



# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025



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



# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

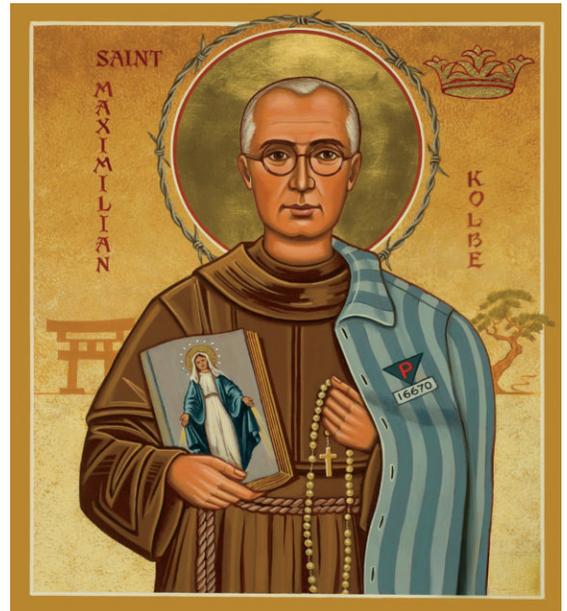
### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

**Good News!** Construction began this week in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Courtyard Meeting Room on the parish campus. We are so excited to prepare this space for prayer and adoration.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Saint of the Month: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, August 14th**

Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. Dedicated with evangelization, he published a magazine to teach the Catholic faith and encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family; *Father Kolbe* was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this “martyr of Auschwitz,” a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christlike act.



### **The Divine Mercy Message is a Message of Hope.**

The message of Divine Mercy, as preached by John Paul II is a call to embrace God's love, seek forgiveness, and extend mercy to others with compassion and reconciliation. *JP II, St. Faustina, and St. Kolbe* viewed *Divine Mercy* as a vital response to the world's suffering and problems.

### **SAVE THE DATE: School Open House on Saturday, September 13, 2025**

With all the work and the construction projects nearly complete at our parish school, Holy Cross Academy, **Come and See** all that has taken shape in our brand new cafeteria, chapel, front office, playground, and the new middle school wing.

Visit and find your name on our incredible Commemorative Donor Brick Wall just inside the new cafeteria! In just a year, our school has been completely transformed into a new modern space. This new environment will help us train our students in the core principles of our Catholic faith and help them become strong, virtuous leaders for the future. Take the HCA tour, participate in the scavenger hunt, and enjoy our parish picnic!

# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Great news! On the very day I'm writing this, we received permission from the county to occupy the new spaces in our Holy Cross Academy expansion! I think I will enjoy this Labor Day more than any in recent memory, as I rest from the constant work that goes into construction projects!

One family reported to me, "While in the chapel this evening with my children, I overheard one say to another... 'Doesn't the new chapel make you want to be more holy?' 'Yes!'" Mission accomplished.

It is my hope that the added spaces and resources we've provided for our parish children inspire in all a deeper desire to be Saints, Scholars, and Leaders. Remember: when we work and study, we are using our God-given gifts. And God does not give gifts without a purpose.

Work has inherent dignity—something often forgotten in our modern world. God Himself labored and earned His food by the sweat of His brow when Jesus worked among us. Have you ever wondered what His neighbors—His customers—might now be saying in heaven? "Yes, Jesus built my desk!"

Please join us at the parish picnic, where you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the new cafeteria, see the memorial brick wall, and win prizes in a scavenger hunt throughout the new spaces! See the bulletin for details.

Another parishioner, upon seeing the memorial brick wall, called it a "wonderful representation of the history of Catholic education in Fredericksburg." She even sent a photo to her parents of the brick commemorating their contribution to the 1997 construction of the school!

This Labor Day, I pray that you find peace in your labors—that you not be enslaved by the demands of the modern workweek, and that your work always be prioritized behind your faith and family. Our worth is not determined by job titles, but by love.

Pax (et Bonum!),



Fr. Mosimann

# announcements

## St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some fellowship!

## NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to St. Mary's! Fr. Mosimann and a few members of our Welcoming Committee are looking forward to spending some time with you, (and your family) and introduce you to the many ways in which you might share your gifts and talents with your new parish family.

Sign-up to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your new pastor Sunday, September 21st. Meetings will take place in the Parish Office (located directly behind the church).

<https://bit.ly/3Ufe6iE>

Any questions, please email Elena Doyle at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org) or call 540-373-6491.

# 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](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org)  
[stmaryfred.org](http://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 Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola

Business Manager, Elaine Stanislowski  
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone  
Facilities, Late-Lawson Drackey  
Custodial Services, Carmen Sanchez  
Parish Secretary, Lori Barlow & Gio Camacho

### MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik  
Director of Music, [musicdirector@stmaryfred.org](mailto: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](mailto:sfry@holycrossweb.com)

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner  
540-286-1600

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director, Dr. Katherine Evans  
Associate Director, Amy MacKinnon  
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran  
Assistant Youth Minister, Catie Espiritu

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

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

### 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 or Margaret Bereit  
[margaret@stmaryfred.org](mailto:margaret@stmaryfred.org)

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.  
Send articles to [bulletin@stmaryfred.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryfred.org). Thanks!

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# holy cross academy

## First Day

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for the gift of this school year.*

*Help us to always appreciate the opportunity to learn*

*And the gift of gathering at a Catholic school.*

*May we never take our education for granted.*

*Help us do our best with all you've given us to learn this year.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,*

*The greatest teacher and student of all.*

*Amen.*

## A Joyful Start to the School Year at Holy Cross Academy!

The halls of Holy Cross Academy came alive with laughter, hugs, and heartfelt reunions as we welcomed back our students and staff for a new school year in our beautiful school. From the very first bell, it was clear—this community is ready to grow together.

We began the day with a beautiful assembly where our dedicated teachers stood before the student body and signed an oath of commitment to our mission, pledging to guide, nurture, and inspire with faith and integrity. It was a powerful moment of unity and purpose.

Following the assembly, led by our beloved supporting priests, we bonded in our faith for mass. Their presence and prayers reminded us of the grace that

surrounds our journey and the strength we draw from our shared faith. Adding a thoughtful touch to the day, Dr. Fry offered a wonderful lesson on the meaning behind a proper handshake—reminding us that even the smallest gestures can reflect respect, confidence, and Christian dignity.

Throughout the day, the joy was unmistakable—students reconnecting with friends they've missed all summer, teachers greeting their classes with smiles and open arms, and a palpable sense of excitement for the year ahead.

We are grateful for this vibrant beginning and look forward to all the learning, growth, and blessings to come. Here's to a year filled with forming young men and women to be saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother.



**A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence**



**HOLY CROSS ACADEMY**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**MONDAY**  
 SEPTEMBER 29  
 GAUNTLET GOLF CLUB | 9AM SHOTGUN START

1st - 2nd - 3rd Place Prizes  
 Longest Drive, Closest to pin, Hole-in-One  
 18 Holes with Genius Electric Score Card  
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SCAN TO REGISTER

# our parish religious education

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, 9/2**

ALL RE Volunteer Orientation, 5:30-8:30pm in the PLC (includes dinner)

**Mon-Wed, 9/8-10**

Religious Education Week 1: Kick Off – see information below!

**Friday, 9/12**

Homeschool Parents Meeting, 6:30pm in the PLC

**Saturday, 9/13**

SPRED class #1, 10am-12noon in the PLC

**Saturday, 9/13**

Catechist Certification Class CAT101-1 at St. Patrick Church 9:30am-3:30pm

**Mon-Wed, 9/15-17**

Religious Education Week 2, Spanish Parent Formation begins

**Friday, 9/19**

Home-Taught Parents Meeting, 6:30pm in the PLC

**Saturday, 9/20**

Catechist Certification Class CAT101-2 at St. Patrick Church, 9:30am-3:30pm

## Religious Ed classes are about to begin!

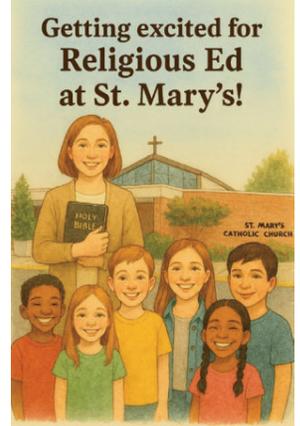
Our Kick-Off will take place during the week of September 8-10. Children AND PARENTS are asked to attend a classroom presentation with their catechist. At this presentation, you will pick up your books, meet your teacher, and learn about some new changes coming up this year.

Families with last names beginning A-L attend the first 30 minutes of the session, and families with last names beginning M-Z attend the last 30 minutes of the session (with a 15-minute break in between). If you have more than one child, you may attend whichever presentation is most convenient.

Be sure to pick up your Parent Handbooks and calendars as well!

See you soon!

*"Go to catechism to know Jesus better! Catechism helps you to know your friend Jesus better and to know his great family, the Church."  
— Pope Francis, Audience with Children, October 2013*



**Our catechist needs have been filled!  
Many thanks to all the volunteers who signed up. We are looking forward to a great year together!**

## SEPTEMBER RE CALENDAR 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 All RE volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm	3	4	5	6 Oath of Fidelity Weekend
7 Oath of Fidelity Weekend	8 RE KICK OFF! 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	9 RE KICK OFF! 4:45-6, 6-7:15pm HCA, 6:30-7:45pm	10 RE KICK OFF! 6:30-7:45	11	12 Homeschooling Parents Meeting 6:30pm	13 SPRED 10-12 PARISH PICNIC 3-7 @HCA CAT CERT 101-1 9:30-3:30 @ St. Pat's
14	15 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	16 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	17 RE: 6:30-7:45	18	19 Home-Taught Parents Meeting 6:30pm	20 CAT CERT 101-2 9:30-3:30 @ St. Pat's
21	22 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	23 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	24 RE: 6:30-7:45	25	26	27 Parish Life Weekend
28 Parish Life Weekend	29 RE: 4:45-6, 6:30-7:45	30 RE: 4:45-6, 6-7:15 HCA, 6:30-7:45	1-Oct RE: 6:30-7:45	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct CAT CERT 102-1 @ St. Pat's

# our parish youth ministry



ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5 MSYG	6 FIGHT CLUB
7 HSYG	8	9	10 YOUCAT	11 FEMININE GENIUS	12	13 FIGHT CLUB
14 HSYG	15	16	17 YOUCAT	18	19 MSYG	20 FIGHT CLUB
21 HSYG	22	23	24 YOUCAT	25 FEMININE GENIUS	26	27 FIGHT CLUB
28 HSYG	29	30	1 YOUCAT	2	3 MSYG	4 FIGHT CLUB

"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME: YOU ARE MINE." ISAIAH 43:1



WE JOYFULLY WELCOME  
ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH  
SCHOOLERS TO JOIN US IN  
**YOUTH MINISTRY!**

540-373-6491

TATIANA BELTRAN & CATIE ESPIRITU

### EVENTS START ON SEPTEMBER 5TH

#### High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Sundays from 6:00 - 8:30pm, PLC  
FREE dinner, games, and faith formation every week.  
Grow in friendship with Jesus and your peers!

#### Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

1st & 3rd Fridays from 6:00 - 8:30pm, PLC  
FREE dinner, games, and faith formation twice a month.  
Grow in friendship with Jesus and your peers!

#### YOUCAT (Grades 9-12)

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm, JP11 House  
Dive deeper into scripture in a small group setting and  
grow in community with other young Catholics!

#### Feminine Genius - Girls Group (Grades 6-12)

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00pm, St. Joseph House  
Gather for Christian sisterhood and spiritual accountability  
as we work together to live life virtuously!

#### Fight Club - Boys Group (Grades 7-12)

Saturday mornings, 6:30-8:00am, JP11 House  
Gather for prayer, formation, brotherhood, and  
accountability as we support one another as men of God!

#### Senior Ministry (Grade 12)

Monthly Potluck, Time and Date TBD Each Month  
Gather as a graduating class for a potluck dinner and a  
ministry of your own formation to help you learn how to  
navigate your faith after high school!

our parish  
**happenings**

# St. Mary R.E. *Fall Kick-Off*

**8, 9 & 10**      **SEPTEMBER**  
**2025**

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND! | FIND YOUR CLASSROOM | MEET  
 YOUR CATECHIST | PICK UP MATERIALS | LEARN ABOUT OUR  
 WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AND CLASS STRUCTURE

**♥ WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

- ✓ Check the chart below for your child's RE session.
- ✓ Attend the presentation at the time listed based on your child's last name (A-L or M-Z).
- ✓ If you have more than one child, you may attend whichever presentation is most convenient.
- 🕒 Each classroom presentation lasts 30 minutes, with a 15-minute break between presentations.

<i>If your child is enrolled in...</i>	<i>And their last name begins with ...</i>	<i>Go to the classroom from...</i>
Mon 4:45 session <i>at St. Mary's</i>	A-L	4:45-5:15pm
	M-Z	5:30-6:00pm
Mon 6:30 session <i>at St. Mary's</i>	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm
Tuesday 4:45 session <i>at St. Mary's</i>	A-L	4:45-5:15pm
	M-Z	5:30-6:00pm
Tuesday 6:00 session <i>at HCA</i>	A-L	6:00-6:30pm
	M-Z	6:45-7:15pm
Tuesday 6:30 session <i>at St. Mary's</i>	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm
Wednesday 6:30 session <i>at St. Mary's</i>	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm

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# Clases de Educación Religiosa *INICIO*

**8, 9 y & 10** | **SEPTIEMBRE**  
**2025**

POR FAVOR ASISTA | ENCUENTRE SU SALÓN | CONOZCA A SU MAESTRO | RECOJA SUS MATERIALES | EDUQUESE SOBRE NUESTRO MARAVILLOSO PROGRAMA Y LA ESTRUCTURA DE LA CLASE

★ QUE NECESITA SABER:

- ✓ Revise el recuadro de abajo con las sesiones para Educación Religiosa de su hijo(a).
- ✓ Usted asistirá a la presentación que le corresponda de acuerdo a la letra del apellido de su hijo(a) (A - L o M - Z).
- ✓ Si usted tiene más de un hijo, usted puede atender a la presentación que le sea más conveniente.
- 🕒 Cada presentación tiene una duración de 30 minutos, con 15 minutos de pausa entre presentaciones.

Si su hijo está inscrito en...	Y su apellido comienza con	Vaya a su clase a las...
Sesión lunes 4:45 en St. Mary	A-L	4:45-5:15pm
	M-Z	5:30-6:00pm
Sesión lunes 6:30 en St. Mary	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm
Sesión martes 4:45 en St. Mary	A-L	4:45-5:15pm
	M-Z	5:30-6:00pm
Sesión martes 6:00 en HCA	A-L	6:00-6:30pm
	M-Z	6:45-7:15pm
Sesión martes 6:30 en St. Mary	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm
Sesión miércoles 6:30 en St. Mary	A-L	6:30-7:00pm
	M-Z	7:15-7:45pm

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parish picnic  
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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH  
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SATURDAY  
13  
SEPTEMBER  
3-7PM

SCAVENGER  
HUNT

FREE  
EVENT

RAIN OR SHINE

**X**  
PLEASE BRING  
LAST NAMES  
A-M CHIPS / N-Z DESSERT



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**COME SEE THE NEW HCA EXPANSION!**

LIVE MUSIC, ROCK CLIMBING WALL, MOON BOUNCES,  
PONY RIDES, FACE PAINTING, FOODS & DRINKS!

JOIN US AT HOLY CROSS ACADEMY 250 STAFFORD LAKES PARKWAY

# our parish happenings

Hosted by Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Conference of St. Mary and St. Jude, Fredericksburg, VA



Saturday, September 27 – Rain or Shine  
Registration begins at 9:15am — Walk starts at 10am  
John Lee Pratt Memorial Park, 120 River Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Walk with us to make a difference! Every step helps neighbors in need. 100% of funds raised will support SVdP's mission of serving people living in poverty right here in our community.

Can't Walk? Select "Give" and donate to a walker or to "SVdP Walk."

Register/Donate at [bit.ly/walkforpoor](https://bit.ly/walkforpoor) or scan below

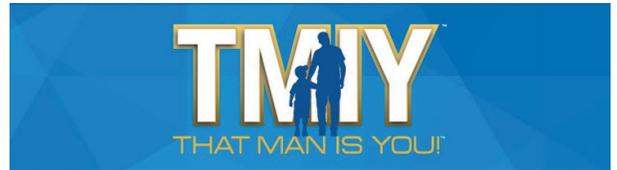


*This month*

### Children of God Made to Hear His Voice

Fr. Isaac is a member of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal founded by the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel. He's a mess—and most of the time he's in denial about it—but every now and again he lets Jesus meet him in the mess and something beautiful happens. He lives with seven other messy friars at St. Michael Friary in Paterson, NJ. He has served in the South Bronx, Harlem, Newark, England, and Ireland. He will speak to us about hearing God's voice as sheep who follow their master's call, and as children who know their father's voice.

Connect with us! [fredericksburgtot@gmail.com](mailto:fredericksburgtot@gmail.com)



This is an interactive men's program that blends scientific research with Catholic teaching to help men live fully and faithfully. By addressing real-life pressures and temptations, it equips men to lead and transform their homes and communities.



### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings  
September 6th - Start Date  
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

### SCHEDULE:

6:00AM- Breakfast/Fellowship  
6:45AM- Video (Church)  
7:20AM- Small Groups  
8:00-Final Blessing

### REGISTRATION:

Scan QR Code for Registration For more info call or email Peter Paquette at (540) 847-1434 or [paquettepeter@yahoo.com](mailto:paquettepeter@yahoo.com)

*Presenter*  
**Fr. Isaac Spinharney, CFR**



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Strangeways Brewing**

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Doors open at 5pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm



# our parish happenings

## Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium, warmly invites you to a celebratory brunch in honor of our Blessed Mother's birthday.

### Saturday, September 6 - Following the 9am Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Please join us for fellowship and a light meal, hosted by our Praesidium with kind support from the members of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

This brunch is being hosted for the Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary and all who want to join us in celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



We look forward to celebrating with you!

## St Mary's 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 10am to plan activities. Our next meeting will be September 6.

## Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19 at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact your parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more info, visit [arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/)



**The Catholic women's ministry that develops Bible studies** that aim to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. It is not a walking program. Each study presents practical Biblical teachings consistent with Church doctrine. Be a part of a **Catholic women's group that will help you grow in your faith!** Choose the study that best meets your needs.

**Opening Your Heart:** The Starting Point: Thursdays 6-7:30 in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Touching the Divine:** Thursdays 6-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Grounded in Hope:** Thursdays 6-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins 9/18/25 to 4/16/26)

**Rooted and Radiant:** Mondays 9:30-11:30AM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/15/25 to 5/11/26) OR Tuesdays 6-7:30PM in the HCA Library (begins 10/7/25 to 5/11/26)

**Discovering our Dignity:** Zoom meeting Thursdays 6:30-8PM (begins 9/18/25 to 4/23/26)

**Ordering Your Priorities:** Fridays 10-11:30AM in the John Paul II House (begins on 9/12/25 to 6/12/26)

Books can be purchased online at [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com). Come and see what we're all about! We look forward to meeting you! Find us at Facebook at Walking With Purpose- St. Mary's Fredericksburg

For more information and to register for a class contact Lisa Sarber at [lisakymi@aol.com](mailto:lisakymi@aol.com)



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SEE HOW YOUR  
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VIRGINIA CATHOLIC  
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Your parish area is represented by  
**Durant, Tara A. (R-27)**

Issue	Vote
Opposing Extreme Abortion Amendment	√
Protecting Parental Consent	√
Protecting Babies Born Alive	√
Opposing Contraceptive Mandate	√
Protecting Peaceful Pro-Life Witness	√
Protecting Marriage	X
Preserving Conscience & Parental Rights	√
Opposing Marijuana Commercialization	√
Limiting Isolated Confinement	X
Restoring Voting Rights	X
Reducing Drug Costs	X

√: Vote agreed with VCC position  
X: Vote disagreed with VCC position

*Note: Some parishioners may live outside parish boundaries and not see their legislators listed - please visit our website to see the full recap and find your representatives.*



Find the full recap and descriptions of the bills at our website:

[vacatholic.org/2025Recap](https://vacatholic.org/2025Recap)  
or scan the code.



# our parish happenings

## Are You a Crafter?

Do you like to knit, crochet, bead, sew, make jewelry, make rosaries, or any other craft? Please join the Stafford County Catholic Women's Crafting and Fellowship Group on Saturday, September 27 from 10am-12pm at Salem Library. Bring your tools and join us for friendship, fellowship, and crafting. We will meet once a month on Saturday. All crafts and all experience levels are welcome!

Saturday, September 27th  
10am-12pm  
Rappahannock Regional Library - Salem Library  
2607 Salem Church Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407.  
Questions? Please contact Gabriela Guazzo at 571-867-8467.

## CURSILLO

The Arlington Diocese will be holding a Women's Cursillo at Missionhurst Retreat Center in Arlington Va, September 18-21. The cost is \$300. All are invited to come renew their faith. Cursillo is a long-standing movement within the Catholic Church aimed to strengthen leadership. It is a means to provide a meaningful learning experience with other Catholic women. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity with long lasting effects for each person's faith journey. Contact: Miguel Ayala, [miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com](mailto:miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com) or go to [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org) for applications.

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We are thrilled to be expanding our Kids Club at the Brisben Center! Dates have been added from August 6th thru October 15. We visit EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30pm. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun as well as reading and giving some homework help to the children at the center.

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Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald [sydjim92@msn.com](mailto:sydjim92@msn.com) or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491



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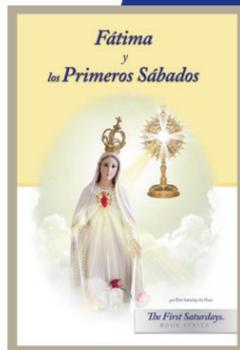
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## Pro Life Reflection

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*O Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the*

*life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her extraordinary service of love, especially to the poor, the unwanted, the sick and the dying. On the anniversary of her death, we ask You, Beloved Father, to flood our lives with the light and spirit of Christ. Allow us to always light the way for others with the same deep faith and love that Saint Teresa showed. Let our actions resemble her generous and humble ways. May she rejoice forever in the Light of Your Love for she dedicated herself unselfishly in the service of Your Holy Name. Amen.*

## Children's Charity - September

Children's Offertory Contributions for the month of September will be donated to Stafford Junction. In 2002, the Stafford County Sheriff's Department assessed the Olde Forge community, which was known for its high crime rate. The evaluation identified several challenges such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, unsupervised children, and the arrival of non-English speaking and refugee families. In response, the Sheriff's Department launched a call for action that led to the establishment of Stafford Junction, a non-profit organization with a faith-based approach focused on enhancing the well-being of children and families in low-income regions of Stafford County. Stafford Junction's programs prioritize education, nutrition, and healthy living. Its goal is to improve the lives of those living in low-resource areas by providing them with a path to a better future. For more information, visit their website at [staffordjunction.org](http://staffordjunction.org). Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through the Religious Education Office. All proceeds from the envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

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# liturgy

# daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - August

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Bernice Schlosser, Bonita and Chuck Boyer, Claire Matthews, Doris Pohwala, Drew LoRusso, Dustin Lieske, Emory Miller, Gary Miller, Glenn Cunningham, Gloria Brennan, Gloria O'Connor, Gregory Ruth, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, Jacob O'Leary, Jason Stoker, JoAnne O'Brien, Joe Leffel, Jonette Boyer, Joseph Krieg, the Kathleen Price Family, Keith and Theresa Kovalefsky, Laverne Ruth, Lloyd Keeton, Margaret Murphy, Maria Mangini, Mary Ann Gragan, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Shirley Bozicevic, Stephanie Huff, Tamlyn Leaf, William Pell, Kiri Johnson, Logan Leslie, Marlon Zelaya, Ryan Carson, Joe Sullivan, Shirley Bozicevic, David Brown

### **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](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"



## 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

### September

#### 1 MONDAY

6:30am Emily Rodriguez  
9:00am Fr. Kevin Dansereau  
12:00pm Susan Lang  
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

#### 2 TUESDAY

6:30am Philomena Collier  
9:00am Timothy Hanlon+  
12:00pm Margaret Mary Kane  
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

#### 3 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Lizette Meza-Arce  
8:15am\* Isabel Dzuray  
9:00am Maria A. Martinez+  
12:00pm Maria del Carmen Arias+  
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

#### 4 THURSDAY

6:30am Joseph Collier  
9:00am Fr. Robert Renner  
12:00pm Ann Wright+  
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

#### 5 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation  
9:00am In Reparation  
12:00pm In Reparation  
7:00pm In Reparation  
Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

#### 6 SATURDAY

9:00am Josefina Benitez+  
5:00pm Maryla and Stefan Wolański+  
7:00pm Genevieve Salsberry  
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

#### 7 SUNDAY

7:00am Charles White+  
8:30am Roxana Granados  
8:30am\* Paul Byberg+  
10:30am All Those Who Died in August  
10:30am\* David Spellman+  
12:30pm Jasmine Nguyễn  
2:30pm Esteban Carrera+  
5:00pm Theresa Shipley+  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
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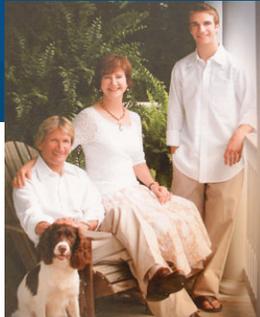
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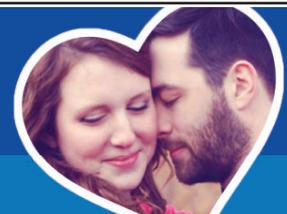
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