for the good of our school. Our PTO and parent volunteers help to make many special events possible.

2023-2024 PTO Board Members

- President Mrs. Rosa Martinez
- Vice President Mrs. Teresa Waineo
- Secretary Mrs. Karen Collier
- Treasurer Mrs Deanna Rubright
- Teacher Representative Mrs. Biz Frazer

Members at Large

- · Mrs. Kathy Butts
- Mrs. Laura Corchado
- Mr. Patrick Heckel
- Mrs Grace Janosek

We look forward to the fun activities on the calendar!

If you would like to support Holy Cross Academy fundraisers including Tilly's Homemade Ice Cream, Chick-fil-A Spirit Lunch on November 9 (11-2), World Famous Chocolate sales and our 25th Anniversary celebrations check out the school website (holycrossweb.com) and this section of the St. Mary bulletin for upcoming events.

2023-2024 Applications/ Tours

Our enrollment is still growing for the current school year. HCA still has openings in some grades including Kindergarten. 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.



religious education

Upcoming Events

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

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

Tuesday to Wednesday, October 2-4:

Religious Education Classes, Living Rosary at each session

Monday, October 9:

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, October 10:

Two Religious Education Teaching Masses at 4:45pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 11:

2nd Catechist Meeting

Wednesday, October 11:

No Religious Education Classes

Thursday, October 12:

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night (Church)

Monday to Wednesday, October 16-18:

Religious Education Classes

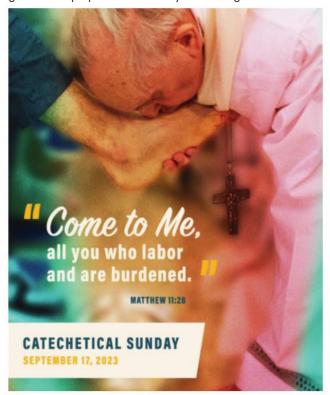


Week of September 17

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: F6F228

First Catechist Meeting

On Tuesday, September 5, the first Catechist meeting was held. Catechists eagerly gathered to prepare for another year of Religious Education.



2023 Catechetical Sunday

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" MATTHEW 11:28

This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

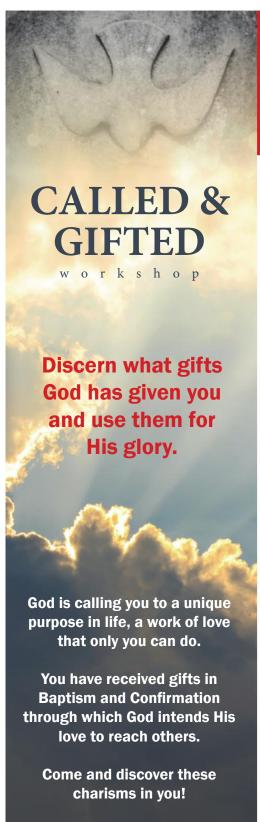
"Vengan a Mí, todos los que están cansados y cargados" MATEO 11:28

El tema de este año nos recuerda la invitación que recibimos del Señor Jesús para seguirlo y la promesa de que Él no quiere aumentar nuestras cargas; quiere aligerarlos.



Watch the videos at watch.formed.org/eucharist

our parish appenings



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.

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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

happenings



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







Saint Mary Council of Catholic Women 1009 Stafford Avenue Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

<u>StMaryCCWNews@aol.com</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/stmaryCCW</u>

https://www.stmaryccw.org

September 2023

Greetings to the Women of St Mary's Parish.

Your parish registration ensures that you are a member of The Saint Mary Council of Catholic Women. We are proud that ours is the only active Council within Arlington Diocese's Deanery VII, which consists of nine parishes; and proud to be part of a service organization founded in 1920 under the auspices of the U.S. Bishops.

Our Saint Mary CCW is active in parish and community endeavors. Through the loving service of many, we are able to provide assistance to several local pro-life organizations; sponsor an American Heritage Girls Troop; offer a creative outlet and fellowship through Craft Group; operate the Circle of Love and Prayers and Squares ministries which assist parishioners in crisis situations; and so much more. These and other enjoyable activities can provide an opportunity for you to use your God given gifts. After a pandemic-driven hiatus, our General Meetings were returned to the parish calendar in September 2021. We meet the third Tuesday of each month through May, with many interesting speakers. We invite you to join us!

CCW operating funds in support of our charitable mission are generated through donations and an annual raffle; the drawing takes place the first Sunday in December. Raffle tickets are available via the Membership Form below, and paper tickets are sold at general meetings. Tickets are \$5 each. The prize is 25% of the proceeds (up to \$500). We will record your purchases through the Membership Form on paper tickets, and come December will put your ticket/tickets "in the hat" along with those sold in person. Your payment (cash or check payable to St. Mary CCW), along with the Membership Form below, may be brought to a general meeting, turned in at the Parish Office, or mailed to the address in our letterhead, above.

Filling out the Membership Form in its entirety ensures your contact information is up to date with us. Providing your email address will bring you the St. Mary CCW Newsletter, which will keep you informed of activities and volunteer opportunities. **Please also bookmark our new website**, https://www.stmaryccw.org!

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dele Falardeau, President
MEMBERSHIP FORM
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Manna Project FOOD DRIVE

September 30th and October 1st

Please help us fight hunger during Hunger Awareness Month! Bring non-perishable items or monetary donations to Mass at St. Mary or Holy Cross Academy the weekend of September 30th and October 1st. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Catholic Church. For every \$10 donation, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. All non-perishable food items and toiletries collected will help the Food Bank provide nutritious food and supplies to the 31,000 people living in poverty in our community. Thank you for your support!



SAINT MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. Cecilia Choir



The St. Cecilia Choir is for children grades 2* - 8
*Must be 7 years old by September 30.

Thursday Rehearsal: 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm Beginning September 28, 2023

Sunday Mass: 7:45 a.m. warm-up, Mass at 8:30 a.m. Beginning October 1, 2023

The St. Cecilia Choir sings for additional liturgies throughout the year which include Christmas Eve, Holy Week and various other special programs.

Directed by David Uschold.

Parents, please contact Mr. Uschold to join or for more information.

(540) 373-6491, ext. 217

duschold@stmaryfred.org

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QUESTIONS: CONTACT ANTHONY.DEMAIO85@GMAIL.COM

our parish happenings

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.

CCW News

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, September 19, at 10am. Everyone is welcome! Father Mosimann will present a slide talk on the pilgrimage he led to Ireland last May. After Father is finished we'll have refreshments, a \$\$ 50/50 drawing, and a brief business meeting at which we must vote on a change to our by-laws.

Want to learn more about the Council of Catholic Women? Please visit our website, **StMaryCCW.org** and check out our Facebook page, **fb.com/StMaryCCW**

Prayers and Squares

The Prayers and Squares ministry has distributed many prayer quilts to sick and troubled members of our parish family. There is no cost involved in requesting a quilt for a sick family member or friend. The comfort these prayer quilts provide is visible in the faces of those who receive them. Please consider stopping by our table after mass when we put a quilt out and say a prayer as you tie a knot for someone in need.

If you would like to request a quilt for someone, please pick up a request at the office or contact DianEpp at **dbepp65@outlook.com**.

Catholic Investments for Catholic Families Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors' advisory services



Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming Financial Seminar and Social.

October 25, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall 4724 Harrison Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22408



RSVP free but required: abbatekofc.com/events 1-866-868-1492 The Abbate Agency

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our parish happenings



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



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. 18 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

1 jar jelly

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

our parish youth ministry

September 2023 Youth Ministry Calendar

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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	18	19	20 YOUCAT	21	22	23 FIGHT CLUB	
24 HS YOUTH	25	26	27	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!

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!

FIGHT CLUB (7th-12th BOYS)

Every Saturday, 6:30-8:00am Parish Life Center Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

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!







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noticias



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

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!



incluye comida y

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



¿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 llevaran 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.



¡Aprende tú para que puedas enseñar!

- La formación secular de hoy es preocupante
- Dios necesita que enseñes a tus hijos la fe
 - La Iglesia no puede hacerlo sola.... Necesita de ti
- Ven a clase mientras tus niños están en clase
- Aprenderás sobre la Misa y los Sacramentos.

¡No te quedes en el auto! Comenzaremos Septiembre 11, 12 y 13 en el PLC

operations

given in love

The next Financial Report will be published in the September 24th Bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Charity - SeptemberChildren'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 lowincome 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

The Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross is September 14th. Because His death destroyed our own, the Cross is a symbol of ultimate triumph over evil and a symbol of the cross we must embrace in everyday life. Especially if we work to save the unborn, we are subject to ridicule and rejection. Our plans for pro-life activity should not be geared towards avoiding rejection but rather should count on it. Lord may we see the cross as our triumph today and forever. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)

Respect Life Sunday

National Life Chain Sunday - October 1 Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that claims over one million American lives annually, and has claimed over sixty million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians - clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope Saint John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 1 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Emancipation Highway (Route 1), where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Stafford Avenue to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

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.

liturgy



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, Jim Matarese, Pat Carroll

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

18 MONDAY

6:30am Guzman Family

9:00am Steven and Chau Barlow

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

19 TUESDAY

6:30am Leo Guzman+ 9:00am Timotha Rainey+ 12:00pm Marię Madrzyk+ 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

20 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Dennis Arturo Contreras Bencomo

8:15am* Fr. Robert Renner 9:00am Michael Correa 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

21 THURSDAY

6:30am Milca Guerrero 9:00am Fr. Sean Koehr 12:00pm Richard Schultz+ Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

22 FRIDAY

6:30am The Deuell Family 9:00am John Holzworth

12:00pm Steve and Bridget Sherba

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

23 SATURDAY

9:00am Maria Katina Mrva 5:00pm Gabriel Rizk 7:00pm Todd Finnegan+ 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

24 SUNDAY

7:00am Delma Ramsay+ 8:30am Rudy and Mert Epp+

8:30am* Gregory and Carol Marsillo

10:30am Farael Daniel

10:30am* Adam and Catherine Clagett 12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased

2:30pm For Our Parish 5:00pm Patrick Leo Petro Sr+ 7:00pm The Duffey Family

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

* 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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