

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2026



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

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Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. A Heartfelt Thank You: Open House Weekend a Joyful Success!

What a wonderful and blessed weekend! On August 15 and 16, nearly 500 parishioners gathered after Masses to celebrate a major milestone for our parish.

Visitors toured the sacred space to view our newly installed altar, statues, Divine Mercy image, and initial stained glass. A highlight that came Sunday evening as the completed "Adoring Angels" window shone with breathtaking illumination. Though some windows are still underway, full-length design prints gave everyone a clear preview of the final chapel.

Many parishioners shared their gratitude, noting, "It is beautiful... so worth the wait! We are blessed to have such a peaceful place to pray."

Some members of the Building Committee warmly welcomed guests, while Father provided fascinating "behind-the-scenes" details about the craftsmanship behind the chapel. Thank you to everyone who joined us and continues to support this sacred project! A complimentary and Blessed Divine Mercy Image Holy Card is available for those who visit the Adoration chapel.

Adoration Chapel Now Open

The chapel is open for silent prayer before the tabernacle, 9:30am-11pm Monday-Friday, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place Wednesday-Friday.

Daytime Access: There is a keypad on the door, but during daytime hours, the door will be unlocked; no code required.

Nighttime Access: After 11 pm, you will be required to enter a code into the door to enter.



Overnight adorers will be given the code.
Exception: Monday to Friday, from 6:30am to 9:30am, all adoration will be moved into the church, where Masses are offered.
Changes to these hours will be communicated.

Adoration Chapel Prayer Guidelines

Prayer in the Adoration Chapel must always be observed in strict silence to respect all adorers.
Exception: Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesdays.

"In the silence of the heart, God speaks." — Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Divine Mercy Memorial Wall

For questions regarding the Memorial Wall design or the Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel, please contact the parish office. At (540) 373-6491 Ask for Donna or Doris.



from our pastor

Dear Folks,

Just in case you were traveling or missed the news: Deacon Alberto has received from the bishop a release from his assignment to our parish so that he could move to San Antonio to be closer to family. This weekend is his last in the parish before he road-trips to Texas on Tuesday!

Deacon Alberto has been an extraordinary gift and blessing to our parish family. He has walked with you all through so many of life's sacred moments—baptizing our children, proclaiming God's Word and preaching at Holy Mass, bringing our Lord in Holy Communion to the homebound, comforting families as they laid loved ones to rest, blessing our homes, teaching our faith, and, time and again, generously going far beyond the call of duty as a faithful servant.

I will miss Deacon Alberto deeply—not only as a dedicated collaborator in ministry, but as a friend. We are equally grateful for his wonderful wife, Miralba, whose quiet strength, generous heart, and joyful spirit have blessed our parish in countless ways. Through her active involvement in many ministries and her unwavering support of Deacon Alberto's vocation, she has been a beautiful witness of Christian love and selfless service.

Together, Deacon Alberto and Miralba have reflected the beauty, fidelity, and joy of the Sacrament of Marriage. Their partnership in faith and ministry has enriched our parish beyond measure, and their witness has inspired so many. While we will greatly miss their presence among us, we are profoundly grateful for the love, dedication, and countless blessings they have shared with our parish family.

Here are plans to bid Deacon Alberto farewell:

This Saturday August 22 he will serve the 5pm Mass, Sunday August 23, the 10:30am English Mass and the 2:30pm Spanish Mass.

Farewell Reception: Monday, August 24. A 5pm Mass, followed by a reception in the PLC from 5:30 to 8pm. We understand that not everyone will be able to attend the Mass, which is why the reception will continue afterward so that you can stop by whenever you are able during that time.

Adoration chapel is open!!

While there is no exposition this weekend, the chapel is open during Mass hours. The entrance to the chapel is located behind the church, at the bottom of the ramp leading to the offices. Hours are here in bulletin for Adoration time/place, and on the parish website, or follow this link if you want to see the week marked out with hours/place of adoration at <https://tinyurl.com/cpvar6vz>

Pax et Bonum,

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

All Are Welcome

Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Alberto and Miralba Bernaola

**5pm Monday, August 24
Followed by a Reception**

5:30pm-8pm

**All are welcome to bring a
dish or snack to share!**



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses
Come and enjoy some fellowship!

ADORATION

at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Church

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 7AM-9AM

Divine Mercy Chapel

ALL DAY & NIGHT ADORATION

WEDNESDAY | 9AM-12AM

THURSDAY | 12AM-6:30AM & 9AM-12AM

FRIDAY | 12AM-6:30AM

stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule

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, and 12 noon
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
Reverend Stan Lee, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Alberto Bernola

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

MUSIC

Joseph Ciskanik
Director of Music, musicdirector@stmaryfred.org
Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

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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
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

The Free Lance–Star Readers’ Choice “Best of the ’Burg” Best Preschool in Stafford Winner!

At Holy Cross Academy, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten are forming Saints, Scholars, and Leaders from the very beginning.

Holy Cross Academy is honored to be recognized as the Best Preschool in Stafford in the Free Lance–Star Readers’ Choice “Best of the ’Burg” Awards. This distinction reflects the heart of our mission and the trust families place in us as we nurture young learners in faith, character, and early academic readiness.

Faith & Character From Day One

Admitting your child to a Catholic preschool provides an early foundation in faith and daily prayer, shaping the way children understand kindness, compassion, and God’s love.

Daily prayer — Children learn to talk to God during happy, quiet, or reflective moments.

Moral values — Lessons highlight sharing, the Golden Rule, and respect for others.

Kindness focus — Teachers guide students to care for themselves and their classmates, building empathy and confidence.

Early Learning, Social Growth & Kindergarten Readiness

Our Preschool (3-year-old) and Pre-Kindergarten programs offer a safe, structured learning environment where children grow socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

Early readiness — Foundational math, language, and thinking skills prepare children for kindergarten success.

Structured play — Hands-on activities spark curiosity and help children explore the world around them.

Social development — Students practice sharing, listening, cooperating, and expressing emotions in healthy ways.

Teacher guidance — Teachers model independence, kindness, and responsibility, helping children care for themselves and others.

Specials That Enrich Every Week

Our youngest Crusaders enjoy a variety of specials that broaden learning and nurture creativity:

Physical Education — Movement, coordination, and healthy habits begin early.

Spanish — Children are introduced to basic vocabulary and cultural awareness.

Library — Weekly visits build a love for stories, books, and early literacy.

Art — Creative projects help children express themselves and explore imagination.

Field Trips & Real-World Exploration

Preschool and Pre-K students participate in age-appropriate field trips that bring learning to life: visiting farms, nature centers, visit from fire and rescue squads, and community spaces that deepen curiosity and understanding.

A Safe, Joyful, and Faith-Filled Community

Holy Cross Academy offers a warm, family-like setting where children feel safe, supported, and loved.

Safe space — Classrooms are designed for comfort, security, and joyful learning.

Strong community — Families, teachers, priests, and parish life work together to support each child’s growth.

If you would like your son or daughter to join HCA, we still have spots available. For more information, please call Holy Cross Academy at 540-286-1600.



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School of
Excellence*



education religious education

RE at Our Stafford Campus (HCA)

Did you know that we offer Religious Education at Holy Cross Academy in Stafford on Tuesday nights? These classes often have the best student-to-teacher ratios! This is also the only session where we offer kindergarten as well as elementary and middle school grades, and it is the location of our new STARE program for children with neurodivergent diagnoses. With wonderful catechists, a gymnasium, an outdoor courtyard, and a lovely chapel on site, the HCA campus has a lot to offer! If you've not registered your children for RE yet, you might consider this option on Tuesdays from 6-7:15pm.



May Crowning 2025, RE session at HCA

RE CLASSES BEGIN IN 3 WEEKS!

Religious Ed Kick-Off will be September 14-16. Classes are filling up quickly. Some classes have closed. Don't wait until the last minute to register! **Registration will be closed as of September 10.**



ENGLISH:



<https://tinyurl.com/3atjhr22>

SPANISH:



<https://tinyurl.com/mhtcjf2x>

 SEPTEMBER 2026 MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE: <i>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			New Volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm	STARE Catechist Training 6-6:30 STARE Parent Meeting 6:30-7		
		1	2	3	4	5
		ALL Volunteer training 5:30-8:30pm		RE Registration Closed	Homeschooling Parents Meeting 6:30	SPRED 10-12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Catechist Oath of Fidelity Weekend	RE KICK-OFF: 4:45, 6:30	RE/STARE KICK-OFF: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE KICK-OFF: 6:30		Home-Taught Parents Meeting 6:30	SPRED 10-12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
PARISH LIFE WEEKEND	RE: 4:45, 6:30	RE/STARE: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE: 6:30		Saints Parade Planning Meeting 6:30	PARISH LIFE WEEKEND
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	RE Registration Reopens					
	RE: 4:45, 6:30	RE/STARE: 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	RE: 6:30			
27	28	29	30			

our parish youth ministry

Service with a Smile!

A huge **thank you** to some of our amazing middle schoolers who spent their day serving others! They started the day with Mass and then got to work by removing rocks, pulling weeds, spreading mulch, and putting a beautiful border around a flower bed. We are so proud of the hard work, teamwork, and servant hearts you all showed! **Great job, guys!** Thank you for being such a wonderful example of putting our faith into action!



WE NEED

YOU



**FOR OUR YOUTH
MINISTRY DINNER
TEAMS!**

Do you show love through **acts of service**?

Do you **enjoy cooking** with and for a group?

Do you want to enable real moments of
relational ministry with our teens?

*Join a team of volunteers who will plan, prepare, and
serve meals for our middle or high school ministry teens*

For more information, contact Tatiana Beltran at tbeltran@stmaryfired.org



our parish happenings

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 and social 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 September 12.

Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium) cordially invites all parishioners and auxiliary members to a celebratory brunch in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Tuesday, September 8**
Immediately following the 9am Mass
Parish Life Center

Please join us for a time of light refreshment, joyful fellowship, and thanksgiving as we celebrate the birth of Our Blessed Mother. This gathering is hosted by the Legion of Mary with the generous support of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW).

All auxiliary members and parishioners are warmly welcome. We look forward to celebrating this feast day with you!

St Monica Prayer Group

All are welcome to join the St. Monica Prayer Group on Saturday, September 12, following the 9am Mass (9:45-11am) in the Parish Office Library. The mission of the St. Monica's Prayer Group is to provide a community for Catholics to pray for loved ones (children, parents, spouses, extended family) who have strayed from the faith, to provide encouragement, and to assist each other in our growth in holiness.

We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, then discuss a chapter from the book, The Saint Monica Club, by Maggie Green, which is available on Amazon. For more information, please contact Megan Kimbrell at st.monica.club@gmail.com.

ST. MARY PARISH
— PHOTO CONTEST —

CELEBRATING

AMERICA'S

250TH

ANNIVERSARY

*Capture the Spirit of
America the Beautiful!*

As our nation celebrates 250 years of freedom, St. Mary Parish invites photographers of all ages and skill levels to participate in our **America the Beautiful Photo Contest!**

We're looking for photographs that showcase what you love most about the United States and the blessings of freedom we enjoy as a gift from God.

WE WANT TO SEE

- ★ Majestic landscapes and scenic beauty
- ★ Family traditions and community celebrations
- ★ Baseball games, backyard barbecues, and summer fun
- ★ Fireworks lighting up the night sky
- ★ Hot dogs, apple pie, and small-town charm
- ★ Veterans, service, and sacrifice
- ★ Flags waving proudly in the breeze
- ★ Reflections of the beauty, joy, and freedom of life in America

RULES

Submit pictures by email to frmosimann@stmaryfred.org
Please submit one picture per email | Max 10 photos per person
Include photographer's name, age (only if under 18 for young photographer category), where and when the photo was taken

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Beautiful. Blessed. Free.

St. Mary's is Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Volunteers

Our parish is beyond blessed with fantastic volunteers who give of themselves in so many generous ways. We are seeking nominations from fellow parishioners for exceptional volunteers. If you would like to nominate an individual as an outstanding volunteer, please email edoyle@stmaryfred.org and include the name and a short description of service by August 24th.

See the list of folks below who have already been honored!

Appleton Julie - 2014
Atkinson Rocio - 2014
Bailey Amy - 2023
Bain Sue - 2014
Baker Peg - 2007
Baksy Tibor - 2011
Baldwin Tori - 2011
Balint Barbara - 2011
Beltran Keiry - 2024
Bergeron Jeanne - 2010
Bernola Deacon Alberto & Miralba, Lifetime
Bernola Deacon Alberto & Miralba - 2010
Bibby Sylvia - 2010
Breen Kate - 2019
Brinza Mike - 2023
Burdan Jim - 2024
Bussard Joe - 2012
Cameron Mary Beth - 2012
Canizares Roberto - 2013
Caporali Rick - 2015
Carneal John & Barbara, Lifetime
Carneal Gregg - 2014
Cascio Lenny - 2023
Cascio Joe, Lifetime
Christina Ginny - 2023
Clark Lorie - 2017
Conroy Pearl - 2012
Cook Brian - 2006
Corbett Patricia - 2005
Correa Miguel & Betsy - 2024
Craig Doug & Nancy - 2012
Crisp Harry & Bobby - 2006

Crisp Bill - 2007
Crockett James - 2011
Cross John - 2011
Cushing Wayne & Wanda - 2005
D'Amico Maria - 2016
Davis Donna - 2018
DelRosso Eileen - 2009
Desilets Louise - 2024
Devine-Tetor Anne - 2019
Diaz Balmore - 2019
Dionne Claire & Marcel - 2025
Doherty Joan - 2013
Duhamel Ann - 2012
Engbert Jim - 2023
Espiritu Angelo - 2019
Evans Wilma - 2008
Falardeau Adele - 2019
Farrell Louis & Carolyn - 2010
Fartro Sara - 2008
Featherson Dale, Lifetime
Finnegan Julie - 2025
Fish Tom & Pat - 2017
Fitzgerald Jeff - 2010
Flaig Barbara - 2023
Florio Jim & Leigh - 2012
Ford Margaret - 2013
Ford Margaret, Lifetime. - 2025
Fowlkes Lori - 2016
Frasher Barb - 2007
Gallagher Jane - 2016
Gardner Mark & Heather - 2017
Glancy Paul & Sandra - 2006
Gonzalez Leticia - 2014
Gonzalez Leticia, Lifetime - 2025
Gordon Celine - 2023
Guzman Gustavo & Kathryn - 2025
Graf Ann - 2007
Graninger Hugh, Lifetime
Greenwall Christi - 2014
Grey Rochelle - 2009
Hagerty Jim & Irene, Lifetime
Halloway LaVaughn, Lifetime
Hamann Susan - 2016
Hamann Mike - 2025
Harring Donna - 2024
Hart Donna - 2016
Hays Maria - 2010
Hellmann Brian - 2024
Hellmann Judy - 2009
Herbeck Charlie - 2006
Hetrick John & Donna, Lifetime

Hohenberg Bob & Susan - 2007
Horan Tina - 2013
Hughes Summer - 2016
Inguanti Doris - 2024
Janis Kay, Lifetime
Jennings Rose - 2018
Jones Maureen - 2014
Kaila Chris - 2005
Kaila Patti - 2014
Keddie Regis - 2007
Keddie Susan - 2017
Keene Steve - 2012
Keeton Mary - 2010
Keeton Lloyd - 2018
Kennedy Nick - 2009
Kenney Ed & Mary, Lifetime
Knapp Ed & Marilyn - 2005
Kopcak Jack & Vicky - 2010
Kroko Ken - 2008
Kurtz Donna - 2005
Lanzarone Eileen - 2011
LaRoche Rich & Karen - 2015
LaRose Peg - 2009
Lemus Yesi - 2025
Lucini Rachel - 2025
Lupi Jennifer - 2010
Lynch Charlotte - 2012
Lynch Maggie - 2012
Mahoney Kathleen - 2015
Matarese Margaret, Lifetime - 2024
Mattson Lori - 2018
McCormick Furman - 2010
McKenna Sharon, Lifetime
McMorland Bob & Lyn - 2017
Medosch Dave - 2009
Medosch MaryJo - 2016
Merriman Beth - 2010
Miller Dawn - 2009
Miller Norka - 2023
Moulton Angela - 2025
Moure Roger, Lifetime
Muggeridge Matt & Eve - 2012
Mukunnamkeril Tom - 2016
Naley Bruce - 2024
Nguyen Tuan & Serena - 2023
Nini Jerry & Sandi, Lifetime
O'Connor Joe & Julia, Lifetime
O'Toole Tom & Joyce, Lifetime
Owen Mary - 2024
Paquette Peter & Erika, Lifetime
Paquette Dianne - 2008

Pechin Nikki Corey, Lifetime
Pereira Katherine - 2008
Pickerel Glenn - 2007
Podlesny Mary - 2008
Prohaska Matt - 2024
Rager Arlene - 2024
Reschick Rick & Dayle - 2018
Retterer Lynda - 2016
Roche Wendy - 2019
Rolla Gary - 2023
Romero Alvin & Lilian - 2017
Rubino Dolores - 2008
Russell Gail - 2011
Schlachter Theresa - 2009
Schlachter Margaret - 2013
Schlosser Bernice - 2018
Schlosser LuAnn - 2018
Schlosser-Pfeiffer Carol - 2018
Scott Paul, Lifetime
Sewell Mark & Doris - 2016
Shall Jim - 2025
Sheckels Marie - 2012
Shorter Bill - 2008
Simons Robert - 2025
Simms Lori - 2016
Skaggs Annalisa - 2018
Slaughter Luisa - 2011
Sollohub RJ & Sheryl - 2010
Speier Bob - 2013
Stoecker Steve & Jane - 2017
Thielman Judy - 2011
Thome Tess - 2013
Tompkins Angie - 2017
Traylor Lara - 2023
Vezina Caryn & Scott - 2025
Waineo Teresa & Al - 2023
Walor Joe & Barbara, Lifetime
Walor Barbara - 2006
Walor Joe - 2013
Wheatley Greg - 2023
Wheeler Mary Ellen - 2012
Wilkinson Joe & Arlene, Lifetime
Wilkinson Joe & Arlene - 2010
Williams Gladys - 2016
Young Suzette - 2017
Zawisa Karen & Steve - 2013

our parish happenings

Snack Bag Program is BACK!

St. Mary's will be providing snack bags for the children of Hugh Mercer Elementary who suffer food insecurity on the weekends. Snack bags will be provided on the 2nd THURSDAY of every month.

Our bags include; juice, granola bars, beef jerky, crackers, fruit snacks etc. For a complete list of items needed and to sign-up to donate please visit bit.ly/4wbzvtD

For **SEPTEMBER** we ask that all donations be dropped off **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**. Please drop off food donations directly to the Parish Office.

Your support is appreciated



NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

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, September 20 from 10am-1pm for yourself and/or family to spend time with our Welcome Committee Team and with your pastor.

Meetings will take place in the PARISH LIFE CENTER (PLC).

If you have any questions, please email Elena Doyle at edoyle@stmaryfred.org

Sign up at bit.ly/4fE3O7c

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Fredericksburg

This month

Friendship with the Trinity:

Finding Intimacy with God in Everyday Life

Originally from Reston, Sr. Maeve is a finally professed sister with the Sisters of Life (SV) currently studying theology at the Dominican House of Studies in DC. Professing poverty, chastity, obedience, and a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life, the sisters accompany vulnerable pregnant women, those who have suffered an abortion, and promote the culture of life through works of evangelization.

Presenter
Sr. Maeve Nativitas, SV



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Strangeways Brewing

350 Landsdowne Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Connect with us! fredericksburgtot@gmail.com

Doors open at 5pm
Presentation at 6:30pm



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Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters of the Poor Our Second Collection this Weekend

Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service that we have received from our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan. The Little Sisters welcome the elderly, receive them as God's children and as members of our own family, and serve them with love and respect until God calls them Home.



Please support the good work of the Sisters of the Poor as you are able. Checks can be made payable to St. Mary's with Little Sisters on the memo line.

Catholic Charities St. Lucy Food Project ~ Seeking Help with Harvest!

Each summer and fall we have gleaning sessions with Healthy Harvest in the Colonial Beach area. Gleaning is the Biblical practice of harvesting left-over or donated produce from a field after the farmer has completed the main harvest. The fresh produce is then distributed by St. Lucy food Project to people in need across our entire diocese.

All ministries and families of St. Mary are welcome to assist! We have six more dates this year. There is more information and sign up at volunteer.cdda.net/custom/501/opp_details/6688

Micah Eccumenical Services Seeking Pick-Up Truck!

If you have a pick-up truck to donate to Micah to help neighbors in need of moving, pick up needed supplies and donated furniture, please reach out to Elena at edoyle@stmaryfred.org



OCIA

at St. Mary

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Become Catholic
Delve deeper into the Faith
Fulfill a missing Sacrament
*All materials will be provided

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM
September 10th through Pentecost

All are welcome!

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

our parish happenings

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**TMIY IS
BACK!**

12 SEPTEMBER!

APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME

Journey from the birth of the early Church to the call of Christ that echoes in our own day. From Christ to the Apostles, from the Apostolic Fathers to the men of our time, the voice of God has never fallen silent.

NOW THE CALL IS OURS TO ANSWER.

Let us become the men we were created to be and set the world ablaze.



SATURDAY MORNING



6:00 AM Hot Breakfast / Fellowship
PLC Room



6:40 AM Video Presentation
In the Church



7:15 AM Small Groups
Grow. Share. Become.



8:00 AM Final Blessing
We promise to have him out by 8am!

FIGHT CLUB

**BRING YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL
& HIGH SCHOOL SONS!**

**FAITH. BROTHERHOOD. DISCIPLINE.
BUILT FOR YOUNG MEN.**



SCAN TO
LEARN MORE!



ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH.
WIVES, WE PROMISE TO HAVE HIM OUT BY 8AM!



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PLC Room & Church

**TMIY IS FOR EVERY MAN.
IT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**

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Walking with Purpose is a Catholic women's ministry that develops Bible studies that aim to bring us to a deeper relationship with Christ. Books can be purchased online at www.walkingwithpurpose.com. For more information and to register for a class contact Lisa Sarber at lisakymi@aol.com. Come and see what we're all about.

Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point: A 22-week study that will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God! *Opening Your Heart* is an incredibly effective guide to deep, lasting transformation of the heart and we encourage all participants new to Walking with Purpose to begin here. Join us as we explore the core questions of our Catholic faith. We welcome you and are confident that you will grow in knowledge and love of the faith! **Mondays 9:30-11:30AM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/21/26 to 4/12/27)**

Passionate Discipleship: A 13-week study of 2 Timothy that integrates Scripture with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church to help us understand who Jesus is and what that means for us. We will learn how to abide in the wisdom of Christ to navigate the ever-increasing demands and messages of our culture. It will be followed by:

Beholding Your King: A 9-week study exploring the prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament .
Mondays 9:30-11:30AM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 9/21/26 to 4/12/27)

Living in the Father's Love: A 6-week study focusing on understanding how you are truly loved by God, how you are valued for who you are, and how to improve your relationship with God and others. It will be followed by:

Ordering Your Priorities A 22-week study focusing on answering the question, "what is God's vision for our life, and how can I experience it?" When we keep our focus on God, He will rightly order our priorities and lead our path to a life well lived. **Tuesdays 6:00-7:30PM in the HCA Library (begins on 9/22/26 to 4/20/27)**

Touching the Divine: A 22-week study focusing on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. The study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality. Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us, and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Knowing Christ more intimately, as John did, will touch your heart and fill you with hope! **Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM via ZOOM (begins on 10/1/26 to 4/8/27)**

Grounded in Hope: This 22-week study of the book of Hebrews helps you encounter Jesus in a powerful, comforting and stabilizing way. If you long to know Jesus with greater intimacy and want to grow in your trust of Him as your true source of hope this is the study for you. **Thursdays 6:00-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins 10/1/26 to 4/8/27)**

Spiritual Motherhood: The Transforming Power of the Feminine Genius: A 25-week bible study that will lead you on a journey to discover your identity as a woman and mother. It will explain how the feminine genius is a radical gift of self to mothering this world back to Jesus. It will show us how to transform our increasingly dehumanizing culture into a place of refuge, our homes into havens of healing, a place where broken souls are made whole and where a sacred space is created. **Thursdays 6:00-7:30PM in the Parish Life Center (begins on 10/1/26 to 4/8/27) OR Fridays 10:00-11:30AM in the JPII House (begins 9/11/26 to 6/11/27)**

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Amor, Alianza y Sacramento



FECHA DE INICIO

DOMINGO 30 DE AGOSTO | 12 PM

LUGAR: CASA JUAN PABLO II

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

1009 Stafford Ave Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Para más información, contactar a Wilnelia González:
(540)850-3784

El Programa de Mary Washington Hospital Busca Ayuda

Buscamos facilitadores bilingües (inglés/español) para grupos de apoyo en el duelo. Se ofrecerá capacitación. Las responsabilidades de un facilitador de grupo incluyen: dar la bienvenida a los participantes, ayudar a mantener la fluidez de la conversación, asegurar que todos tengan la oportunidad de participar y proponer temas de discusión. Los requisitos para ser facilitador de grupo son:

- Haber perdido a un ser querido hace más de un año
- Poder comprometerse a dirigir un grupo mensual
- Poder superar una verificación de antecedentes

Si le interesa, por favor comuníquese con Mary Beaven, Enlace Comunitario de Apoyo en el Duelo, a través del correo electrónico mary.beaven@mwhc.com o llamando al 540-205-0502.



OCIA en Sta. María

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

ACOMPANAMOS TODOS LOS JUEVES | 7:00 PM
A PARTIR DEL 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE HASTA PENTECOSTÉS

¿Quieres ser católico?

¿Quieres conocer más de tu fe?

¿Te falta algún Sacramento?

**Todos los materiales serán proporcionados.*

¡todos son bienvenidos!

Para registrarse contacte: Dr. Katherine Evans, OCIA Director
kevans@stmaryfred.org, 540-373-6491 x230

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In Pew & Mail Donations Received

August 4-11

<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	\$32,877.00
<i>Parish Debt Reduction</i>	\$8,544.00
<i>Little Sisters of the Poor</i>	\$875.00
<i>Diocese Mission Appeal</i>	\$230.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box</i>	\$749.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection Columbia Earthquake August 29 & 30

Bishop Burbidge has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special collection for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquake in Colombia. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Colombia to identify immediate needs for urgent relief, including safe shelter, food, clean water, and protection. Our parish will take up this collection the weekend of August 29 and August 30, and your support is most appreciated. All checks should be made payable to the parish. CRS is also accepting direct donations on their website at crs.org/donate/colombia-earthquake.

Pro Life Reflection

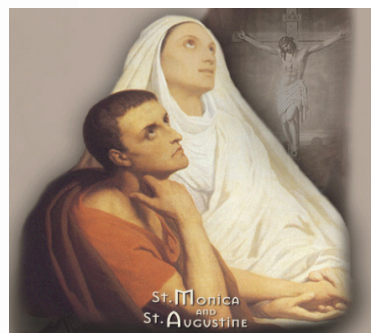
Dear St. Monica, exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Children's Charity for September

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

Saint Monica Feast Day - August 27 Saint Augustine Feast Day - August 28

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - August

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Aaron Deditch, Andy Gaeta, Bruce Smith, Carlos Enrique, Charles Boyer, Cheryl Cooch, Christopher Cooch, Christopher Risetto, Don Anderson, Drew LoRusso, Efrén Pérez Gutiérrez, Ethan (Mary's Shelter Child), Glenn Cunningham, Helen Hayden, Jack Smith, Jacob Moser, Jason Stoker, Joe Debernard, Joseph Krieg, Justin McGuire, Logan Leslie, Loretta Dice, Lourdes Interiano, Margaret Hein, Margaret Murphy, Margie Renner, Mary Ann Seidlinger & Mike Seidlinger, Maryann Carroll, Michael Fedowitz III, Michael Huie, Michael Lanzarone, Reena Rizvi, Robert Hein, Robin Assouad, Shirley Bozicevic, Sonia Sosa, Steve DeWitt, Sue Moorefield, Tammy Kehoe, Teresa Lopez, Theresa & Keith Kovalefsky, Veronica Bonde, Wayne Winters, Xavier Ronan, Xiomara Macia, Yvonne Kamakaris, Anna Wrobel

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

Joseph Gardner, Glenn Dickinson, Paul Fischer, Jamal Williams, Lance Schulte, Brian Hellmann, 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, Kenneth Linstrom, Lt. Gregory Odland, Andrew Doyle, Olav Brooks, Gabriel Sanger, Josh Lawson, David Brown, Annah Brown, Joshua Brown, Diego Esparza, Brian Inguanti, John Paul Frasher, 1LT Justin Addis, Liam Crowley, Josh Martin, Benjamin Matarese, Matthew P. Sampson, Benjamin Whatley, Devlin Buszta

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 Ann Skinner at askinner@stmaryfred.org

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

August

24 MONDAY

6:30am Domenic DiLoreto+

9:00am Tanya Guthrie

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

25 TUESDAY

6:30am Adrianna Tucker

9:00am Christine & George B McWhirt, Jr.+

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

26 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Britt Courtney+

8:15am* Thomas Paul Evers+

9:00am Carolyn Farrell

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

27 THURSDAY

6:30am Joseph Collier

9:00am Owen Lea+

1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

28 FRIDAY

6:30am Philomena Collier

9:00am Rob Nicholson+

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

29 SATURDAY

9:00am Thomas Lamb+

5:00pm The Wagner Family

7:00pm Nancy Ronkovitz+

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mk 6:17-29

30 SUNDAY

7:00am Larry Delaney+

8:30am Katya Mills

8:30am* Margaret Matarese

10:30am Timothy Hanlon+

10:30am* Our Military Living & Deceased

12:30pm Charles White+

2:30pm Alejandra Solis

5:00pm Reynoso Alvarez Family

7:00pm For Our Parish

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy.