SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



capital campaign

Growing Our Legacy of Faith



Capital Campaign Updates Amount Pledged to Date: \$7,178,668 Number of Families that have Pledged: 1155

As we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady and the Feast Day of our parish, we remember Mary's Fiat: Mary said, "Behold, I am handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, we humbly want to express our deepest gratitude to 1155 parish families that supported the expansion of our parish school, Holy Cross Academy and the improvement projects at our parish campus. Your support is a great blessing and serves as a shining example of what can be accomplished when we unite with the Lord and with one another!

Celebrations to Come

In thanksgiving for your prayers and support of the transformative projects of the campaign, there will be a parish wide celebration on January 13th! More information to follow!!

Loaves & Fishes Commemorative BrickWall

There is still time for you to grow Our Legacy of Faith! Every Family/individual that makes a five-year pledge or a gift of \$1000+ will receive a personalized brick on our Loaves and Fishes Commemorative Brick Wall in the new cafeteria at Holy Cross Academy. Please pick up a form in the vestibule of the church to personalize your brick & become a part of Crusader History! Forms must be turned into the parish office or the Sunday offertory basket by December 31, 2023.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

from our pastor

Folks,

"Shave by the Headlights." Ok, that may seem non-sensical. I hate shaving. When I entered religous life, I was tramatized by the fact that now I had to shave EVERY DAY! I would whine about it, try to not shave, and get called out by my superiors for not shaving. One day in Mexico, the head of our community said to me, "Shave by the Headlights." Huh? I literally pictured taking my razor and shaving in the early morning hours by the light of our car's headlights.

He went on to say that when driving it is always much easier to see what is in front of you and just deal with it. Imagine if you tried to drive only by looking behind you, or if you always had to backtrack to catch the turns that you missed. If we take care of unpleasant tasks first thing when they present themselves, they just are no real big deal. It is the agony, whining, and avoidance that make simple tasks a big deal. Or to use another cliche, we can turn mountains into molehills by just shaving by the headlights.

Yes, I have noticed that fashion no longer seems to care if men shave every day, much to my rejoicing! But the ridiculous image of literally taking a razor and shaving in the headlights of my car so stuck with me that I now use it to rally my will and strength to complete some unpleasant tasks.

And one more insight that I discovered at a young age: household chores could be accomplished in a fraction of the time when done willingly and cheerfully! I found that if I did my Saturday morning chores while my parents were at morning Mass, I could be done before they got home and have the rest of the day for play! Yeah, at first they were so shocked that they would let me off with less work required, but the real key was found in freely and generously embracing these duties!

Maybe going to confession is your personal version of shaving or Saturday morning chores. Just letting you know that this week we will have extra Advent confession Mon/Wed/Friday at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm. Lines will definitely be shorter this week. Penances may be smaller too. It is a great week to take care of your soul, in preparation for the coming of our Lord.

Pax, Hosium

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

Pastor

Looking for a Christmas gift?

The Parish Office has a these lovely ornaments for \$10. Supplies are limited.



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

Daily Advent Prayer

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there in eternity. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart.

Amen.

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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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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HCA Loves Our Cafeteria Heroes

At Holy Cross Academy, we share an unbreakable bond with our incredible cafeteria staff! Mrs. Beall and her team don't just serve delicious lunches; they're our culinary mentors, guiding us through the world of food.

We recently had a picture-perfect day filled with laughter during our corn shucking races. It was a day of pure joy and camaraderie!

HCA was honored to host a special guest from the Southland Dairy Farmers - the Mobile Dairy Classroom. Our students, teachers, and even Clover, the dairy cow, enjoyed a hands-on, educational experience that left us utterly fascinated!

Thank you to the fantastic individuals who keep our lunches healthy and scrumptious. Mrs. Beall, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Scatchard, Mrs. Whatley and Ms. Banus, you are the real heroes behind our cafeteria delights.

Donuts with Dad

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made Donuts with Dads a memorable occasion at Holy Cross Academy. The PTO's thoughtful gesture in providing delicious donuts and beverages to celebrate and honor our cherished dads and special father figures was truly appreciated. Your dedication in organizing this annual event is commendable and a testament to the strong community spirit we have. A big thank you to our PTO for their unwavering support. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming Muffins with Mom in the spring, another opportunity to foster family connections within our school community.

Christmas Wrapping Assistance

The HCA PTO would like to help you with your holiday preparations by wrapping your gifts! Please join us on Saturday December 9th from 12pm-3pm and Saturday December 16 from 9:30am-12pm at St Mary's PLC. Any donation would be appreciated and thank you for your continued support of the HCA PTO. Please be on the lookout for more times and locations!



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St. Mary Food Pantry

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

List of Items:

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

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.

Have a Scrip kind of Christmas

Christmas is coming! Have you placed your Scrip order yet? The last day to order Scrip cards is December 11 to ensure Christmas delivery. The last weekend for Scrip sales after masses will be the 16/17 December. Scrip is a great way to shop for all your holiday needs. Start preordering your cards now so you can be ready bright and early for the Holidays. We have many great retailers like Walmart, Target, Macy's, Kohl's, Lowes, Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops, and many more in inventory now. We can order other cards from over 750 retailers. There are no activation fees on Scrip gift cards, and they don't expire. Check out the retailer list at raiseright.com. Scrip can help you budget your holiday shopping expenses and help HCA at the same time. Stop by the Scrip table today and find out how to use Scrip for all your shopping needs! Shop early and support HCA! Scrip sales will resume on January 6/7, 2024.

To set up an account at **raiseright.com**, use our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP or would like the school code, or to place an order, please email the Scrip Coordinator at **scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com**. Thanks for using Scrip and supporting Holy Cross Academy.

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.

our parish happenings

Holiday Parish Dinner

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Council 4034

Join us on Saturday, December 16 from 5:30-8pm in the Parish Life Center for a wonderful dinner including baked ham, stuffing, candied yams, green beans, and dessert!

All proceeds will be used to upgrade the PLC kitchen equipment. Prices are as follows: Adults/Teens: \$12, Seniors (60+): \$10, Children (7 to 12): \$8. The Maximum cost per FAMILY is \$40.

St. Mary's Giving Tree

The St. Mary Giving Tree is now up in the narthex of the Church! The tree is full of tags that support items requested by local charities and some of our parishioners in need of assistance. Please consider purchasing any gifts cards at our Scrip table as a percentage of your gift card goes directly to our parish school, Holy Cross Academy at no additional cost to you!

Local charities included on the tree this year:

- St. Vincent de Paul
- Foster Teens Fredericksburg Region
- Mary's Shelter
- Birthright
- Catholic Charites Migrations Refugee Service
- Loisann Hope House
- Micah
- St. Mary's Outreach
- Hughes Home

Thank you for your generosity!

Adopt-A-Senior This Christmas

The gift of your presence is one of the most important gifts you can give this Christmas Season.

Sign up to visit one of our homebound/assisted living parishioners this Advent Season. Spend some time



getting to know them with a few visits during Advent and then purchase a little gift that you know he/she would appreciate this Christmas.

Once you sign up, you will be contacted with the name of your special person, as we are protecting their privacy. Thank you.

"Of all the diseases I have known, loneliness is the worst." St. Mother Teresa

https://bit.ly/3N6ISXF

If you have a loved one who is homebound and this little program may bring them happiness, please reach out to Elena at **edoyle@stmaryfred.org** Thank you.

Concerts at Saint Mary: Advent Lessons and Carols

In joyful expectation of Christ's coming at Christmas, the Festival Choir of Saint Mary and the Choir of Holy Cross Academy will present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm. In addition to the readings and choral anthems presented by the choir, there will an opportunity for the congregation to participate in singing carols of the Advent Season.

The tradition of the Festival of Lessons and Carols was established in England as the adaptation of an earlier service on Christmas Eve, 1918, in the chapel of Kings College, Cambridge University, for the university community and for the city of Cambridge. The Kings College service was first broadcast by radio in 1928; and, excepting the year 1930, these broadcasts have continued to this day. This wonderful tradition, moreover, has been duplicated in cathedrals and churches throughout America.

Come and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming!

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 or Thurman-Brisben Homeless Shelter, thurmanbrisbencenter.org

CCW Welcomes Fr. Tim

Join us on Tuesday December 12 at 10am in the Father Rooney Community Room. Our special guest will be our chaplain, Father Tim, who will no doubt speak of Advent and Christmas, as well as his vocation and personal holiday experiences, and his time in Rome! We will begin with a short business meeting and 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and Father will start his presentation at about 10:30. You are invited to attend, of course; but also to share some taste of your family's holiday tradition—savory or sweet—for our refreshments table, and to bring the recipe for it. (Even if you are not able to be present, you are encouraged to share a favorite holiday recipe by emailing it to **StMaryCCWNews@aol.com**) Between the 12th and Christmas, the recipes will be published in the CCW Newsletter. Hope you can join us!

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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.

CONCERTS at SAINT MARY

presents

Advent Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 15 7:30pm

featuring

Holy Cross Academy Choir

under the direction of Maryrosa Ramos-Burgos
and

The Saint Mary Festival Choir

under the direction of David Uschold





Visit us behind the church Wednesdays-Friday from 3-8pm or weekends from 8am-6pm.

If you need volunteer hours for community service requirements or have any questions about tree sales, be sure to contact Joe Cralle at jacralle@gmail.com

our parish youth ministry



Youth Ministry Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	MS YOUTH	2 FIGHT CLUB
3 HS YOUTH GROUP	4	5	6 YOUGAT	7	8 IMMAQUIATE CONCEPTION	9 FIGHT CLUB
10 HS YOUTH GROUP	11	12	13 YOUCAT	14 FEMININE GENIUS	15 Ms Youth GROUP	16 OIRLS RETREAT
17 HS YOUTH GROUP	18 SENIOR MINISTRY	19	20 YOUCAT	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MERRY CHRISTMAS! NO CYM ACTIVITIES						
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Month of the Immaculate Conception

ADVENT AND THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY! BOTH DAYS ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.

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!

SENIOR MINISTRY (12th)

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









The Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries is sponsoring a trip to Indianapolis for youth and young adults to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. This trip is open to high school youth and young adults from 19-35.

\$750 cost includes:

- · A 5-day, 4-night faith-filled opportunity for prayer, community, and recreation
- · Event pass for the National Eucharistic Congress (a \$250 value)
- Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation to accommodations and the major events held in downtown Indianapolis
- Air-conditioned cabin accommodations at a beautiful camp where participants can swim, hike, canoe, climb, zip-line, and enjoy many other fun activities
- · Many of your meals
- · Diocesan t-shirt

We are currently gauging interest for this trip for a select group of mature high school youth. Please contact Tatiana Beltran or Catie Espiritu by December 12th if you are interested in submitting an application.

https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/



December 3: The First Sunday of Advent

Candle Light Mass at 7pm

December 7: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass at 6pm and 7:30pm

December 8: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 4pm in Latin, 5pm at HCA, 6pm, and Bi-Lingual at 7:30pm

December 10: The Second Sunday of Advent

Candle Light Mass at 7pm

December 11

Additional Advent Confessions from 11:30am-12pm and 6:30pm-7pm

December 15

Additional Advent Confessions from 11:30am- 12pm and 6:30pm-7pm Advent Lessons and Carols at 7:30pm

December 17: The Third Sunday in Advent

Candle Light Mass at 7pm

December 18-22: Week of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Additional Advent Confessions from 11:30am- 12pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm

December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

5 and 7pm in the Church, 5 pm at HCA in English, 7pm at HCA in Spanish

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm in the Church 8:30am and 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

The Christmas SEASON at Saint Mary 2023



December 24: Christmas Eve

Mass in English at 4pm, 8:30pm and 12midnight at St Mary Mass in English at 4pm and 6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy Mass in Spanish at 6:30pm at St Mary

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

Mass in English at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm at St Mary

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass in English at Midnight, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm Mass in Spanish at 2:30pm at St Mary

Reminder: As Catholics, we are required to attend TWO Masses between December 23 & 25. Choose one Mass from the Fourth Sunday of Advent column and one Mass from Christmas column.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas

Saturday, December 23

- □ 5pm & 7pm in the Church
- ☐ 5pm in English at Holy Cross Academy
- ☐ 7pm in Spanish at Holy Cross Academy

Sunday December 24

- ☐ 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm in the Church
- □ 8:30am and 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

Sunday December 24

- ☐ 4pm in the Church
- ☐ 4pm at Holy Cross Academy
- ☐ 6:30pm in the Church in Spanish
- ☐ 6:30pm at Holy Cross Academy
- □ 8:30pm in the Church

Monday December 25

☐ 12Midnight, 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

operations

given in love

Donations Received November 21 - 28

Sunday Offertory	\$24,378.00
Thanksgiving Donations	\$1,685.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box	\$536.00

Faith Direct Donations November 15

Sunday Offertory	\$21,000.00
All Saints	\$385.00
Debt Reduction	\$945.00
Campaign Human Development	\$185.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$460.00

The second collection next week is for Parish Debt Reduction.

Thank you for your generosity!

Pro-Life Reflection

Christmas, for which we are now preparing, is not simply the feast of the birth of Christ; it is the feast of His becoming human, the reality called the Incarnation. Jesus was an embryo, a fetus. Life in the womb, which was already sacred because it comes from God, is now made even more holy and worthy of our every sacrifice. Lord Jesus, You lived for nine months within the body of the Virgin Mary. Give success to the efforts of all who believe in Your Incarnation to protect every life in the womb.

Children's Charity - December

Our Children's Charity for the month of December is the Office of Migration & Refugee Services (MRS) in Fredericksburg, which assists refugee families and children, who have fled their homeland in fear of persecution and in fear for their lives. After a lengthy resettlement process through the US Government, approved families arrive with no material possessions other than the clothes on their back. With only 1 to 2 weeks' notice, MRS "Welcomes the Stranger" and assists families with housing, food, employment, schooling for their children and many other urgent needs. For more information, visit ccda.net/need-help/immigrants-and-refugees/refugee-services.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born, Christ the Savior! Give a Gift for Life

This Advent, include a Gift for Life on your Christmas List, by supporting Project Rachel or the Gabriel Project. It is easy to make a small, tax-deductible contribution as a gift in the name or memory of a family member or friend, and it will make a big difference in a woman's life. You have the opportunity to assist a frightened young woman who has just learned she is pregnant, or a woman who opted to abort her child and is now experiencing the after effects of her choice. Your gift directly supports the cost of an expectant mother's prenatal vitamins, or counseling for a woman who is experiencing the emotional distress of an abortion. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the Church and follow the directions, or donate online at arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

Prayer to our Lady of Guadalupe

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer, offered with deep-felt confidence to beg this favor....

O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace

to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children

who call to thee under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" –

the Virgin who crushed the serpent.

Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway. Invoke the Holy Spirit of Wisdom to fortify my will to frequent the Sacraments so that, thus enlightened and strengthened,

I may prefer God to all creatures and shun every occasion of sin.

Help me, as a living branch of the Vine that is Jesus Christ,

to exemplify His divine charity always seeking the good of others.

Queen of Apostles, aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior.

Keep my apostolate fearless, dynamic and articulate, to proclaim the loving solicitude of Our Father in Heaven,

so that the wayward may heed His pleading and obtain pardon,

through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas Flowers

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office.



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 Ill, Shirley Bozicevic, Teresa "Terry" Shifflet, Theresa and Keith Kovalefsky., William (Liam) David Jackson

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, 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** 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

11 MONDAY

6:30am George and Katie Billing 9:00am Julianne Kelsey+ Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

12 TUESDAY

6:30am Frank Furino+ 9:00am Haris Lucas, Jr.+ 12:00pm Father Sunny Joseph Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

13 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Kathleen McNeff Robine+
8:15am* The Owen and Osowski Families
9:00am George Holzworth

12:00pm Noe and Maria Olivares

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

14 THURSDAY

6:30am Caroline Nicotera+ 9:00am State Young

12:00pm Jane Elizabeth Williaman

Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

15 FRIDAY

6:30am Deacon Alberto & Miralba Bernaola 9:00am A Special Intention 12:00pm Stephen Stofko+ Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

16 SATURDAY

9:00am Bridget Murtha+ 5:00pm Damien Mendez+ 7:00pm Roberta Evans+ Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

17 SUNDAY

7:00am Christopher Sullivan 8:30am Late Lawson-Drackey

8:30am* Beth Kirk+

10:30am MaryAnn Holzworth
10:30am* Geraldine Keane+
12:30pm George Declan O'Reilly+
2:30pm Faustina and Fernando Tomas+

5:00pm For Our Parish 7:00pm Mary Briganti

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-28

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.
Please remember, Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If a desired date is no longer available, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

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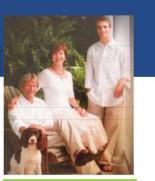
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