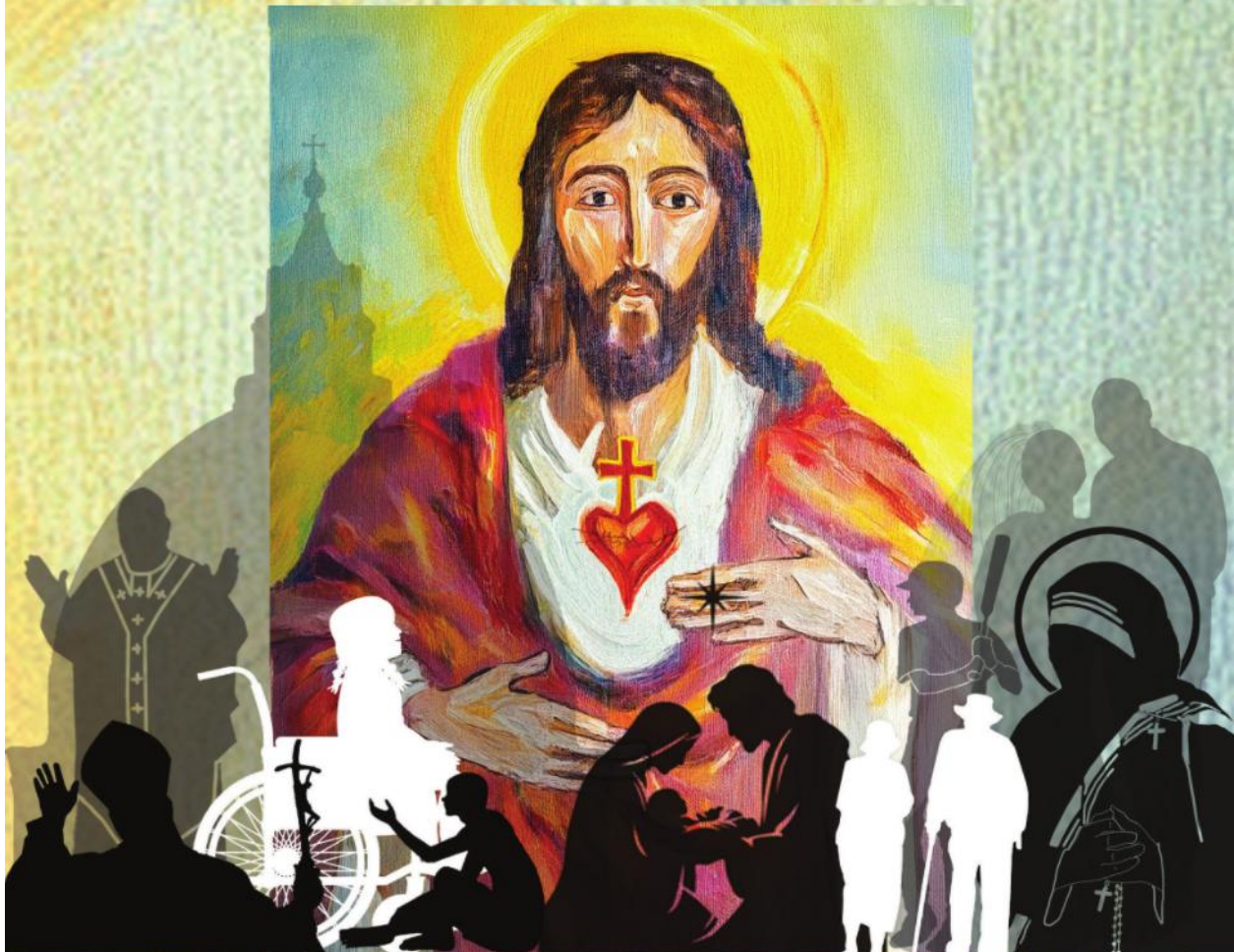


# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 2025

*en el uno somos uno*

## ¿QUIÉN DICEN que soy?



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**Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

1009 STAFFORD AVENUE - FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

### HCA OPEN HOUSE: "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD!"

The halls of Holy Cross Academy came alive with a sense of adventure at the St. Mary Parish Picnic as HCA students led parishioners on a *Scavenger Hunt* to tour the newly added 12,285 square feet to our parish school. 1,100 scavenger hunt booklets were passed out. It was each visitor's passport to all the new and unseen spaces completed during the expansion project.

First on the hunt was the St. Helena Chapel, where visitors received a prayer card of St. Helena of the Cross blessed by Bishop Burbidge. The position of the chapel shows all who enter HCA, that "Christ is at the center of our school and is at the heart of our mission, teaching and living our Faith!. Next, our student guides led our visitors to see the



two new Pre-School rooms. Guests made their way into the school's brand new cafeteria through a pretty, glow-worthy, "Adventure Orange Hallway." A nod to our pastor, Father Mosimann's childhood love of the color orange! Thanks be to God!!

At the event, attendees were invited to find their brick on the Donor Wall, where a 90" TV showed off a fun photo montage of the expansion. For some added fun, guests tried to guess how many bricks were etched into the wall. While many came close, only two people, Damian Deitchman and Paul Cronquist, guessed the **exact** number: 827! Their reward for this impressive feat was a beautiful wooden box featuring an image of the stained glass Annunciation window from the St. Helena Chapel.

At each station, a stamp or small prize was given. The *scavenger hunt* showed guests the

cafeteria's upgraded kitchen and the new and improved Stem Classroom. In the newly constructed middle school wing Science Lab, *all participants took part* in a "sweet experiment" launching an actual marshmallow from a 3D catapult! The object was not to hit the wall! Visitors went on to try their skill at solving a math problem in Honors Math and to identify five Spanish-speaking Countries in the new Foreign Language classroom.

The *scavenger hunt* finished outside our school's bigger and better playground, complete with soft, green astro turf and beautiful new sidewalks! After completing the tour and earning a stamp at each newly constructed space, guests were greeted by Dr. Stephen Fry, and their names were put into a raffle. One parishioner commented, "So amazing to think that all of this was completed in just 14 months!" It is truly such a wonderful improvement for our kids!! Because of your support, the HCA expansion is now a reality. Delivered on time and as designed! This new space is more than just bricks and mortar; it's a place where our students will learn, grow, and thrive for generations to come.





# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

## Why is the baptismal font in the vestibule??

It's part of the work to expand the platform where the priests now sit.

Once Jesus was returned to the center of the church, we began plans to replace the cabinetry that previously held the tabernacle with seating for servers. That work was completed last month. (And everyone who asked about it said, "*Oh, I didn't notice a difference.*") That's the goal—to keep your eyes on **Jesus!**

The next step is to make the seating for the priest, deacon, and servers more **spacious and safe**. Currently, the chairs are precariously close to the stairs. Enlarging the platform will bring the church into more symmetrical uniformity and will also make things safer for clergy and servers during Mass.

To do this, we need to slightly **move the baptismal font forward**, and build up a wall and platform that will be well-anchored and secure. This is why the baptismal font has been temporarily relocated to the **narthex**. It should be returning to its place—hopefully—within days of your reading this.

Honestly, the goal is that these changes be **subtle improvements**, mostly unnoticed by the average Sunday Mass attendee.

Oh yeah... **Parish Life Weekend!**

If you're reading this in church, I exhort you to **stop by one of the ministry tables this weekend**. Our ability to accomplish the great works of the Lord depends on each of us generously lending a hand.

Pax,



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



It's TIME to engage in your faith life... Just say YES and let God do the rest!

WHO DO YOU SAY  
THAT  
**I am?**

Join us for  
**Parish Life Weekend**  
**September 27 & 28th!**

Parish ministries will be present after Mass for you to sign-up  
and join in the great work being done at St. Mary!

# 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

## Exciting New Program Launch: Preschool Partner Program!

Holy Cross Academy is proud to introduce a heartwarming initiative for our Middle School students — the **Preschool Partner Program**!

Each month, selected middle schoolers will serve as **morning companions** to our youngest Crusaders in preschool and pre-kindergarten. These student leaders will:

- Greet little ones in the foyer with kindness and care
- Walk them safely to their classrooms
- Help carry lunch boxes, backpacks, and extra items
- Offer a reassuring presence to start their day with confidence

This program is more than just a helping hand — it's a beautiful way to live out our school's mission of forming **saints, scholars, and leaders**. By building meaningful connections across grades, our middle schoolers are modeling compassion, responsibility, and leadership in action.

**Motto:** *"Let's build bridges between grades and hearts - one morning walk at a time!"*

Thank you to all our participating MS students for being the light that guides our youngest Crusaders each morning. Your presence makes a difference — one smile, one step, one story at a time.



*A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence*





# our parish religious education

## It's Parish Life Weekend!

Stop by the Religious Education booth after Mass today to learn more about our RE program. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and invite you to become involved. If you're interested in volunteering, we still have opportunities available. And, although some classes are now closed, we still have openings in many classes if you haven't signed your children up for RE yet.

## Emergency Drills & Circle of Life Lesson

This week in Religious Ed we will have mandatory emergency drills to ensure that students know the procedures to follow in the case of a real emergency. We will also have our Safe Environment training lesson, Circle of Grace. This lesson is required by the diocese for all children, including those instructed at home.



- ☒ Name
- ☒ Phone number
- ☒ Email address

## Stay Connected!

RE Parents: Are you aware that we send out weekly emails with Sunday Mass readings and important announcements? If you aren't receiving our emails, we may have the wrong contact information for you. Email Dr. Evans, Director of Religious Education, at [kevans@stmaryfred.org](mailto:kevans@stmaryfred.org) to update your information.

## 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

WE WELCOME YOU HOME. 540-373-6491

# our parish youth ministry

## RECURRING EVENTS

**High School Youth Group (HSYG)**  
Sundays, 6:00 - 8:30pm in the PLC  
Fun and faith formation for high schoolers, with free dinner!

## YOUCAT

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the JP II House  
A deeper dive into scripture and prayer for high schoolers

## Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

1st & 3rd Fridays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the PLC  
Fun and faith formation for middle schoolers, with free dinner!

## Fight Club

Saturday mornings, 6:30 - 8:00am in the JP II House  
A boys'-only group to grow in brotherhood and virtue for grades 7-12

## Feminine Genius

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the St. Joseph House  
A girls'-only group to grow in sisterhood and virtue for grades 6-12

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Baking with the Saints

Friday, October 10  
6:30 - 8:00pm in the PLC  
Join us for this mother-daughter cooking event where we will learn about St. Pope John Paul II while baking his favorite pastry! Open to all middle and high school girls with their moms. Space is limited - contact Youth Ministry to register and save your spot.

### WorkCamp Info Meeting

Monday, October 13  
6:30 - 7:30pm in the PLC  
Mandatory meeting for anyone interested in WorkCamp 2026, where teens will spend a week of service doing home repairs for those in need within our diocese. Open to all high schoolers. One parent must attend with the teen.

### High School RALLY

Sunday, October 26  
12:00 - 8:00pm in Arlington, VA  
RALLY is open to all high schoolers and includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Adoration, speakers and



ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

# OCTOBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 HSYG	29	30	1 YOUCAT	2	3 MSYG	4 FIGHT CLUB
5 HSYG	6	7	8 YOUCAT	9 NO FEMININE GENIUS	10 BAKING WITH THE SAINTS	11 FIGHT CLUB
12 NO HSYG 3-DAY WKND	13 WORK CAMP INFO MEETING	14	15 YOUCAT	16	17 NO MSYG PLC IN USE	18 FIGHT CLUB
19 HSYG	20	21	22 YOUCAT	23 FEMININE GENIUS	24	25 FIGHT CLUB
26 RALLY!	27	28	29 YOUCAT	30	31	1 NO FIGHT CLUB - ALL SAINTS

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

# our parish happenings

## Highlighting Ministries

You are welcome to join any ministry at St. Mary! However, the following are ministries that are in need of support in order to complete their good work!

### **USHERS \*\*\* URGENT NEED FOR MORE USHERS!\*\*\***

Mission: To provide assistance to our fellow parishioners during Mass, extending a greeting and serving during Holy Communion and collections.

Seeking: Friendly people!

Contact: Tom Fish, [fishtrbx@gmail.com](mailto:fishtrbx@gmail.com) or Javier Flores, [javier112690@yahoo.com](mailto:javier112690@yahoo.com) (Spanish)

### **Catholic Council of Women**

Mission: Support, empower and educate women in spirituality, leadership & service

Seeking: New members to carry out our good work! All women of the parish are invited to join!

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

### **Gardening Angels**

Mission: To enhance the gardens and landscape of St. Mary and surrounding properties

Seeking: Those who enjoy gardening or who want to learn!

Contact: Arlene & Joe Wilkinson [jbmwilkinson@verizon.net](mailto:jbmwilkinson@verizon.net)

### **Knights of Columbus**

Mission: Men's organization designed to assist the parish through charity, unity and fraternity

Seeking: New members to carry out our good work! All men of the parish are invited to join!

Contact: Brian Hellmann, [gkkof4034@gmail.com](mailto:gkkof4034@gmail.com)

### **Legion of Mary**

Mission: Grow in holiness by prayer and active cooperation in the Church's work. Visiting the lonely.

Seeking: Willing souls eager to grow in faith and service to others

Contact: Donna Haring, [donnaharring2@gmail.com](mailto:donnaharring2@gmail.com) OR Samuel Meza, [samuelseza1230@gmail.com](mailto:samuelseza1230@gmail.com) (Spanish)

### **Senior Luncheon (IT'S BACK!)**

Mission: To cultivate community, fellowship and honor our Senior Citizens

Seeking: Cooks, bakers, dishwashers, speakers, entertainers

Contact: Lara Traylor, [seniorsministriestmary@gmail.com](mailto:seniorsministriestmary@gmail.com)

### **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Mission: To offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person to person basis.

Seeking: Assistance at the store in FXBG; Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat. 10am-4pm & Interviewers (training offered) Thursday evenings

Contact: Amy Pata, [ramrap94@hotmail.com](mailto:ramrap94@hotmail.com)



# our parish happenings

2025-2026 Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church Ministry Catalog

## We Welcome Your Unique Gifts!



Are you seeking...

- ... a way to deepen your relationship with Christ?
- ... to feel connected to your parish family?
- ... to be a part of something greater than yourself?

### You are needed at St. Mary!

With over 80 ministries, there is something for everyone... so many ways to grow and share your faith.  
NOW is the time to become an active participant in your parish family!

How does one even begin to discern how or where to serve? We can help! Members of the Stewardship Committee are happy to meet with you and discuss your gifts and talents, and how they match up with current needs within the many ministries and opportunities here at St. Mary's. (The following page has many ministries listed within particular charisms.)

Take the first step by filling out the form below. Return it to the parish office or put it into the collection basket at Mass so that we can schedule a time to meet with you and help you decide!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preference to Meet (i.e. day of the week/morning/afternoon/evenings)

\_\_\_\_\_

Identify below any area(s) that you can relate to:

\_\_\_ I like teaching/evangelizing

\_\_\_ I am drawn to pro-life work

\_\_\_ I feel drawn to working with the poor/homeless

\_\_\_ I am organized and like planning

\_\_\_ I have and/or yearn for a deeper prayer life

\_\_\_ I love music

\_\_\_ I am a writer and like to encourage others

\_\_\_ I like spending time with the elderly

\_\_\_ I am outgoing and welcoming

\_\_\_ I like spending time with children

\_\_\_ other (write below)

\_\_\_ I am crafty

\_\_\_\_\_

Esta página está disponible en español. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial.  
Please contact the Stewardship Committee with your questions: [stewardship@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stewardship@stmaryfred.org).

# our parish happenings

## **Military Service Spotlight**

St. Mary's is calling ALL VETERANS! If you or a loved one is serving or has served our country in the military, we would love to learn more about you and your service!

Please reach out to Ann Skinner at [askinner@stmaryfred.org](mailto:askinner@stmaryfred.org) or 540-373-6491 with your name and phone number.

We appreciate you and your service to our nation! God Bless You!

## **Senior Luncheon's Are Back!**

We are excited to announce a return of the Senior Luncheon to be held on November 11th - Veteran's Day, to honor our veterans in conjunction with our seniors. To make this special event a success, we need your help. Volunteers are especially needed in the kitchen, but we also welcome helping hands with set up, hospitality, decorations, and clean up. If you're unable to volunteer during the event but enjoy baking, please consider signing up to bring a plate of patriotically decorated desserts to share. Your support will make this luncheon a warm and welcoming celebration for our seniors and Veterans—thank you in advance for pitching in! Sign up sheets will be available at the Senior Luncheon table in the Parish Ministries weekend. We encourage past volunteers to also sign up to ensure that we have the most recent contact information!

Questions? Contact Lara Traylor at [gueydangirl@gmail.com](mailto:gueydangirl@gmail.com)

## **SCRIP Sales are Back**

We will be resuming Scrip sales in October. Stop by the Scrip table and say hello to your dedicated Scrip volunteer. Our SCRIP program directly supports Holy Cross Academy, earning rebates for the school expansion fund. It's so easy, just purchase a gift card from a Scrip volunteer after mass for many favorite stores and retailers such as Wal-Mart, Giant, Weis, Wawa, Sheetz, Target, Starbucks, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, or Regal Theatre just to name a few. We can order gift cards for over 300 plus vendors, most of whom we visit weekly. For more information, just send an email to [scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com](mailto:scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com) or stop by the SCRIP table after mass.

# Register to Vote!

This fall, voters will select candidates for Governor, Lt. Gov., Attorney General and the House of Delegates.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 24**

Visit [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or scan the QR code to:

- Register online.
- Check registration status.
- Find your polling place.
- Request Absentee Ballot.



**FOR MORE INFO:**

[vacatholic.org/Election2025](http://vacatholic.org/Election2025)

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS SEPT. 19.**

**ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 4.**

# our parish happenings

## 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 [sydney92@msn.com](mailto:sydney92@msn.com) or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491

## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

### National Life Chain Sunday, October 5

Annual Life Chain 2-3:30pm

#### What is a Life Chain?

The first Life Chain, born through prayer, was built in 1987 by Please Let Me Live, a small pro-life ministry in Yuba City, California. From its small beginning, the Life Chain has grown to over 1,800 Life Chains in the United States and Canada, and is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that has claimed over 65 million lives worldwide, through surgical abortion. The Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, silent demonstration. Hundreds of Christians – clergy and lay people -- stand 25 to 50 feet apart to form a prayer chain and hold signs reading Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: The Loving Option, Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation, Life: The First Inalienable Right. This powerful, visual impact not only raises community awareness but has also been credited with saving children's lives. Consider the words of Pope Saint John Paul II who said, "When life before birth is attacked, we will stand up. No one ever has the authority to destroy unborn human life."

St. Mary Parish will again participate in the Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 5 and welcomes all our parishioners and local churches as well. We will meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 1:45pm to pick up our signs and walk up to Emancipation Highway (Route 1), where we will form a chain along Route 1 from Stafford Avenue to College Avenue. Please join us and take a stand for the unborn.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Fredericksburg

*This month*

**Contemplation (with less perspiration):**

**A Guide to Spiritual Theology**

Fr. Joseph Connor is parochial vicar here at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception. A native of Alexandria, Fr. Joseph graduated with an engineering degree from Virginia Tech. He worked in construction before completing seminary formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmittsburg, MD. Known to many Fredericksburgers for his youthful visage, Fr. Joseph is more than just a pretty face. He also loves to play piano, travel, and, most importantly, share with others the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Presenter*  
**Fr. Joseph Connor**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Strangeways Brewing**

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

Doors open at 5pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm





# our parish happenings

## 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+

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Did you know that the Poor Box located in the back of our church helps to fund the good work of our local St. Vincent de Paul?

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society provides financial grants, prayers and emotional support every Thursday evening to folks right here in our community encountering emergency situations. Proceeds from the all-volunteer Thrift Store located at 142 Olde Greenwich Rd. Fredericksburg, along with private donations and the Poor Box make this assistance possible. August's Poor Box contributions were \$1,231 and 77 families (totaling 203 people) were interviewed, and the Society provided \$27,529 in financial assistance to these families.



If you would like to volunteer with the Society, either working at the Thrift Store or being trained to interview clients on Thursday nights, please contact Maureen at **mjones@mckcompany.com.** To provide financial assistance, please continue to use the Poor Box.

## St Mary's Singles Group

St. Mary's Singles Group extends an open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings such as dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church events.

Contact Eileen at **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 on Saturday, October 4.

## Public Rosary | All Are Invited

**Saturday, October 18th at noon | St. Mary**

Please join parishioners to pray the public Rosary for Peace as requested by Our Lady of Fatima over 100 years ago, on Saturday, Please RSVP to **michaelgkasey@verizon.net** or (540)760-3885



## Manna Project FOOD DRIVE October 4-5

Please help fight hunger in our community! Bring non-perishable items or monetary donations to Mass at St. Mary or Holy Cross Academy the weekend of October 4-5. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Catholic Church. For every \$10 donation, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank is able to provide 20 meals for hungry families. All non-perishable food items and toiletries collected will help the Food Bank provide nutritious food and supplies to people living in poverty in our community. Thank you for your support!



# our parish happenings

## St Mary Opening Homeschool Mass and Reception

St Mary homeschoolers, please join us on Tuesday, September 30 at the 9am Mass for the first Mass of the school year, and stay for the reception in the PLC to meet friends new and old!



For planning purposes, please RSVP at [bit.ly/stmhsmass](https://bit.ly/stmhsmass) or scan the code.

## St. Mary's Music Ministry Invites You to Sing With Us!

For any questions, comments, or to join any of the ministries listed above, please contact Mr. Joseph Ciskanik at [musicministry@stmaryfred.com](mailto:musicministry@stmaryfred.com)



## St. Mary Food Pantry

St. Mary's has a small Food Pantry located within our parish office. It is open to ANYONE seeking food M-F 8:30am-9:00pm and Sat. 9am-1pm. We reorganized and made changes to how we feed our neighbors. We no longer accept miscellaneous food donations, but instead give bags of specific food items that will feed with dignity, those seeking assistance. When our supply is low, we alert our parishioners. Well, it's that time again. If you would like to contribute, please pick up a special ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY BLUE BAG in the back of the church (in the pull-out cabinet located across from the women's restroom). Please purchase ALL ITEMS listed on the stapled list and return the bag, at your convenience, to the parish office. Thank you and may God bless you!

### List of Items:

- Box of cereal
- Spaghetti sauce & pasta
- 2 cans of tuna or chicken
- 2 cans of HEARTY Soup
- 2 cans of ravioli
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of veggies
- 2 boxes of mac & cheese
- 1 lb bag of white rice
- 2 cans of black beans
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 jar jelly

## Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

**Married in 2000 or 1975?**

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!  
Contact your parish office today to register!



**Sunday October 19, 2025**

**Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm**

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# our parish happenings

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Saturday Mornings  
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Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

### SCHEDULE:

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

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Religious Education Collection	\$6,957.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$340.00
Catholic University	\$223.00
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## Faith Direct Donations September

Sunday Offertory	\$26,443.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$1,225.00
Catholic University	\$180.00
Religious Education Program	\$385.00
Manna Food Project	\$100.00

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## Special Diocesan Collection For The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

October 4 - 5

There will be a Special Diocesan Collection on October 4 and October 5 for the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is because of the tremendous love and dedication of American Catholics that the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception still stands tall in our nation's capital more than a century after the first plans for its construction were approved. Mary's Shrine is funded solely by the generosity and prayerful support of faithful men and women throughout the United States and we invite you to become a part of that tradition of support. *All checks should be made payable to the Parish with "Shrine of Immaculate Conception" in memo line.*

## Children's Charity - October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions

and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

## Pro Life Reflection

*"God's infinite love for each one of us helps us to grasp our identity and our worth. The recognition of this dignity leads us to respect and protect each person's life..." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities)*  
*We pray for the world that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.*

## Faith Direct – Latest News About Update

The upgrade from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving is almost here!

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# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - September

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Kate Barboza, 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 Himelright, Stephanie Huff, Kiri Johnson, Keith & Theresa Kovalefsky, Pam Kraemer, Lloyd Keeton, Joseph Krieg, Joe Leffel, Bill Lehmebeck 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

**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

#### 29 MONDAY

6:30am Susan Sibenik+  
9:00am Samuel C. Calabro, Sr.+  
12:00pm Maria Miriam Alfaro+  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Jn 1:47-51

#### 30 TUESDAY

6:30am Lorraine Malik+  
9:00am Aubrey Collier III+  
12:00pm Betty Ann Stoffel+  
Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

#### 1 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Stephen and Stacy Craig  
8:15am\* Jason Neal  
9:00am Timothy and Norvilla Cain  
12:00pm Harold James Wells+  
Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

#### 2 THURSDAY

6:30am Jimmy and Elaine Noe  
9:00am Charles White+  
12:00pm Connie Salamida+  
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### 3 FRIDAY

6:30am In Reparation  
9:00am In Reparation  
12:00pm In Reparation  
7:00pm In Reparation  
Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

#### 4 SATURDAY

9:00am Anne Overington  
5:00pm Miguel Correa, Jr.  
7:00pm Nancy Ronckovitz+  
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

#### 5 SUNDAY

7:00am Sharon Ludwig+  
8:30am For Our Parish  
8:30am\* All Those Who Died in September  
10:30am Mark Baksy  
10:30am\* In Thanksgiving to St Joseph  
12:30pm Timothy Hanlon+  
2:30pm Tony Argueta  
5:00pm Gonzalo Guacena, Jr.  
7:00pm Maria Ngat T. Vu+  
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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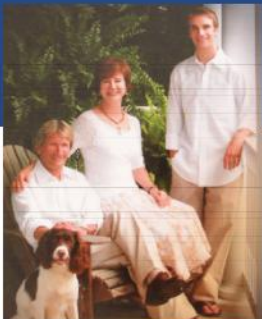
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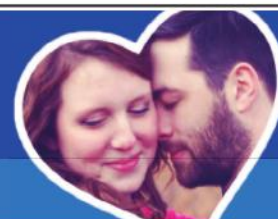
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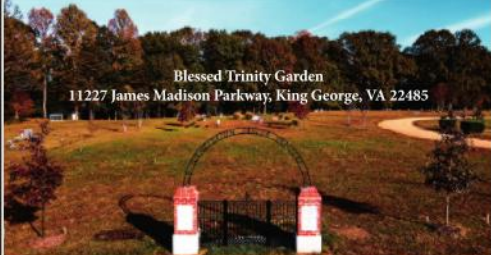
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