

CORPUS CHRISTI

June 22, 2025



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

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BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please enjoy the pictures from the HCA campus. The kids' official last day at Holy Cross was Wednesday, July 11th. This enabled **the major internal work** at our parish school to begin. Dr. Fry was so complimentary of all faculty and staff who contributed to the organizational plan and packed up classrooms so the construction team could jump into action!

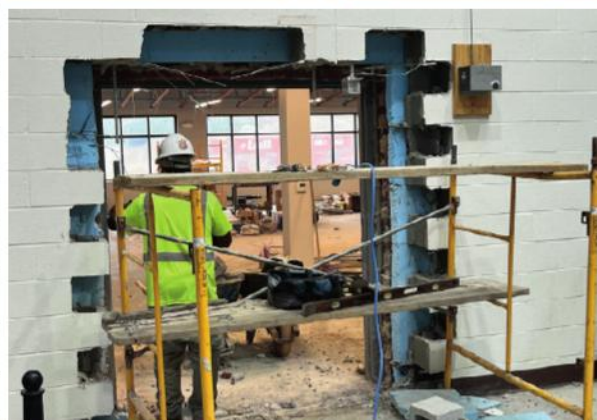
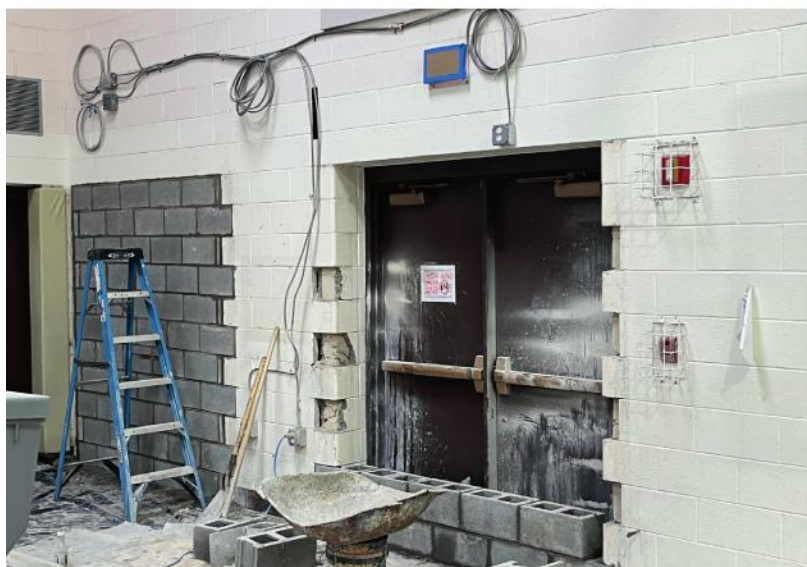
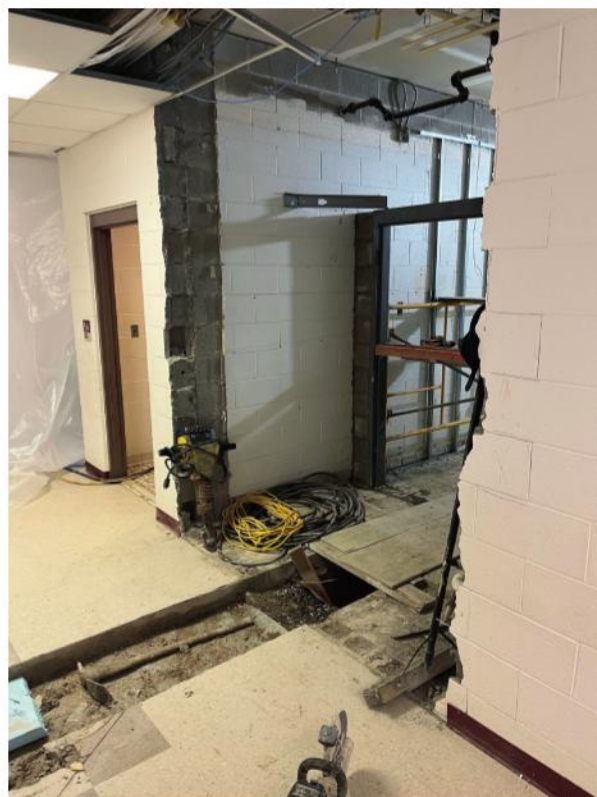
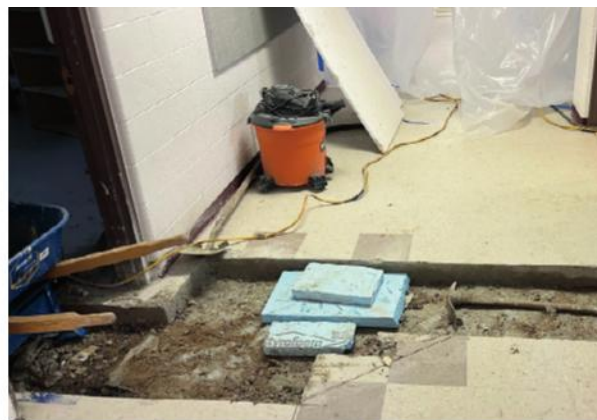
Reporting on the Construction, Dr. Fry noted at last Wednesday's Building Committee meeting that he was "very impressed by how quickly the crew initiated the major projects after all students and most of the staff left the building!"

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRINCIPAL

Dr. Fry writes: "There is already a trench across the elementary hallway that will get much deeper in the coming days and they connect to the plumbing lines. The opening to the cafeteria from the hallway is already established. The old doorways to the kitchen and outside from the gym are being blocked over and a new doorway created for easy access into our wonderful, new light and bright cafeteria."

Sheri Casellarin, Holy Cross' Pre-School Director, is also stopping over to talk through all things preschool and how to smoothly integrate our new pre-elementary students into our school.

IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Last week, in celebration of Trinity Sunday, we reflected on the Lord as He has revealed Himself to be: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This week, we celebrate the Lord giving Himself to us—Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord!

Sometimes folks ask, “Why do we use those gold plates? And why is the server distracting me with that?”

I could simply say, “Because the Church instructs us to do so.” Specifically, the 2004 document *Redemptionis Sacramentum* states: “The Communion-plate for the Communion of the faithful should be retained, so as to avoid the danger of the sacred host or some fragment of it falling” (no. 93).

I believe that communion patens are relatively new—perhaps from the last 200 years—but the concern that every particle of the Host be cared for is not new.

Around the year 200 A.D., Hippolytus of Rome wrote: “Let each of the faithful be zealous, before he eats anything else, to receive the Eucharist ... and that nothing of it fall or be lost; for the Body of Christ is to be eaten by believers and must not be despised. The cup... let none of it be spilled.”

And around 350 A.D., St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote: “Even the crumbs from the Eucharist must be treated with great reverence, for what seems like a mere crumb is not mere bread, but the Body of Christ. Take care lest you lose even a single crumb, for it is more precious than gold or jewels.”

Reverence for every crumb of the Eucharist is not a medieval invention. It is the rightly ordered response of gratitude for the most precious of gifts!

On a practical level, it does sometimes happen that the servers catch crumbs on the patens—this is why you’ll see the priest carefully wipe each paten after Holy Communion.

Sometimes, the faithful hold their hands very close to their chin. This makes it difficult for the server to place the paten underneath, in case the Host or a particle might fall. If you can leave space for the paten, it would be appreciated!

Also—though thankfully rare—after placing a Host in the hand of a communicant, I might see a visible crumb remaining. It always happens too fast for me to act, so I silently ask my guardian angel to find the crumb and return it to the tabernacle. If you receive in the hand, a simple glance to be sure no crumb remains is a prudent practice. And if you see a crumb, just consume it. I don’t want to encourage scrupulosity or the use of a microscope—just prudent care that none of our Lord’s most precious gift be lost!

Any reverent love you pour into receiving our Lord with care will bear great fruit in your soul.

Pax,



Fr. Mosimann

SEEKING USHERS!

We are in need of ushers at all our Masses but especially Saturday at the 5pm Mass. If you can serve in this way, please reach out to Tom Fish at headusher@stmaryfred.org

announcements

This summer all are invited to
Daily Mass at the St. Helena
Chapel at Holy Cross Academy
Every Monday at 4pm!
Begins June 9th!

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 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

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Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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Reverend Robert Renner, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar
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Administrative Assistant, Lori Barlow

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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

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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 29

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our parish religious education

Religious Education Upcoming Events

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

Summer 2025

Mon-Wed, 5/19 - 9/3

No Religious Education
Classes, Summer Break

Mon-Thurs, 5/1 - 8/30

Registration for Religious
Education classes

Saturday 6/28

Young Family VBS (age 0
to Preschool and Parents) in
PLC 8am-1pm

Mon-Fri, 8/4-8/8

Vacation Bible School in PLC
(Kindergarten to Rising 5th
Graders)

Mon-Wed, 9/8-10

Religious Education Week 1:
Semester 1 Begins, RE Kick
Off Week

Catechists: Preparing the Way of the Lord



"Like John the Baptist, your work as a catechist is to prepare the way of the Lord in the heart of each child you teach.

- We prepare those we teach to be open to God's purifying touch, so that Christ's image may be formed in them.
- The formation of Christ in the hearts of young people is the goal of catechesis, but God forms them through us, his messengers.
- We help prepare the hearts of children we teach by sharing our own faith life and the faith of others, and by allowing the children to share their experiences as well.
- As catechists, we are asked to prepare children's minds as well as their hearts. What we love and what we choose to do in our own lives is based on what we believe and understand about life."

(From How to be a Great Catechist by Judene Leon Coon, page 6.)

**Is God calling YOU to be a catechist?
Answer the call and help prepare the way of the Lord.**

**Contact Katherine Evans, Assistant DRE
540-373-6491 x 210 or kevans@stmaryfred.org**

Vacation Bible School

August 4-8, 2025



Kids' registration



Adult volunteers



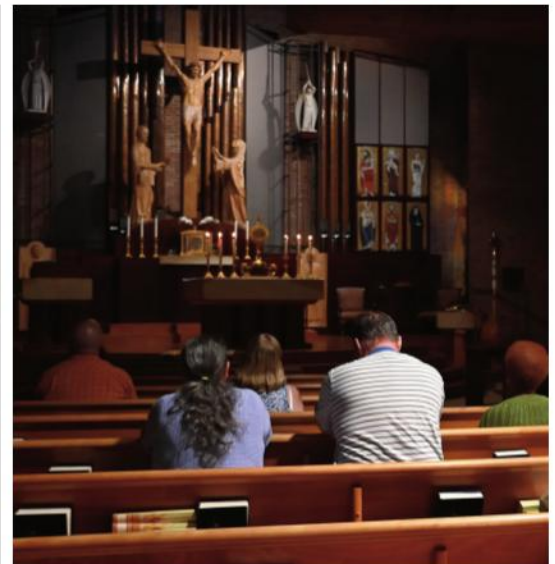
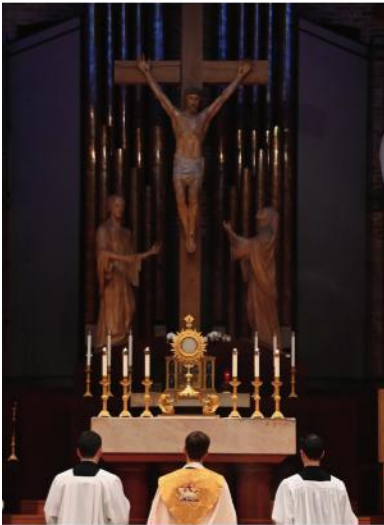
Youth volunteers

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our parish youth ministry

Friday Night Adoration

Once a month this summer, the entire parish is invited to attend special holy hours on Friday evenings. Join your St. Mary family for communal prayer, Adoration, and reflective worship music led by parishioner Jeff Mazzone. Each evening begins at 7:30pm with a beautifully chanted evening prayer and ends at 8:45pm after a relaxing hour with Jesus. Bring the whole family - and all your friends! - to the remaining dates scheduled this summer!



our parish happenings

Attention All Parish Organizations

Your calendar for the use of parish facilities from September 2025 to August 2026 should be submitted to Chris Lanzarone in the Parish Office by the end of July. Please make sure you submit your request to Chris, in writing, as soon as possible, either by regular mail, or by email to clanzarone@stmaryfred.org. In setting up your schedule, please note that at this time evening activities cannot be scheduled before 8pm Monday through Wednesday from September through May, due to Religious Education classes in the Parish Life Center. Thank you.

Crafts with Kids at TBC

We are thrilled to be working once again with the Brisben Center in support of the children! Our Crafts with Kids Summer Program will begin June 4th and take place EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru July 23rd. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun!

If you can encourage kids and like to have fun - this is the perfect ministry for you! Looking for volunteers 18 years or older.

7th-8th graders students preparing for confirmation are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign-up, visit <https://bit.ly/3Z500TH>
Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald sydjim92@msn.com or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491.

School Dressing Days

Provides clothing, backpacks & school supplies for disadvantaged children grades PreK-12, and serves Fredericksburg, King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania and Stafford counties.

St. Mary's is collecting **NEW Boys Athletic pants sizes Small & Medium** and **NEW 1-inch binders**

Please drop off your donations in the bin located in the PLC (marked School Dressing Days) OR in the parish office.

Event to be held July 25-26 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Sign-up at tinyurl.com/2025sddVolunteer

Bi-lingual Teens (16 or older) and Adults Needed!

School Dressing Days happening July 25-26. At distribution time on those days, volunteers are needed to walk through the rooms with the families as they choose their school supplies and clothing for next school year. If the person walking with them is bilingual, it is very helpful as many do not speak English. To sign up to be this volunteer, go to tinyurl.com/2025sddVolunteer to select the time that works best for you.

Public Rosary

Please join parishioners to pray the public Rosary for Peace as requested by Our Lady of Fatima over 100 years ago, on Saturday, June 21, at noon at St. Mary.

Please RSVP and send questions to michaelgkasey@verizon.net or (540)760-3885.



our parish happenings



Young Family VBS

A VBS EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN, AGES 0-5 AND THEIR PARENTS. OLDER SIBLINGS ALWAYS WELCOME

June 28th from 9am - noon
at St. Mary's PLC
Cost: \$25/family
stmaryfxbgvbs@gmail.com



Registration now open!
Scan the QR code or fill out a form in the parish office

YOU'RE INVITED

Join Us for a Farewell Reception Honoring

FR. PHILLIP COZZI

**Tuesday, June 24
5-8pm Open House
Parish Life Center**

Let's come together to celebrate and thank Fr. Cozzi for his faithful service to our parish community. All are welcome to bring a dish to share!

¡ESTÁS INVITADO!

Acompáñanos a una recepción de despedida en honor a

P. PHILLIP COZZI

**Martes, 24 de junio
Casa abierta de 5 a 8pm
Centro de Vida Parroquial**

Reunámonos para celebrar y agradecer al Padre Cozzi por su fiel servicio a nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a traer un platillo para compartir!

our parish
happenings



The poster features a central graphic of two crossed baseball bats. The left bat is labeled 'FRIDAY' and the right bat is labeled 'AUGUST 22'. In the center, where the bats cross, is a circular logo for the 'FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS' with a large red 'F' and a baseball. Above the bats, the text 'ST. MARY'S' is in large blue letters, and 'Night' is written in a red script font. Below 'Night' is 'AT THE BALLPARK' in blue block letters. Two red starburst shapes contain ticket information: '\$38^{pp}' and 'OR! \$19'. The bottom section shows 'FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS' vs 'FAYETTEVILLE WOODPECKERS' with a 'VS' logo. Below that is 'VIRGINIA CREDIT UNION STADIUM' and 'GATES OPEN AT 6 P.M.'.

 **ST. MARY'S**
Night
AT THE BALLPARK

FRIDAY **AUGUST 22**

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GATES OPEN AT 6 P.M.
Stadium is cashless with a clear bag policy and \$8 parking

 **Dinner menu:** Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, cookies, lemonade & water 

\$38 Tickets available in Parish Office until SOLD OUT (cash/check)

noticias en español

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por María**

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**Fecha de inicio:
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San Luis de Montfort*

Para inscribirse comuníquese con:
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Donations Received June 2 - 9

Sunday Offertory	\$29,053.17
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$320.00
Diocese Retired Priests	\$135.00
Poor Box St Vincent de Paul	\$172.00

Faith Direct Donations June 4

Sunday Offertory	\$96,988.88
Parish Debt Reduction	\$4,941.35
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$1,813.00
Peter's Pence Collection	\$3,158.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Peter's Pence Collection

2024 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father
June 28 & 29

"Together we have to look how to be a missionary Church, building bridges, dialogue, always open to receiving with open arms for everyone, like this square, open to all, to all who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love."

Pope Leo XIV

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Our Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. For more information, visit peterspence.va/en.html.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See with your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth century England, King Alfred the Great collected money - "pence" or pennies - from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's charitable work by giving the Holy Father the means to provide essential assistance.

Children's Charity - June

Our Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of June will be donated to Hope House, which was established in 1987 to serve homeless women and their children from the City of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, and King George. Hope House is a non-profit, 501(c)3, transitional facility where homeless women and their children can stay up to two years. Hope House provides safe housing and the opportunities to transition to successful, independent living. Hope House also provides a childcare program that demonstrates excellence in childcare and ensures academic success. For more information, visit their website at hopehouseva.org.

Pro Life Reflection

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." (USCCB "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty")

Religious Freedom Week Life and Dignity for All takes place June 22-29

The Week begins with the Feast of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Many resources are available to help the faithful pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. The USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. Daily prayers and reflections are available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

The Body of Christ by St. Augustine

Your Lord is seated at the Father's right hand in Heaven. How then is the bread His Body? And the chalice, or rather its content, how is it His Blood? These elements are called Sacraments, because in them one thing is perceived by the senses and another thing by the mind. What is seen has a bodily appearance; what the mind perceives produces spiritual fruit. You hear the words "The Body of Christ," and you answer "Amen." *O food and bread of angels, the angels take their fill of You. They are satisfied by You but never tire of You.*

May the worthy reception of Christ in the Eucharist strengthen us in our commitment to protect and cherish the gift of human life from conception to natural death.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - June

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Angela Walker, Bernice Schlosser, Bobby Anderson, Bonita Boyer, Carlos Enrique, Chris Breth, Chuck Boyer, Drew LoRusso, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, JoAnne O'Brien, Jonette Boyer, Joseph Krieg, Karl Eugene, Kieth & Theresa Kovalefsky, Logan Leslie, Margaret Murphy, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Shirley Bozicevic, William Pell, Laverne Ruth, Gregory Ruth, Glenn Cunningham, Earlene Werner, Claire Matthews, Lloyd Keeton

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, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger

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.

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"

Mass Intentions

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.

Daily Mass Intentions June

23 MONDAY

6:30am All in Our Father's Day Novena
9:00am All in Our Father's Day Novena
12:00pm All in Our Father's Day Novena
Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

24 TUESDAY

6:30am Members of the Gracik Family
9:00am Jay and Marcel Novick+
12:00pm Ryan Feather
49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

25 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Miriam Collier
9:00am Jean DuBois+
12:00pm Theodora Woods+
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

26 THURSDAY

6:30am Ruth McMullen+
9:00am Emily Sturtevant
12:00pm Charlie Large+
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29

27 FRIDAY

6:30am Tatiana Beltran
9:00am Conniee Sielicki
12:00pm Marion Clark+
Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

28 SATURDAY

9:00am Jayson Orellana
5:00pm Mary Toigo+
7:00pm Robert and Addie Devine
Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

29 SUNDAY

7:00am Matthew Zilisch
8:30am Jessica Ingram
8:30am* Joseph Kane II
10:30am June Pataky+
10:30am* Bill Sampson+
12:30pm Our Military Living and Deceased
2:30pm Jessica Guadalupe Camacho Bravo
5:00pm Carl Haub+
7:00pm For Our Parish
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

** Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.*

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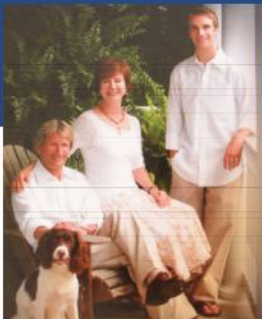
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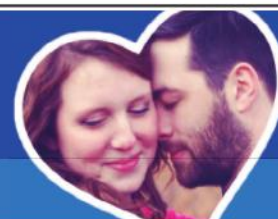
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