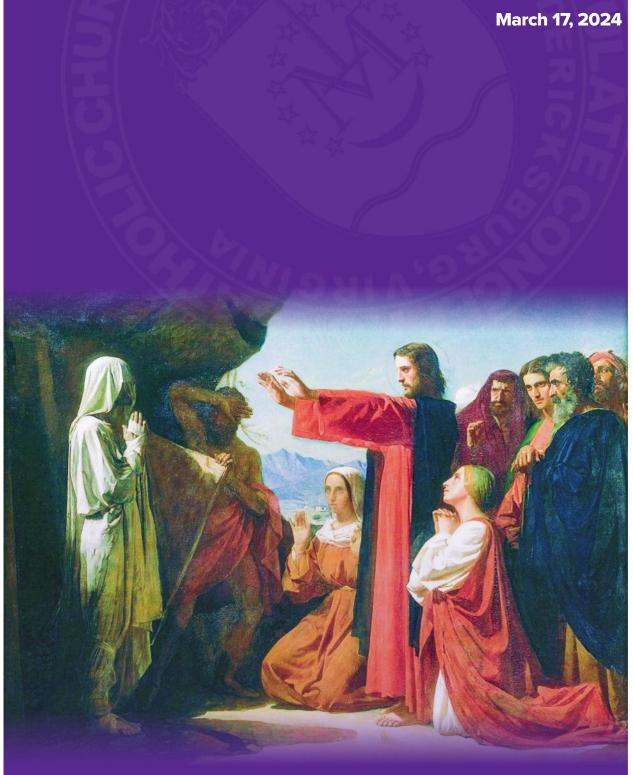
# **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



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

# our parish parish picnic

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

# SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

CELEBRATING HOLY CROSS ACADEMY'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# 4-8PM | FIREWORKS AT SUNSET

FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY COLDWELL BANKER ELITE

JOIN US AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY 250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

RAIN DATE - APRIL 27TH

# our parish parish picnic

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Live Music Food Rock Climbing Wall Inflatables Adult Beverages Cotton Candy Face Painting So much more!!!

# 7pm HCA EXPANSION GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

# PLEASE BRING PICNIC BLANKET/LAWN CHAIRS

LAST NAME A-M PRE-PACKAGED INDIVIDUAL CHIPS\* N-Z PRE-PACKAGED INDIVIDUAL DESSERTS\* \*DUE TO STAFFORD COUNTY HEALTH CODE

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

TO SIGN-UP VISIT **BIT.LY/3P8XPOF** QUESTIONS: CONTACT ANTHONY DEMAIO **ANTHONY.DEMAI085@GMAIL.COM** 



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# from our pastor

Dear folks,

The Catechism, in teaching about the 8th commandment has some interesting things to say about our vocation to bear witness to God who is truth and wills the truth. We can often identify the sin of detraction (disclosing another's faults without good reason) and of calumny (harming another with false accusations). Notice in detraction, what we share is true; while in calumny it is false. Gossip can be in either one of these species of sins.

However, there is another sin, that I believe is in the top five of modern day sins: rash judgment. One is guilty of rash judgment "who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor..."

This is what we do all day on the internet. If this sin were to be eradicated, facebook and twitter would go out of business! Or be radically transformed!

So what can one do to avoid this sin? One should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way. This takes practice. Lots of practice. The Catechism quotes the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on this point:

"Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. And if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved."

Please take one person who annoyed you today. And looking back, remembering their words and/or deeds, find a way to give the most favorable possible interpretation to them.

Or to quote Our Lord, "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you." (Mk 4:25)

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Pastor



# lent and 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

## ALL TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE AT THE FREDERICKSBURG CONVENTION (EXPO) CENTER 2371 CARL D SILVER PKWY, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22401

## HOLY THURSDAY

### Thursday, March 28

8am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings in the Church 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 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 3pm Passion and Veneration of the Holy Cross 6:30pm Stations of the Cross 7:15pm Stations in Spanish 8pm Night Prayer in the Church

## HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, March 30\* \*NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY 8am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings 11am Blessing of Easter Food at the Church 8:30pm The Easter Vigil

## **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

10:15am Easter Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington

12:30pm Easter Mass

# our parish religious education

## **Upcoming Events**

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

Monday to Saturday, March 1-31 (all month): Year 2 Confirmation Interviews

Monday to Wednesday, March 18-20 Religious Education Classes, Last Week of Classes before Easter Break

Saturday, March 23 SPRED classes in the PLC 10am-12 noon

Saturday, March 23 Catechist Certification Classes in the St. Joseph House 9:30am-3:30pm

Monday to Wednesday, March 25-27 No Religious Education Classes, Easter Break

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

Monday to Wednesday, April 1-3 No Religious Education Classes, Easter Break

Saturday, April 6 Catechist Certification Classes in the St. Joseph Building

Monday to Wednesday, April 8-10 Religious Education Classes, Classes Resume

## **CRS RICE-BOWL**



The Eucharist ... is the sacrament par excellence of love. Christ offers himself and breaks himself for us and asks us to do likewise so that our life might become bread that feeds our brothers and sisters. –Pope Francis

Christ, the bread of life, fed the multitudes while on earth and today continues to nourish us spiritually through the Eucharist. This Lent, we reflected on how the Eucharist unites us with God and one another as members of the same body of Christ, and how the Lord invites us to see him in our global family.

We saw Christ in Uganda, through Adolf and Florence, who learned new farming methods, so they can provide food for their family and help their neighbors grow better crops. We can imagine how much Jesus rejoiced when Adolf said, "I have seen my children happy because they are well fed."

We saw Christ in El Salvador, in Sandra and Santos Amaya's family. Like the body of Christ—which, though one body, has many members—each family member contributes their unique gifts to support the household. We saw Christ in Sandra's sacrifices to ensure her family and community can thrive, from learning how to keep chickens to traveling long distances for training that helps her and her neighbors.

We saw Christ in Indonesia, through Evita and her disaster preparedness group. Together, they have helped keep their community safe during natural disasters, which have increased and become more destructive due to climate change. We saw Christ again in the group's communal vegetable garden, which ensures their families have nutritious food even in emergencies.

Lastly, we have seen Christ in you during this holy season—in your prayers, sacrifices and almsgiving. As we near Holy Week, we reflect on the Eucharist as the sacrament of unity that ignites in us the desire to get out of our comfort zone and become Jesus' hands to care for our neighbors. Let us continue to imitate Christ in how he offers himself for us on the Cross and in the Eucharist. In this way, may we generously give of ourselves to honor and uphold the dignity of our sisters and brothers around the world.

crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5

# 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 <u>cevezina@gmail.com</u>. VBS will be held **July 15-19**, **2024**. The VBS theme is: A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments.

# education

# holy cross academy

# **Moving into Spring**

Our HCA preschoolers ended February with our annual Donuts with Dad event and a chance to wear their pajamas to school to enjoy a theme day focused on the letter P. Pancakes, pajamas, and a read aloud of If You Give a Pig a Pancake from some very special guests, Dr. Fry and Mrs. Tomayko was so much fun and very delicious too!

Moving into March, signs of spring will be popping up around Holy Cross Academy Preschool! Walk through the PLC after mass in the next few weeks and you'll see kites, shamrocks, a celebration of Dr. Seuss, and a bunch of March lions and lambs. But even better than that, you'll see how our youngest Crusaders are preparing their hearts during this season of Lent through performing acts of kindness, special prayer intentions, and almsgiving. They have even learned a special Lent song. We are so very blessed to have this special place on the St. Mary campus to play, learn, and grow!





A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence







# **Enrollment is Open**

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. If you have a three or four year old child, please contact our preschool director, Mrs. Sheri Castellarin via phone at **540-373-7553** or by email at **preschool@ holycrossweb.com** to schedule a visit.

# **Open Positions at HCA**

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

- Elementary Teacher
- Part-time Spanish Teacher
- Full-time 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**).



# 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

#### **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

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislawski Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez Parish Secretary, Giovanni Camacho

## **New Parishioner Welcome**

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending time with you, to get to know you, and see how you (and your family) can share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot on Sunday, March 24 from 9am-12pm for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor.

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Meetings will take place in the Courtyard Meeting Room (Fr. Rooney Room) behind the church - the room with all the crucfixes on the wall!

> If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at **edoyle@stmaryfred.org**.

# stmaryfred.org

#### MUSIC

Director of Music, David Uschold Assistant to the Music Ministry, Emma Atkinson

### 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!

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WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# our parish religious education

# 2024 Youth Confirmation Mass and Rehearsal Schedule

If you attend class at	You will be confirmed on				
St. Mary RE - 6:00 HCA Tuesdays St. Mary RE - 6:30 Tuesdays St. Mary RE - 6:30 Wednesdays Summit Academy	<b>Friday, April 12 at 7:00pm</b> Rehearsal will be Monday, April 8 at 6:00pm				
Home Taught St. Mary RE - 4:45 Mondays St. Mary RE - 4:45 Tuesdays St. Mary RE - 4:45 Wednesdays	<b>Saturday, April 13 at 9:00am</b> Rehearsal will be Monday, April 8 at 7:00pm				
Holy Cross Academy St. Mary RE - 6:30 Mondays	<b>Saturday, April 13 at 1:00pm</b> Rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00pm				
All Masses and rehearsals will take place in the Church at St. Mary. Please plan to arrive one hour early to your Mass					

Sponsors do not need to attend the rehearsal

so you can find seating and parking.

# our parish happenings

# Manna Project FOOD DRIVE is THIS Weekend!

Manna Project FOOD DRIVE is THIS Weekend, March 16th and 17th. The Food Drive is happening this weekend before and after each Mass at St. Mary Church and HCA. Please help us fight hunger by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries. We also accept and appreciate monetary donations (checks should be made out to St. Mary Catholic Church). For every \$10 donation, the Food Bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. Thank you for helping our ministry provide for families in need!

## **Legion of Mary Auxiliaries**

We are pleased to announce that the Acies Ceremony will occur on Saturday, March 23 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in King George, VA. The day will begin with a Latin Mass at 9am, followed by the Acies ceremony at 10:15am in the Church. After the ceremony, you are invited to a luncheon in the St. Anthony's Fellowship Hall. No RSVP is required, and you don't need to bring anything.

# 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** 

# St. Augustine Chastity Integration Group

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.

# our parish happenings

# **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.

# **Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

If your family would like the Blessed Mother to visit your home, please call or email Mary Lou Felts to schedule a time. 571-723-3333 or **maryloufelts@gmail. com**.





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

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

## **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."



# our parish two become one

## **"Two Become One" Marriage Preparation Retreat** In February, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception hosted the "Two Become

In February, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception hosted the "Two Become One" marriage preparation retreat for nine engaged couples. Guided by the insights and experiences of married couples, including David & Margaret Bereit, Jake & Marsha O'Donnell, Leo & Jess Chavarria, Scott & Caryn Vezina, and Blaise & Josephine Radel, the spiritual wisdom of Fr. Mosimann and Fr. Tim, and the loving hospitality of Roccio and Emma Atkinson and Yesi Lemus, the couples were prepared for Christ-centered marriage by exploring aspects of Catholic teachings, relationship skills, faith, communication, finances, and building a strong marital foundation. Participants reported highly positive experiences, with some calling the retreat "transformative." Please pray for these couples as they continue preparing for their upcoming marriages, and let other engaged couples know about this enriching experience offered exclusively by St. Mary for marriage preparation. The next "Two Become One" marriage preparation retreats will be held July 12-14, and October 25-27. For more information, contact Margaret Bereit at margaret@stmaryfred.org.









# our parish youth ministry



Do you have skills in basic home repair and maintenance? Do you want to help families in need in our diocese? Are you available June 24 - 27th?



Month of St. Joseph	A
March 2024	
Youth Ministry Calendar	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1 MS YOUTH GROUP	2 HS FIGHT CLUB
3 WORKCAMP FORMATION	4	5	<b>6</b> YOUCAT	7	8 BENDOR MINIPARY	9 MS FIGHT CLUB
10 HS YOUTH GROUP	11	12	<b>13</b> YOUCAT	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 GROUP	25	26	27 YOUCAT	28 NO FEM. GENIUS	<b>29</b> 世	30 NO FIGHT CLUB
NO HSYG	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 & 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!

# our diocese happenings

Join Bishop Burbidge and his brother bishops at the

# 10<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

INDIANAPOLIS JULY 17-21, 2024

**Diocese of Arlington** 



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.





# our diocese

# **Eucharistic** Congress Adult Pricing\* \$949 Triple/Quad \$1,149 Double \$1,649 Single \*Price per person for the next 50 people to register **Family Pricing** -S300 off prices above for children ages 3-12 3:133 for lap children (0-2) when rooming with two paying adults in double occupancy **Payment Schedule:**

## A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ.

## **Tour Inclusions**

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily (pending hotel allocation)

### **Optional Air Package** (selection to be made during registration)

Roundtrip flights from Arlington to Indianapolis

### **Tour Does Not Include**



Meals and beverages not specifically identified Items not specifically mentioned above

## **3 Step Registration Process**

- 1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click HERE to access our online registration site.
- 2. Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
- 3. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.



\$750 per person deposit due upon registration Remaining balance due April 17th, 2024

All payments are non-refundable. By registering for this tour, you understand and agree to CTS Terms and Conditions and accept our CTS Liability Release. All cancellations must be received in writing.

Travel Insurance: Cancel for any reason("CFAR") travel protection is highly recommended See Travel Insured link: www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=47907&p=CTS21



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# operations given in love

## **Donations Received February 27 - March 4**

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## Faith Direct Donations March 4

Sunday Offertory	\$94,441.28
Parish Debt Reduction	\$5,151.50
Black & Indian Missions	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$3,374.00
Micah Love Your Neighbor	\$200.00
Manna Project for Food Bank	\$821.00
Holy Land Shrines	\$2,870.00
Easter 2nd Collection for Parish Development/Maintenance	\$6,507.00

The Second Collection on March 16 & 17 is for Parish Debt Reduction. Thank you for your generosity!

# **Pro-Life Reflection**

Saint Joseph is a model for all fathers in his example of faithfulness and protection of his family. Thousands of times a day, children are aborted because of the choice of a father who fails to show that faithfulness and willingness to protect the child he has helped conceive. Lord, bless all fathers so that they may welcome every child and join the child's mother in saying yes to life.

# **Children's Charity - March**

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in March is parish support for Stafford Junction, a faithbased 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 socioeconomic 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**.



## Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Important Notice

### **Please Do Not Use Faith Direct Electronic Giving for BLA Payments** Thank you for supporting the 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Any BLA pledges or payments should NOT be made through our Parish's electronic giving program, Faith Direct, because this delays transmission of the

giving program, Faith Direct, because this delays transmission of the payments to the Diocese by at least four to six weeks. You may make a one-time gift or set up recurring BLA payments at **arlingtondiocese.org**/**bla**. Thank you.

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491 **16** 

# liturgy daily bread

# 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, Shannon Heindel, Joseph Krieg, Theresa & Keith Kovalefsky

# 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, 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, Fr. Sean Koehr, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson

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

## **18 MONDAY**

6:30am Raymundo & Thelma Odilia Rivera+ 9:00am Charles White+ Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

### **19 TUESDAY**

6:30am Jose Oscar Valle+ 9:00am Edita Ezcurra Cabrera+ 12:00pm Kerry Beltran 2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16-24a

### **20 WEDNESDAY**

6:30am Rose L. Vavrick+ 8:15am\* Sean Bagnall+ 9:00am Christopher Ducic+ Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

### **21 THURSDAY**

6:30am Howard Wilson+ 9:00am Zona Gordon+ Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

### **22 FRIDAY**

6:30am Alfredo Guida+ 9:00am Timothy Cain Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

### **23 SATURDAY**

9:00am Joseph Stanisławski 5:00pm Barbara Walor+ 7:00pm Khang Van Nguyễn+ Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

### 24 SUNDAY

7:00am Bob Ezersky+
8:30am Giovanni Carrello+
8:30am Andres Guerrero
10:30am John Murphy+
10:30am\* Juan Gress+
12:30pm Our Military Living and Deceased
2:30pm Hector Alejandro Camacho Bravo
5:00pm For Our Parish
7:00pm Joseph Phillips+
Mk 11:1-10/ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

\* 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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