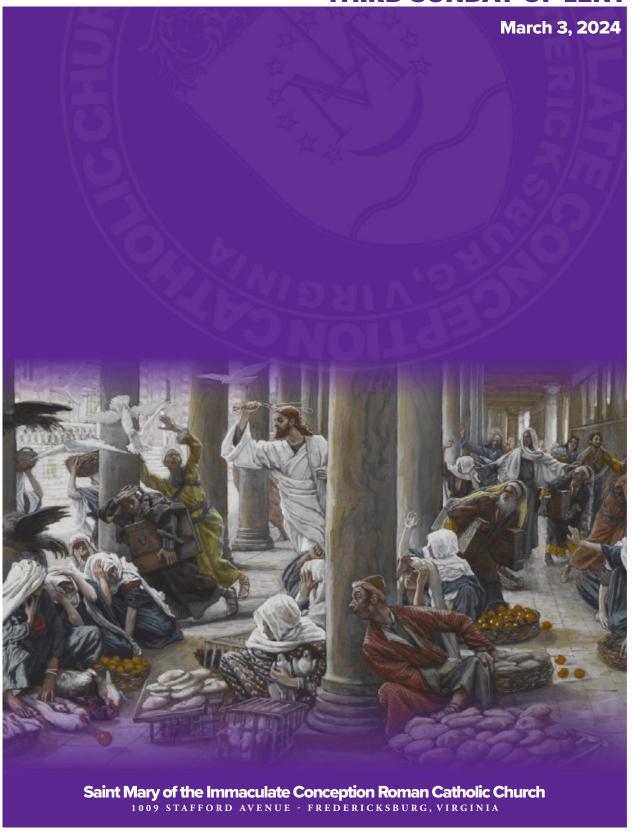
### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



# capital campaign grow our legacy in faith

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

#### **Exciting News to Share**

The artist for the two Stained Glass Windows for the chapel at Holy Cross Academy has just completed all the work for them! Both windows will be on display. The stained glass window depicting, The Annunciation of Our Blessed Mother will be displayed in the church, here at St. Mary's, while the window depicting St. Joseph in his workshop with the child Jesus will be on view at our parish school, Holy Cross Academy.

#### **Building Committee Update**

The Parish Building Committee met on Monday, February 26th. They are working diligently and expect to have the permitting for Holy Cross Academy in hand so that construction for the school can begin in June. Two other projects for the St. Mary parish campus requiring permitting are also being pursued at this time and their progress was noted at the meeting.

Dr. Stephen Fry will host a Construction Information Session in the Spring with a representative from Wack Construction to review timelines and phases of construction so that parents and parish families can know what to expect. Stay tuned for a date and time of this meeting.



#### **Upcoming Events**

The Parish Picnic will take place this coming Spring on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Holy Cross Academy. At that time, the Campaign Committee will have a ground-breaking ceremony for our parish school, Holy Cross Academy complete with donated fireworks! Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this wonderful event with your family!

#### **Updated Loaves and Fishes Card**

The deadline for the submission of the new and improved Loaves and Fishes card was on February 29, 2024 allowing families to now have three lines of text for their commemorative brick which will be placed on the Commemorative Wall in the new cafeteria at our parish school, Holy Cross Academy. All members of the campaign committee want to express their warmest thanks to all who have returned their cards and/or verified their submissions. If you did not have a chance to return your card or would like to participate in this incredible honorary project, please submit the Loaves and Fishes form asap or call us at 540-373-6491.

# from our pastor

Dear folks,

**Poland and Lithuania Pilgrimage!** This weeks bulletin includes a small notice for the pilgrimage I shared last week, for this summer! You can also access the info and even register online at **81tours.com/polandfrmosimann** 

What is a Pilgrimage? One parishioner asked me this, so here is my definition: 'undertaking a physical journey in order to accomplish a spiritual one.' Practically speaking, this means we will visit sites of importance to the faith, celebrate daily Mass, and pray a daily rosary together on the bus. To be a pilgrim, is to be more than a tourist. It is what impressed me so much about Poland in 2016, that the churches were not museums, but full of Polish people praying! Yes, the itinerary includes tours, museums, and good food too (look at me, do you doubt that? haha!!).

There is one friend who comes on these trips who is not baptized. She prays with us, attends the Masses, and said to me, "your trips are very special to me!" I keep telling her, "I am going to baptize you on one of these pilgrimages!" So don't be afraid of wherever you may be in your faith journey. Just be ready to embrace the special joy of traveling with a group, and sharing the experience with new friends and pew neighbors.

#### Annunciation over my shoulder?

If you have been in the church since Wednesday, you have likely been surprised by the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel and the BVM next to the priest in the sanctuary! Our stained glass windows for the new HCA chapel are here, and since the new chapel isn't ready yet, I thought "why don't we enjoy them for a time in church and school!" The annunciation window is currently in the church, and the St. Joseph window is in HCA.

#### Groundbreaking in April?

And this also means we look to be on target to break ground for the expansion at the end of April!! We will have more info soon, but a construction meeting this week drove home that our timing looks solid! It is too soon to tell you when we will be done, when the HCA cafeteria, expansion and chapel will be ready, but I am pleasantly surprised already at the first draft of the actual construction schedule!

A blessed Lent to you and all of your loved ones.

pax et bonum, Mosim

Pastor

# Following in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

Pilgrimage to Poland & Lithuania with Fr. Mosimann
JUNE 24 - JULY 6, 2024



#### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip airfare from Washington DC (IAD), for
- · departure from other airports please contact us
- All airporttaxes & fuel surcharges
- 11 nights in Centrally located hotels 4\* and 5\*:
- Hotel Vilnia or similar, Vilnius (3 nights)
- HotelRadisson Collection or similar, Warsaw (2 nights)
- · Hotel Arche or similar, Czestochowa (1 night)
- Hotel Leonardo, or similar, Krakow (5 nights)
- Tour leader
- English-speaking guides for all sightseeing visits
- · according to the program
- Full board some days Half board; Breakfast, Lunches,
- · and or Dinners according to the program
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Transfers as per itinerary
- · Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Headphones
- 81 Tours backpack & portfolio of alltravel documents
- · and much more!

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Personal expenses (pocket money)
- Meals not specifically noted; Beverages
- Single supplement(limited availability)
- · Tips to your guide, driver and hotel staff,
- TravelInsurance; we recommend insuremytrip.com

#### **PACKAGE PRICE**

- \$4480.00 (based on double occupancy)
- \$1040 extra for single supplement



#### announcements



#### Stations of the Cross

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT IN THE CHURCH

6:30pm English 7:00pm Español

### 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

#### **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)

Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, Vicar Forane, Pastor Reverend Phillip Cozzi, Parochial Vicar Reverend Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar Deacon Alberto Bernaola Deacon Dick Delio

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#### MUSIC

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#### **HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**

540-286-1600 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234 Principal - Dr. Stephen Fry, sfry@holycrossweb.com

#### **HOLY CROSS PRESCHOOL**

540-373-7553 Director, Sheri Castellarin

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Director, Aristides Lucas Associate Director, Katherine Evans Administrative Asst, Lori Barlow

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Director, Tatiana Beltran Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

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

Director, Katherine Evans

#### **OUTREACH**

Director, Elena Doyle

#### BAPTISMS

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

#### MARRIAGE

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

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

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



### education

# holy cross academy

#### Virginia March for Life

Holy Cross Academy middle school students traveled to Richmond to show their support for the sanctity of life by attending the Virginia March for Life. Our faith teaches us to celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. The March for Life is an opportunity to join thousands of students, families and advocates in a peaceful demonstration for life

#### **Day of Giving**

The Holy Cross Academy community once again showed their amazing generosity through a Day of Giving Campaign during Catholic Schools Week. Over \$26,000 was raised over a 24 hour period to purchase a laser cutter for our new STEM lab, a soccer netting backstop, new microscopes for our science lab, and a stage extension for Immaculate Conception Hall. We are blessed by our supportive school and parish communities.

#### 2024-2025 Applications/Tours

We are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Application information can be found on our school website at **holycrossweb.com/admissions**.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Cross Academy (K-8), please contact Mrs. Deena Lanier, Admissions Coordinator, at **dlanier@holycrossweb.com** or 540-286-1600.

If you are interested in HCA Preschool at St. Mary, please contact Mrs. Sheri Castellarin at **HCAPreschool@holycrossweb.com** or call 540-373-7553.

#### **Open Positions at HCA**

Interested in joining our team? Holy Cross Academy has the following open positions.

- Enrollment coordinator
- Elementary teacher
- Part-time Spanish teacher
- Instructional aide
- Morning/Afternoon Extended Day Aides
- Substitute teachers (for this year and next)
- Part-time Preschool Teacher
- Part-time Preschool Aide

Resumes for HCA positions should be sent to Dr. Fry at **sfry@holycrossweb.com**. Resumes for preschool positions should be sent to Sheri Castellarin (**preschool@holycrossweb.com**).



# religious education

#### **Upcoming Events**

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

#### Monday to Wednesday, March 4-6

Religious Education Classes, Lenten Confessions for Religious Education students from Grades 3-8 at St. Mary

#### Tuesday, March 5

Special Lenten Activity for HCA Religious Education students

#### Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Confessions for Home Taught students at 4:45pm in the church

#### Saturday, March 9

Year 2 Girls' Confirmation Retreat at HCA 12:50-7pm

#### Monday to Wednesday, March 11-13

Religious Education Classes, Special Lenten Activity for St. Mary Religious Education students.

#### Tuesday, March 12

Lenten Confessions for Grades 3-8 Religious Education students at HCA,

Saturday, March 16: SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12noon

#### Monday to Wednesday, March 18-20

Religious Education Classes, Last Week of Classes before Easter Break,

#### **CRS RICE-BOWL**



In Sandra Amaya's home in Morazán, El Salvador, everyone helps with the chores. Early in the morning, Sandra lights the firewood to cook, prepares coffee, and sweeps the chicken coop. Oscar, her eldest son, helps make breakfast before walking nearly two hours to his high school. Nine-year-old Gamaliel grinds corn and, after having breakfast, goes to school accompanied by his father, Santos, and his little brother, Caleb.

Santos, Sandra's husband, is a farmer, but longer droughts and unpredictable rains have reduced his harvests and, therefore, his income. Seeking to earn extra money, Sandra began selling bread, tamales and empanadas. When she heard about a Catholic Relief Services project on raising chickens, Sandra didn't hesitate to join. She learned about preparing food for chickens and that they eat better if they are in a pen. She also learned how to vaccinate and take care of them if they get sick.

As soon as Sandra received some chickens from the project, she began to apply her knowledge. Now her family has access to their own eggs, which saves them money on food, especially now that prices are so high. In addition, her family eats healthier because they can eat a variety of foods instead of just beans or tortillas with salt.

Sandra wants to keep learning, and Santos supports her. ... When she travels far to attend a training, Santos takes care of the children. Upon her return, Sandra enjoys supporting other families by teaching them everything she learned.

Our Catholic faith teaches us how important it is to live in community for our growth and fulfillment. We believe that all people should participate in society, seeking the well-being of all, especially that of our sisters and brothers in need, just as Sandra does. Your participation in the CRS Rice Bowl helps support these efforts.

CRS Rice Bowl Week 3 article - crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3 Week 3 video - youtube.com/watch?v=pMXfu8hpang&t=4s



#### We need adult volunteers!

If you are interested in helping our kids learn more about their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way during Vacation Bible School, please email Caryn Vezina at <a href="mailto:cevezina@gmail.com">cevezina@gmail.com</a>. VBS will be held **July 15-19**, **2024**. The VBS theme is: A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments.

#### 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!

#### **Public Rosary**

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

#### St Mary's Singles Group

An open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group gathering's like dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church events. Contact Eileen Walts at emw5348@gmail.com to get on the email newsletter list.

Meeting monthly to plan events at Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10am. Next meeting is Saturday, March 23 at Wegmans – upstairs meeting area.

## **Upcoming Adult Education Bible Study Opportunity:**

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of her earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.



#### **Come Join Us April 7th!**

David Uschold, our fabulous music director's last day is **April** 7**th**. Join us in song at the 10:30am Mass (practice 9:50am in the PLC) followed by a farewell reception.

COST: The materials cost \$20.00 per person. This does not include on-line access. Class size limited to 25 each.

Class Dates: Wednesday or Thursdays beginning March 20 or 21. Class run time about 90 minutes. Time: 9:45am. Location: Father Rooney Community Room. This is an eight week class. Please signup in the Parish Office (540-373-6491) before March 7

## My Sheep Hear My Voice; A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Montessori Event

Parents, grandparents, catechists, and all interested in the religious life of children, are invited to come listen to an introductory talk on the beauty and joy of this program, which forms young Catholics under the auspices of a rich and authentic Montessori environment. To learn more, please join us on Sunday, March 3 from 2:30pm-4:30pm at St. Anthony's Hall in King George, VA. Contact Angela angela.giorsetto@gmail.com for more information.



# happenings

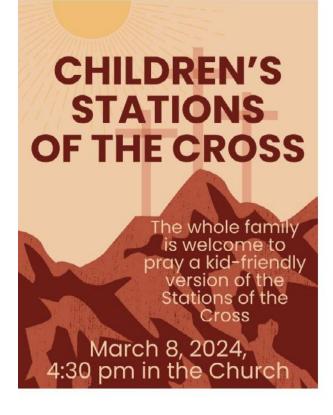
## Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Many of our St. Mary parishioners joined the effort to bring awareness of the suffering of the homeless to our community by participating in the walk this past Saturday night. The walk benefitted the work of Micah Ecumenical Ministries and raised over \$165,000! Fantastic generosity! The St. Mary Team raised almost \$5,000 and our Micah "Love Your Neighbor" second collection, has raised an additional \$6,000+. Thank you for your goodness.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25







#### **CCW to Hear From Lance Carrington**

Lance Carrington, Executive Director of the Guadalupe Free Clinic in Colonial Beach, will be our special guest at this month's meeting of the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women. Please join us at 10am on Tuesday, March 19, in the Father Rooney Community Room on the church courtyard. We will have a brief business meeting, an opportunity to buy chances in a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, and refreshments. (Any and all contributions to the snacks table will be welcome.) Lance will join us for his presentation at about 10:30am. All parishioners are welcome; we hope to see you there!

If you would like to serve on our nominating committee—or nominate yourself for any of our officer positions, please contact President Adele Falardeau at (757) 277-6076 or **asfalardeau49@gmail.com**. Research the offices by visiting stmaryccw.org and clicking on "Find Out More" at the bottom of the home page. Please consider volunteering, for "together we accomplish great things."

# lent & easter schedule

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS

Stations of the Cross | Every Friday of Lent

6:30pm & 7pm (Spanish) in the church

#### Regularly Scheduled Confessions

Every Wednesday from 11:30am-12pm, and from 6:30pm-8:30pm; and every Saturday from 8am-8:30am, and 3:30pm-4:30pm

#### **ADDITIONAL LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

Monday, March 18 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7pm Wednesday, March 20 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7pm Friday, March 22 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7pm Monday, March 25 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday, March 26 | ONLY at 6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesday, March 27 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Palms are distributed and blessed at All Masses

Saturday, March 23 5pm and 7pm

Sunday, March 24

7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm Spanish, 5pm, and 7pm

Sunday March 24
AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY
250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY FREDERICKSBURG 22406
8:30am and 10:30am

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

#### Thursday, March 28

8am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings in the Church 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Fredericksburg Expo Center followed by Adoration in the Parish Life Center (PLC) until 11:45pm 11:45pm Night Prayer in the Parish Life Center

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

#### Friday, March 29

8am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings in the Church
12pm-3pm The Tre Ore The Seven Last Words of Christ at
the Fredericksburg Expo Center
3pm Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross
at the FXBG Expo Center
6:30pm Stations of the Cross at the FXBG Expo Center
7:15pm Stations in Spanish at the FXBG Expo Center
8pm Night Prayer in the Church

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Saturday, March 30\*

\*NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY

8am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings at the FXBG Expo Center 11am Blessing of Easter Food at the Church 8:30pm The Easter Vigil at the FXBG Expo Center

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 31

ALL EASTER MASSES ARE AT THE FREDERICKSBURG EXPO CENTER

2371 CARL D. SILVER PKWY, FREDERICKSBURG VA 22401

8am Easter Mass at the FXBG Expo Center

10:15am Easter Mass at the FXBG Expo Center celebrated by Most Rev. Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington

12:30pm Bilingual Easter Mass at the Expo Center



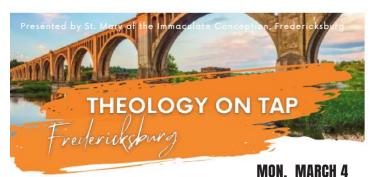
#### Virginia March For Life

St. Mary parishioners, Holy Cross students, and high school students attended the Virginia March for Life where thousands gathered at the Virginia State Capital to be witnesses and to be a voice for defending life from conception to natural death.



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Doors open at 5pm Presentation at 6:30pm



#### What is the Church?

Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald is a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and currently serving as rector of the Basilica of the Assumption, America's first cathedral. While some say he is just here to check out the local mountain bike trails with Fr. Renner, he will be speaking about the Church. Many misconceptions about Catholicism stem from the question, "What is the Church?" and we hope that his answers will help us better understand what it means to be a Christian and a part of Christ's Church. This is a night not to miss! Come join for good friends, good beer, and good conversation









Open to all! Young families welcome!

Connect With Us fredericksburgtot@gmail.com

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

# ARISH PICN

CELEBRATING HOLY CROSS ACADEMY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

#### El Retiro Tetelestai

Strangeways Brewing
350 Lansdowne Rd. Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Gracias a todos los que trabajaron tan duro para traer este retiro a nuestra parroquia. Fue un viaje profundo a través de la pasión de Cristo y reflejo de su tremendo amor por cada uno de nosotros.

¡Una verdadera bendición!





# Freedom in Christ Conference

Based on the 5 Keys to Freedom by Neal Lozano

- Are you anxious or fearful?
- Holding on to past hurts?
- Stuck in a cycle of sin?
- Feel that you are "no good"?





For more information: stmaryfred.org 540-373-6491

### March 15-16, 2024

Friday, March 15

6:30pm-9pm

Saturday, March 16

8:00am Mass 8:30am-6pm

#### **Holy Cross Academy**

250 Stafford Lakes Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22406



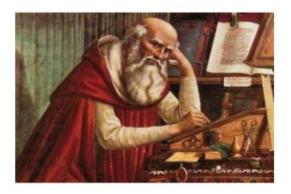
Includes food & materials Financial aid available

#### Register



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# happenings



# St. Augustine Chastity integration group

Becoming a man of sexual integration is an ongoing process, but we can help you on the journey. It is common for those not familiar with the group process to feel anxious and unsettled, but your facilitators will help create a safe environment for you to work through all you need to without prejudice or judgment. This group will help you deal with challenges you may be facing — from relationship issues, self-control, physical, emotional & behavioral patterns—to addressing fear & shame or guilt issues due to scrupulosity.

For more information or to join group, please contact Catholic Charities Admin. Assistant at 540-371-1124 Mon-Thurs from 8am to 2pm.

#### What?

In-Person Therapy Support
Group

#### Where?

Catholic Charities Family Services Bldg 1101 Stafford Ave Fredericksburg, VA [at house left side of St. Mary's IC Church]

#### When?

Resuming Mon Mar 11<sup>th</sup> to Mon June 10<sup>th</sup> for 12 weeks from 5:30pm to 7pm

#### Who?

Any Male 18+ and older Confidentiality will be strictly protected.

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# STEUBENVILLE ADULT CONFERENCES

CATHOLIC CONFERENCES TO TRANSFORM YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Defending the Faith Conference July 26-28, 2024

- Receive a deeper understanding of Catholic Church teaching.
- Experience a greater sense of confidence in your faith.
- Learn how to live your faith in your everyday life.

The world is ever changing and the Church must remain grounded in the Word of God. We are called to share God's truth and love boldly and confidently, but how?

Through encounter, conversion, and community. Join me, Suzette Young, ambassador for Defending the Faith, and others from the Parish community for this Adult Conference this coming Summer at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

Current list of speakers: Steve Ray, Patrick Madrid, Mike Aquilina, Kimberly Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Gary Michuta, Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Andrew Swafford, Bob Rice, Curtis Martin

Registration is open. Don't forget to use your Ambassador Group Code when you register! Your group code is: **24SYOUNG** 

For more information contact Suzette Young at agingcoastrkid@yahoo.com or 540-479-6987 (home). For registration information, visit: **steubenvilleconferences.com** > **events** > **dfc** 



# our parish youth ministry

Month of St. Joseph

March 2024

Youth Ministry Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	MS YOUTH GROUP	2 HS FIGHT CLUB
WORKCAMP FORMATION	4	5	6 YOUGAT	7	8 SENIOR MINISTERY	9 MS FIGHT CLUB
10 HS YOUTH GROUP	11	12	13 YOUGAT	14 FEMININE GENIUS	15 MS YOUTH GROUP	16 HS FIGHT CLUB
17 HS YOUTH GROUP	18	19	20 YOUCAT	21	22	23 MS FIGHT CLUB
24 HS YOUTH	25	26	<b>27</b>	28 NO FEM. GENIUS	29 +††	30 NO FIGHT CLUB
NO HSYG EASTER	1	2	3	4	5	6

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#### 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!

#### HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (9th-12th BOYS)

1st 8 3rd Saturdays, 6:30–8:00am Parish Life Center Explore what it means to be a Man of God!

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL FIGHT CLUB (7th-8th BOYS)

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 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!



## operations

# given in love

The next Financial Report will be published in the March 10th Bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Reveal Christ's Love

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at usccb.org/catholic-relief.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y revelen el amor de Cristo a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

In Lent, the Church enters more deeply into meditation on the suffering, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Life was sacred because He made it, and by His Passion and Resurrection it is even more sacred because it is now raised to the heights of Heaven to reign with Him. Lord, I am filled with wonder at Your love for human life – everyone, born and unborn! May our laws and practices treat humans with the highest respect due them.

#### **Children's Charity - March**

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is parish support for Stafford Junction, a faith-based nonprofit organization tasked with improving the lives of children and families living in poverty in Stafford County, through programs focusing on education, empowerment, and healthy living. Stafford Junction partners with residents, local churches, service agencies, and businesses to connect lives, build relationships, and foster understanding across socio-economic lines. This organization is a mission project of our parish and children's donations will assist the parish in providing much needed support for their programs. For more information, visit their website at **staffordjunction.org**.





Super Science Saturday

Saturday, March 2nd • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 6th-8th Graders

Summer Camps Coming Soon! Still Accepting Applications!

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

17700 DOMINICAN DRIVE, POTOMAC SHORES, VIRGINIA 22026 | 703-445-0246 www.jpthegreat.org

#### **Spring Open House**

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting its final Open House on Tuesday, March 19 from 6pm-7:30pm. Come meet the teachers, take a tour, and find out what it means to be a Warrior! saintmichaelhs. org/open-house



#### **Saint Mary Prayer List - March**

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

Albert Leander Cabudil, Chris Breth, David Smetek, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, Jennifer Redman Davis, Jessica Ingram, Joanne O'Brien, Karl Eugene, Kathy Rice, Maryjane McMary, Michael Fedowitz III, Michael John Gallagher, Nancie Ames, Sarah Scannell, Shirley Bozicevic, William Pell

### Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

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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 6-7pm 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**

#### March

#### **4 MONDAY**

6:30am Marby Bernaola 9:00am Peter Paquette 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

#### **5 TUESDAY**

6:30am Joseph William Stefaniga, Jr.+ 9:00am Mary and Patrick Hogan 12:00pm Donald Ashby+ Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

#### **6 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Miralba Q. Bernaola 8:15am\* Emilio Biosca 9:00am Joseph Stefaniga, Jr. Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

#### **7 THURSDAY**

6:30am Kevin Ma 9:00am Silven Gantt+ Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

#### **8 FRIDAY**

6:30am Malta Cordisco 9:00am Andrew Lontok+ Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

#### 9 SATURDAY

9:00am Robert Derouin 5:00pm For Our Parish 7:00pm Mattha Minhduer Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

#### **10 SUNDAY**

7:00am Manuel Hernandez
8:30am Justin Armitage+
8:30am\* James Matures+
10:30am Vinh and Thao Families
10:30am\* George Graf+

12:30pm George Holzworth
2:30pm Ruben Mantila & Margarita Azcue+

5:00pm Jessica Ingram+

7:00pm Gabbi Guazzo 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

\* 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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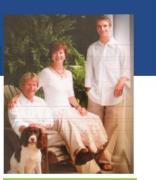
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