

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 11, 2026



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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Honoring St. Faustina & Our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel

On October 5th, we honored the memory of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Before she entered religious life, 18-year-old Helena Kowalska attended a dance. As music played and crowds celebrated around her, she suddenly saw Jesus standing beside her—suffering, covered in wounds, asking her gently: "How long shall I put up with you and how long will you keep putting Me off?" (Diary, 9). In that moment, the world faded away. Leaving the dance floor, she slipped into the nearest church, threw herself before the Blessed Sacrament, and surrendered her life entirely to Him.

Her profound mystical union bore eternal fruit—recording the Lord's private revelations in her Diary, giving the Church the treasured Divine Mercy Image ("Jesus, I Trust in You"), the Chaplet, the Hour of Mercy, and Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina became an apostle of mercy, reminding us that God's heart is an inexhaustible font open to all who approach with trust.

A Look Back: From Vision to Our Beautiful Chapel

Just as St. Faustina's encounter with Christ drew her away from the noisy, busy world to fall before Him in quiet prayer, our parish set out to build a sanctuary for that very same encounter.

When asked how our new Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel came to be, Fr. Mosimann, shared that the inspiration actually came from many of our own parishioners right in the pews—it had been the single most requested image over the last several years.

"That desire from so many in our parish family 'sat' in my heart for a while," Father explained, noting how the Divine Mercy image—with the rays of water and blood flowing from Jesus' heart—is a direct invitation for all of us to draw near.

What a difference a year makes! Last October on St. Faustina's feast day, that shared vision was still taking shape amidst demolition, plumbing, and construction. Today, thanks to Father's leadership, your prayers, and your generosity, we are blessed with a completed, beautiful Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel! Well, with the exception of our Stained Glass Windows, currently in production, and to be installed over the next year.

100 Hours of Adoration Each Week

Like St. Faustina leaving the dance floor to sit in silence with the Lord, our parish family has stepped away from the noise of daily life to answer His invitation. Our chapel now offers 100 hours of Solemn Adoration every single week, running continuously from Monday morning through Friday morning!

A Personal Invitation from Our Lord

As we reflect on St. Faustina's feast day and celebrate our beautiful little Adoration Chapel, Jesus offers each of us a direct personal invitation:

"Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth—the tabernacle—and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace." (Diary, 1485)

Whether you can commit to a weekly holy hour or simply drop in for a few quiet moments during the week, Our Lord is waiting to meet you on His throne of mercy.

"Jesus, I Trust in You!"

from our pastor

Dear Folks,

It is a sign of maturity that one comes to realize how hard one's parents worked and sacrificed to give their children a happy family life. And yes, it can be a source of wounding to see where they fell short. I remember marveling, as I grew up, at how much preparation and sacrifice went even into our family week at the beach!

But I also sometimes say that the average parishioner has no idea how hard the staff of this parish works. Like our parents, it is taken for granted until folks want something immediately. I say this to encourage you to pause and be grateful for the amazing generous staff that serves you in this parish. Our staff is marked by generous flexibility in trying to solve problems and help one another to make this parish a welcoming, faithful home.

And now this week, after 30 years, Elaine Stanislawski is retiring. Since my arrival, I have prayed that she could continue to serve as bookkeeper, budget analyst, Mass intention reconciler, payroll specialist, HR certifier, collection reviewer, electronic giving problem solver, and I could go on and on. She will be greatly missed and the work that she has done will take several people to keep moving!

Please thank her and say a prayer for her in retirement. She has stored up a treasure in heaven, working beyond the call of duty. For Elaine it was never an obligation of duty, but a service of love for the Lord and His church. Thank you Elaine, you will be greatly missed. And if you see staff crying this week, you now know why.

Peter Lilly came onto staff this summer as the new Business Manager, and learning by sitting at Elaine's side to keep this parish moving and thriving! I am confident that he will be able to continue the generous and detailed service that we have come to presume from our Staff!

Also, Elena Doyle is reducing her hours. She has served as my executive assistant, outreach director, bulletin content editor, community liaison, and again I could go on and on. Given that her brother is a priest (and now bishop), she was particularly well disposed to work with me in a way that has made this parish feel like family. She is not going away (yet), but I want to thank her as she hands off some of her duties.

And Maryanne Harring also came onto staff this summer is taking up the mantle of some of those duties, while also providing transition and support to Peter Lilly. She is very capable, and brings a wealth of HR and administrative experience.

Welcome to the St. Mary's team Peter and Maryanne! We have had the luxury of onboarding both of them and learning their skillset. I am confident in the ability of all of our staff to generously serve the life and ministry of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception!

Pax et Bonum,



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

Dear Parish Family,

When my husband and I moved from New Jersey to Virginia with our two little boys and joined St. Mary Catholic Church in September of 1988, little did we know what God had in mind for us...for me...at that time. Our oldest son, Adam, started at Montfort Academy, and our youngest son, Jason, accompanied me as I began to get involved and volunteer at school and meet new families. When Jason was old enough for preschool, he started attending The Children's House for half days, and I started attending daily Mass

at St. Mary while I waited for him. And so it began. Those daily Masses turned into attending Friday night Holy Hours as well. As so it continued until Jason also attended Montfort (and then Holy Cross) and I continued to be involved in volunteering, getting to know more families and parishioners of St.

Mary. I began to help at the parish in the mornings if the sacristan needed help. And I thought...wouldn't it be nice to work for the Church. Then God called. In February of 1994 I learned that one of the secretaries in the parish office was leaving. I dropped off my resume and that was it!

Now here I am, 32 years later, reflecting on what this has meant to me as I approach my retirement, what God has done for me and how good He has been to me. None of this would have been possible without His grace. What a journey this has been! I have learned so much about my Faith, about the Church, about all our beautiful priests, and I have met so many wonderful people. All the priests, seminarians and deacons, all our parish staff over all the years who have become family to me and all of you, our dear parishioners. You have all helped me to grow as a person, to grow in my Faith and love of God. I cannot thank enough all the Pastors and Parochial Vicars I have come to know and love, who have taught me so much. I leave with much gratitude, especially for the last ten years, and I will be forever grateful to all of you for allowing me to serve you in some small way for 32 years. My husband and I will still be at St. Mary as parishioners, and I hope that God will allow me to serve in whatever way He wishes in the future. God bless you all!

With Love and Prayers,



announcements

St. Mary Coffee & Donut Shop

Following ALL Morning Masses
Come and enjoy some fellowship!

ADORATION

at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Church Adoration

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 7AM-9AM

Chapel Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9AM-9PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY | 8AM-8PM

Chapel Adoration

WEDNESDAY | 9AM-12AM

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

FRIDAY | 12AM-6:30AM

stmaryfred.org/adoration-schedule

contact us

stmaryfred.org

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

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stmaryfred.org
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Saturdays 9-5pm, Sundays (Closed)

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Reverend Tim Courtney, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Kevin Dansereau, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Joseph Connor, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Stan Lee, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Leo Flynn

Business Manager, Peter Lilly
Director of Operations, Chris Lanzarone
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Assistant, Music Ministry, Emily D'Isidoro

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sfry@holycrossweb.com

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Administrative Assistant, Sonia Spencer
Administrative Assistant, Melissa Joseph

YOUTH MINISTRY

Director, Tatiana Beltran

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Director, Dr. Katherine Evans
kevans@stmaryfred.org

OUTREACH

Director, Maryanne Harring

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
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holy cross academy

Holy Cross Academy Apple Crunch Day

At Holy Cross Academy, we are excited to celebrate Apple Crunch Day as our students come together to take a bite of a fresh apple at the same time! This fun and meaningful event encourages healthy eating habits while reminding us that caring for our bodies is part of being good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

As a faith-filled school community, we recognize that the food we eat is a blessing from God. Apple Crunch Day is an opportunity to give thanks for the abundance of His creation and to reflect on the importance of making healthy choices that help us grow strong in body, mind, and spirit. Together, we will raise our apples, offer gratitude for God's many blessings, and celebrate wellness as one Holy Cross family.

A special thank you to Mrs. Beal and our wonderful kitchen staff for their hard work, generosity, and dedication in making this event possible. Their commitment to caring for our students reflects the spirit of service and love that is at the heart of our Catholic faith. We are truly grateful for all they do each day to nourish and support our Holy Cross Academy community.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)



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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, October 16th, 2- 5 pm in the Library
Sunday, October 18th, 11 am- 3 pm in the Cafeteria

education

religious education

TEACHING MASS THIS WEEK!

Tomorrow is Columbus Day, and the parish office is closed. Regular Religious Education classes will not be held this week. Instead, all students (RE and home-taught) are expected to attend one of the two Teaching Masses which will be held in the church on Tuesday, 10/13, at 4:45pm and 6:30pm. Families may choose whichever Teaching Mass works for their schedule; they are identical. NOTE: This is a mandatory event (optional only for STARE). Each RE student must turn in a signed Event Attendance slip to his/her catechist at the next RE class (week of 10/19-21) to earn attendance credit. Home-taught students will record attendance on their Mass & Event Attendance Record to be turned in at the end of the year.



THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP:

OCIT PARENT MEETING – Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30pm in the church. OCIT parents are asked to attend this meeting to learn more about the OCIT program, student expectations, and reception of sacraments.

SAINTS PARADE – Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5pm at Holy Cross Academy. This is a mandatory event for all RE and home-taught students (optional only for STARE and OCIT).

PARENTS OF RE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT YET BAPTIZED – Monday, November 2, 2026, at 6:30pm in the church. NOTE: This is a change from the original date!



OCTOBER R.E. BIBLE VERSE: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us.*
– Hebrews 12:1

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 RE 4:45, 6:30	6 RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	7 RE 6:30	8	9	10 SPRED 10-12
11	12 Columbus Day NO RE	13 TEACHING MASS 4:45, 6:30	14 NO RE	15 Yr 1 Conf Formation Night 7-8	16	17 SPRED 10-12
18	19 RE 4:45, 6:30 OCIT Parent Mtg 6:30	20 RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	21 RE 6:30	22	23	24
25	26 RE 4:45, 6:30	27 RE 4:45, 6 (HCA), 6:30	28 RE 6:30	29	30 SAINTS PARADE @ HCA 5-6:15	31 OCIT Confirmation Retreat 9-3

our parish youth ministry



RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

All high school students are invited!

a day filled with faith and fun:

- Mass with Bishop Burbidge
- Keynote Speaker Chris Bray
- Breakout Sessions
- Confessions & Adoration
- Inflatable games, pizza, ice cream, and more!

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For a permission slip, please contact
Tatiana tbeltran@stmaryfred.org

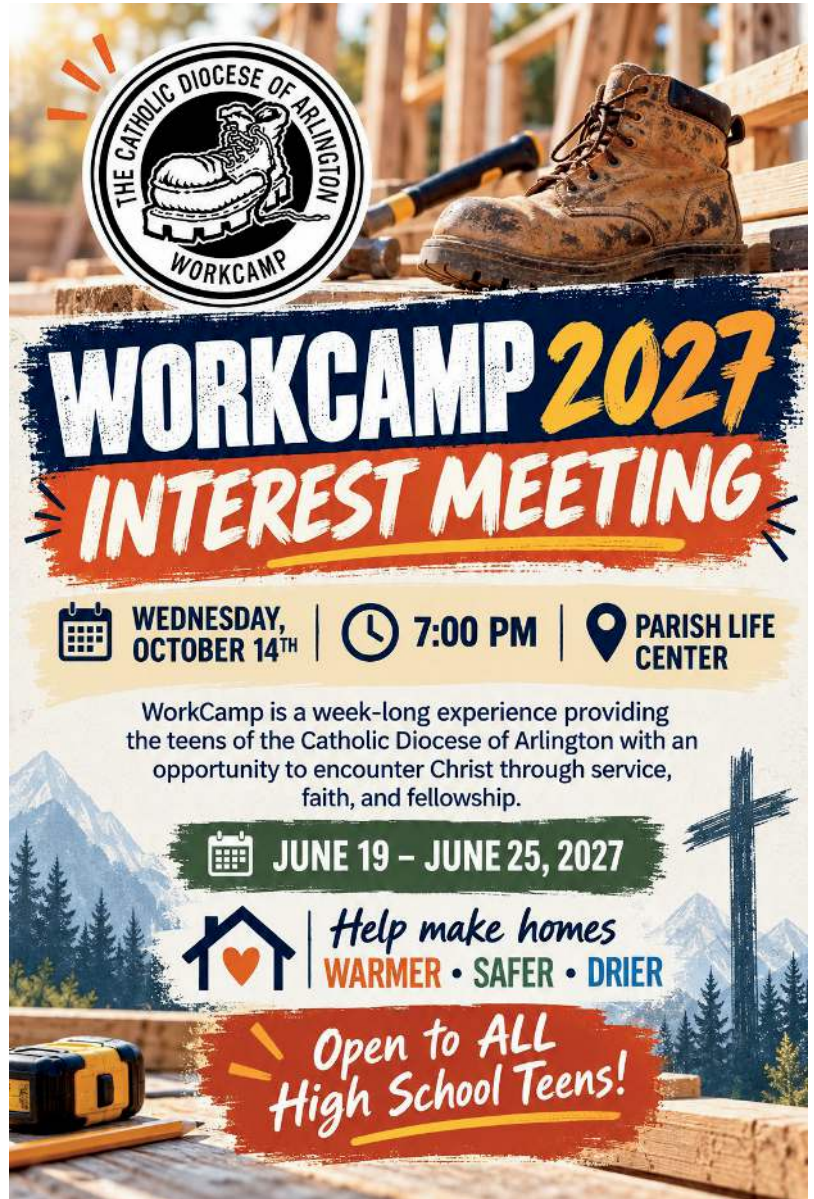


ST. MARY
YOUTH MINISTRY
CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	28	29	30 YOUCAT	1	2 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	3 FIGHT CLUB
4 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	5	6	7 YOUCAT	8 FEMININE GENIUS	9	10 FIGHT CLUB
11 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	12	13	14 WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING 7:00 PM	15	16 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	17 FIGHT CLUB
18 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	19	20	21 YOUCAT	22 FEMININE GENIUS	23	24 FIGHT CLUB
25 HIGH SCHOOL RALLY	26	27	28 YOUCAT	29	30	31 FIGHT CLUB

Legend:
 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Sunday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Meeting
 MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Friday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 YOUCAT: Wednesday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 FEMININE GENIUS: Thursday 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 FIGHT CLUB: Saturday 8:30 AM
 WORKCAMP INTEREST MEETING: Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 PM

"HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME, YOU ARE MINE"
ISAIAH 43:1



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
WORKCAMP

WORKCAMP 2027 INTEREST MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH | 7:00 PM | PARISH LIFE CENTER

WorkCamp is a week-long experience providing the teens of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

JUNE 19 – JUNE 25, 2027

Help make homes
WARMER • SAFER • DRIER

Open to ALL
High School Teens!

our parish happenings



Welcome, Pete - Our New Business Manager

Pete Lilly arrived in Virginia from California in 2004 and has been a parishioner at St. Mary's since the mid 2000s. Pete is the proud Father of five sons, and the happy Grandfather of 3 granddaughters and 3 grandsons. Pete worked for the Department of Defense for 42 years supporting the Naval Air and Sea Warfare Centers as a career Civil Servant, and then as a Contract Program Manager supporting Dahlgren where he retired from in 2016.

Pete then worked as the Business Manager at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Woodbridge for past two years before joining the staff at St. Mary's in June of this year. Pete is thrilled to be taking on the Business Manager responsibilities at his home parish of St. Mary as well as Holy Cross Academy, and looks forward to carrying on the excellent service that Elaine Stanislawski has provided for the past three decades.

ST. MARY'S COAT DRIVE



ACCEPTING COATS

Monday, October 5 - 23

We also have a need for NEW HATS & MITTENS

Please leave your donations in the donations boxes located in the Parish Life Center & Holy Cross Academy

Families and individuals in need of coats are welcome to pick them up on Friday, October 23 in the Parish Life Center from 10am-7pm

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 540-373-6491



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FOOD PROJECT

FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, October 17 &
Sunday, October 18
AT ALL MASSES!**

**Please bring a donation with you to Mass
in support of the Fredericksburg Food Bank.**

Checks are also being accepted. Please write
your check to St. Mary's and include
FXBG Food Bank on the Memo Line!



SHELF STAPLES:

- Canned Meat - Tuna, Salmon & Chicken
- Dry/Canned Beans - Pinto, Red, Black, Navy, Great Northern, Kidney
- Canned Fruit in Natural Juice
- Pasta & Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Instant Potatoes
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Rice



NON-FOOD PERSONAL ITEMS AND PAPER PRODUCTS:

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant for Men & Women
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Shaving Cream for Men & Women
- Diapers
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissue



SCHOOL PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned Meat - Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Beans - Kidney, Black & Pinto
- Peanut Butter - Low Sugar & Natural
- Jelly - Low Sugar
- Pasta Sauce with Meat or Vegetables (No Glass Please)
- Salsa - Mild
- Whole Grain Cereal & Oatmeal
- Canned Vegetables - Low Sodium
- Canned Fruit - Natural Juices
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Rice - Low Sodium Flavored
- Pasta or Gluten Free Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Corn Bread Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Meals
- Canned Pasta

*Thank you for supporting
the Manna Project Food Drive! ♥*

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Bishop Michael F. Burbidge calls all the faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington throughout October to pray and fast, asking God to convert minds and hearts, transform lives, and inspire all Catholics to **vote "No"** on Virginia's Ballot

Questions #1 and #2. Voting is now underway.

PRAY.



Pray the **Rosary** on Sundays



Pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays

FAST.



Fast from social media on Sundays



Commit to **one daily meal** and **no meat** on Fridays

VOTE.



Vote early in-person until October 31



Make a plan to **vote with family and friends**

Election day is November 3. Scan for Virginia election resources and more information about all that is at stake.



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HOW TO REGISTER

To be Eligible to Register to Vote in Virginia a Person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).
- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election).
- Not be registered and plan to vote in another state.
- Not currently deemed to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting by a court of law.
- Not currently incarcerated for any felony conviction.
- Not convicted of a disqualifying felony (unless your voting rights have been restored). The list of disqualifying felonies can be found under the "Felony Convictions and Voter Eligibility" tab.

REGISTER TODAY ONLINE!
elections.virginia.gov/registration

God is calling each of us to be a saint. What does that look like for you and me?



Here I am, Lord;
I come to do
your will.

Psalm 40

FIAT Day

With the Sisters of Charity of
Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Saturday November 7, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA
Day includes Mass, talks, adoration, crafts and fun.

Cost is \$20 (financial aid is available)
For more info and to register, visit
www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or
email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Deadline to register: October 26



FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations.

Join St. Cecilia Choir!

Open to singers
in grades 2 - 8.

- Rehearsals: Wednesdays in the Parish Life Center, (next to St. Mary's) 4:45-6:15pm, October - May.
- We sing every other Sunday at the 8:30am Mass, October - May.
- To join, please contact Music Director Joseph Ciskanik:

musicdirector@stmaryfred.org



our parish from the bishop

In Virginia, every year is an election year. However, the contents on the ballot this fall are anything but ordinary. In the upcoming election (Sept. 18 – Nov. 3), the decisions we make will shape the future of our Commonwealth in unprecedented ways. In addition to a U.S. Senate race and local Congressional races, Virginia voters will decide three proposed constitutional amendments with far-reaching consequences.



Two of the proposed changes to Virginia's constitution – Ballot Question 1 (abortion) and Ballot Question 2 (marriage) – concern fundamental matters of right and wrong.

Ballot Question 1 would cement a so-called “fundamental right” to abortion into our state constitution – all the way up to birth and for “every individual,” even children. It would endanger women's health and safety and even push parents out of life-changing and irreversible decisions for their minor daughters. It would shield “any individual” who assists in an abortion from legal consequences. When debating the language of the proposed constitutional amendment, legislators even rejected a proposal to require that any baby born alive after an attempted abortion would receive the same level of care and treatment as any other infant. Ballot Question 1 is extreme, dangerous, radical and horrific.

Ballot Question 2 would remove the definition of marriage as the “union between one man and one woman” from our constitution, and would replace it with “any lawful marriage between two adult persons.” We affirm the dignity of every person. We also proclaim the truth that marriage – created by God – is and will always be the union of a man and a woman. God's design for marriage – woven into the fabric of our being – was established before any nation, religion or law. We are called to honor and preserve it. The marital union – between a man and a woman who give themselves completely to each other – is a unique and irreplaceable bond that is the basis of the family and society.

God is the author of life and marriage. We must protect and preserve these extraordinary gifts from our Creator. As Catholics, we have a sacred duty to form our consciences prayerfully and correctly, and to vote NO on Ballot Question 1 and Ballot Question 2.

Ballot Question 3 would restore voting rights to individuals who have completed their time of incarceration. This issue is a matter of prudential judgment upon which people of goodwill can disagree. Through the work of the Virginia Catholic Conference, we have consistently supported this measure and continue to do so. In your own assessment of this proposal, we invite you to consider the Church's teaching on participation in the common good, rehabilitation, restoration, mercy and second chances – as well as times when you have witnessed God's redemptive work in your own life and the lives around you.

More information on the three ballot measures can be found on the websites of the Virginia Catholic Conference and our two dioceses. Early voting begins September 18. Election Day is November 3.

As the Catechism reminds us, “It is necessary that all participate ... in promoting the common good. ... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life” (nos. 1913-1915). Through conscience formation, prayer and fasting, may we as Virginia voters all prepare to cast votes that will honor the gift of life and Jesus who is “the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6).

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

our parish happenings

Candlelit Mass of Remembrance

Our parish family of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception will be remembering all of our brothers and sisters who passed away this year.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7PM
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church

Reception to follow in the Parish Life Center
Please RSVP by calling 540-373-6491 or
via email at stmary@stmaryfred.org

"Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Recibe la **VIRGEN**
Peregrina en tu hogar

Nuestra Madre Santísima quiere visitar tu casa, bendecir a tu familia y llenar tu hogar de paz, caridad y esperanza.

¡Anota a tu familia en la lista de visitas!

"Quien confía en María no se sentirá nunca defraudado."
San Juan Bosco

Para coordinar la visita, comunicarse con Katherine Guzmán al (540) 229-6655.



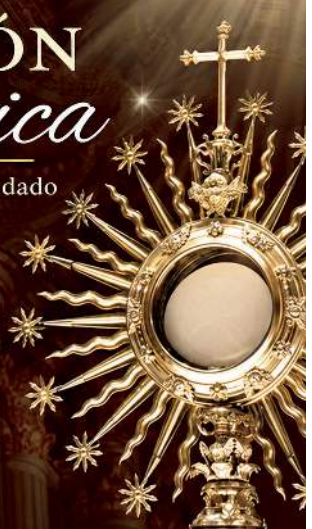
ADORACIÓN *Eucarística*

Este es el pan que el Señor les ha dado como alimento. Éxodo 16:15

📅 **Martes, 20 de Octubre**

🕒 **7:00pm**
Habrán confesiones

📍 **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**



our parish happenings

St Mary Public Rosary

Please join other parishioners to Pray the public Rosary on Saturday October 17 at noon at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Please RSVP to michaelgkasey@verizon.net or call (540)760-3885.

St Mary Book Club

St. Mary's Book Club will meet on Tuesday October 13 at 10am in Room 101 of the Parish Life Center. Our selection for October is "Memento Mori," by Muriel Spark, a novel described by Tennessee Williams as "chillingly brilliant".

Even if you haven't read it, come along. Join us as we try to figure out who is making mysterious phone calls to a group of elderly friends.

And if you are unable to attend in October, be sure to come on November 10 as we discuss "Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy" by Rumer Godden, another inspired Catholic novelist.

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, November 8 from 9:30am-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 Library.

If you have any questions, please email
Maryanne Harrington - mharrington@stmaryfred.org

Sign up at bit.ly/4iXFa3C



HAPPY VETERANS DAY
Honoring All Who Served
★
St. Mary's Senior Luncheon
Tuesday, November 10th at Noon
ALL VETERANS, SENIORS, AND THEIR GUESTS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND A MASS OF THANKSGIVING
followed by a luncheon in the Parish Life Center
RSVP for the luncheon by Tuesday, November 3rd
by calling the parish office at 540-373-6491 or
email: askinner@stmaryfred.org
Let Ann know if you can help with door prizes, provide garlic bread or a patriotic dessert!
Seeking the **oldest living veteran** in our parish! Please contact
the office by 10/30/26 if you or a loved one fit this description!

Ready for an awesome night?
Join Fr. Joseph & the Team
for DC United Faith Night!



10/24/26 ⚽ 7:30 pm

Audi Field

Doors open at 6:00 pm



**Includes a post-game faith testimonial/
Q&A with players, led by the team chaplain**

Come for the soccer - stay for the inspiration!

**Reserve your \$35 ticket today!
October 16th deadline**

Transportation not provided
Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
Drop off a check payable to St. Mary with DC United
in the memo or cash in a marked envelope

Questions: email Maryanne Harrington at
mharrington@stmaryfred.org



our parish happenings

The Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach is seeking a Part Time Executive Director

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Brisben Center Kids Club Volunteers Needed

We are thrilled to be working with the Brisben Center once more in support of the children! The Kids Club takes place EVERY Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 thru December 16. Join us in crafting, playing games and having some outdoor fun as well as reading and giving some homework help to the children at the Center.

If you can encourage kids and like to have fun - this is the perfect ministry for you!

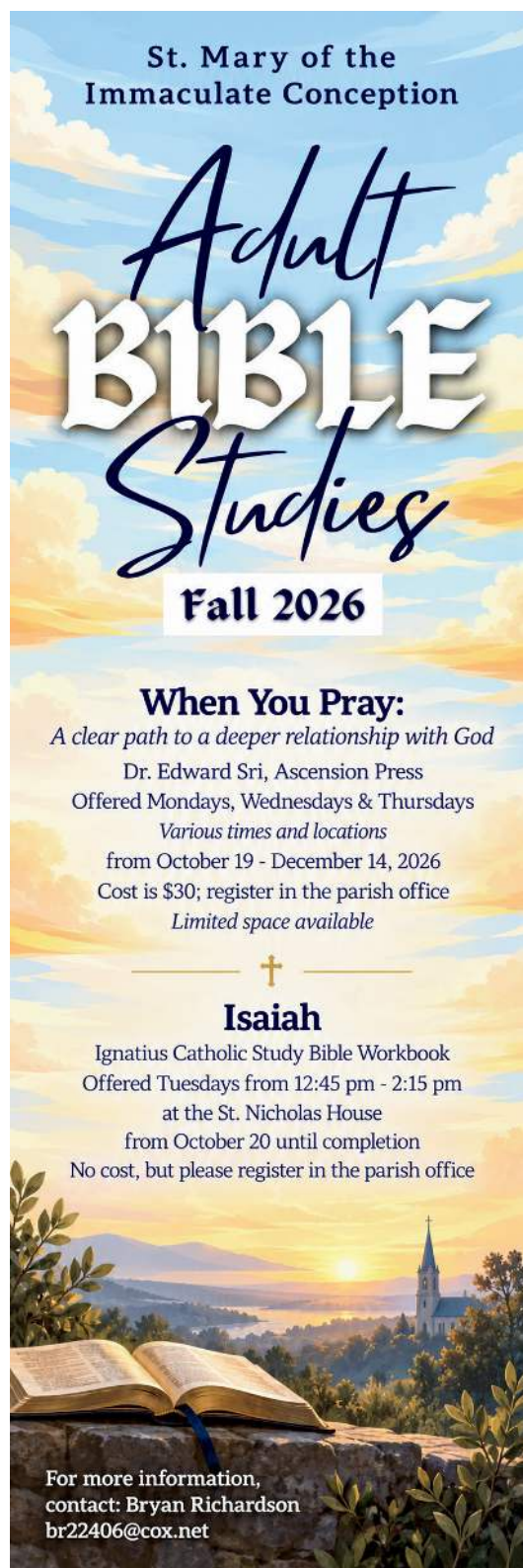
Looking for volunteers 18 years or older. 7th-8th graders students preparing for confirmation are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions, please reach out to Sydney McDonald, sydney92@msn.com or Elena Doyle at 540-373-6491
SIGN-UP AT: bit.ly/4hVJX53

St Mary's Singles Group

St. Mary's Singles Group extends an open invitation to everyone single and 40 years of age or older for monthly group social gatherings such as dinners, movies, plays, works of charity, prayers, Mass, and other church 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 on Saturday, November 7.



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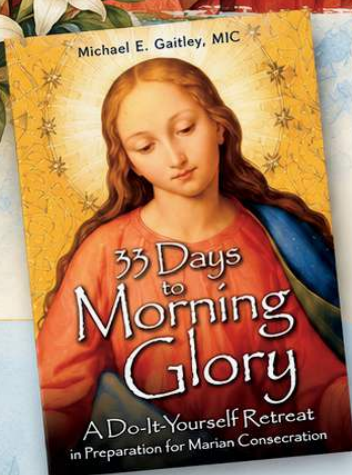
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After completing weekly retreat sessions, we will make an intentional consecration to Our Blessed Mother together (time, date, and location TBA).

RETREAT DETAILS

- 1. Six Retreat Sessions:**
Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 4th, Nov 11th, Nov 18th, and Dec 2nd
- 2. Consecration:** TBA
- 3. Location:**
Retreat sessions are held in the St Joseph House on St. Mary's campus.
- 4. Time:** 6:30PM-8:00PM except, consecration day which will be announced.
- 5. Book:** There is no cost for the retreat, but **please purchase the book** (at Amazon), **33 Days to Morning Glory**, by Fr. Gaitley, before the first session on Oct 21st.

No cost for the retreat.
For people with low vision, an audiobook is available, please contact Evelyn (below). There is a workbook, which you may want to use personally, though we do not refer to the workbook in our retreat sessions.

MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCT 18TH, 2026

Drop off your registration in the Parish Office No Later than 10/18/2026.

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Email Address _____

Phone No. _____



For more information, email Evelyn Clingerman at emclinge@yahoo.com, noting 33 Days in the Subject of the email.



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ORA.



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El día de las elecciones es el 3 de noviembre. Escanea para consultar recursos electorales de Virginia y obtener más información sobre todo lo que está en juego.



our parish parish picnic

Saturday's rain did not dampen our spirit! Wonderful turnout for our indoor parish picnic! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Council of Women and the Youth Group, as well as Sam Rotsch for providing fantastic DJ services!



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World Mission Sunday

"One in Christ, United in Mission"

On October 18th, the Church will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV is "One in Christ, united in Mission" This is a fitting theme for the Church is truly united in Christ, literally in Communion with one another. As we are called to be missionaries through our baptismal promises, World Mission Sunday allows us to be united in prayer, sacrifice and giving. These prayers and donations have a tremendous impact on the mission churches. The World Mission Sunday collection supports 1,124 mission territories, places where the Church is young, growing, poor, persecuted, and in need of support. This collection funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches, and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs. It also provides some diocese with the funds to run their daily activities. In the end the mission diocese needs are not much different than our own, it's just the parishioners do not have the means to support them. Continuing to lift the mission churches in prayer and material support let us do so as One in Christ, United in Mission. All checks should be made payable to the parish.

Pro Life Reflection

"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life -especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life", respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

Children's Charity for October

The children's charity that will benefit from Children's Offertory Envelopes in October is Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Spotsylvania. This organization strives to strengthen the coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, severe neglect and fatalities, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical and therapeutic agencies so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and children are not further traumatized by the investigative process. Children's Offertory Envelopes are available through Religious Education. All proceeds from these envelopes go to a different children's charity each month.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

By Apostolic Brief at the Eucharistic Congress of Bologna, in September 1927, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful who recite the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for veneration or reserved in the Tabernacle.

All Souls Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your deceased loved ones. Our All Souls Novena will begin on Monday, November 2, All Souls Day. An intention envelope is included with your bimonthly envelope packet; additional envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. *There is no collection on All Souls Day. Envelopes should be turned in early and will be placed near the Tabernacle during the Novena.*



liturgy daily bread

Saint Mary Prayer List - October

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially: Anna Graninger, Allyson Reilly, Bruce Bornschein, Charles Boyer, David Carr, Drew LoRusso, Jacob Moser, Jason Stoker, Jennifer Payne, Ted Payne, Helen Borges, Kevin & Barry Hagans, Kevin Sweeney, Loretta Dice, Mandy James, Margaret Murphy, Michael Fedowitz III, Michele & Jack Smith, Mike Seidlinger, Reena Rizvi, Robin Assouad, Shirley Bozicevic, Sue Moorefield, Teresa Lopez, Teri Hocter, Paola Aleman, Helen Hayden Don Anderson, Margie Renner, Veronica Bonde, Bruce Smith, Carlos Enrique, Andy Gaeta, Justina McGuire

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, Brian Inguanti, John Paul Frasher, 1LT Justin Addis, Liam Crowley, Josh Martin, Benjamin Matarese, Matthew P. Sampson, Benjamin Whatley, Devlin Buszta, A1C Jordan Metz, AMN Logan Metz, Michael Luciani, SRA Ryan Metz, Zachary Butts, Devlin Buszta, Lt Jacob Rideout, 1LT Justin Addis, Aidan Lane, 2LT John William Watson Baroody

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

October

12 MONDAY

6:30am Lily Chambers+
9:00am John Murphy+
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32

13 TUESDAY

6:30am Cory Kwiecinski
9:00am Father Joseph Connor
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

14 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Father John Riley
8:15am* Gloria Brennan+
9:00am Joseph Green+
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

15 THURSDAY

6:30am Abbott Family+
9:00am All Discalced Carmelites
Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

16 FRIDAY

6:30am Dale & Mary Meyn+
9:00am Ray Greeney+
Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

17 SATURDAY

9:00am Alexa Cabrera
5:00pm John Joseph McGee+
7:00pm Babette Bolger+
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

18 SUNDAY

7:00am Jim & JoAnn Hannifin+
8:30am Joan DeRosa+
8:30am* Lowell & Peggy Starr
10:30am John P. Logan+
10:30am* For Our Parish
12:30pm Josephine Sumpolec+
2:30pm Fabian Estrada & Francisca Jaimes+
5:00pm Dale Meyn+
7:00pm John Holzworth
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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