

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026



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

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Timeline for the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel on our Parish Campus

December 2025 - Construction updates for the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel are nearly complete. New drywall, new floor to ceiling windows, and exterior doors were re-fitted with windows & decorative grills.

January 2026 - Plumbing, tiling & soundproofing was completed this week for the chapel's restroom. In addition, the new flooring for the chapel which has the look of slate flooring has been finished and looks beautiful! The flooring for the sanctuary of the chapel was also installed and is stunning!! The painting of all the walls in the chapel was completed. The new chair rail has been installed and the chapel was cleaned. We are so grateful for all the progress that has been made as construction is nearly complete.

Mid January 2026 - Construction began on the The Bianco Carrara, Holy Water Font, from Rugo Stone. The font should be completed by the second week in January.

February 2026 - New chapel-worthy ceiling lighting fixtures will be installed. We also look forward to the installation of five new niches which will mirror the five windows along the opposite wall already in the space. Each window facing the parking lot will have a stained glass window depicting two saints. The five niches on the opposite wall will be back lit and will also have 2 saints providing symmetry and enhancing the sacredness of the space and where Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for personal prayer and worship in perpetual adoration of Jesus.

Mid February 2026 - Once the designs of Eucharistic Adoration Window above the main altar for the Chapel, and the St. John Paul II/St. Maria Faustina windows together with the Our Lady of Guadeloupe/St. Juan Diego windows have been finalized, the mouth-blown glass, hand-crafted in Germany, will be ordered. This meticulous process will take approximately four months but will be well worth it.

March-April 2026 - The altar, tabernacle and the baptismal font for the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, designed by Father Mosimann and Brendan Hamtil of Finders Keepers Brokerage and Church Supply is currently under construction and should arrive by mid April. **The Divine Mercy Image, hand-painted by a parishioner, will also make its debut and be placed in the reredos!**

June/July 2026 - Once the mouth-blown glass from Germany is in hand, the process of creating the four initial Adoration Stained Glass Windows as well as the stained glass window with the "Adoring Angels" directly above the altar will begin by artisans at Lynchburg Glass. All the other remaining stained glass windows for this sacred space will be done at this time. We anticipate this process to take eight months.

Please Note: All liturgical items such as the Monstrance, the Statues, the Cross, and the Candlesticks have been ordered, have been shipped and are expected to arrive any day! All Thanks Be to God!!

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Blessed Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

Ordinary Time returns tomorrow on the Church calendar, which means we'll begin winding down our Christmas decorations and celebrations.

I usually ask the sacristan to take the shepherds away, send the kings home (by another route, of course!), and leave just the **Holy Family** in the manger scene for the first week of Ordinary Time. Isn't that when much of real life happens—when the parties calm down, and the visitors go home?

We sometimes speak of the **"hidden life" of Jesus**: all those years between the joyful celebrations of His birth and the beginning of His public ministry. Approximately thirty years of growth and quiet, daily living. What would it have been like to know Our Lord during those years?

Speaking of hidden things...

Some folks have asked, "They have taken Our Lord from the nativity—where have they laid Him?"

Unfortunately, I don't know. Someone who thinks they're clever—or edgy—**stole the baby Jesus** from the nativity scene by the Parish Life Center. Sadly, this isn't new. It's just one more person who has, in effect, joined **"Team Herod."** Our Lord—and innocent children—have long been the targets of hatred and attack.

We had a **large chain** securing the statue of Jesus to discourage theft or desecration, but that visual deterrent wasn't enough this year. Next year, we may add **cameras or AirTags**—it's time for the defense of Our Lord to move into the high-tech age!

Please say a prayer for the **sad soul** who stole the baby Jesus. Our Lord instructs us to **pray for our enemies**, and anyone who would steal a baby Jesus likely carries a wound or burden—something unresolved with Jesus Himself.

He made Himself vulnerable to show us that **love triumphs over death**.

Pax,

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

"Share" opportunities available

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

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

St. Mary's Church

Stained Glass Windows* (4)

\$25k each

New Opportunity: Stained Glass Windows (20 shares) \$5K/share

More items may be identified as we finalize the design of the Adoration Chapel.

*Subject to final design approval by the Bishop.

Contact Us - Availability is limited

Memorials are supplemental to your generous pledge. Thank you!

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

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

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



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses

Come and enjoy some
fellowship!

No 12pm Mass on
Tuesdays or Thursdays
until further notice

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 and 9am
Saturday 9am
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS

Adoration, Daily between 6:30am & 9am Mass,
Wednesday 12:30pm - Friday 9am
Divine Mercy, Wednesday, 3pm
First Friday 7pm Novus Ordo (Latin Mass)
First Saturday 8:00am – Fatima Prayers & Rosary
followed by 9am Mass

CONFESSION

Wednesday 11:30am-12pm, 6:30 - 8:30pm;
Saturday, 8-8:30am & 3:30 - 4:30pm

PARISH OFFICE

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Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernaola

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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

education

holy cross academy

Kindergarten Nativity Performance: Mary Had a Baby

Before school dismissed for Christmas break, our kindergarten students delighted parents, family members, friends, faculty, staff, and their 8th-grade big buddies with a beautiful performance of Mary Had a Baby, their very own nativity story. The children shared spoken parts, sang with joy, and even offered several touching solo performances that brought the story of Christ's birth to life in a heartfelt and memorable way.

This special presentation reflects the very heart of our mission at Holy Cross Academy: to form young men and women to be saints, scholars, and leaders in the image of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother. Even at such a young age, our students are learning to share their faith with confidence, reverence, and joy—living witnesses to the beauty of the Gospel message.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Lindsay, Mrs. Dunneback, Ms. Florio, Ms. Godek, Ms. Ramos-Burgos, and Ms. Hamad-Ramos for preparing the children in such a thoughtful manner. Their guidance helped our youngest Crusaders shine as they told the story of our Savior's birth with innocence, enthusiasm, and love.

I am continually inspired by the gifts of our kindergarten students and the way they warm the hearts of everyone who sees them perform. Their joyful proclamation of the nativity reminds us all of the simple, profound faith we are called to embrace.



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OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY
JANUARY 25
1 - 3 PM

We warmly invite you to experience the spirit and excellence of Holy Cross Academy. Schedule a tour today by calling 540-286-1600 or visiting holycrossweb.com.

Come see how we are building a foundation of faith, knowledge, character, and lifelong friendship—one child at a time.

Call 540-286-1600 to RSVP | 250 Stafford Lakes Parkway, Fredericksburg

our parish religious education

JANUARY R.E. CHARITY OF THE MONTH:





Camp Rainbow, sponsored by Mary Washington Healthcare Grief Support Services, is a day camp for children who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Camp Rainbow provides a path for child campers along their journey through grief and toward healing. Little Buddies (child participants) are paired with trained Big Buddies (adult volunteers) to explore their feelings through age-appropriate crafts, activities, discussions and one-on-one time. Expressive therapies such as art, music and dance are used to assist children with their grief and are balanced with traditional camp activities, like arts and crafts, kayaking, and singing by the fire. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available in the Religious Education Office and are a wonderful way for children to learn about helping those in need. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

OCIT PARENT MEETING: On Monday, January 12, at 6:30pm, there will be a bilingual informational meeting in the church for parents of children in OCIT. OCIT students will attend class while parents attend the meeting.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 FORMATION NIGHT: The third Formation Night for students in Grade 7 will be held on Thursday, January 22, at 7pm in the church.

BAPTISMS: RE Baptisms will be held on Saturday, January 24, at 10am in the church. Regular Saturday morning Mass is at 9am, so please arrive around 9:45am, after the Mass.

R.E.: JANUARY 2026						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Sol of Mary (HDO) 	2	3 Young Family Epiphany Party 9:30-11:30
4 Epiphany 	5 RE: 4:45-6; 6:30-7:45 Parents Invited	6 RE: 4:45-6; 6-7:15 HCA; 6:30-7:45	7 RE: 6:30-7:45	8 Conf Yr 2 Form Night #2 7:00	9	10 RE Baptisms 10am
11	12 RE: 4:45-6; 6:30-7:45 OCIT Parent Mtg 6:30	13 RE: 4:45-6; 6-7:15 HCA; 6:30-7:45	14 RE: 6:30-7:45	15	16	17 SPRED 10-12
18	19 NO RE (MLK DAY)	20 NO RE Catechist Mtg 5:30	21 NO RE	22 Conf Yr 1 Form Night #3 7:00	23	24 RE Baptisms 10am
25	26 RE: 4:45-6; 6:30-7:45	27 RE: 4:45-6; 6-7:15 HCA; 6:30-7:45	28 RE: 6:30-7:45	29	30	31 SPRED 10-12

our parish youth ministry

Daughters of the King Retreat

Just before Christmas, we held our annual high school girls' retreat where we celebrated being Daughters of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! The day began as a spiritual retreat with our own Margaret Bereit speaking to the girls about their dignity and what it means to be a true daughter of God. After a day of reflection, prayer, and discussion around the St. Mary campus, the girls returned to a decorated John Paul II House for dinner, crafts, and sisterhood. It was a beautiful day for our girls, and we can't wait to celebrate again next year!



High school students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation through our OCIT program took a trip to the Basilica in Washington DC over the Christmas break.



our parish happenings

Micah Cold Weather Shelters

The Micah Cold Weather Shelters (men's and women's) opened for the winter season on November 15 and will remain in operation until mid- to late-March. Teams of Saint Mary volunteers assist on Tuesday evenings by greeting and checking in clients, setting up sleeping areas, and providing hospitality for our neighbors that utilize the facilities. Each participating church is asked to bring items such as white socks, thermal underwear, men's boxer briefs, women's underwear and t-shirts. Please consider how you might be able to support this need. All donations are gratefully accepted at our Parish Office. For more ways to donate, visit Micah's website at: micahfredericksburg.org/give-help/donate-items/

Although it is a good thing that the temporary shelter is available during the harsh winter months, it highlights the continuing need for sustainable housing and support mechanisms in our community. For more information about community efforts to help the homeless, please visit Micah Ecumenical Ministries, micahfredericksburg.org or The Brisben Center, brisbencentre.org

MARCH FOR LIFE Friday, January 23, 2026 Life: Why We March!

"Life: Why We March" encourages pro-life advocates to draw renewed energy for this challenging moment in the movement by reflecting on the basic truth that inspires the pro-life cause: every human life – including the unborn and their mothers – is beautiful, has unique dignity, and is worthy of protection. "Life: Why We March" invites all Americans of goodwill to recognize and unite around this truth.

Pro-lifers from across the nation will gather at a Rally on the Mall in Washington, DC and proceed down Constitution Avenue toward the Supreme Court and the US Capitol. Participants are of all ages, from unborn babies to grandparents. It is especially thrilling and encouraging to note how many pro-life teenagers and young adults participate! This year's March will be held on Friday, January 23rd to commemorate the 53rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, there is still work to be done, and the March for Life will continue to take place every January until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America. Please plan to join your parish family in this peaceful protest against abortion.

St. Mary will have two buses for the March. There is no charge for transportation; however, participants are asked to bring diapers and/or baby items for Birthright.

The buses for the March will leave immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Mary and will return to St. Mary at approximately 5:30pm. Participants are advised to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes and pack a light lunch. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for a seat on the bus.

Public Rosary

Please join other Parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary on Saturday, January 17 at noon at St. Mary. Please RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net

our parish happenings



The Prophets

Messengers of God's Mercy

SARAH CHRISTMYER and THOMAS SMITH



Divided Kingdom,
Exile and Return

Adult Education Class January 2026

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

God sent prophets at critical times to call the people back to their covenant relationship with him. Prophets proclaimed the consequences of continued sin, called people to repentance, and declared God's faithful love. They also spoke of the future to shed light on current events and to reveal God's plans and purposes. In *The Prophets*, discover how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him, as well as the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

Start Date: Monday, January 12 (Ten sessions)

Time: 12:45-2:30pm | Place: PLC, Room 101 | Facilitator: Bryan Richardson

Cost is flexible between \$30-\$40 | Sign up in the Parish Office

For more information, contact Jackie Ezersky at jezersky13@gmail.com.

our parish happenings

 *Are you an Adult interested
in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?* 

Are you baptized? Did you receive
First Communion, but not Confirmation?

JOIN US for Adult Confirmation Classes!

Beginning January 15th, 2026
Every Thursday from 7-8:45 pm in the St. Joseph House
Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4, 2026
Taught by Dr. Michael Evans, PA-C
(*St. Mary Diaconal Candidate*)
Contact the Parish Office to register at (540) 373-6491



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

our parish happenings

St Mary Book Club

The Book Club is starting the New Year with our meeting January 13 at 10am, in Room 102 of the Parish Life Center.

Our book for discussion is a mystery story, "The Father's Son" by Jim Sano. You need not have read the book to come along and join the discussion.

If you can't make it in January, the following meeting will be on February 10, when we will discuss a classic: "The Reed of God" by Caryll Houselander.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - December

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 Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 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. December's Poor Box contributions were \$1,284 and 50 families (totaling 130 people) were interviewed, and the Society provided \$21,055 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 Amy Pata at ramrap94@hotmail.com or Maureen at mjones@mckcompany.com. To provide financial assistance, please continue to use the Poor Box.

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 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.

Ushers Needed

St. Mary is in need of Ushers to help serve at ALL MASSES. What a great New Year's resolution to assist your brothers and sisters in this generous way! Contact Tom Fish TODAY at headusher@stmaryfred.org.



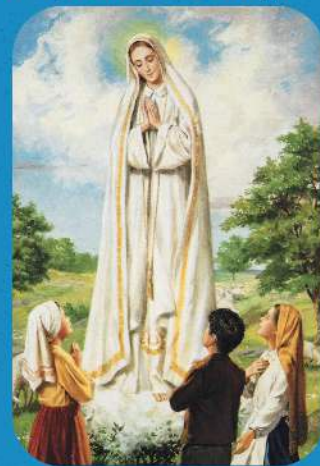
our parish happenings

Gardening Angel to Visit CCW

Please join your St. Mary Council of Catholic Women on Tuesday, January 20 at 10am in the Parish Life Center main hall. Our special guest will be Arlene Wilkinson, who will speak about the parish gardening ministry. Ever wonder who keeps the grounds beautiful, how they manage to do it all, and just how long this magic has been going on? Arlene can tell you! We will offer refreshments and have a \$50/50 drawing and hold a brief business meeting after her talk. Please keep in touch through our website, stmaryccw.org, and visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/StMaryCCW. If you're not already signed up for monthly Newsletters and occasional prayer requests, email StMaryCCW@aol.com. Happy 2026!

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE & HOME ENTHRONEMENT Host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue today!

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite the Blessed Mother's presence into your family's daily life, offering a special time for prayer, reflection, and devotion.



A Home Enthronement is a beautiful and solemn ceremony wherein a family consecrates their dwelling to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, inviting divine grace to reign over their home.

We encourage you to consider these beautiful spiritual experiences for your household.

If your family would like to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please contact Mary Lou Felts at (571) 723-3333 or maryloufelts@gmail.com.



~ Help Support the Snack Bag Program ~ Hugh Mercer Students

Providing snack bags for the children at Hugh Mercer in need of snacks/food on the weekends. St. Mary's to provide snacks on the 4th Friday of every month.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR JANUARY

Sign-up to drop off food items by visiting: <https://bit.ly/4saxGfE>

Make a donation to St. Mary Church – include "Outreach-Snack Bags" on the memo line. For JANUARY we ask that all donations be dropped off NO LATER THAN MONDAY JANUARY 19th Please drop off food donations directly to the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your goodness! Questions, contact Elena Doyle edoyle@stmaryfred.org



vida parroquial

noticias en español



Invita a Jesús y María a ser el centro de tu hogar.



¡Participa en la Entronización con la Legión de María!

La entronización del Sagrado Corazón es un acto de consagración en el que una familia coloca una imagen de Jesús y María en un lugar de honor de su hogar.

Propósito: Reconocer a Jesús como el centro y Rey de la familia para atraer su amor, paz y bendiciones.

Origen: Se basa en las promesas de Jesús a Santa Margarita María Alacoque.

Proceso: Incluye preparación espiritual, oración y la bendición del hogar.

Meta: Que los valores cristianos guíen la vida diaria y se extiendan de la familia hacia toda la sociedad.



Comunícate con nosotros:
SAMUEL MEZA
571-723-3807

our parish happenings

Grief Support Workshop

The New Year can often bring with it feelings of uncertainty, fear, and sadness, especially for those who are grieving. Join us for a vision board workshop, as we explore goal setting while grieving and learning to carry our loved ones with us as we move forward.



Vision Board Workshop

Friday, January 23, 2026

1:30 pm – 3 pm

Tompkins Martin Medical Plaza

This workshop is for those who have experienced the death of loved one. Each participant will create a vision board to take home. Supplies will be provided.

Pre-registration is required.

For questions or to register please contact:

Mary Beaven, LCSW

Mary.Beaven@mwhc.com

540.205.0502

There is no fee to participate in any programming, but registration is required for groups.



Mary Washington

Grief Support Services

GriefSupport.mwhc.com

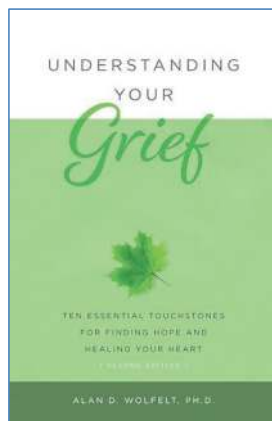


our parish happenings

Understanding Your Grief – Book Study

This book study offers those who are coping with the loss of a loved one:

- Information about the grief process.
- Education on ways to cope with grief.
- Support for sharing grief and memories.
- Opportunities to be with others grieving the death of a loved one.



Understanding Your Grief

Wednesdays from 6 pm – 7 pm

Beginning January 21st

Meeting location at MWHC

This 11-week book study will meet weekly and is open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Pre-registration is required.

For questions or to register please contact:

Mary Beaven, LCSW

Mary.Beaven@mwhc.com

540-205-0502

There is no fee to participate, however for this book study you must purchase a copy of “Understanding Your Grief” by Dr. Alan Wolfelt and accompanying journal.



Mary Washington

Grief Support Services

GriefSupport.mwhc.com

operations given in love

Donations Received December 16 - 23

Sunday Offertory	\$30,589.24
Debt Reduction	\$8,216.00
Parish Christmas Charities	\$265.00
Immaculate Conception	\$300.00
Catholic Charities	\$620.00
Campaign Human Development	\$254.00
Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul	\$241.00

Donations Received December 24 - 29

Sunday Offertory	\$24,350.00
Christmas Offering	\$40,027.00
Catholic Charities	\$165.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$165.00
Debt Reduction	\$440.00
Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul	\$631.00

Thank you for your generosity!

First Offering Contributions to Help Offset Cost of Collection Envelopes

Each year in January the envelope packet always includes an envelope marked "First Offering" with a suggested donation of \$15.00. This is not a regular collection, but merely a request for a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the printing and bimonthly mailing of collection envelopes to more than 5,000 parish families. From July 2024 to June 2025, the parish's cost for the offering envelopes was \$30,961.19. First Offering donations received for the same period totaled \$5,185.00. Your generosity and support in helping to offset the cost of the envelopes is greatly appreciated.

Children's Charity - January

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Pro Life Reflection

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Hope")



9 Days for Life - January 16 - 24, 2026

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. (A printable version is also available online.) Download or sign up for the novena at 9daysforlife.com.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - January

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Chris Breth, Drew LoRusso, Eric Williams, Gregory Ruth, Harvey Goldstein, Jack Smith, Jacob R. Moser, Jason Stoker, JoAnne O'Brien, Joe Sullivan, Joseph Krieg, Keith Richardson, Laverne Ruth, Mary Jones, Margaret Murphy, Mary Ann Gragan, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Preston Jones, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Theresa & Keith Kovalefsky, Veronica Renner, Virginia Frescas

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially:

Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellman, Patrick Fenton, David James, Shawn Tupta, Vincent Petillo, Christopher Johnson III, Patrick Desmond, Andrew M. Smith, Mindy Hakenson, Xavier Alas, Anthony Howell, John Anthenor, Andrew Dowdy, Sean McCullum, Josue Bermudez, Julio A. Alarcon, Gabe Gonzalez, Shawn Herr, Logan Mullins, Greg Feroldi, Tyler Wood, Frank Spatt Jr., Thomas Wickham, Hunter Keiser, Sean Jobes, Michael Scott, Samuel Hoffman, Andrew Qualls, Matt Gioia, Jennifer Brothers, Jack Merker, Lieutenant Ashton Briganti, 2nd Lieutenant Tazman Briganti, Davon Bare, John Fartro, Michael Fedowitz Jr., Eric Menser, Sean Penczak, Will Atkins, Elijah Hornback, Dominic Marsillo, Fr. Sean Koehr, Staff Sergeant Sean Walker Brown, Matthew Sampson, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger, Josh Lawson, David Brown, Annah Brown, Joshua Brown, Diego Esparza, Brian Inguanti, LCDR Jason King

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

St. Mary Prayer List

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

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

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

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"Jesus, I trust in You"



Daily Mass Intentions

January

12 MONDAY

6:30am Peter Paquette
9:00am Gary Familathe+
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

13 TUESDAY

6:30am Rose Brula+
9:00am Charles White+
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

14 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Kiery Beltran
9:00am The Clemente Family
12:00pm Hubert Chase
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

15 THURSDAY

6:30am Narono Soto
9:00am Deacon Alberto
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

16 FRIDAY

6:30am Donald Dutra+
9:00am Jason Stanislawski
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

17 SATURDAY

9:00am Phillip Atkins+
5:00pm Joan Doherty
7:00pm Susan Allen+
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

18 SUNDAY

7:00am Conor Jerome Gardner+
8:30am Patricia Dolan+
8:30am* For Our Parish
10:30am Shircliff Family
10:30am* Ryley McNichol+
12:30pm Tony Joseph DeSisto+
2:30pm Jose Sarbelio Galdamez+
5:00pm Cecil Daniel+
7:00pm Joanne James+
Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.

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.

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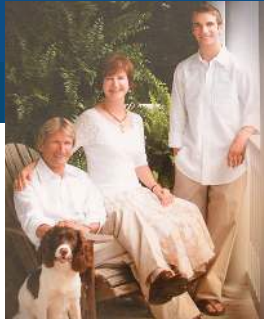
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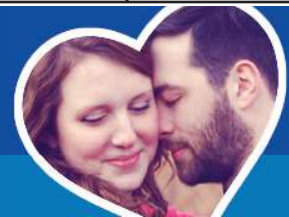
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