

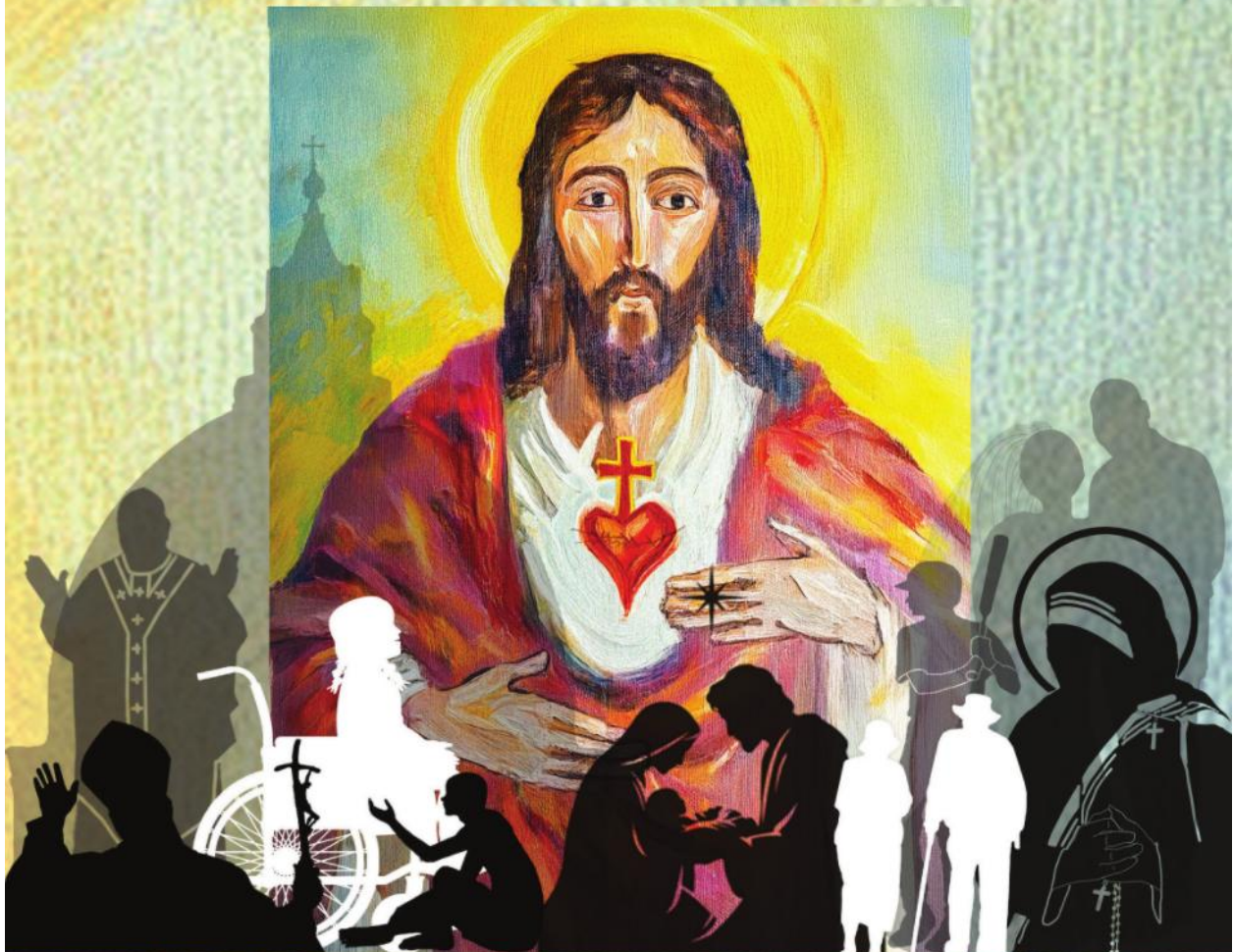
## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

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## Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

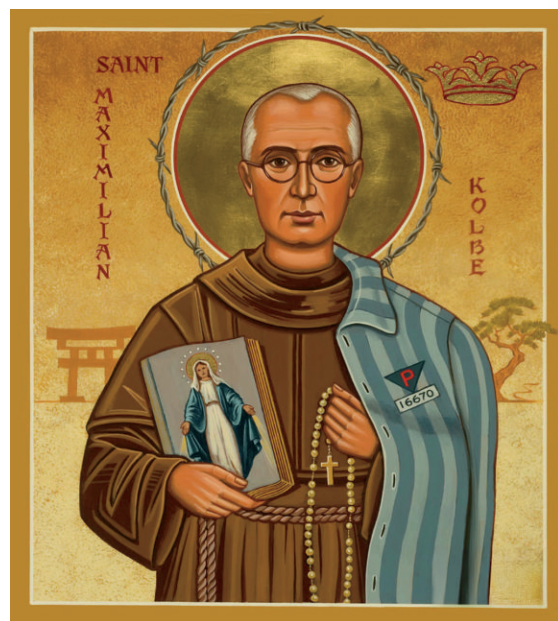
### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

**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,

**Who do you say that I am?** The words our Lord asked His beloved apostles. This is our parish theme for the 2025-2026 year.

First, consider Jesus asking this of His Apostles in Matthew 16. The answer that He is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” is a gift to Peter. If you don’t wrestle with understanding God made man, then you are likely reducing His authority, omnipotence, and omniscience!

Second, ask this question of the Church: Who do you say that the Church is? It is the bride of Christ. The Church is only one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic, because Jesus is first.

Third, ask this of the pope, “who is this American Leo XIV?” I failed at being a prophet, erroneously saying we wouldn’t have an American pope in my lifetime! He is the visible head of the Church, a Chicagoan, and White Sox fan!

Fourth, ask it of each other: “who is Fr. Mosimann? ... who is my spouse? ...who is my neighbor? ...who are you?” It is by grace and conforming our lives to Jesus Christ, that we can become ever more transparent icons of Jesus! Each of us should decrease, so that He can increase!

Finally, ask it of the least, the vulnerable, and the poor: “whatsoever you do to the least, you do unto Jesus.” Mother Theresa rode this thought to the pearly gates!

The poster for the theme this year (on the cover today) is meant to be a little bit of a puzzle, and a riddle. Can you find Jesus in the Church, the saints, the pope, your pastor, the young and the elderly, and in your own home?

In the coming weeks we will explore the work of ministry at St. Mary and how you might seek to find ways to become who you are, children of God who make present and visible His love.

Pax (et Bonum!),



Very Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.  
Pastor



# announcements



## contact us

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm  
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30,  
2:30pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7pm  
8:30 & 10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 6:30am, 9am, & 12pm  
Saturday 9am  
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

### DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,  
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am  
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm  
First Friday 7pm 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 Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Alberto Bernaola

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

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### 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 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

### 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

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

# holy cross academy

## Welcome to Maren Scullion, to our First Grade!

My name is Maren Scullion, and I have the honor of teaching first grade at Holy Cross Academy this school year. I grew up in Augusta, Georgia, and received a B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia (Go Dawgs!). My previous experience as an educator includes teaching fifth grade and kindergarten for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. I am currently an assistant catechist of Religious Education within the Diocese of Arlington, having previously served as a catechist in the Archdiocese for the Military Services. I have a M.Ed. degree in Adult Education, and formerly worked as a museum educator at the National Museum of the United States Army on Fort Belvoir. I enjoy helping people of all ages learn!



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Excellence**

I have been married to my husband, Jim, for twenty-three years, and am the mother of four children: Clare (19), Joey (17), Audrey (13), and Will (10). My husband's career in Army Aviation has moved us to assignments in Germany, Alabama, Georgia, California, Kansas, Texas, New York and Virginia (twice!). I love reading, doing anything outdoors, and cheering on my kids at their respective extracurriculars (lots of lacrosse games!). My heart is in the early childhood classroom, and I love sharing the Catholic faith with others. I am so happy to be joining the Holy Cross family!



"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." -Saint Padre Pio

## WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!

We are excited to announce that we are hiring two dedicated individuals to join our after-school care team! This is a fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of children, working from 3-6pm. If you're passionate about nurturing young minds and creating a fun, safe environment, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Michael Klupenger at [mklupenger@holycrossweb.com](mailto:mklupenger@holycrossweb.com) for more information.

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  
Grab & Go Breakfast with Coffee + Buffet Lunch  
Door Prizes + Raffle Baskets + 50/50 Raffle  
Mulligans - \$10 or 3/\$25 (3 max per player)

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# 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 Have Begun!

Last weekend our catechists all took the Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic Church, a solemn promise in which they pledged loyalty and obedience to the Catholic Church and her Magisterium. This Oath safeguards the Church's teaching mission by ensuring that those who teach our children will do so in full fidelity to Christ and His Church.

Then, on Monday-Wednesday, we had a great Kick-Off! Religious Education students and their parents found their classrooms, met their catechists, picked up their books, and learned all about the exciting new changes and programs we have put in place:

- We met new staff: Amy MacKinnon, Assistant DRE and Sonia Spencer, RE Administrative Assistant
- We met lots of new catechists and volunteers
- We learned about the new OCIT program for high school students missing one or more sacraments
- We picked up our calendars for the coming RE year

The official deadline for RE registration was 8/29, and some of our classes are now closed. But we still have room in several sessions, so please contact Sonia Spencer if you have not yet registered your child. Sonia can be reached at: 540-373-6491 x 208 or at [sspencer@stmaryfred.org](mailto:sspencer@stmaryfred.org).

## 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

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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, JPll 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, JPll 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



## ~ Help Support the Snack Bag Program ~ Hugh Mercer Students

Our local elementary school has identified 60 children who rely on receiving school meals as their main source of nourishment. On the weekends many of these children go hungry and the school has reached out to area churches to ask for assistance. St. Mary's is happy to help and will be providing snack bags on the 4th Friday of every month.

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER

Sign-up to drop off food items by visiting  
<https://bit.ly/3TM9z72>

Make a donation to St. Mary Church – include  
“Outreach-Snack Bags” on the memo line.

Thank you in advance for your goodness! Questions,  
contact Elena Doyle [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org)

## CCW to Welcome Randy James

The special guest speaker at the Council of Catholic Women's meeting on Tuesday, September 16, will be Randy James, founder of Paul Stefan Homes. Randy will be sharing about that accomplishment, and about his personal faith journey. We will meet at 10am in the Parish Life Center main hall; everyone is most welcome. After Randy's talk we will enjoy refreshments, have a 50/50 \$\$ drawing, offer tickets for our annual “Big (up to \$500) Raffle,” and conduct a brief but informative business meeting. Learn all about St. Mary CCW at our website, [stmaryccw.org](http://stmaryccw.org) and follow us at [Facebook.com/StMaryCCW](https://Facebook.com/StMaryCCW). Sign up for Newsletters at [StMaryCCWNews@aol.com](mailto:StMaryCCWNews@aol.com).



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)



# our parish happenings

## St. Mary Young Adult End of Summer Cook Out

September 21 | 3-7pm | Old Mill Park

GAMES! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP! FUN!

Bring a dish/dessert to share!

Hamburgers/Hotdogs will be provide!

Scan the QR code to RSVP today!

Reach out to Tyler at  
[stmaryyava@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryyava@gmail.com) for  
more information!



**This event is open to  
parishioners between the ages of 18 & 39!**

## 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.

## Volunteers Needed for Kids Club at the Brisben Center

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.

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.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4f8ld64>

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* If signing up family members to help - please sign-up each person individually who is coming. Space is limited for each session. Thank you!**

Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald [syjdjim92@msn.com](mailto:syjdjim92@msn.com) or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491

## ADHD Skills Group

Are you disorganized? Easily distracted? Are you pretty sure you have ADD/ADHD? Learn how to feel more organized and prepared through the **ADHD Skills Group this fall.**



On October 8, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will start an 8-week, skills-based therapy group for adults with ADD or ADHD. Meetings will be held in person in Fredericksburg on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-8pm**. To learn more, please call the office at 540-371-1124. Registration deadline is September 19.

There will be a fee to participate, based on your household's income and size. A short survey and discussion with the facilitator will determine if the group is appropriate for you. Ages 18+

parish picnic  
join us

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# PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY  
**13**  
SEPTEMBER  
3-7PM

SCAVENGER  
HUNT

**FREE  
EVENT**

RAIN OR SHINE

**PLEASE BRING**

LAST NAMES

A-M CHIPS / N-Z DESSERT



**SCAN TO  
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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

## OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults at St. Mary

THURSDAYS AT 7pm  
September 18th through Pentecost

Become Catholic  
Delve deeper into the Faith  
Fulfill a missing Sacrament

All materials will be provided

**All are welcome!**

To register contact  
Dr. Katherine Evans, OCIA Director  
kevans@stmaryfred.org | 540-373-6491 x230

## St. Mary Book Club

We will meet on Tuesday, September 9, from 10am to 12 noon in Room 101 of the Parish Life Center. We will discuss "Women of the Catholic Imagination: 12 Inspired Novelists You Should Know" by Haley Stewart. Come along to learn more about Flannery O'Connor, Rumer Godden, Alice McDermott, and more.

If you are unable to attend this time, please join us on October 14. The book for October is "The Dearly Beloved: A Read with Jenna Pick" by Cara Wall.

All are welcome - we hope to see you there.

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

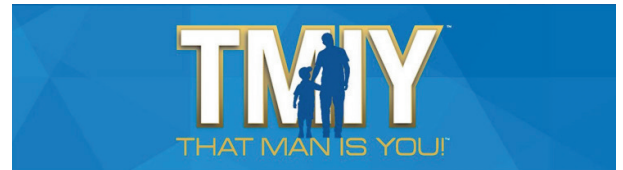


**Saturday, September 27 –  
Rain or Shine  
Registration begins at 9:15am — Walk starts at 10am  
John Lee Pratt Memorial Park, 120 River Road,  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405**

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](http://bit.ly/walkforpoor) or scan below



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)



# 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.

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

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# our parish happenings

## Clases de Educación Religiosa *INICIO*

8, 9 y 10 | SEPTIEMBRE  
2025

POR FAVOR ASISTA | ENCUENTRE SU SALÓN | CONOZCA A SU  
MAESTRO I 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 M-Z	4:45-5:15pm 5:30-6:00pm
Sesión lunes 6:30 en St. Mary	A-L M-Z	6:30-7:00pm 7:15-7:45pm
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# our parish happenings

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

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



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Matthew 9: 37-38

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## Religious Education Collection

The Second Collection next weekend supports the Religious Education Program of our Parish. Your generosity in supporting the faith formation of our children is sincerely appreciated.

## 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.

## Pro Life Reflection

*"The angel said to her do not be afraid, Mary." – Luke 1:30. Such is Gabriel's message today to every pregnant mother. "Do not be afraid" to welcome new life, even when it upsets your plans, changes the direction of your life, and requires you to mature in unexpected ways. If God creates a life in the womb, He is making you ready, and has plans for that child and for you. Lord, remove all fear from the hearts of those who are pregnant, and fill them with Your peace and joy.*

## Important Notice From Faith Direct Upgrade to Parishsoft Giving

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# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - September

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

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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

### 8 MONDAY

6:30am Jose Oscar Valle+  
9:00am Joel Walor+  
12:00pm Steven Young  
Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

### 9 TUESDAY

6:30am Pedro E. Bernoala+  
9:00am Jim Materes+  
12:00pm Ricardo Barton  
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

### 10 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Angela Cleary  
8:15am\* Christian LeBlanc  
9:00am Angela Tucker  
12:00pm Janice Mogle+  
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

### 11 THURSDAY

6:30am Aimee Azongo+  
9:00am Joseph Schircliff+  
12:00pm Ines Willis+  
Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

### 12 FRIDAY

6:30am Sam Rotsch  
9:00am Daniel Kramer  
12:00pm Linda Rogers  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

### 13 SATURDAY

9:00am Glen Sturtevant, Jr.  
5:00pm Mirko Zaunick+  
7:00pm For Our Parish  
1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

### 14 SUNDAY

7:00am Larry Delaney  
8:30am Phulong Dong Nguyễn  
8:30am\* Huynh and Hiếu Le  
10:30am Jack Grey+  
10:30am\* Elsie Terrazas  
12:30pm Tam Thien Le  
2:30pm Josefina Bravo Araujo+  
5:00pm Eduardo Condolea  
7:00pm Jack Grey+  
Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.  
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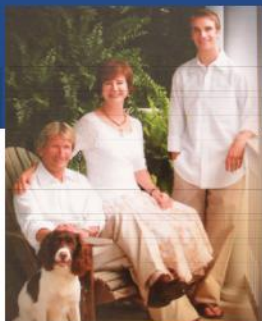
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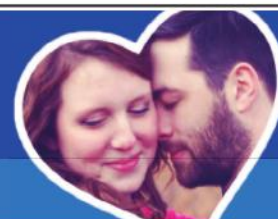
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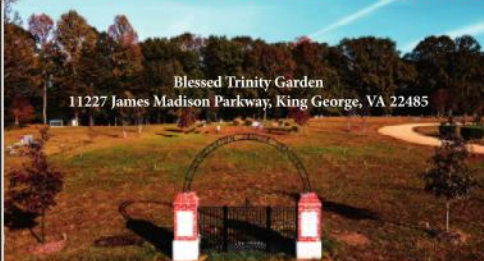
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