

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 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.”

### **Thank You, Campaign Volunteers!**

We want to express our deepest appreciation to the incredible team of 30 volunteers who poured their time, energy, and talents into the "Growing Our Legacy of Faith" Capital Campaign.

Their selflessness, commitment, and passion have truly made a difference. They've shown that when a group of dedicated individuals comes together with a shared vision and is united in Christ, incredible things can happen. For Nothing is Impossible with God!

### **Loaves and Fishes Commemorative Brick Wall**

There is still time for you to say YES! Every family/individual who makes a five-year pledge or a gift of \$1000+ will receive a personalized brick on our *Loaves and Fishes Commemorative Wall* in the new cafeteria at HCA. Pick up a form in the vestibule of the church to personalize your brick and become an integral part of *Crusader history*!

### **Celebrations to Come**

Your support is a great blessing and serves as a shining example of what can be accomplished when we unite with the Lord and one another. In thanksgiving for your prayers and support of the transformative projects of the campaign, there will be a parish-wide celebration on January 13th, please view our announcement in this bulletin!

### **Making Your Commitment**

Between 7-10% of good faith pledge commitments do not get fulfilled during a five-year campaign because people move, struggle financially or go home to Jesus. We hope to ensure that the parish has enough to meet all the identified needs. If all families make a sacrifice and join this transformative effort then those who struggle will be supported.

### **Fulfilling Your Pledge**

You have many options when determining how to fulfill your campaign commitment. Pledge payments may be made monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually in any of the following options:

- Check
- Faith Direct
- Gifts of Stocks and Securities
- IRA Distributions/End of year contributions

*Please call us at 540-373-6491 with any questions.*

capital campaign

# Growing Our Legacy of Faith

SAINT MARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

**FAMILY**

**TACO BAR**

**CELEBRATION**

11AM  
TO  
3PM

JAN.  
13

IN THE  
PLC

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUR GENEROSITY  
IN REACHING OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS!**



**COME ENJOY A TACO OR TWO!  
FREE TACOS FOR EVERYONE!**

PLEASE HELP US ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD BY YOUR RSVP

CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAIL WITH FAMILY TOTAL  
540-373-6491 OR [STMARY@STMARYFRED.ORG](mailto:STMARY@STMARYFRED.ORG)





Dear Folks,

Every Christmas the last thing that stood between me and opening presents would be a poem read by my mother. My Dad has taken over this reading now. But I share it with you and wish you blessings beyond your imagination.

*And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.*

--Sigrid Undset

Happy Birthday Jesus!  
Merry, Merry Christmas!

pax,

*Fr. Mosimann*

Fr. Mosimann

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Abril Colon, St. Mary parishioner and Holy Cross Academy student.





# education holy cross academy

## Holy Cross Academy

### OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28  
1:00 - 3:00PM

SCHOOL HOURS  
8:10AM - 3:10PM

AVIAT  
BEFORE & AFTER CARE

REQUEST A TOUR TODAY

### It's All About the Children!

A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence offering a strong academic program, daily religious instruction, character formation, numerous extracurricular opportunities, a variety of music and art programs, and much more! Come discover what a blessing Holy Cross Academy can be for your family! Holy Cross Academy administration, faculty and staff would like to wish you a blessed and merry Christmas!

Call 540-286-1600 to RSVP



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Fredericksburg, VA 22406

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To learn more, visit us at [holycrossweb.com](http://holycrossweb.com)





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Christmas, we hear the proclamation: “*For unto us a Savior is born who is Christ and Lord.*” This good news of great joy is the reason for our renewed faith and hope.

In a world experiencing so much unrest, a Savior is born who announces peace, brings glad tidings, and comforts his people. In a nation that is divided, a Savior is born who unites us as God’s holy family, as brothers and sisters. In our lives, when we are overwhelmed by our crosses and sufferings, a Savior is born who embraces us in his love and mercy with the strength and grace we need.

And for all these gifts, the Lord asks so little in return. He simply wants us to strive every day to trust him, to be faithful, and to be instruments of his peace to all those we love and meet. What we do at Christmas teaches us the way.

So, with the help of Mary and Joseph, strive to be what our Church and world need more than ever: *holy families*. Do so by loving and respecting one another and giving to each other the most precious gifts of all: your time and attention. As you have been forgiven, ask for the grace to forgive others, especially those who have offended you, so that no bitterness is within your heart. Continue the spirit of giving that is so prevalent at this time of year, especially as you share your resources and blessings with our brothers and sisters in most need.

Dear friends in Christ, please be assured of a special remembrance at the Christmas Masses I will celebrate, and please pray for me. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, trust in the power of the Lord to renew and transform our world, nation, and each one of us. May the peace that only Christ can give be yours at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington





# del obispo carta de navidad

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En Navidad, escuchamos la proclamación: "*Porque nos ha nacido un Salvador que es Cristo y Señor*". Esta buena noticia de gran alegría es la razón de nuestra renovada fe y esperanza.

En un mundo que experimenta tantos disturbios, nace un Salvador que anuncia la paz, trae buenas nuevas y consuela a su pueblo. En una nación dividida, nace un Salvador que nos une como familia santa de Dios, como hermanos y hermanas. En nuestras vidas, cuando nos sentimos abrumados por nuestras cruces y sufrimientos, nace un Salvador que nos abraza con su amor y su misericordia con la fuerza y la gracia que necesitamos.

Y por todos estos dones, el Señor pide muy poco a cambio. Simplemente quiere que nos esforcemos cada día por confiar en él, por ser fieles y por ser instrumentos de su paz para todos aquellos a los que amamos y con los que nos encontramos. Lo que hacemos en Navidad nos enseña el camino.

Así que, con la ayuda de María y José, esfuércense por ser lo que nuestra Iglesia y nuestro mundo necesitan más que nunca: *familias santas*. Háganlo amándose y respetándose unos a otros y dándose los regalos más preciados de todos: su tiempo y su atención. Como ustedes han sido perdonados, pidan la gracia de perdonar a los demás, especialmente a quienes les han ofendido para que no haya amargura en su corazón. Continúen con el espíritu de dar que es tan frecuente en esta época del año, especialmente al compartir sus recursos y bendiciones con nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados.

Queridos amigos en Cristo, tengan la seguridad de un recuerdo especial en las Misas de Navidad que celebraré y, por favor, recen por mí. Por intercesión de María y José, confiemos en el poder del Señor para renovar y transformar nuestro mundo, nuestra nación, y a cada uno de nosotros. Que la paz que sólo Cristo puede dar sea suya en Navidad y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,



Mons. Michael F. Burbidge  
Obispo de Arlington



# education religious education

## Upcoming Events

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

**Monday to Wednesday, December 25 to 27**  
No Religious Education classes, Christmas Break

**Monday to Wednesday, January 1 to 3**  
No Religious Education Classes, Christmas Break

**Thursday, January 4**  
Grade 7/Year 1 Formation Night #2 in the Church  
7-8pm

**Saturday, January 6**  
Baptism of RE students at 10am in the church

**Monday to Wednesday, January 8 to 10**  
Religious Education Classes, Parents attend class with their children

**Saturday, January 13**  
Catechist Certification Classes in the St. Joseph Building; Topic CAT 101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know (Part 1)

**Monday to Wednesday, January 15 to 17**  
No Religious Education Classes

**Tuesday, January 16**  
Third Catechist Meeting Certification/Franciscan At Home and Catechist certification 5:30 - 8:30pm

**Thursday, January 18**  
Year 2/Grade 8 Formation Night #2 in the Church from 7-8pm

**Saturday, January 20**  
Baptism of Religious Education students at 12 noon in the church

**Saturday, January 20**  
SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12 noon

**Saturday, January 20**  
Catechist Certification Classes in the St. Joseph Building; Topic CAT 101: Catholic Education: What Every Teacher Needs to Know (Part 2)

## Catechists Have the Most Beautiful Feet!

*From Catechist's Journey*

The First Reading for Mass Christmas Day proclaims:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" (Isaiah 52:7)



I've said this before here on Catechist's Journey, but it bears repeating: catechists have the most beautiful feet! Why? Because catechists are the ones who, day in and day out, bring glad tidings, announce peace, bear good news, and announce salvation to those they teach. What do each of these mean in practical terms?

- **Catechists bring glad tidings.** Some tidings (news) cause fear, while other tidings cause sadness. The tidings that catechists announce bring joy and gladness – another word for delight. And what are those tidings? That God is with us!
- **Catechists announce peace.** Peace is the reality that happens when God's will and human wills intersect. Catechists announce peace by announcing that God is with us and that his will is accessible.
- **Catechists bear good news.** Catechists bring the good news that God is near to us! And we don't just bring it; we "bear it," which means that we embody it.
- **Catechists announce salvation.** Catechists do not announce self-improvement; we announce salvation! And this sal-vation comes to us as a Person: Jesus Christ, who is not just a wise man, a good teacher, or a deep philosopher. He is our Savior, the One who saves us from that over which we have no power: sin (separation from God).

**And so, as we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I once again thank you—all catechists—for your beautiful feet! Christmas Blessings!**

## 2024 On Site Catechist Certification

**"All members of the community of believers in Jesus Christ participate in the Church's catechetical mission ... (We) are all catechists with distinctive roles."** *National Directory for Catechesis, page 217.*

Catechists, teachers, home educators, parents, and those who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith and confidently present it to children are invited to sign up for the Catechist Certification courses beginning Saturday, January 13 at 9:30 am in the St. Joseph building.

Remember, you do not have to be a catechist to take these courses. Sign up and learn more about our Catholic Faith and be more com-fortable in living it and evangelizing. Scan to sign up:





# our parish youth ministry

## December 2023

Youth Ministry Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1 MS YOUTH GROUP	2 FIGHT CLUB
3 HS YOUTH GROUP	4	5	6 YOU CAT	7	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9 FIGHT CLUB
10 HS YOUTH GROUP	11	12	13 YOU CAT	14 FEMININE GENIUS	15 MS YOUTH GROUP	16 GIRLS RETREAT
17 HS YOUTH GROUP	18 SENIOR MINISTRY	19	20 YOU CAT	21	22	23
24 *	25 *	26	27	28	29	30
MERRY CHRISTMAS! NO CYM ACTIVITIES						
31 NO HSYG	* NOTE: YOU WILL NEED TO ATTEND TWO MASSES IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE BOTH THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY! BOTH DAYS ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.					

Month of the Immaculate Conception

### 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!

### YOU CAT (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!

### SENIOR MINISTRY (12th)

Monday, Dec. 18 5:00-6:30pm  
Parish Office Conference Room  
Join us for a potluck dinner and deeper discussion!



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## WORKCAMP CONTRACTORS!



DIocese of ARLINGTON WORKCAMP

FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

JUNE 22 - JUNE 28, 2024

We are looking for men and women with skills in basic home repair and maintenance who are willing to join us for the week of WorkCamp to make homes **warmer, safer, and drier** for people in need within the Diocese of Arlington. Volunteers do not need to be licensed contractors.

**CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WORKCAMP IN ANY WAY!**

Tatiana Beltran  
tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

Catie Espiritu  
cespiritu@stmaryfred.org

Contractors are responsible for instructing a team of teens how to complete the project on their work site. Their role is to guide and assist while the work itself is done by the WorkCampers. Projects include tasks such as...

- ✓ Painting
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Carpentry
- ✓ Roof Repair
- ✓ Windows
- ✓ Flooring
- ✓ Gutters
- ✓ ....and more!

# our parish happenings

## Is the Lord Calling you to Serve Your Community?

The School Dressing Days (SDD) Program which has served the greater Fredericksburg Area for over 15 years in providing over 1,050 children with back-to-school clothing and supplies, is seeking new co-chairs to continue the vital work of SDD. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Carleen Delio at 540-412-9608.

## St. Cecilia Children's Choir Inviting New Members

The music ministry of Saint Mary would like to invite all children grades 2 through 8 to be a part of the St. Cecilia Choir. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 4:45-6pm and provides music for the 8:30am Mass on Sunday mornings. Christmas is soon going to be upon us and the St. Cecilia Choir has begun preparation for the 4pm Christmas Eve liturgy, and some new voices would definitely bring joy to the Christmas celebration! Those who are interested should contact David Uschold, Director of Music and Organist, through the church office at 540.373.6491 or by email at [duschold@stmaryfred.org](mailto:duschold@stmaryfred.org).

## Adult Confirmation

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. The first class will be Tuesday, January 23 at 7pm in the Parish Office library. If you would like to sign up for the classes, please call the Parish Office to register, leaving your name, phone and email address. Thank you.

## Come celebrate Religious Freedom

Join the 50th year of this historic procession through the streets of Fredericksburg with the 4th Degree Rappahannock Assembly Knights of Columbus. The procession will conclude at the Religious Freedom Monument on Washington Avenue marking the 233rd anniversary of the Bill establishing Freedom to choose the way we praise God.

**January 14 | Fredericksburg VRE station**  
Procession starts at 1:30pm

### Unable to march?

Join us for the ceremony at the Memorial Monument at 2pm

### Keynote Speaker

Ret Msgr John Cregan, Retired USMC Lt. Colonel and Current Deputy State Chaplain of VA Knights of Columbus

### God Bless America

## Micah Cold Weather Shelter

The Micah Cold Weather Shelter opened for the winter season on November 15 and will remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for the 30+ individuals that utilize the facility. Each participating church is asked to bring 3 dozen items (e.g. white socks, thermal underwear, men's boxer briefs, women's underwear and t-shirts). Please consider how you might be able to support this need—all donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, [dolovewalk.net](http://dolovewalk.net) or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, [thurmanbrisbencenterv.org](http://thurmanbrisbencenterv.org).

FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL  
CONTINUUM OF CARE  
partners ending homelessness

## 2024 CoC Winter PIT Count

Join the CoC in surveying individuals experiencing homelessness to improve our system and services.

PIT count details: January 24, 2024.

- Collecting valuable data to help the CoC track progress and identify opportunities for improvement of services
- Variety of shifts available
- Training provided
- Volunteers work in groups of two or more

Scan the code to sign up today!





our parish

# happenings

## Consecration to the Holy Family

All families are invited to join the Knights of Columbus as we offer a Consecration to the Holy Family on December 31st following the 8:30 am Mass. Prayer cards will be available after Mass.



### How to Prepare

In preparation for a Consecration to the Holy Family, your family should not only decide to dedicate itself to the Holy Family's intercession but also acknowledge that the family is sacred.

The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

### Four suggested steps *before* praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- 1** Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- 2** Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 3** As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4** Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.





# our parish happenings

## THEOLOGY

*On Tap*

Presented by St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg



*Strangeways Brewing*

350 Lansdowne Rd.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**MON. JANUARY 8**

Doors open at 5pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm



### *This Month* **Why Catholicism?**

David Bereit is the founder of 40 Days for Life and pro-life speaker. Far more importantly, he is a loving husband and father here in Fredericksburg, VA. For 28 years he attended Mass with his wife as a Presbyterian and five years ago he entered the Catholic Church. He will be sharing some of his own story about what he learned that finally brought him into full communion. Simply, he will be answering the question, "Why Catholicism?" This is a night not to miss! Come join for good friends, good beer, and good conversation.



**David Bereit**



### *Contact*

St. Mary's Young Adult Group  
[fredericksburgtot@gmail.com](mailto:fredericksburgtot@gmail.com)

**Open to all!**  
**Young families welcome!**



# vida parroquial noticias en español

## Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos

### BAUTISMO

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

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

### MATRIMONIO

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

### PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

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

### CONFIRMACIÓN

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

### RECONCILIACIÓN

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

### QUINCEAÑERA

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

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



# TMIY

¡ESE HOMBRE  
ERESTÚ!

y Fight Club  
Jovenes Grados 7-12

## Convirtiéndose En un Hombre Conforme al Corazón de Dios

Inspírate a  
**vivir una**  
**VIDA HEROICA**

**Horario para cada semana:**  
6:00 am—Desayuno Caliente (PLC)  
6:50 am—Presentación (Iglesia)

Utilice este código QR para registrarse.  
¿Preguntas? contacte a Domingo  
domingobautista@hotmail.com



## Semestre de Primavera

Sesión 14	Ene 20	¿Qué Debo Hacer?
Sesión 15	Ene 27	¡Ese Hombre eres Tu!
Sesión 16	Feb 3	El Corazon del Hombre
Sesión 17	Feb 10	Convirtiéndose en un hombre conforme al corazon de Dios
Sesión 18	Feb 17	Un corazón esclavizado por la carne
Sesión 19	Feb 24	Un corazon atado por el mundo
Sesión 20	Mar 2	Un descenso al autoaislamiento
Sesión 21	Mar 9	El ascenso de la mente a Dios
	Mar 16	Retiro de Unbound NO TMIY
Sesión 22	Mar 23	La práctica de la presencia de Dios
	Mar 30	Pascua NO TMIY
Sesión 23	Abr 6	La cara escondida de Dios
Sesión 24	Abr 13	El triunfo de la misericordia
Sesión 25	Abr 20	Mision 12.o
Sesión 26	Abr 27	Un Hombre Según el Corazón de Dios

**WWW.TMIY.ORG**

# our parish happenings



# 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**

### Schedule for each week:

6:00 am—Hot Breakfast (PLC)

6:50 am—Presentation (Church)

Use this QR code to register.  
Questions, contact Peter Paquette  
[paquettepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:paquettepeter@yahoo.com)



### Spring Semester

Session 14	Jan 20	Resilience and Perseverance
Session 15	Jan 27	Son of Man, Do You See?
Session 16	Feb 3	A Time for Purification
Session 17	Feb 10	The Kingdom is Like A Dragnet
Session 18	Feb 17	Just a Guy in the Pew
Session 19	Feb 24	The Narrow Gate
Session 20	Mar 2	A Tale of Two Cities
Session 21	Mar 9	The Darkness of Modern Culture
	Mar 16	<i>Unbound Retreat NOTMIY</i>
Session 22	Mar 23	A Civilization of Love
	Mar 30	<i>Easter Weekend NOTMIY</i>
Session 23	Apr 6	A Life of Dissipation
Session 24	Apr 13	Working in Redemption
Session 25	Apr 20	Kingdom is Like a Great Banquet
Session 26	Apr 27	A Royal People

[WWW.TMIY.ORG](http://WWW.TMIY.ORG)





# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - December

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

Chris Breth, Gene Guinn, Jack Smith, James & Charlene Binley, Jayden Steven Ramos Lopez, Jenna Cappello, Joanne O'Brien, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Kathryn Barboza, Kathy Rice, Larry Dillman, Michael Fedowitz III, Shirley Bozicevic, Teresa "Terry" Shifflet, Theresa and Keith Kovalefsky, William (Liam) David Jackson, Jorge A. Lecea, William Pell IV, Patrick 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 Jobs, 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, Elijah Hornback, Dominic Marsillo

### 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.

### 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

## Daily Mass Intentions

### December

#### 25 MONDAY

12:00am For Our Parish  
7:00am Michael J. Kelly, Sr.+  
8:30am Karen Scanlon+  
10:30am Gina Wingert-Lenox  
12:30pm Scott Daniel Gabriel+  
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### 26 TUESDAY

6:30am Dominick Delio+  
9:00am Sambat Family

#### 27 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Fr. Sunny Joseph  
9:00am Ricardo Sanchez+

#### 28 THURSDAY

6:30am Maria Beltran  
9:00am Providence Moeller+

#### 29 FRIDAY

6:30am Rosalinda Canizares  
9:00am Solanus Guthrie

#### 30 SATURDAY

9:00am Lori Barlow  
5:00pm Wayne & Wanda Cushing  
7:00pm Antonia Maraldo

#### 31 SUNDAY

7:00am All Souls in Purgatory  
8:30am For Our Parish  
8:30am\* Salvatore Anile+  
10:30am Rosalinda Canizares  
10:30am\* Patricia Guerrero Bencomo  
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased  
2:30pm Raymundo & Telma Odilia Rivera  
5:00pm Freddy Arevalo+  
7:00pm Anna Ban Thi Nguyen

*\* 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.*



# operations given in love

## Donations Received December 5 - 11

Sunday Offertory	\$26,374.52
Catholic Charities	\$8,819.00
Parish Christmas Charities	\$518.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$585.00
Immaculate Conception	\$8,191.00
St Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$50.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Pro-Life Reflection

The Shepherds saw the newborn Christ, and the message that they had heard was that He was a Savior for all people. Seeing Him, they understood this even better. After all, who is more approachable than a baby? Nobody, no matter how poor or lowly, would have reason to be afraid to approach Him. *Lord, You continue to reveal Yourself in the tiny babies yet in the womb. May we see You, and love You in them.*

## Children's Charity - January

Camp Rainbow is held every Spring for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. For more information, go to [marywashingtonhealthcare.com/ourservices/hospice](http://marywashingtonhealthcare.com/ourservices/hospice).

## MARCH FOR LIFE

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**Together We Gather to Celebrate Life**

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 19th to commemorate the 51st Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, there is still work to be done, and the March for Life will continue to take place every January until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Sign up sheets will be available in the vestibule of the Church after January 2nd.





## 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  
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

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### 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!

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