

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2025



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

## capital campaign

# grow our legacy in faith

### The Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

#### Encouragement from the Pews and A Pilgrim's Perspective

My mom who is in her nineties prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3 pm. Feeling called to honor Our Lord's Divine Mercy and this beautiful devotion, my mom decided to purchase a share of the Holy Water Font for the Divine Mercy Chapel at the parish. Mom and Dad raised six kids on a policeman's salary. Praying the chaplet faithfully is something that my mom has clung to in her life; she knows the mercy present in our Lord's heart is there for all of us.

- Kathleen Logan Butts

Prayer and devotion to our Lord's merciful heart were a staple in my parent's home. I knew not to call my mom and dad at 3 pm because they would be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Last June, I made the parish's pilgrimage to Lithuania & Poland. One morning, I got up at 5 am and made my way along the cobblestone streets in Vilnius to the church which is home to the official image of the Divine Mercy for adoration. For many years, I have prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet and believe in the graces received. As I knelt before the image in a

small church, many miles from home, my eyes filled with tears; I could not help but think of how grateful I was to be there. To be able to give the gift of the Monstrance for the Divine Mercy Chapel in memory of my mom and dad is truly such an incredible blessing and a tribute to the gift of Faith that they instilled in me!

-Donna and Dave Harring



## "Share" opportunities available

In response to requests from parishioners who want to support purchasing larger items, such as the altar and stained-glass windows, we have created manageable "shares" on some items so that several families can co-sponsor a memorial opportunity.

### Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

St. Mary's Church

<b>Altar*</b>	1 shares/\$5k each
<b>Pews</b>	6 shares/\$5k each
<b>Stained Glass Windows* (2)</b>	\$25k each
<b>Holy Water Font (2)</b>	1 share/\$4k each
<b>Divine Mercy Image/Window*</b>	\$TBD

More items may be identified as we finalize the design of the Adoration Chapel.  
\*Subject to final design approval by the Bishop.

#### Contact Us - Availability is limited

Memorials are supplemental to your generous pledge. Thank you!

These opportunities are on a first-come, first-served basis.

All memorials will be acknowledged on our Holy Cross Academy cafeteria memorial wall.

Please get in touch with Donna Harring at the Parish Office at 540-373-6491.





# from our pastor

Dear folks,

I want to share this image of the new chapel at Holy Cross Academy with you! This was taken on the day of our chapel unveiling and adoration for the students and the parish with adoration!

Thanks be to God! The chapel is already bearing fruit, as I received this message by email from a parishioner who stopped in to pray on the day of unveiling:

*"Your beautiful chapel was a source of grace for me just a few hours ago! I was able to sneak in there to finish my 7 Sorrows Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament before picking up the kids. I believe I have some small idea of what God is calling me to do now. I'm sure everything will work out."*

Why do I say 'unveiling?' This is because the bishop will be coming in September to bless the chapel, and the entire HCA expansion project! So it will be properly blessed at that time!

Also... I thought we had put this in the bulletin previously, but Deacon Leo Flynn (who serves at St. Patrick's) is leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 22nd to 31st. The cost is \$3500 (based on double occupancy). I have some questions about pilgrimages there, and many folks have opinions about the source of the ongoing apparitions. However, pilgrimages are permitted, and I have seen them bear great fruit in the lives of folks who have been. If you would like more details, please email Deacon Leo Flynn at this email [leo@theflynnnteam.com](mailto:leo@theflynnnteam.com)

I haven't given up on a pilgrimage this fall to Greece & Turkey in the footsteps of St. Paul, I just haven't had time to organize that! If not this year then next!  
And maybe a trip down to Mexico City to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe!! That is also a real possibility, and much easier to organize.

pax,



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann V.F.  
Pastor



# announcements

## St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in English and at 7:30pm in Spanish. The First Friday Mass in March and April will be moved to 5:15pm in the church.

# contact us

# stmaryfred.org

### 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 Novus 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, Retired

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

### MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik  
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org  
Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

### 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, Dr. Katherine Evans  
Administrative Assistant, Lori Barlow

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran  
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

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

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
kevans.stmaryfred@gmail.com

### 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

## Holy Cross Academy is Accepting Applications for the 2025-2026 School Year!

Looking for a school that will inspire your child to reach their fullest potential? Look no further! Holy Cross Academy is now accepting applications for Preschool (3-year-olds), as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th grades.

At Holy Cross Academy, we are more than just a school—we are a community dedicated to creating Saints, Scholars, and Leaders. Here, your child will thrive in a nurturing, faith-filled environment that encourages academic excellence, character development, and leadership skills. Through innovative teaching,

hands-on learning, and a commitment to Catholic values, we empower our students to shine as they grow in faith, knowledge, and service.

This is your chance to give your child the gift of a transformative education. Spaces are limited, so don't wait! Apply today and take the first step in joining the Holy Cross Academy family, where we're shaping the future one bright mind at a time.

Visit [holycrossweb.com](http://holycrossweb.com) to learn more and start your application by clicking on the Diocesan Application (online link) We can't wait to welcome you!



**A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence**



**Annie Jr.**

Holy Cross Academy's  
Drama Department  
Proudly Presents:

**Annie JR.**

April 11th & 12th, 2025  
Curtain 6:30 pm

Holy Cross Academy Immaculate Conception Hall  
250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg

The poster features a central illustration of a young girl with curly blonde hair, wearing a red jacket, a blue patterned dress, and brown boots. To her right is a small illustration of a brown dog. The background is a vibrant pink with scattered white stars.

*Boots & Bowties*

YOU'RE INVITED TO

*The Holy Cross  
Academy Gala*

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**05.17.2025**

*Immaculate Conception Hall  
Holy Cross Academy*

The invitation is framed with a decorative scalloped border and features a central illustration of a pair of cowboy boots.

# education

# religious education

## Upcoming Events

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

### April 2025

#### Monday, 4/7

No Religious Education classes (Monday classes only)

#### Monday, 4/7

Confirmation Mass #3 at 5:30pm if you attend Religious Education classes on Mondays at 4:45 or 6:30 pm, at Summit Academy, Home Taught or Homeschooled instruction.

#### Tues-Wed, 4/8-9

Religious Education Week 24

#### Friday 4/11

Kid-Friendly Stations of the Cross at 4:30pm in the church

#### Saturday, 4/12

SPRED classes #10 in the PLC 10am-12 noon

#### Mon-Wed 4/14-16

No Religious Education Classes Easter Break

#### Mon-Wed, 4/21-23

No Religious Education Classes Easter Break

#### Saturday, 4/26

SPRED class in the PLC 10am-12 noon

#### Mon-Wed 4/28-30

Week 25 Religious Education Classes

#### Monday, 4/28

6:30pm Rehearsal for First Holy Communion #3: Religious Education students who attend class on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays at 4:45pm and Tuesdays at 6pm at HCA

#### Tuesday, 4/29

6:30pm Rehearsal for First Holy Communion #4: Religious Education students who attend class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Home Taught/Homeschooled students

## CWS Rice Bowl Week 5

### United in Generosity as One Global Family

On the southern fringe of the Sahara Desert, the Sahel region spans Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan and Eritrea. In the Sahel, temperatures are high, and rain is uncommon. In



1976, during a long drought, crops failed, livestock was lost, and a lack of food threatened the lives of millions of our sisters and brothers.

It was in that same year that Catholics from around the world participated in the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The theme of the Congress, "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family," emphasized the central role of the Eucharist in addressing the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people, particularly in the context of challenges such as hunger, poverty and social injustice.

As we near the end of these 40 days, let us reflect on what our Lenten journey has meant for us and how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving impact not only our lives but also the lives of our sisters and brothers in our local community and around the world. As we strive to live in true global solidarity and are nourished by the Bread of Life, let us share bread for life to ensure everyone has enough to eat amid this global food crisis. When we come together to tackle hunger, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

"The Eucharist is a mystery of love. It makes all of us who eat the same bread into a single body, living by means of one spirit. It makes us one family—brothers and sisters united in

solidarity with one another." —Saint Paul VI

[cwsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5](https://cwsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5)





# our parish triduum 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

Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30pm-7pm

Thursday, April 9 | 6:30pm-7pm

Monday, April 14 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7pm

Tuesday, April 15 | 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, April 16 | 11:30am-12pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Palms are distributed and blessed at All Masses

### Saturday, April 12

5pm and 7pm

### Sunday, April 13

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

### Sunday, April 13 at Holy Cross Academy

8:30am and 10:30am

**ALL TRIDUUM MASSES ARE TAKING PLACE AT THE FREDERICKSBURG EXPO CENTER  
2371 CARL D SILVER PKWY, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22401**

## HOLY THURSDAY

### Thursday, April 17

8am Morning Prayer and Office of Reading | Church  
7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | Expo Center  
9-11:45pm Adoration | Parish Life Center  
12am Night Prayer | Parish Life Center

## GOOD FRIDAY

### Friday, April 18

8am Office of Reading and Morning Prayer | Church  
12-2:30pm The Tre Ore | Expo Center  
3pm The Passion & Veneration of the Cross | Expo Center  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross | Expo Center  
7:15pm Stations of the Cross in Spanish | Expo Center  
8pm Night Prayer in the Church

## HOLY SATURDAY

### Saturday, April 19\*

8am Office of Reading and Morning Prayer | Expo Center  
11am Blessing of Easter Food | Church  
8:30am The Easter Vigil | Expo Center

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Sunday, April 20

### ALL EASTER MASSES ARE AT THE FREDERICKSBURG EXPO CENTER

2371 CARL D. SILVER PKWY, FREDERICKSBURG VA 22401  
8am Easter Mass | Expo Center  
10:15am Easter Mass | Expo Center  
12:30pm Bilingual Easter Mass | Expo Center



# our parish youth ministry

## WorkCamp Tool Training

In March, our WorkCampers participated in their annual tool training day, where they learned how to safely operate power tools and extension ladders in preparation for their week of service this summer. The teens handcrafted six Adirondack chairs which will be raffled off in pairs for \$10 a ticket during our Big Board Fundraiser later this month. You can purchase raffle tickets directly from the teens now at a special discounted rate - \$10 each or 5 for \$40! All proceeds will go to WorkCamp!





# our parish happenings

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 | 6:30 PM | ST MARY CHURCH

Do you, or someone you love, struggle with the sacrament of confession? Do you believe that you must go to confession weekly? Do you have thoughts that you are not sorry enough? Do you believe God did not fully forgive you? Or does the thought of the sacrament of confession cause you fear or anxiety?

Thoughts like these are symptoms of a mental affliction called "scrupulosity." If this sounds like you, or someone you love, come to a presentation by Fr. Andrew Clark.

Fr. Clark is a graduate of Christendom College and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He is a parochial vicar at Blessed Sacrament in Alexandria and a classmate of our own, Fr. Tim Courtney. A verified subject matter expert, Fr. Clark has helped many people affected by scrupulosity to experience the freedom and peace that the sacraments are meant to bring!



FR. ANDREW CLARK

### Parishioner Family Seeking Aide for Child

Seeking support for 4 year-old daughter with special needs. Providing pre-school support, and transportation to/from daycare. Willing to be trained to monitor child's medical condition. Seeking someone who loves children, is patient and kind. Pay is competitive. For more information, please contact Karolina Fuller at [karolinafuller@gmail.com](mailto:karolinafuller@gmail.com) or 209-345-2286

### Traveling Blessed Mother

Do you know that our parish has a beautiful Blessed Mother statue that travels from home to home? All families are encouraged to invite her to visit. During her visit we ask that the family gather near the statue to pray the rosary. The graces and peace that abide in your home when the statue is present are a tremendous gift!

If your family would like the Blessed Mother to visit, please call or email Mary Lou Felts. If you have not had a Sacred Heart Enthronement, she can also schedule one for you during your visit. 571-723-3333 or [maryloufelts@gmail.com](mailto:maryloufelts@gmail.com).

### St. Mary Singles Group

An open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings like dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass and other church events. Contact Eileen at [emw5348@gmail.com](mailto:emw5348@gmail.com) to get on the email newsletter list.

There is a gathering each month at the Wegmans upstairs meeting space at 10 am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be April 26.



### Crocs for Kids

The children at the Brisben Homeless Shelter are in need of Crocs for the warm weather! Instead of providing Easter baskets this year, we have decided to give the children something they really need...shoes!

If you are able to provide a pair of CROCS, please visit [bit.ly/4ldXQLd](https://bit.ly/4ldXQLd) and sign-up to purchase a new pair of shoes for a child in need.

All shoes should be dropped off at the office by Tuesday, April 15. Any questions, please reach out to Elena Doyle [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org) or call the office.



# our parish happenings

## Flourish Marriage Retreat

A DAY OF RENEWAL AND GRACE

On Saturday, March 22, St. Mary's hosted our first-ever "Flourish: Elevate Your Marriage from Good to Great" retreat. Over two dozen Catholic couples attended an inspiring day dedicated to Christ-centered marriage renewal.

Participants explored themes of spirituality, prioritization, communication, mission, and rekindling love. Guided by Scripture, Church teaching, and powerful testimonies from Fr. Mosimann and Margaret and David Bereit, couples deeply reflected on their marital vocation and how to continue growing together. The retreat fostered an atmosphere of grace, openness, and renewal.

Highlights included engaging talks, meaningful couple discussions, prayerful reflection, Mass, and praying the Rosary together. Couples left energized and inspired, committed anew to nurturing their marriages and families through Christ's love. We thank God for this grace-filled experience and look forward to future retreats.

Thank you to all attendees, volunteers, and everyone who prayed for the success of this event. May God continue to richly bless our parish marriages and families!





# our parish happenings

## JOIN OUR FANTASTIC TEAM!

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS ED

The Assistant Director of Religious Education provides oversight of evening Religious Education classes (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) and assists with student sacramental preparation and special events. Serves as diocesan liaison to the Office of Child Protection to ensure that all St. Mary's volunteers and staff are compliant.

A Master's degree in Religious Education, Theology, or related field is preferred; Specialized or Master Catechist Certification is required. (This can be completed online within the first year of employment). Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, age 18 or older, in full compliance with the Office of Protection of Children/Young People. Must be committed to present and witness to the authentic teachings of the Church, and sign an Oath of Fidelity.

The ideal candidate will possess strong leadership qualities and be organized, reliable, detail-oriented, friendly, approachable, and have a heart for children and families. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Bilingual in Spanish/English is preferred.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Administrative Assistant handles all administrative tasks of the Religious Education Office including registration, maintaining student files, recording attendance, and placing supply orders. Schedule will include Tuesday evenings and 1-2 Saturday mornings per month, leading the SPRED Program. The ideal candidate will be organized, with extreme attention to detail, and have proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel. Must be friendly and have a heart for children and families. Bilingual in Spanish/English is required.

Send cover letter and resume prior to April 28 to Fr. John Mosimann at [frmosimann@stmaryfred.org](mailto:frmosimann@stmaryfred.org)

### Public Rosary

Please join parishioners to pray the public Rosary for Peace as requested by Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, April 12 at noon at the Fredericksburg Police Station on Cowan Blvd.

RSVP and questions email [michaelgkasey@verizon.net](mailto:michaelgkasey@verizon.net) or phone (540)760-3885.

### St. Mary Book Club

The next meeting of the St. Mary Book Club will be Tuesday, April 8 in the Father Rooney Community Room at 10am. This month, we will discuss Parishioner Carrie Gress' book "The End of Woman: How Smashing the Patriarchy has Destroyed Us".

All are welcome to join us to discuss this intriguing book, very well suited to our times.

### St. Mary's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 1pm - Friday 9am

Contact [Adoration@stmaryfred.org](mailto:Adoration@stmaryfred.org) Permanent adorers and substitutes are needed.

## CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The whole family is welcome to pray a kid-friendly version of the Stations of the Cross

April 11th 2025  
4:30 pm in the Church

# our parish sign-up sunday



## SPRING SIGN-UP SUNDAY!

**WE NEED YOU!** Several of our ministries are seeking more members in order to complete their good work. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents this lent by saying YES! and reach out directly!

### EDUCATION

**Holy Cross Academy** – JOIN OUR FANTASTIC TEAM!

Faculty & Staff OPENINGS 2025-2026 School Year  
Seeking Substitute Teachers ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR IS UNDERWAY! Hurry space is limited!  
Contact: Angie Tomayko, [atomayko@holycrossweb.com](mailto:atomayko@holycrossweb.com)

### SCRIP Program

A gift card purchase program that directly benefits Holy Cross Academy, making Catholic education more affordable to families. Volunteers sell the cards following weekend Masses (30 minutes only) Training available.  
Contact: Lloyd Keeton, [scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcordinator@holycrossweb.com)

### Religious Education – Faith Formation

Catechists & Aides needed to assist in our children's faith formation. A love of faith and children is required and a desire to be in an environment where Christ is our focus.  
Director: Aristides Lucas, [alucas@stmaryfred.org](mailto:alucas@stmaryfred.org)

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Join our faith formation team of committed small group leaders and assist those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. We need volunteers that are willing to share their love of Christ and the Catholic faith and encourage and listen to others.

Director: Katherine Evans, [kevans@stmaryfred.org](mailto:kevans@stmaryfred.org)

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We create a fun-filled environment where children are immersed in a particular bible theme. A love for children and a kind spirit!

VBS is scheduled for August 4-8, 2025!

Coordinator: Katherine Resendez,  
[katherine.m.resendez@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.m.resendez@gmail.com)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Adult Dinner Teams

Help plan and prepare a meal for our youth group. Join a dinner team and serve every 2-3 months!  
Contact: Kerry Feroldi, [cymdinners@gmail.com](mailto:cymdinners@gmail.com)

#### Welcoming 8th Graders!

Now is the time to join youth group! Once you receive the sacrament of Confirmation, you are welcome to join this AMAZING program!  
Director: Tatiana Beltran, [tbeltran@stmaryfred.org](mailto:tbeltran@stmaryfred.org)

### LITURGY

#### Music Ministry

Welcoming singers and instrumentalist who want to share their gifts to help foster the sung prayer in our parish. Share your talents!  
Choirmaster: Joseph Ciskanik, [musicdirector@stmaryfred.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmaryfred.org)





# our parish sign-up sunday

## **Greeters**

Welcome all parishioners and visitors to Mass with a warm smile and friendly greeting. Greeters may be asked to help people who need assistance from their cars to their pew. Distribute liturgy sheets and assist ushers. Adults and teens welcome!

Coordinator: Pat Fish, [patfish53@gmail.com](mailto:patfish53@gmail.com)

## **Ushers**

Provide assistance to our fellow parishioners during regular Masses, Holy Days and liturgical events. This assistance includes a variety of tasks, such as; extending a greeting to all who enter, seating people, assisting with the collection and during Holy Communion and distributing bulletins after Mass.

Coordinator: Tom Fish, [headusher@stmaryfred.org](mailto:headusher@stmaryfred.org)

## **OPERATIONS**

### **HELP NEEDED TO SET-UP/TEAR DOWN FRED EXPO CENTER FOR TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS!**

Director: Chris Lanzarone, [clanzarone@stmaryfred.org](mailto:clanzarone@stmaryfred.org)

## **PARISH LIFE**

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

Seeking volunteers to offer interviews, prayers and emotional support to help the poor in our area find a way out of emergency situations while planning for a sustainable way forward. Training is provided. Thursday evening hours.

Contact: Bill Smith, [bsmith170@cox.net](mailto:bsmith170@cox.net)

### **Catholic Council of Women**

All women registered in the parish are members! Join us for our monthly meetings and get connected to the fabulous women in our parish, supporting many good programs in our community and each other!

Contact: Arlene Rager, President, [hrager@cox.net](mailto:hrager@cox.net)

### **Knights of Columbus**

What does it mean to be a Knight? We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models. And put charity and community first. If this sounds like an organization that you would like to be a part of, reach out today!

Contact: Grand Knight, Mark Gardner, [gkkofc4034@gmail.com](mailto:gkkofc4034@gmail.com)

### **Legion of Mary**

Seeking members to visit the sick, elderly and lonely in our parish. Bringing Christ's joy to our community. Weekly meetings.

Contact: Donna Harring, [donnaharring2@gmail.com](mailto:donnaharring2@gmail.com)

### **That Man is You (TMIY)**

Interactive men's program focused on developing authentic male leadership. Each week we encourage men to grow in the image of Christ to strengthen our families and communities.

Contact: Peter Paquette, [paquettepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:paquettepeter@yahoo.com)

### **Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Join one of our prayer teams committed to praying for our priests at a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration weekly. We intercede for their needs and support their vocation and ministry. A true gift.

Contact: Kara Horne, [karahorne@gmail.com](mailto:karahorne@gmail.com)

### **En Español**

#### **Legión de María**

Buscamos más miembros para visitar a los enfermos, ancianos y personas solitarias. Nos reunimos semanalmente para orar y formarnos para servir.

Contact: Samuel Meza, [samuelseza1230@gmail.com](mailto:samuelseza1230@gmail.com)

#### **Grupos de Oración Confiados en Jesús y María**

Se reúnen semanalmente en asamblea de oración y alabanza, el rezo del rosario, la escucha de la palabra y formación. Viernes 7pm

Contact: Gustavo Guzman, [gustavoguzmansilva74@gmail.com](mailto:gustavoguzmansilva74@gmail.com)

#### **Grupo Mariano**

Se reúnen para orar, rezar el rosario, cantar y reflexionar la palabra de Dios. Toda la familia esta bien venida.

Lunes 7-9pm

Contact: Gustavo Guzman, [gustavoguzmansilva74@gmail.com](mailto:gustavoguzmansilva74@gmail.com)

#### **Grupo de Jovenes ~ Adultos de 21-40**

Buscamos más miembros para nuestro grupo de jóvenes adultos. Nos reunimos cada domingo para orar, aprender y servir a la comunidad.

Contact: Marina Lopez, [mariperezjimenez48@gmail.com](mailto:mariperezjimenez48@gmail.com)

our parish  
**noticias en español**



Jornada de mujeres  
*Si conocieras el don de Dios*



El sábado pasado, 60 mujeres de nuestra comunidad hispana de Saint Mary, se reunieron para un día de reflexión y hermandad. Las participantes escucharon palabras inspiradoras de las charlas ofrecidas por nuestros sacerdotes, Padre Cozzi y Padre Tim. Que mejor regalo que conocer el don de Dios en este tiempo de la Cuaresma, para así llegar fortalecidas a la celebración de la Pascua que se avecina.





# noticias en español

## ¿Por que un Dios Amoroso Permite el Mal, el Dolor y el Sufrimiento?



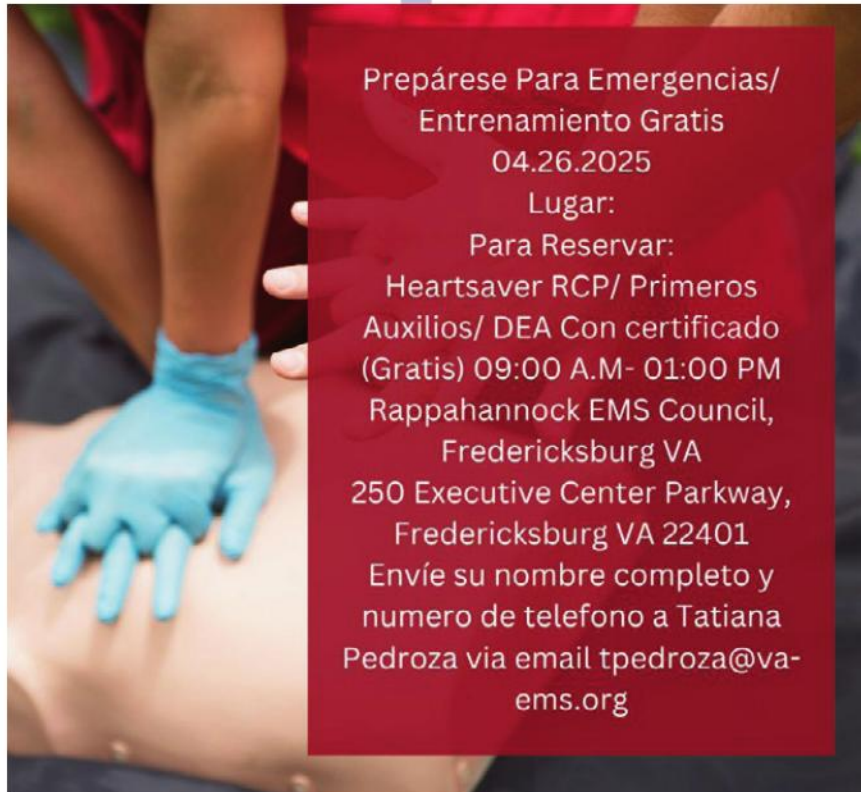
Esta presentación multimedia por Tony Gibert del Instituto Católico de Apologética de América del Norte (CAINA) analiza cómo los grandes pensadores cristianos se enfrentaron al misterio del sufrimiento. Este entendimiento ayudará a nosotros y a nuestros seres queridos a ser mejores personas, en lugar de estar amargados, cuando enfrentemos dificultades y adversidades inevitables en la vida.



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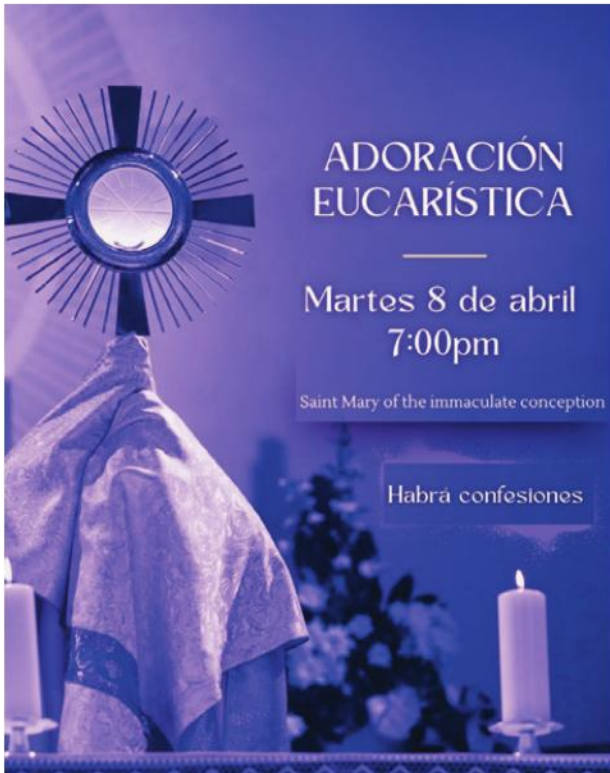
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### ¿Quién debe tomar este curso?

Dirigido a personas con poco o ningún entrenamiento médico que necesitan una tarjeta de finalización del curso por exigencias laborales, cuestiones normativas o por otros motivos. Estos cursos también puede realizarlos cualquier persona que quiera estar preparada en caso de una emergencia en cualquier situación.

### ¿Qué enseña este curso?

- Describir los pasos fundamentales en los primeros auxilios
- Emergencias médicas
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At this special time of year, the entire Catholic community participates in the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Since the 13th Century, the Order of St. Francis has been walking in Jesus' footsteps, working not only to make Christianity's holiest sites accessible to all the faithful, but preserving the Holy Land's precious Christian community, the "living stones of the Church", through education and scholarships, charity and assistance to the poor and pastoral ministry in 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans and 3 academic institutions. The Good Friday Collection is the primary means of support for this work. It is a Pontifical Collection requested by Pope Francis, and your generosity is truly appreciated. For more information, visit [myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

## Choose Life April

The Passion of Christ was far more horrible than our crucifixes portray. He suffered to rescue the human life He had created, to snatch it from the kingdom of death and bring it into His kingdom of life. Let us remember this Lent that Jesus endured His Passion for every unborn child in the womb. He endured every pain that the unborn might be saved as well as the born. *Lord, lessen my fear and increase my courage, that I may suffer with You for the sake of life.*

## Children's Charity - April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the Operation Purple Program of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple Camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. The program is joint or "purple"—encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve.

Since its creation in 2004, the Operation Purple program has grown to serve nearly 70,000 military children and teens. The Operation Purple program also includes family retreats at national parks and specialized family camps geared to address the needs of children and families of our nation's wounded service members.

For more information, visit their website at [militaryfamily.org/programs/operation-purple/](http://militaryfamily.org/programs/operation-purple/)

## Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Important Notice Please Do Not Use Faith Direct Electronic Giving for BLA Payments

Thank you for supporting the 2025 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 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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla). Thank you.





# liturgy

# daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - April

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Gennaro Balletta, Bonita and Charles Boyer, Michael Fedowitz III, Ann Graf, Mary Ann Gragan, Sandra Maria Gonzalez, Joseph Krieg, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Jacob Moser, William Pell, Deanie Ryder, Gregory Ruth, Laverne Ruth, Mary Ann Seidlinge, Bernice Schlosser, Jack Smith, Jason Stoker, Haley Venable, Riley Wheaton, Bob Young

**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 Jobs, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins, Elijah Hornback, Dominic Marsillo, Fr. Sean Koehr, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland

**Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.**

## St. Mary Prayer List

As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) or call the office at 540-373-6491.

Your intention will be included for the month. If you would like your intention to remain, please reach back out and we will happily include it for an additional month.

Did you know.... Our parishioners gather every Wednesday at 3pm – The Hour of Great Mercy - to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

All are warmly welcome to spend time in Adoration in the church and join in this powerful devotion.

"Jesus, I trust in You"



## Daily Mass Intentions

### April

#### 7 MONDAY

6:30am Celeste Zimmer Strenio  
9:00am Jaym Albuquerque+  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

#### 8 TUESDAY

6:30am Marc LaRoche+  
9:00am John Wrobel+  
12:00pm Anna Marie MacArthur+  
Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

#### 9 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Alicia Hongrado+  
8:15am\* Annę Rutkowski (and Family)  
9:00am Charles White+  
12:00pm Scott Merriman  
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

#### 10 THURSDAY

6:30am Paula Snellings+  
9:00am Chiara Stanislawski  
12:00pm Larry Delaney+  
Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

#### 11 FRIDAY

6:30am Garrett Green  
9:00am Rita Stanislawski  
12:00pm Barbara Ward+  
Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

#### 12 SATURDAY

9:00am William Stanislawski  
5:00pm Maryla and Stefan Wolański+  
7:00pm William Salsberry  
Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

#### 13 SUNDAY

7:00am Bob Ezersky+  
8:30am Eleanor Walor+  
8:30am\* For Our Parish  
10:30am Sylvia Bibby+  
10:30am\* David Spellman+  
12:30pm Norma Detrane+  
2:30pm Rafael Bernaola  
5:00pm Jose Bernardo Chavez+  
7:00pm Jerry Forsyth+  
Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

\* 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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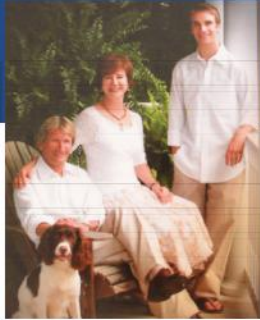
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