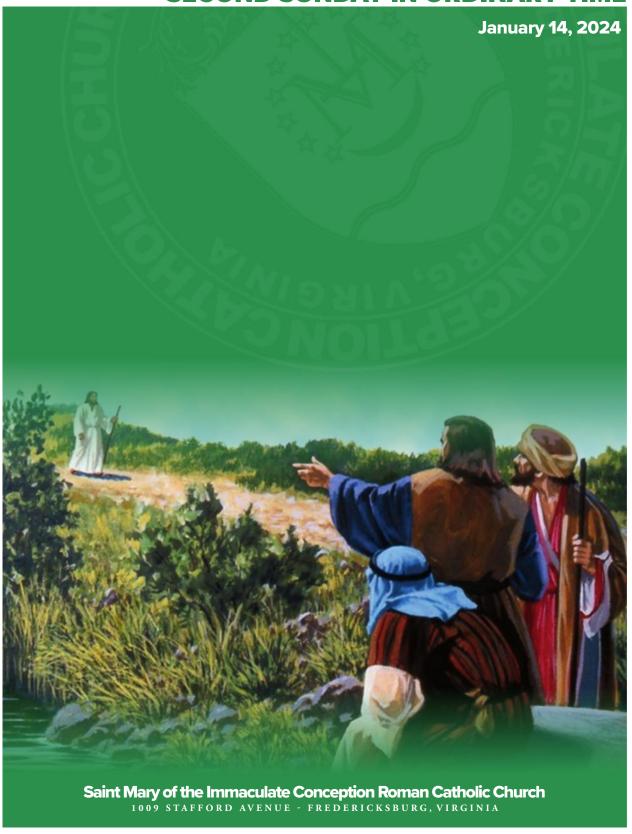
### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## capital campaign

# let's celebrate



"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of the ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God".

2 Corinthians 9:11-12

#### **Building Committee Update**

This past December, Fr. Mosimann went before the Diocesan Building Commission regarding the Expansion of Holy Cross Academy.

The third stop in the approval process that we have been following since the inception of the Capital Campaign, stop Gate 3: **Financed to Scope**. At Concept, we explained what we wanted to do. At Feasibility, we presented how we will accomplish it. At Financed to Scope, we showed a detailed design (scope) and that the parish has the ability to finance it.

Father presented the following information to the Commission,

- · A revised 10-year financial plan.
- The latest architectural drawings and construction documents.
- An update on our fundraising plan in writing, which is an update on our pledges to date.
   Redemptions to date, and pledges being received/ collected.

The Commission recommended to the Bishop that he approve this stage and just this past week he approved this step that allows us to sign contracts for the Expansion to get started! It is our plan to **celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, April 20 at 9am** followed by a groundbreaking ceremony during our parish picnic with FIREWORKS!

#### **Pledge Statements**

Our goal is to reach 100% of capital campaign supporters having made a pledge payment. If you have not yet made your first pledge payment, please consider doing so now. Special Capital Campaign envelopes can be found in your envelope package or payments can be made through Faith Direct. Also, with a large portion of work expected in 2024, having pledge payments on hand will lessen our financing needs. In addition to our annual contribution statements which are sent at the end of January, we will be sending out pledge statements, twice a year for transparency and accuracy purposes, assuring that our records match yours. You can expect your first pledge statement to arrive at the beginning of February.

#### Why do new pledges matter?

Typically, a small percentage of pledges (around 5-10%) don't get fulfilled during a 5-year campaign. This can happen because people move, struggle financially, or go home to Jesus. We hope to ensure that we have enough funds for all projects.



Dear folks,

Yesterday (Saturday) we celebrated the success of our Capital Campaign with Tacos!! It was great to be with the families who came out for this celebration!

One of our bedrock principles for the Campaign, was and still remains, to "build what we can afford." You also tasked me with lowering the parish debt!

Today, I share with you great news: **This week we paid off the remaining \$1 Million on our parish debt!!!** We were able to do this because of your generosity to our Capital Campaign. Since this is one of the Campaign goals, I really like the idea of clearing all debt before we take on the new projects.

Yes, this is a slightly symbolic gesture, because we are now about to sign contracts to expand the school, which will require a bridge loan. Important points to remember:

- 1. There is a 'debt reduction' envelope in the bi-monthly envelopes packets. This is because we expect to sign contracts for the school expansion ASAP, and it is important for folks who were unable to make a pledge to still have this means of supporting our parish projects. The names of envelope will not change, because of lead time on printing and it will support future debt.
- 2. A bridge loan will be required, as construction will begin and be completed before all pledges are fulfilled. This means that we will have some loan to cover the time from construction bills, until parishioners fulfill their pledges.
- 3. Paying off the debt now, even knowing that some debt will return, benefits us because we will no longer be paying interest on the loan! Doing this now could save us \$30k to 50k in interest this year, depending on the timing of bills for the school expansion!
- 4. Because we have budgeted for \$44k per month debt payment, we will continue putting that same amount into savings every month towards the new projects and the future debt!

This was an important part of our 10-year plan by which we were approved for the HCA Expansion, and allows all parishioners to continue to support our capital needs.

This small poem will prove to you that I should not give up being a priest, and it is not an exact timeline, but it did put a smile on my face as I typed it:

- Debt free in '23.
- Adore more in '24.
- Playground revive in '25.
- Debt fix in '26
- Debt heaven in '27

pax et bonum, peace and all good, paz y bien,

Pastor

All Are Invited

Candlelight Mass for the Unborn

Tuesday, January 23 7:00pm

St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception Church

### announcements



### 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

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm Saturday 9am Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

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

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm; Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

540-373-6491 fax: 540-371-0251 stmary@stmaryfred.org stmaryfred.org Monday - Friday 8:30am - 9pm; Students staff office weekdays until 9pm, Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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Director, Tatiana Beltran Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

#### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

Director, Katherine Evans

#### OUTREACH

Director, Elena Doyle

Parish registration (90 days) and class required. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

Parish registration required; contact the parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication. Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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



### education

# holy cross academy



# HOLY CROSS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Preschool at St. Mary 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Academy

A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence where we form saints, scholars, and leaders. Come learn about our upcoming expansion and rigorous academic program, daily religious instruction, character formation, numerous extracurricular opportunities, a variety of music and art programs, and much more.

~ Campus Tours ~

~ Classroom Visits ~

~ Q & A with Administrators and Students, Teachers & Parents ~

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY  $\blacklozenge$  250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  $\blacklozenge$  Fredericksburg, VA 22406  $\blacklozenge$  540-286-1600 HCA Preschool at St. Mary  $\blacklozenge$  1009 Stafford Avenue  $\blacklozenge$  Fredericksburg, VA 22406  $\blacklozenge$  540-373-7553





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# christmas flowers In memory of

A. Robert Kerr Agnes Aldridge Agnes R. Flores Agustin Mendez Alan Cascio Alexander Castineiras Alfred Spinetti Ana Mendez Anast Wilfredo Cabrera Andy & Marie Vorst Angelina Semeia Ann Ban Nguyen Ann Crowe Essig Anna Klashus Essig Anna Mae Aumen Anna Skarbek Anna Trinh T Ho Anne Azaltovic Anne Doodan Anne Marie Walsh Anthony Hung Tam Anthony Thanh Nguyen Antonio Duque Antonio Procopio Arch Specht Ashley Magness Assunta Procopio Awes Duque Barbara & Anthony Faluso Barbara Pompeii Beatrice Laatsch Bernadette Young Bernard H Graninger Bernard Mcvicar Bernetta Patridge Bernice & Herman Breen Bev Keddie Beverly Richardson Bill Adams Sr Billy & Sis King Bisignano Family Brian Finn Bridget Gallogly Caiafa Family Callisto Semeia Carl Vorder Bruegge Carmen Arevalo Carol Delaney Carol Humenick Casey Kilpatrick Cassidy Lynch Catherine Jones Mckann Cecil Daniel Celeste Lara

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Maria Nguyen Tihong

Maria Nu Pham

# christmas flowers

Marie & Herman Vogel Marie & William Sidorak Marie Rigor Fernandes

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Maxine Forville Michael & Anna Yalch Michael & Mary Fedowitz

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Mr. William Bonney

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Ruben Mantillo

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Thomas Rozzi

Thornton & Mary Staples Todd Finnegan Tony & Dee Alessio

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Vincent Ngoex Nguyen & Lam T Tuet

Virginia Osting Wallace Meyer Wallace Wrobel Wilbur Keeton Wilkinson Family

William & Grace Buckland William & Mary Eaton

William Lynch William Maier William Morton Wyvill Family

# religious education

#### **Upcoming Events**

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

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)

Monday to Wednesday, January 22-24

Religious Education Classes, Semester Two begins

Monday to Wednesday, January 29-31

Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, January 31

Final deadline for any missing Confirmation paperwork or Works of Mercy logs

Monday to Saturday, February 1-29

Year 2 Confirmation Interviews

Saturday, February 3

SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12noon

Saturday, February 3

Catechist Certification Classes: Topic CAT 102: Teaching the Creed (Part 1)

Monday to Wednesday, February 5-7

Religious Education Classes, Students bring St. Mary SOUPER BOWL 2024 donations to class

Saturday, February 10

Catechist Certification Classes in the PLC Topic CAT 102: Teaching the Creed (Part 2)

Monday to Wednesday, February 12-14

No Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

Confirmation Year 1 Formation Night #3 in the Church from 7–8:15pm

#### **Religious Education Baptisms 2024**

On January 6, our pastor, assisted by Fr. Renner, baptized 37 Religious Education students and their siblings. It was a glorious day of celebration!



# our parish happenings

#### **Super Bowl Scrip**

Get ready for the big game now with Scrip! It's never too early to start stocking up for game day. Stop by the Scrip table today and exchange your cash or check for gift cards to use at Giant, Publix, Weis, Walmart, Target, or Buffalo Wild Wings. We also have a Visa debit card for all the other places you may need to pick up items for the big day. Then get ready to shop with your gift cards and pick up all your treats and decorations to make the game great!

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

## Knights of Columbus Family Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council #4034 warmly invites you and your families to join us Saturday, January 20 in the Parish Life Center from 5:30-8:30pm for a Roast Beef Dinner.

The evening's menu will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, watergate salad, dinner rolls, and rice pudding with raisins.

The costs are as follows: Adults/teens \$12, Children (7-12) \$8, Children (under 7) Free, Seniors (60 & up) \$10, Please note: The maximum cost per family is \$36

This dinner will be open to the public and is pay-atthe-door. Takeout trays will also be available.

# Join Us to Say Public Rosary at St Mary

Join other parishioners at noon in front of St. Mary on Saturday, January 20 (3rd Saturday of the month) to pray the Rosary as requested at Fatima by our Lady for Peace. RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net

#### St. Mary Book Club

We will meet Tuesday morning, January 9, at 10am in the Father Don Rooney Community Room. The book we will discuss is "Mea Nico," the latest book by our own Donna Lee Davis. It is a novel based on the life of Saint Nicholas - perfect for this time of year. New members are always welcome.

#### **CCW** to Hear from Micah

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women at 10am on Tuesday, January 16, in the Father Rooney Community Room on the church courtyard. Our special guest will be Knight and parishioner volunteer Rich LaRoche, speaking about Micah Ecumenical Ministries, particularly the Furniture Bank Ministry. We will also hold a brief business meeting, enjoy refreshments, have a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and be blessed with prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Find out more about your CCW at stmaryccw.org and our Facebook page, fb.com/StMaryCCW, and sign up to receive our Newsletter at StMaryCCWNews@aol.com.

#### 2024 March for Life

Friday, January 19 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.

## Virginia Pro-Life Day & March for Life

February 21

Save the date to join your parish for Pro Life Day in Richmond and the Virginia March for Life. Details will follow soon with bus information and the schedule.

# happenings



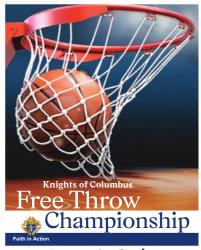
# SOUPER BOWL WEEKEND AT SAINT MARY'S

# FEBRUARY 10-11

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN FOR THE HUNGRY IN OUR DIOCESE BY BRINGING CANS OF HEARTY SOUP OR RAVIOLI TO MASS. ALL CANS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ST. LUCY PROJECT!

#### **St Mary Young Adults**

Are you between the ages of 18 and 39 and looking to meet new friends in your community? Join the St. Mary's Catholic Young Adult Group! We strive to bring glory to God by serving the young adult population of our parish through faith building activities, opportunities to volunteer in the wider community and relationship building social events. To join us please contact Tyler at stmaryyava@gmail.com - we would love to have you!



Boys & Girls

AGES 9-14

at Holy Cross Academy January 27 from 9-11am

Contact: Joe Cralle at jacralle@gmail.com

\*\* Entrants may compete in only one local competition\*\*

# our parish happenings

#### **Don't Miss This Life-Changing Retreat**

Marian Consecration is a great weapon to fight the evils against the Church and in the world. Mary will obtain the grace for us to trust in God's Mercy, as she is the Mother of Mercy.

Experience this extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian Consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II. Fr. Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. He weaves their thought into a user-friendly retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So if you have been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you are simply looking to deepen or renew your consecration to her, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book to read and the perfect retreat.

We will make our consecration together at the March 25th Mass.

#### Retreat Sessions to be held

February 15th, 22nd, 29th March 7th, 14th, 21st (HCA Library) Thursday 7pm - 8:30pm

#### **MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN February 6**

Cost: \$13 for the Book

Name	Email
Phone	

Morning Morning Clory A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecration

Michael E. Gaitley, MIC

For more information, call **Donna Harring at 540 316-1105 or donnaharring2@gmail.com**. Bring this registration and drop off a \$13 payment for the book at the parish office. *Please make the check payable to Donna Harring*.

# 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 backto-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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

# happenings

# 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



### **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



#### **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	Unbound Retreat NOTMIY
Session 22	Mar 23	A Civilization of Love
	Mar 30	Easter Weekend NOTMIY
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**

# gaudalupe free clinic

The Guadalupe Free Clinic in Colonial Beach has moved just a few blocks away to a larger facility! God is good! Bishop Michael F. Burbidge blessed the new clinic on December 20, 2023.

The Guadalupe Free Clinic has provided heath care to persons in need since 2005 and as of November, volunteer staff, saw 300 patients in 2,114 visits this year, a new record. The clinic operates thanks to charitable donations and grants to cover rent and materials.

During the blessing of the clinic, Bishop Burbidge encouraged the volunteers to have faith in the Lord's ability to work through them saying;

"Every day my dear friends, as you walk through these doors, renew that faith by saying, 'Yes Lord, I do believe and I will give you my very best ... and I trust that you will use all that I offer you in miraculous ways.' "

If you feel called to serve at the Guadalupe Free Clinic, welcoming patience, translating or if you have a medical background, we are always looking for help, please reach out to Tom Fish at **tfish@guadalupefreeclinic.org.** 





## vida parroquial

# noticias en español



#### ¡Aprende tú para que puedas enseñar!

- La formación secular de hoy es preocupante
- Dios necesita que enseñes a tus hijos la fe
- La Iglesia no puede hacerlo sola....

#### Necesita de ti

- Ven a clase mientras tus niños están en clase
- Aprende sobre los Sacramentos que ellos recibirán

#### ¡No te quedes en el auto!

Comenzaremos Enero 22, 23 y 24 en el PLC

No te quedes en el auto...



Conforme al Corazon de Dios

# Inspírate a **Semest**

# 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 registrse. ¿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	Convirtiendose 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 NOTMIY
Sesión 23	Abr 6	La cara escondida de Dios
Sesión 24	Abr 13	El triunfo de la misericordia
Sesión 25	Abr 20	Mision 12.0
Sesión 26	Abr 27	Un Hombre Según el Corazón de Dios

#### **WWW.TMIY.ORG**

# youth ministry

# January 2024

Youth Ministry Calendar

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

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

#### 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)

January 8th, 5:00-6:30pm
Parish Office Conference Room
Join us for a potluck dinner and deeper discussion!



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#### **Donations Received December 20-27**

Sunday Offertory	\$33,382.40
Christmas Offertory	\$37,30.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$4,023.00

#### Donations Received December 28 - January 3

Sunday Offertory	\$23,148.00
Christmas Offertory	\$ 689.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$6,855.00
First Offering for Envelopes	\$1,552.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$219.00

#### **Faith Direct Donations December 15**

Sunday Offertory	\$24,303.00
Christmas	\$1,020.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$865.00
Catholic Charities	\$370.00
Parish Christmas Charities	\$575.00
Immaculate Conception	\$320.00

#### Faith Direct Donations December 31

Sunday Offertory	\$6,211.10
Christmas Offertory	\$2,210.00
Parish Debt Reduction Fund	\$3,570.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

# First Offering Contributions to Help Offset Cost of Collection Envelopes

Each year in January the envelope packet always includes an envelope marked "First Offering" with a suggested donation of \$15.00. This is not a regular collection, but merely a request for a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the printing and bimonthly mailing of collection envelopes to more than 5,000 parish families. From July 2022 to June 2023, the parish's cost for the offering envelopes was \$23,339.48. First Offering donations received for the same period totaled \$5,374.51. Your generosity and support in helping to offset the cost of the envelopes is greatly appreciated.

#### **Pro-Life Reflection**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fought for the equal dignity of every human life. "If we are to have peace on earth," he wrote, "we must be concerned about . . . the sacredness of all human life. Man is a child of God, made in His image, and must be respected as such." "When we truly believe this," he continued, "we won't kill anybody." Lord, thank You for the privilege of defending human life through the pro-life movement. (Pro-life Reflections for Every Day)

#### **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 ageappropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-onone 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.

#### **Winter Open House at St Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its Winter Open House for prospective families on Tuesday, February 6, 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



# liturgy daily bread

#### **Saint Mary Prayer List - January**

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

Barbara Drummond, Carlos Enrique, Chris Breth, Clifford Snipe, Connor Blaisdell, David Smetek, Donna Roehrich , Drew LoRusso, Hazel Tiller, Janet Weddell, Jason Stoker, Joanne O'Brien, Jorge A. Lecea, Karl Eugene, Lexie Haglund, Lisa Dunkin, Louise Ravert, Mary Beth Dobbins, Michael Fedowitz III, Migdalia Ortega, Patricia Wallace, Paula Snellings, Sal Castro , Shirley Bozicevic, Ted Jung, Tom O'Brien, David Smetek

### 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**

#### **January**

#### **15 MONDAY**

6:30am Teresa Triplett+ 9:00am Patricia Gasper+ 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

#### **16 TUESDAY**

6:30am Gilbert and Mariela Isabel Alvarez 9:00am Jason Stanisławski 12:00pm Ryley McNichol+ 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

#### **17 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Sonia Rodriguez+ 8:15am\* Brooke Stidham 9:00am Demetria Tocsin+ 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

#### **18 THURSDAY**

6:30am Louise Wadsworth+ 9:00am Perry Loving 12:00pm Bernie Doyle+ 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

#### 19 FRIDAY

6:30am Sarah Farmer 9:00am Jeffrey Alexander+ 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

#### **20 SATURDAY**

9:00am Kevin McGrath+ 5:00pm Frank and Margaret Clancy+

7:00pm Patricia Finnegan+

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

#### 21 SUNDAY

7:00am Luis Chacon and Luis Chacon Jr+
8:30am Anthony Khang Nguyễn
8:30am\* For Our Parish
10:30am\* Mary Ann Holzworth
10:30am\*

12:30pm John Sturtevant
2:30pm David Frasher+
5:00pm Gary Stevensons
7:00pm Christopher Graham+
Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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

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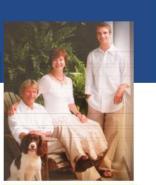


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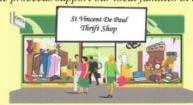
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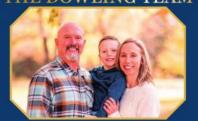
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