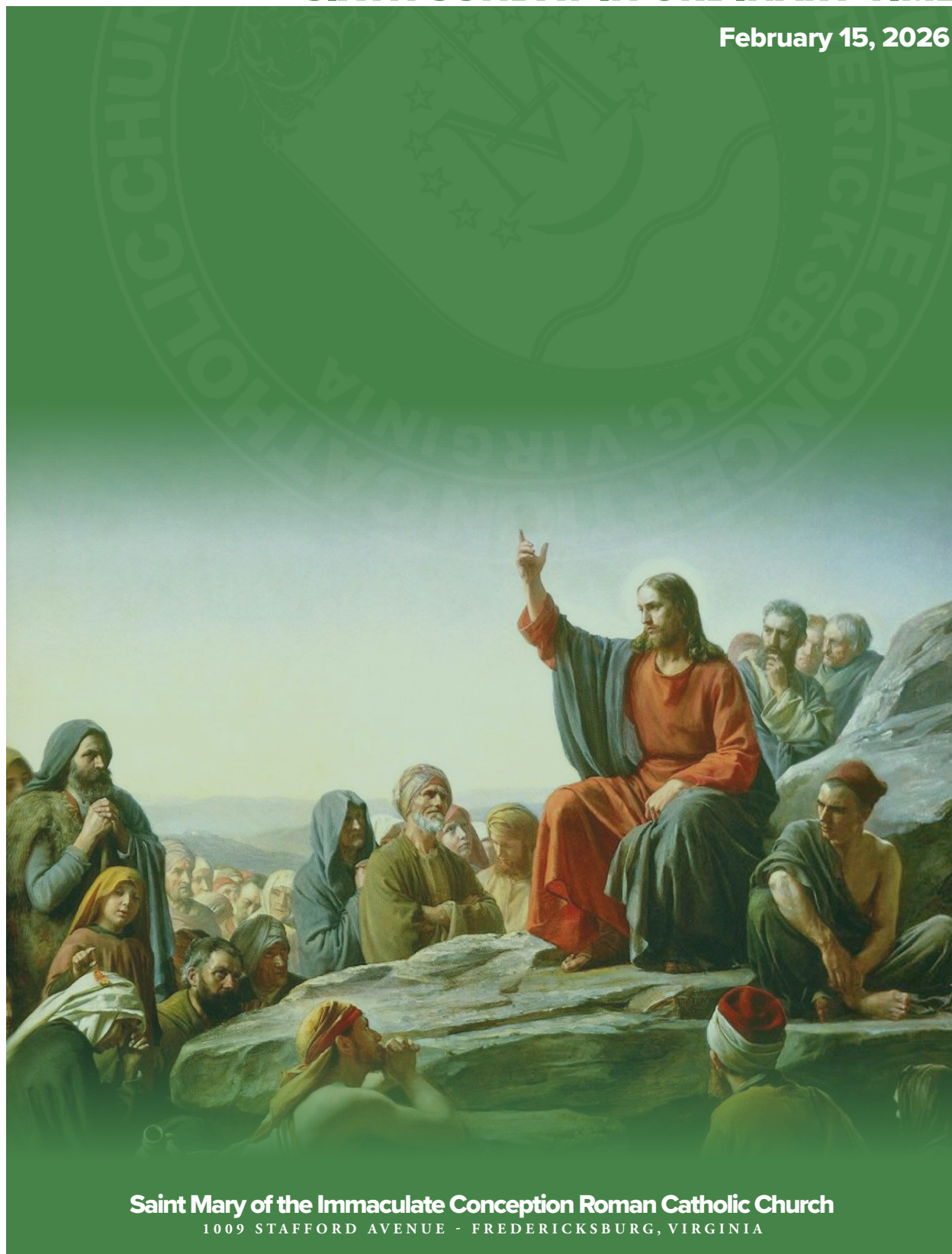


# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15, 2026



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

# capital campaign

## grow our legacy in faith

### A Sacred New Arrival: The Monstrance

As construction on the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel progresses, we are blessed to share a first look at the sacred vessel that will sit at its heart: our new monstrance. Its radiant blue gems serve as a prayerful tribute to the Blessed Mother, honoring her maternal presence as she leads us always to her Son.

### Understanding the Monstrance

Derived from the Latin *monstrare* ("to show"), the monstrance is the vessel used to display the Blessed Sacrament for adoration, benediction, and processions.

While early monstrances resembled small towers, the "sunburst" design became prominent in the 16th century. This design symbolizes Christ as the "Sun of Justice," the true Light of the World who outshines all earthly shadows.

### Elements of the Monstrance

Every element of the monstrance is crafted with deep theological purpose:

- **Luna (Lunette):** The gilded, crescent-shaped clip that securely holds the Host.
- **Solar /Sunburst:** The radiating rays symbolize the divine glory and light of Christ.
- **Window (Crystal):** The glass pane that protects the Host while allowing the faithful to gaze upon Him.
- **Stem and Knot:** The neck of the vessel, featuring a "knot" for a secure, reverent grip.
- **Base:** The heavy, weighted foot ensures the vessel stands firm upon the altar.
- **Cross:** Surmounting the entire vessel, it signifies the Sacrifice of Calvary.



*"In this silence of the white Host, carried in the Monstrance, are all His words; there is His whole life given in offering to the Father for each of us."*

— St. John Paul II

# from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Lent is coming. Are you ready? And I'm not talking about your plans to eat too many pancakes or tacos on Tuesday!

## 1. Lenten penances and challenges!

I think I use the same penances most years. Why? Because I find that they help me to **\*\*focus\*\*** on my primary faults. Giving up shaving is more of a marker of time than a real penance... but I do find it very penitential to have a beard by the time Lent is drawing to a close. Cutting back or eliminating electronics/screen time is another penance that most even modern Americans should embrace. But as you plan to hit Lent running, don't be afraid to give up the thing you least want to give up! That may be the Lord whispering in your soul to get your attention!

## 2. "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Penances are useless without prayer. Yep, useless.

How will you deepen your prayer life this Lent, and form habits that will extend into Ordinary Time and eternity?

Make a plan, something achievable, and don't despair that you might succeed for three days and fail for two. Three steps forward and two steps back still nets you one forward! Jesus is the master of the patient long game!

## 3. Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

Thank you for your support of this important appeal each year. Your generosity goes a long way to supporting so many worthy ministries in our diocese. In a time when we are all asking for greater accountability from Church hierarchy, know that this appeal provides direct assistance to many of our brothers and sisters and neighbors. It is not a collection for the bishop personally, but for the many works of charity that are carried out in his and our names!

There you go. Did you notice that those three are the classic prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Timeless classics of the spiritual life.

And one more expression of gratitude on the almsgiving side: thank you for your generous support of the Souper Bowl Drive. 1,353 total pounds from the parish and school—fantastic! Thank you to all who helped and participated!

Oops, one more: did you see the notice in here for the Lenten Fish Taco Truck and mac-n-cheese? We are trying something different this year on two Lenten Fridays to offer something that might work for families... as we will subsidize the first 500 tacos each of those Fridays.

Pax,



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

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

### At St Mary

6:30am | 9am | 12pm  
4pm Latin Novus Ordo  
6pm | 8pm bilingual

### At Holy Cross Academy

4:30pm | 6:30pm

## 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

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 Bernola

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

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Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

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250 Stafford Lakes Parkway  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406-7234  
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sfry@holycrossweb.com

### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

Director, Allison Gardner  
540-286-1600

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Associate Director, Amy MacKinnon  
Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

### 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

## Wednesday at Holy Cross Academy: A Tribute to Our Nation

As part of Catholic Schools Week, Wednesday at Holy Cross Academy was devoted to honoring our nation and recognizing the profound contributions of our military community. In a display of respect and patriotism, students arrived in their school uniform to symbolize the commitment of our nation's service branches, complemented by red, white, and blue accessories.

The day began with a reverent Mass that set a tone of gratitude and reflection for our entire school community. Following the liturgy, students, faculty, and guests remained seated in anticipation of the awards ceremony recognizing outstanding achievements in our schoolwide writing and art contest. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Flag, students from kindergarten through 8th grade submitted original poems, essays, and illustrations that celebrated the history, symbolism, and enduring values represented by our nation's flag. Their submissions demonstrated remarkable creativity, thoughtful reflection, and a sincere appreciation for the principles of freedom and unity. Exceptional works were acknowledged and awarded, highlighting the talent and patriotism of our young Saints, Scholars, and Leaders.

The celebration concluded with a special reception for our military families, who were invited to enjoy treats and fellowship with their students. This gathering provided a meaningful opportunity to express our gratitude for their service and to honor the vital role they play within our Holy Cross Academy community.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to Melissa Kratzer, Cheryl Stevens, and Michelle Haywood for their thoughtful planning and dedication in bringing this special event to life. Their efforts ensured a memorable and inspiring day for our entire school community.



*A National  
Blue Ribbon  
School of  
Excellence*



# our parish religious education

**THERE ARE NO R.E. CLASSES THIS WEEK OR NEXT!**

**Instead, students are expected to attend:**

- One Ash Wednesday Mass this week (2/18)
- One night of the Parish Retreat (2/23-25) OR one hour of Adoration

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**AT ST. MARY'S:** 6:30am, 9am, 12noon, 4pm (Latin), 6pm, 8pm (bilingual)

**AT HCA:** 4:30pm, 6:30pm

**Your child should submit these slips to his/her catechist at class during the first week of March.**

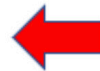
**FIRST PENANCES** conclude this Thursday, 2/19:

- Daytime HCA second graders will make their First Penance at 4:00pm.
- First Communion Year 2 Lower and Upper students who attend RE on Mondays at 6:30pm will make their First Penance at 5:00pm.
- EVERYONE: PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY.

**THESE MANDATORY EVENTS REQUIRE PARENT-SIGNED EVENT ATTENDANCE SLIPS:**



**ATTENDANCE IS BEING RECORDED  
FOR THIS EVENT**



**Give this signed slip to child's catechist at the next Religious Education class**



My child, \_\_\_\_\_  
attended an Ash Wednesday Mass on:  
Wed., February 18, 2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature



**ATTENDANCE IS BEING RECORDED  
FOR THIS EVENT**



**Give this signed slip to child's catechist at the next Religious Education class**



My child, \_\_\_\_\_  
attended one night of the PARISH RETREAT  
Mon/Tues/Wed, February 23-25, 2026 or one  
hour of ADORATION:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature



## RE - FEB 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	RE: 4:45PM 6:30PM	RE: 4:45PM 6:00PM (HCA) 6:30PM	RE: 4:45PM 6:30PM	5	6	7
8	RE: 4:45PM 6:30PM	RE: 4:45PM 6:00PM (HCA) 6:30PM	RE: 4:45PM 6:30PM	12	1 <sup>ST</sup> PEN 4PM, 5PM	14
15	NO RE PRESIDENTS DAY	NO RE	NO RE ASH + WED	1 <sup>ST</sup> PEN 4PM, 5PM GR 8 FORM NIGHT 7PM	20	SPRED 10AM-12PM
22	NO RE PARISH RETREAT	NO RE PARISH RETREAT	NO RE PARISH RETREAT	26	27	28

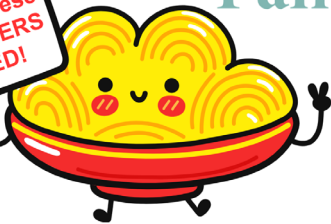
THERE IS NO R.E. 2/16-18. STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND AN ASH WEDNESDAY MASS INSTEAD.

THERE IS NO R.E. 2/23-25. STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND ONE NIGHT OF THE PARISH RETREAT OR GO TO ONE HOUR OF ADORATION INSTEAD.

# our parish youth ministry



**Mac-N-Cheese  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



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

Can you donate homemade Mac-N-Cheese to support our St. Mary youth attending WorkCamp?

Donations needed  
**FEBRUARY 27 & MARCH 13**  
at 5:00pm at the PLC

Contact Tatiana at (540) 373-6491 or  
Tbeltran@stmaryfred.org



ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HSYG	2	3	4 YOUCAT	5	6 MSYG	7 FIGHT CLUB
8 NO HSYG - SUPERBOWL	9	10	11 YOUCAT	12 FEMININE GENIUS	13 HS RETREAT	14 NO FIGHT CLUB
15 NO HSYG RETREAT	16	17	18 NO YOUCAT ASH WED.	19	20 MSYG	21 FIGHT CLUB
22 HSYG	23	24	25 YOUCAT	26 FEMININE GENIUS	27	28 FIGHT CLUB
1 HSYG	2	3	4 YOUCAT	5	6 MSYG	7 FIGHT CLUB

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



# our parish lenten mission

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH LENTEN MISSION

## Who do you say that I am?

Pope Leo's motto "In the One we are one" helps us to know how best to answer Christ's question. Join us every evening for our Lenten Mission, as Fr. Jack Riley leads us on a path of discovery –seeking to find our Lord with others.

### Conferences every evening 7pm | Church

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24

Wednesday, February 25 (Begins with Mass)

*Confessions after each conference*

### 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, February 23 after 9am Mass

#### *Special Confession Hours with Fr. Riley*

Saturday, February 21

Following 5 & 7pm Masses

Sunday, February 22

During and following Masses

Monday, February 23

10am, 2pm

Tuesday, February 24

7:30am, noon, 3pm

Wednesday, February 25

9am, 4:30pm

*Note: Fr. Riley will be in the confessional at all times listed above and will hear confessions until the line gives out. When the line gives out, he will depart. Please be prompt; we would not want you to miss out on God's mercy in this moment.*



### Welcome Back!

Fr. Jack Riley is leading our mission once again! Formerly the chaplain of the Augustine Institute, he has been a priest for over 30 years and currently serves as the Spiritual Director of the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center. He has taught and led hundreds of conferences, missions and retreats around the country. His first love is helping people seek and find Jesus by treasuring and pondering the Gospels in deep quiet prayer.

A great spiritual resource is found by visiting Fr. Riley's website [bit.ly/45NTKdf](http://bit.ly/45NTKdf)



# our parish happenings

## Micah Ecumenical Ministries Seeking Respite Care Coordinator

The Respite Care Coordinator receives referrals, supports guests in implementation of their goals and managing day-to-day operational needs of the eight-bed licensed Respite group home. The end goal for the Respite Care Coordinator is expeditiously connecting new guests to services and supports that put them on a path to healing, housing stabilization and lasting impact.

For the full job description visit:  
<https://indeedhi.re/3M8M87B>

## Public Rosary

Please join other Parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary on Saturday, February 21 at noon at St. Mary. Please RSVP to [michaelgkasey@verizon.net](mailto:michaelgkasey@verizon.net)

## FEBRUARY SNACK BAGS

### Hugh Mercer Students

Our local elementary school has identified 80 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.



### TWO WAYS TO HELP:

Sign-up to drop off items needed by visiting  
[bit.ly/3TM9z72](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)

## Brisben Center Support

We are thrilled to be continuing our work at the Brisben Center in support of the children! St. Mary's hosts "The Kids Club" EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru May. 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 homeless 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.

**\*\*\*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 [sydjim92@msn.com](mailto:sydjim92@msn.com) or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491. To sign-up scan or visit:  
<https://bit.ly/4bcgDE1>



# micah ecumenical ministries

# happenings

## Brief Micah History

Downtown Fredericksburg congregations have been involved with the community's homeless population since the late 1980s, when we opened our church buildings as shelter space and provided meals to those in need. As that original initiative evolved, many people who lived chronically on the street found themselves ineligible due to unmedicated mental illnesses, disabilities, criminal backgrounds and other barriers. With no other place to access shelter and support, they found themselves literally sleeping on the street and they turned to the local churches for help.

Congregations initially responded through the development of various ministries in their individual churches. But after a community effort to help the original shelter find a permanent location in 2005, the downtown churches coalesced around a new vision for assisting those whose needs were not being met.

'Doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God' as things the Lord requires of us (Micah 6:8), became the foundational values for forming the collaborative effort that the churches call Micah Ecumenical Ministries. To this day, nine downtown congregations claim part of their missional identity in Micah, working together to cultivate community and care for neighbors. As recognition that the body of Christ can always do more together than it can ever do apart, the clergy of these churches guide the organization.

## How Can You Help?



**This weekend February 14-15th St. Mary's Second Collection** is in support of the "Love your Neighbor" Campaign for Micah – please be generous.

**Coldest Night of the Year** ~ Saturday, February 28th Walk OR Support a Walker! See the ad in the bulletin for all the information.

**Micah Dinner Team** ~ Join one of our teams cooking & serving a meal to those in need in our community. Contact Torie Baldwin [keetongirl2@yahoo.com](mailto:keetongirl2@yahoo.com)

**Cold Weather Shelter** ~ Join one of our teams setting up, checking-in, and engaging with those in need of shelter on a cold night. Contact Greg Wheatly [stmary.cws@outlook.com](mailto:stmary.cws@outlook.com)

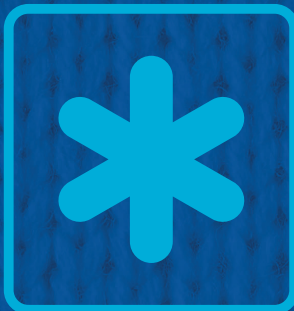
## Currently Collecting Items

White warm socks, undershirts in medium, large & XL and underwear for men & women. Please drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

our parish

# love thy neighbor

february 28, 2026



Join TEAM ST. MARY and walk with us to support the good work of Micah Ecumenical Ministries, providing a sense of community and care for our homeless neighbors. Let's team up, fundraise and walk!

To register to walk in the event with St. Mary for either the 1 mile OR 5k, visit the link provided and register. If you are unable to attend but want to support our efforts, click the link and donate to Team St. Mary.

The walk takes place in Fredericksburg, beginning at Riverfront Park. All details for the event are found on the link. Once registered, we will follow up with more details! Any questions, please reach out to Elena at [edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org)

Gather for good...because its cold out there!  
<https://bit.ly/4qmsmof>





# we are one from our bishop

IN *Christ* WE ARE *One*



## A Message from Bishop Burbidge

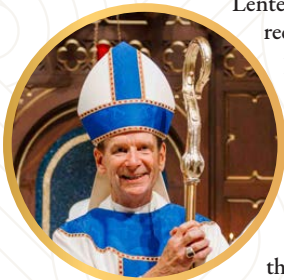
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal, "In Christ We Are One," reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet.

Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church.

I invite you to join me in making a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I ask you especially to consider a recurring monthly commitment, which allows your generosity to continue bearing fruit throughout the year and may enable you to make a greater gift in thanksgiving for God's goodness.

Thank you for all the ways you live the truth that, in Christ, we are one. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this holy season of Lent.



## *The Bishop's Lenten Appeal:*

### **Your Gifts at Work in Our Diocese!**



Catholic Charities continues to meet the increase of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries, and mental health counseling. The St. Lucy Food Project fulfilled nearly 70,000 requests for assistance, distributing over 2.1 million pounds of food last year.



Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Faith Formation, and the Office of Divine Worship.



The Office of Hispanic Ministry served nearly 400 families with Quinceañera and Marriage Preparation Retreats and formed approximately 500 students and lay ministers through the Institute of Pastoral Formation and Liturgical Trainings.



There are 40 men currently studying for the priesthood, who – God willing – will one day serve in our parishes.



Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, and Campus Ministry at colleges and universities throughout the diocese, including Mary Washington, George Mason, and Shenandoah University.

**2026 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL**  
**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**

# we are one from our bishop

## EN *Crísto* SOMOS *Uno*



### Mensaje del Obispo Burbidge

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de este año, «En Cristo somos uno», nos recuerda que nunca estamos solos en nuestro camino de fe. En el Bautismo, el Señor nos reúne en un solo Cuerpo y nos llama a compartir su amor con todos los que encontramos.

Cada día, en toda nuestra diócesis, su generosidad hace que esta unidad sea visible y tangible. A través de la BLA, ustedes apoyan a nuestros seminaristas que se preparan para el servicio sacerdotal, sostienen nuestras parroquias y misiones, acompañan a las familias a través de las Caridades Católicas y ayudan a formar discípulos entre los niños, los jóvenes, los jóvenes adultos y los ancianos. Ustedes llevan la luz de Cristo a aquellos que sufren, buscan o se sienten alejados de la Iglesia.

Les invito a unirse a mí para hacer una ofrenda sacrificial a la Petición de Cuaresma del Obispo de este año. Les pido especialmente que consideren la posibilidad de hacer una aportación mensual recurrente, lo que permitirá que su generosidad siga dando frutos a lo largo del año y les permitirá hacer una ofrenda mayor en agradecimiento por la bondad de Dios.

Gracias por todas las formas en que viven la verdad de que, en Cristo, somos uno. Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes y sus seres queridos durante este tiempo santo de Cuaresma.



### *Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo:*

**Sus donaciones en acción en nuestra Diócesis.**

Caridades Católica sigue atendiendo el aumento de solicitudes de ayuda para el pago del alquiler o la hipoteca y los servicios públicos, la compra de alimentos y el asesoramiento en salud mental. El Proyecto Alimentario Santa Lucía atendió casi 70 000 solicitudes de ayuda y distribuyó más de 2,1 millones de libras de alimentos el año pasado.



Escuelas católicas, educación religiosa, formación en la fe y Oficina de Culto Divino.



La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano sirvió a casi 400 familias con retiros de preparación para la quinceañera y el matrimonio, y formó a aproximadamente 500 estudiantes y ministros laicos a través del Instituto de Formación Pastoral y Capacitaciones Litúrgicas.



Actualmente hay 40 hombres estudiando para el sacerdocio, quienes, si Dios quiere, algún día prestarán servicio en nuestras parroquias.



Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil, Campus y Pastoral para Jóvenes Adultos, y Pastoral Universitaria en colegios y universidades de toda la diócesis, incluyendo Mary Washington, George Mason y Shenandoah University.



**PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO 2026**  
**DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE ARLINGTON**



# our parish happenings

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S!

Fr. Mosimann and  
members of our Welcoming

Committee are looking  
forward to meeting you and  
introducing you to the many  
fantastic ministries at St.  
Mary so that you (and your  
family) can share your gifts  
and talents with your new  
parish family.

Please sign-up for a time slot  
on Sunday, February 22nd  
10am-1pm for yourself  
and/or family to spend  
time with our Welcome  
Committee Team and with  
your new pastor.

Meetings will take place  
in the parish office located  
behind the church.

If you have any questions,  
please email Elena Doyle at  
[edoyle@stmaryfred.org](mailto:edoyle@stmaryfred.org).

<https://bit.ly/3LGP9Mp>



**FISH TACO TRUCK**  
*During Lent*

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS +  
FISH TACOS & MAC-N-CHEESE!**

**FIRST 500 TACOS ARE 3 FOR \$6 (1/2 OFF)**  
(ALL ARE FISH TACOS WITH CHOICE OF FLOUR OR CORN TORTILLA)

**MAC-N-CHEESE AVAILABLE IN THE PLC**  
(DONATIONS APPRECIATED FOR WORKCAMP)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHURCH**  
6:30PM - ENGLISH | 7:30PM - SPANISH | EVERY FRIDAY THIS LENT

**FEBRUARY 27 - 5:30-8:30PM**

**MARCH 13 - 5:30-8:30PM**

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

## 50 Years of Birthright

Birthright of Fredericksburg will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding by the late Irene Hagerty and fellow members of the Council of Catholic Women of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in 1976.

The site of the merry-making will be the Holiday Inn Conference Center at 20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg 22406, which is conveniently located off I-95 at Exit 133. Guests will enjoy a complimentary dinner and a cash bar. Cocktail attire is suggested for the event which will run from 4-8pm on Sunday, March 22.

Required reservations by the deadline of March 1 can be made on the Birthright website at [birthrightoffredericksburg.com](http://birthrightoffredericksburg.com) or by mail to the office at 2006 Lafayette Blvd., Suite 202, Fredericksburg 22401. For more information, leave a message at 540-898-8558.

While the dinner is complimentary, guests will have an opportunity to donate to the non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that evening. In addition, there are also available table sponsorships in advance of the evening ranging from \$1000 to \$250.

## KofC Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a free throw competition at HCA on Saturday, February 21 starting at 10 am for kids 9-14. Winners will receive prizes and will also qualify for the KofC Virginia State Free Throw Championship. Can we put an announcement for this in the bulletin for this weekend? I would also like to note that parents can register their children at the school starting at 9am on the day of the event or pick up and drop off a registration form in the parish office or the HCA front office.



vida parroquial

# noticias en español

Centro Católico de Formación JSV

## *Retiro Tetelestai*



*contemplaremos*

La gloria de Jesús en su pasión. Veremos los personajes y el escenario de la Última Cena, Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús que manifiestan su gloria.

*21 y 22 de Marzo*  
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## Donations Received January 21 - February 3

Sunday Offertory 1/25/26	\$15,651.00
Sunday Offertory 2/1/26	\$27,480.00
Debt Reduction	\$579.00
First Offering for Envelopes	\$185.00
Church in Latin America	\$4,071.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$3,290.00
Poor Box St. Vincent de Paul	\$738.00

## ParishSoft Giving Donations January

Sunday Offertory	\$108,642.38
Solemnity of Mary	\$3,317.00
Church in Latin America	\$2,478.00
Arlington Catholic Herald	\$104.00
Parish Debt Reduction	\$6,303.35

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

On Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at [usccb.org/ccee](http://usccb.org/ccee).

## National Collection for U.S. Black & Indian Missions "Building Our Mission to the Missions"

### February 21 & 22

Established in 1884 as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States and the Eskimo and Aleut peoples of Alaska, the Black and Indian Mission Office has been able to distribute assistance to 132 Dioceses through the generosity of this parish and parishes throughout the United States. Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. Your partnership places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico; to the far-reaching villages of Alaska; and so many other places. Your sacrifice addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

## Children's Charity - February

The children's charity that will benefit from the offering in February is Hazelwild Farm's Therapeutic Riding Program. The program offers specialized horseback riding lessons for all ages of riders with a wide range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. The lessons increase stability, flexibility, strength, motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence for the riders, along with providing many other physical and emotional benefits. For more information, go to [hazelwildfarm.com](http://hazelwildfarm.com).

## Pro Life Reflection

St. Francis of Assisi put forth a great challenge when he said, "Preach the gospel at all times, if necessary use words." We can SAY many things, with little influence on people who aren't ready to hear what we have to say. Or we can DO a few powerful things out of LOVE for a neighbor. And we can have great impact on those who've previously accessed limited Christ-like examples. Humbly WALKING the community with that message of action and kindness is what Micah 6:8 is all about. ([micahfredericksburg.org](http://micahfredericksburg.org))  
*Pro Life is all life – from the womb to the tomb.*

# liturgy daily bread

## Saint Mary Prayer List - February

**Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:** Bonita Boyer, Brooke Fornea, Charles Boyer, Chris Breth, Drew LoRusso, Fred Royer, Jacob R. Moser, Jason Stoker, JoAnne O'Brien, Joseph Krieg, Logan Leslie, Margaret Murphy, Maria Mangini, Maryann Carroll, Roy Schmidt, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Susan Harvin, Teresa Lopez, Theresa & Kieth Kovalefsky, Walt Boswell, Logan Leslie, Bonnie Kenney, Justina McGuire

**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

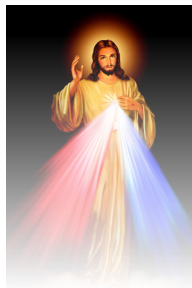
As a reminder, we will update our prayer list in the bulletin as a monthly listing. If you would like to include a person on the prayer list, please email [stmary@stmaryfred.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryfred.org) or call the office at 540-373-6491.

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"



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## Daily Mass Intentions

### February

#### 16 MONDAY

6:30am Wendy Guthrie  
9:00am George Holzworth  
Jas 1:11-Mk 8:11-13

#### 17 TUESDAY

6:30am George Holzworth  
9:00am Tirona Family &  
Catherine Van Nguyen  
Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Mary Gat Vu+  
8:15am\* The Fuller Family  
9:00am Christopher Grey+  
12:00pm Phillip Atkins+  
4:00pm Jane Stiegler  
4:30pm\* Pea LaRose  
6:00pm Patricia Dolan+  
6:30pm\* Jeanne Moomaw  
8:00pm Ryan Epp+  
Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### 19 THURSDAY

6:30am Alina Rubsam  
9:00am Georgia Larson+  
Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

#### 20 FRIDAY

6:30am Nancy Cook+  
9:00am Rick Kauffman  
Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

#### 21 SATURDAY

9:00am Minh Hang T. Duer+  
5:00pm Córy Kwieciński+  
7:00pm Martha Minh Duer+  
Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

#### 22 SUNDAY

7:00am Anne and Rick Donovan+  
8:30am Adam Stanisławski  
8:30am\* Erin Sirianni+  
10:30am Mr. And Mrs. Gasper  
10:30am\* Grace Sherry  
12:30pm Our Military Living & Deceased  
2:30pm Carmen Araujo+  
5:00pm For Our Parish  
7:00pm Bob and Jackie Ezersky  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

\* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.