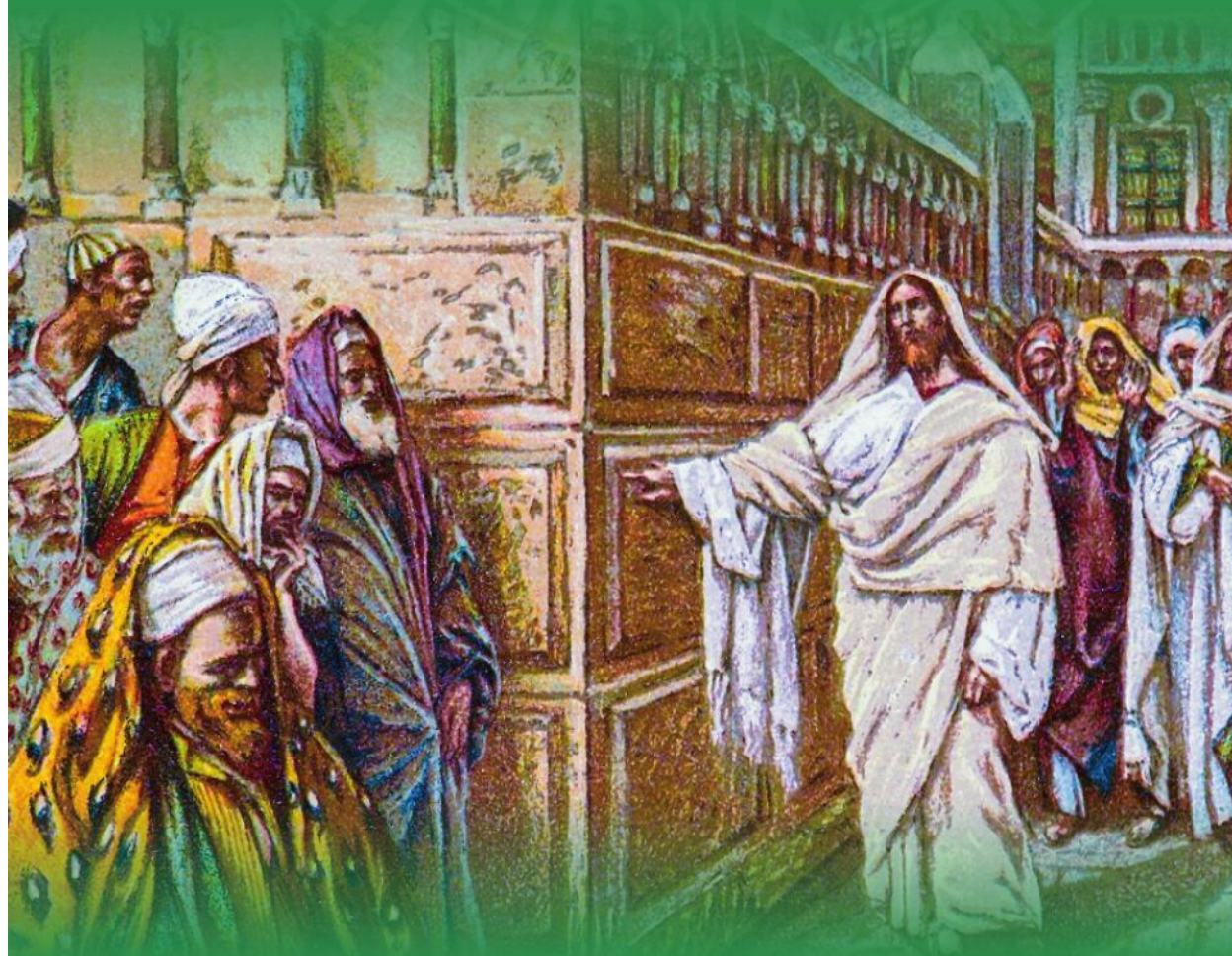


# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2023



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

# capital campaign

# Growing Our Legacy of Faith

## "Loaves and Fishes" Commemorative Brick Wall



A commemorative brick wall will be displayed in the new Holy Cross Academy cafeteria for all to see for years to come. These bricks will serve as lifetime reminders of those generous families that desired to "Grow Our Legacy of Faith."

### 3 WAYS TO RECEIVE A BRICK

1. Make a five-year pledge or gift of \$1,000+ after 10/01/23
2. Any pledge or gift made prior to 9/30/23
3. Purchased brick in the 2016 sale

Our Loaves and Fishes wall allows you to be part of this expansion as you honor your family, memorialize loved ones or commemorate special events, such as graduation.

Please complete the form on the reverse side and submit it along with your completed pledge card on or before Commitment Weekend or drop it off to the parish office. Questions call 540-373-6491.

*Jesus took that small gift of five loaves of bread and two fish and He multiplied it by five thousand. Jesus can do the same with us too. We bring to Jesus our treasures, talents and abilities that we have and He makes our gifts grow, if we cooperate with the graces that He sends us.*

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Preparing for Commitment Weekend

We are so grateful to you and the 658 parish and school families that have pledged a little over **\$5.8M** funding **83%** of our needs. *Thank you!*

Please prayerfully consider a good faith commitment and its impact to build the Kingdom of God in our parish and our parish school. *Imagine the possibilities of all we can accomplish!*

### Understand the Needs

**Watch** Fr. Mosimann's detailed Capital Campaign Presentation at the link provided at [youtube.com/@St.MaryFxbg](https://youtube.com/@St.MaryFxbg) This includes FAQ's.

### What can you expect in October?

- **Please review the campaign materials that were sent to all parishioners this week.**

It provides an overview and important new updates. *For those that have given, please share with other parish families the reason for your pledge.*

- **New! Loaves and Fishes Commemorative Wall**

*We invite you to honor your family, grandchild/ grandchildren, or other special person with a personalized brick that will be placed on a wall in the new cafeteria at Holy Cross Academy.*

- **Commitment Weekend**

A special parish-wide Commitment Weekend will be held at all masses on the weekend of October 21-22, 2023. Please bring your completed pledge card along with the Loaves and Fishes card to mass that weekend and join your brothers and sisters in support of this transformative effort.



# from our pastor

Folks,

Did you know that priests are required by Church law to get away every year for a minimum 5-day retreat? Why? "The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mk 6:30)

Or as described by Pope Francis, "Indeed, we Christians live in the world, fully integrated into the social and cultural reality of our time, and rightly so; but this brings with it the risk that we might become "worldly", that "the salt might lose its taste," (cf. Mt 5:13)....This is why it is necessary to renew oneself by continually drawing sap from the Gospel."

Why am I thinking of this? Because my retreat begins this Sunday; if you are reading this at the 5pm Mass, I am already checking in at the retreat house in southern Maryland! I will try to ignore email, and stay off my phone, that seems to get harder every year.

However, Pope Francis directed these words to all Christians, not just priests. I have often suggested to all of the faithful that they need to likewise make such a retreat if they want to be serious about the spiritual care of their souls.

If you have two weeks of vacation from your job every year, why not tithe? Take one of those 10 days and give it to the Lord by spending a day in prayer at the National Shrine, or at St. Mary's. Alternatively, give more. I know folks who have stored up leave and face every year a 'use or lose' situation. How about giving one of those weeks to be with Jesus?

In order to make this week-long priest retreat happen, I had to block it off in my calendar back in February. Sometimes plans change because of parish, family, or worldwide circumstances like a pandemic. But I am only useful to you as a pastor, as far as I give you Jesus. Hence, I thank God for this annual retreat!

Are you salt of the earth that has lost its taste? You and I can only be restored by Jesus. I'll be sitting with Jesus all week to let him restore me. When will you give Him the same chance?

Pax,



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

# announcements

## St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

## contact us

[stmaryfred.org](http://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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
[stmaryfred.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception  
1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

# holy cross academy

## Holy Cross Open House - Save the Date!

Would you like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please join us on Sunday, November 12 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., for our annual Open House! Details coming soon; in the meantime, please visit our website at [holycrossweb.com](http://holycrossweb.com) (click "Admissions") or email our Admissions Coordinator, Deena Lanier, [admissions@holycrossweb.com](mailto:admissions@holycrossweb.com) for more information.



*A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence*

## World's Finest Chocolate Sale

The World's Finest Chocolate Sale has begun. The profits from this candy sale helps to provide funds for the many events planned by the HCA PTO. Students will be selling chocolate after mass on the following dates:

- October 14th and 15th - after all Masses at St. Mary only (no HCA)
- October 28th and 29th - after all Masses at St. Mary and HCA



## First Annual HCA Apple Day

To help encourage healthy eating, HCA Kitchen Manager, Mrs. Mary Beall, arranged for all of our classes to participate in Apple Day. Everyone was supplied with a fresh Honeycrisp apple. The countdown was conducted by Dr. Fry, our Principal. At 10am, all students, faculty and staff took a bite of their apple!



## Bag Lunches for the Homeless

Holy Cross Academy provides weekly support to the Brisben Center. The Brisben Center is the greater community's largest full service, year-round, residential emergency homeless center. This unique facility opened in 2005 as the result of a vision and partnership among the leadership of the nonprofit Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, Inc., the City of Fredericksburg and the greater community.

Each class provides bag lunches to the Brisben Center twice a year. Food items are brought in by a different class each week and the students decorate the bags and help assemble the bag lunches. Parent volunteers take the lunches to the center each week.





# our parish religious education

## Upcoming Events

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

**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

**Thursday, October 19:**  
Year 1 First Communion Meeting

**Saturday, October 21:**  
SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12 noon

**Monday to Wednesday, October 23 to 25:**  
Religious Education Classes

**Monday, October 23:**  
Meeting with parents of children to be Baptized on January 6, 2024

## Teaching Masses on October 10

Two Teaching Masses for Religious Education Students will be held on October 10 at 4:45pm and 6:30pm. Parents are urged to bring their children because:

- No prayer surpasses the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- Children cannot love and respect what they do know and understand.
- Faith becomes interwoven into the fabric of the children's lives.
- A God centered life is encouraged.
- It encourages participation in the responses and hymns.



## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### Week of October 8



#### John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "Interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



#### Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Watch the videos at  
[watch.formed.org/eucharist](https://watch.formed.org/eucharist)



#### Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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CLICK REGISTER THEN ENTER PARISH CODE: **F6F228**

our parish  
**happenings**



**October**  
*Month of the*  
**Rosary**

*Octubre mes del Rosario*

Let's celebrate  
together in  
community!  
Join us to pray  
the Holy Rosary.

**20**

*Octubre*

*Bilingüe*

**7:00** *pm*

¡Celebremos  
juntos en  
comunidad!  
Acompáñanos a  
rezar el Santo  
Rosario.

**St. Mary of Immaculate Conception**



1009 Stafford Ave  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401





# our parish happenings



*Giorgio Frassati*

**RETREAT**  
for  
**Young Adults**

Ages 21-35

**\*NOV 10-12  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

**COME CLIMB WITH US!**

**Verso l'alto** "on to the heights" means not only to climb the mountains before us, but also refers to scaling the peaks and navigating the troughs of the spiritual life and knowing Christ.

PGF

*\*For the more adventurous souls — come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak!*

Fr. Riley will guide us to the summit!

Email Deacon Mark Maines at:  
[Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

RETREAT COST IS \$285. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE.

## St Monica Prayer Group

Adults and mature teens are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, October 14 following the 9am 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 6th chapter ("Be Kind, Not Nice") 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](mailto:st.monica.club@gmail.com).

## St Mary Book Club

Our St. Mary Book Club will meet Tuesday October 10, 10am-12 noon approximately, in the Father Don Rooney Community Room. We will discuss "My Cousin the Saint" by Justin Catanoso. This book is a testament to the challenge of being Catholic in 21st century America. More than a biography of Saint Gaetano Catanoso, more than an immigrant memoir, more than the story of renewed faith, it is a love letter to a family now reunited across oceans and years. All are welcome; come join us!

## Adult Confirmation Classes

We will begin Adult Confirmation classes for all those who have been Baptized and received First Communion, but have not had the opportunity to be Confirmed. There will be an introductory meeting, followed by seven (7) class sessions, each lasting about 1 hour. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25 in the parish office. If you would like to register for the class, please call or stop by the parish office 540-373-6491 or email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) and include your name, phone number and address.

## International Week of Prayer & Fasting

The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **October 20-28**.

**The Closing day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers throughout the day. Confirmed speakers include Fr. Timothy Byerley, Ray Grijalba, Dr. Carlos Parellada, Sister Deirdre Byrne, and Ted Flynn. Our main celebrant Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Baker, STD.**

The week will begin with a Virtual Conference starting on October 20, 21, & 23 with the following speakers: **Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Robert Altier, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. David Gunter, Dr. Peter Howard, Mark Houck, Karen Japzon, Fr. Ron Stone, and Maureen Flynn.** Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at [iwopf.org](http://iwopf.org) or call 888-478-PRAY.

On-demand replays of speakers' talks are available by registering online at [iwopf.org](http://iwopf.org) for an ALL-ACCESS PASS.



# our parish happenings

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4034

PRESENTS



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

**5:30 PM until 8:00 PM**

All proceeds will be used to upgrade the PLC kitchen equipment

**Price:** Adults/Teens: \$12 Seniors (60+): \$10 Children (7 to 12): \$8

**Maximum COST PER FAMILY:** \$40.00.

**Cash Bar** (beer and wine). Must be 21 years of age or older to purchase or consume alcohol. All alcohol must be consumed on premises.

**Location:** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church,  
Parish Life Center (PLC)  
1009 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA



### **Knights of Columbus**

**Charity • Unity • Fraternity • Patriotism**

To join, please contact Rob Pata, Membership Director

[www.kofc4034.org](http://www.kofc4034.org)

## **Catholic Charities Migration Refugee Services ~ Seeking Mentors**

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

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



## **New Altar Server Training**

Interested in becoming an altar server? Training for new altar servers is open to any children of the parish who are in 4th grade or higher

The training schedule is below. All of these meetings take place in the church.

**Session 1** - Tue, 11/7 from 4-7pm

**Session 2** - Tue, 11/14 from 4-7pm

**Session 3** (choose one of these dates; we meet in smaller groups this week):

Mon, 11/20 from 4-7pm, Tue, 11/21 from 4-7pm, or Friday, 11/24 from 1-4pm.

**Session 4** - Tue, 11/28 from 4-7pm

All sessions are necessary to attend and will be held in the Church.

RSVP to Lori Mattson at [stmaryfxbg@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfxbg@gmail.com). Please let us know the name of your child and what grade they are currently in school.

# our parish annual report

## Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Report to Parishioners FY23 Financial Report

		Church	School	Parish
Balance Sheet	<b>ASSETS</b>			
	Operating Accounts	423,271	286,161	709,432
	DIAL Savings	2,380,514	2,089,941	4,470,455
	Fixed Assets	-	-	-
	Endowment Investments	-	31,123	31,123
	Other Assets	10,611	8,300	18,911
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,814,397</b>	<b>\$ 2,415,526</b>	<b>\$ 5,229,923</b>
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
	Accounts Payable	-	42,172	42,172
	Loans Payable	1,166,406	-	1,166,406
	Deferred Revenue	-	57,390	57,390
	Other Liabilities	32,893	117,896	150,789
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,199,299</b>	<b>\$ 217,458</b>	<b>\$ 1,416,757</b>
	<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
	<b>Without donor restrictions</b>			
	Unrestricted	48,198	549,572	597,770
	<b>With donor restrictions</b>			
	Temporarily Restricted	1,566,900	1,569,730	3,136,630
	Permanently Restricted	-	78,765	78,765
	<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,615,098</b>	<b>\$ 2,198,068</b>	<b>\$ 3,813,165</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,814,397</b>	<b>\$ 2,415,526</b>	<b>\$ 5,229,923</b>
Income Statement		Church	School	Parish
	<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
	Offertory/Tuition Related Income	2,918,712	2,978,057	5,896,769
	Ministry	400,955	-	400,955
	School	-	521,352	521,352
	Other Sources	162,383	171,169	333,552
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,482,051</b>	<b>\$ 3,670,577</b>	<b>\$ 7,152,628</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
	Clergy	329,209	-	329,209
	Staffing	1,028,180	2,789,484	3,817,664
	Ministry	501,842	-	501,842
	School	206,668	265,067	471,735
	Buildings	367,045	297,404	664,449
	Admin	557,290	134,177	691,467
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,990,234</b>	<b>\$ 3,486,131</b>	<b>\$ 6,476,365</b>
	<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 491,817</b>	<b>\$ 184,446</b>	<b>\$ 676,263</b>
	<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>			
	Campaign/Extraordinary Income	1,440,028	-	1,440,028
	Capital Expenditures/Renovations	330,174	48,498	378,672
	<b>NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,854</b>	<b>\$ (48,498)</b>	<b>\$ 1,061,356</b>
	<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 1,601,671</b>	<b>\$ 135,947</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,619</b>



# our parish happenings

## We've got Scrip Gift Cards for That

Do you buy groceries at Giant, Publix, Target, Walmart or Weis? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Buy breakfast or Lunch at Chipotle, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Burger King, Hardee's, Sonic, or Panera Breads? We have Scrip Gift cards for that. Enjoy fine dining at Red Lobster, Outback, Bravos, Bonefish, Carrabba's, Bob Evans, or Cracker Barrel. We have Scrip Gift Cards for that. Need a cup of Starbucks coffee, we have a Scrip Gift card for that also. Stop by the Scrip Gift Card table after mass and purchase gift cards or to review the list of all the Scrip Gift Cards that are available. Set up an account today and continue earning rebates for HCA! Email Scrip Coordinator at [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) for the school enrollment code so HCA gets credit for your purchase or with any questions. Thanks for using script gift cards and supporting HCA!

## New Coats!

Thank you to the Knights of the Columbus for their generous donation of new coats for some of our St. Mary parishioners in need. Your tireless work in the service of those in need is inspiring and we are so very grateful.

*Pictured from left to right: Jorge Lizarralde, Fr. Kevin Dansereau, Grand Knight Lenny Cascio*



Here Fr. Dansereau is blessing the coats so that they may keep the children who wear them warm and safe!

## 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](mailto:michaelgkasey@verizon.net).

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

## 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 [dbep65@outlook.com](mailto:dbep65@outlook.com).



# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

FIGHT CLUB

Young Men 7-12 Grade

## 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](mailto: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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# our parish happenings

## **St. Lucy Project ~ Help Needed for Gleaning Day Vegetable Gleaning | Northern Neck, VA**

Saturday, October 28, 8-11am Farm gleaning with St. Lucy Project & Healthy Harvest, Northern Neck, VA

"Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest. Commissioned by Christ will join The St. Lucy Project and Catholic Charities to glean crops at Parker Farms in the Northern Neck of Virginia. These crops have been donated by farmers and will be transported back to the St. Lucy Project warehouse and distributed to local, hungry residents within 48 hours of picking the produce.

The volunteering time can be broken up into two opportunities: picking crops from 8am-11 pm at Parker Farms and unloading at St. Lucy Warehouse from 1pm-3pm. Children must be 10 years of age or older. NOTE: There is a chance the gleaning trip may be cancelled on short notice. The farmer may not have any crops available for harvest at that time. We'll let you know as soon as we find out.

Register at [cbc-missions.org/local-missions](https://cbc-missions.org/local-missions)

## **ADHD Skills Group**

Have you been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD? Is medication just not enough? Learn how to feel more organized and prepared through the ADHD Skills Group this fall.

On October 18, 2023, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will start an 8-week, skills-based therapy group for adults with ADD or ADHD. Meetings will be held in person in Fredericksburg on Wednesday evenings, 6pm-7:30pm. To learn more, please call the office at 540-371-1124.

There will be a fee to participate, based on your household's income and size. Ages 18+



## **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

## Month of the Holy Rosary October 2023 Youth Ministry Calendar



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

### 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!

### YOUCAT (9th-12th)

Every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
John Paul II House  
Dive deeper into your Catholic faith!

### 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!

### SAVE THE DATE!

WorkCamp Interest Meeting  
Sunday, Dec.3 at 12:00pm  
Parish Life Center



### CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS!

Join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday for our young women's group, Feminine Genius! Twice a month, girls meet to form strong bonds as Catholic women and lead one another to lives of greater virtue through prayer, accountability, and Catholic teaching! Middle and high schoolers meet separately in the John Paul II House.

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### 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





# our faith happenings



## America Needs Fatima

Public Square Rosary Rally Across the United States to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary apparitions in Fatima St Michael High School Grounds, 6301 Campus Dr, Fredericksburg, VA

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 12 NOON**

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL ANY OF THE BELOW CAPTAINS:

**Rosary Captain:** Claire Dionne at 540-548-3503

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Laura Morris: 540-786-1828 - Irma Bravo: 540-841-8328



## The Summit Gala 2023

We hope you will join us Friday, October 27 for an evening of delicious food, friendship, and fun to benefit The Summit Academy! Sponsorship and advertising opportunities, as well as corporate table packages available.

Tickets available for purchase at [thesummitva.org/gala](https://thesummitva.org/gala)  
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## Free Concert at St. George

St. George's Episcopal Church will offer a free concert on Sunday, October 15 at 3 pm. The concert features The St. George eVoices.

Performing acapella and vocal jazz numbers, The St. George Voices will be joined by a trio from the St. George's Jazz Ensemble. With numbers by Duke Ellington, Matthew Harris, Lauren Kinhahn, and Peter Eldridge, The Voices' repertoire combines the familiar with new numbers that will be sure to enchant you.

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## St Michael Open House

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Fall Open House for prospective families Tuesday, October 24th from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet our faculty, tour the school, review curricula - and get a \$250 enrollment discount for attending! [saintmichaelhs.org/open-house](https://saintmichaelhs.org/open-house)

# operations given in love

## Donations Received September 19 - 26

Sunday Offertory	\$28,624.00
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## Children's Charity - October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## Pro-Life Reflection

"The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?" (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: "Called to Serve Moms in Need".)

## October - Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.





# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - October

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

Ana Gabriela Puna Gutierrez, Chris Breth, Ethan Harring, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Michael Fedowitz III, Pat Carroll, Shirley Bozicevic, Smetek family, William David Jackson-nickname Liam, Jim Palmer

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](mailto: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](mailto:Adoration@stmaryfred.org)

## Daily Mass Intentions

### October

#### 9 MONDAY

6:30am Frederick and Eileen Martin  
9:00am Tadhg O'Donoghue+  
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

#### 10 TUESDAY

6:30am Norka Miller  
9:00am Erin Lysher  
12:00pm Margaret Bereit  
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

#### 11 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Alexander Flores  
8:15am\* Michaelle Colaianni+  
9:00am Jim Burdan+  
12:00pm Joel Walor+  
Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

#### 12 THURSDAY

6:30am John and Linda Guthrie  
9:00am Alexander Hill  
12:00pm Michael Sidorak+  
Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

#### 13 FRIDAY

6:30am Lucille Lubawski  
9:00am MaryGrace Gurthrie  
12:00pm Susan Hamann  
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

#### 14 SATURDAY

9:00am John J. Murphy  
5:00pm Juan Samper+  
7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+  
Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

#### 15 SUNDAY

7:00am Florence Meadows Dixon+  
8:30am All Discalced Carmelites  
8:30am\* Ruth Ann Cauvin  
10:30am Michael Ryder+  
10:30am\* Suzette Young  
12:30pm Cora Woyack  
2:30pm Josefina Bravo Araujo+  
5:00pm Jean Beam  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

\* 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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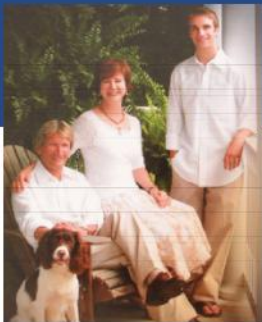
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