FAMILY FEST

Mount St. Mary's University

2026

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OCT. 23

9 AM - 5 PM	Bookstore Hours
10 AM - 11 PM	Purcell Hall Open Studio Hours
12 PM - 5 PM	Makers House Open Studio Hours
1 PM - 6 PM	Men's Baseball Annual Golf Outing**
3 PM - 7 PM	Check-in
4 PM - 6 PM	Sunset Hike
7 PM - 9 PM	Dancing with the Mount Stars**
8 PM - 12 AM	PAC Pub Open Hours

OCT. 24

9 AM - 4 PM	Bookstore Hours
9 AM - 7 PM	Check-in
10 AM - 12 PM	President's Social
10 AM - 1 PM	Mount Scavenger Hunt
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	First-Year Honors Student Brunch**
12 PM - 12:45 PM	Lab Band Concert
12 PM	Women's Rugby Game
1 PM - 1:45 PM	Lab Band Concert
1 PM - 4 PM	Mount Zipline Open Hours
2 PM - 3:30 PM	*And Then There Were None*
3 PM - 4:30 PM	Pumpkin Patch Pop-up!
5 PM - 7:30 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner**
7 PM - 8:30 PM	*And Then There Were None*
8 PM - 12 AM	PAC Pub Open Hours
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	John Cassidy: Family Fun Show

OCT. 25

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Rise & Shine Yoga
9 AM - 1 PM	Bookstore Hours
10 AM - 11 AM	Confessions Available
11 AM	Mass at IC Chapel
12 PM - 12:45 PM	Coffee and Pastries after Mass
12 PM	Mass at the Grotto
1 PM	Dedication and Reception
2 PM	Spanish Mass
2 PM - 3 PM	Wind and String Ensemble Concert

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9 AM - 5 PM
Bookstore

Bookstore Hours

Take a little piece of the Mount home with you! Stop by the Bookstore during open hours to browse Mount gear, gifts, and favorites for the whole family.

10 AM - 11 PM
Purcell Hall

Purcell Hall Open Studio Hours

Game On! Stop by Purcell Hall for video games, board games, and friendly competition for the whole family!

12 PM - 5 PM
Makers House

Makers House Open Studio Hours

Get Creative! Stop by the Makers House for open studio hours and explore your creative side.

1 PM - 6 PM
The Links at Gettysburg

Men's Baseball Annual Golf Outing**

Join Men's Baseball as we welcome family, alumni, and friends for a day on The Links. Dinner and awards are included after the day of golf.
$175 pp or $675 for foursome

4 PM - 6 PM
Departing from McGowan Patio

Sunset Hike

Enjoy an easy to moderate sunset hike on Mary's Mountain on Lookout Trail. The full hike will take approximately 2 hours round trip. Please be sure to wear sturdy athletic shoes or hiking boots with comfortable socks!
Bring a backpack with any necessary emergency medications, snacks, and water.

7 PM - 9 PM
Knott Auditorium

Dancing with the Mount Stars**

Mount Up and Dance is bringing the excitement of Dancing with the Stars to the Mount! This fun filled competition will pair Mount stars, including students and staff, with members of the Mount Dance Team as they learn, rehearse, and perform a choreographed routine together. Come cheer on your favorite pairings as they take the stage, show off their moves, and compete for the title of Mount Up & Dance Champion!
$5 per person. Reservation required.

8 PM - 12 AM
The PAC
Upper Level

PAC Pub Open Hours

Grab a Seat! Kick back at the PAC Pub, where there's something for everyone! Enjoy an alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage, catch up with family, and relax.
Must be 21 or older to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

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10 AM - 12 PM
John Paul Plaza

President's Social
Enjoy light breakfast refreshments and conversation with Dr. Joyce as we kick off the day together! This casual gathering is a chance to connect, learn more about the Mount, and hear directly from our university president.

10 AM - 1 PM
Bookstore Lobby

Mount Scavenger Hunt
Test your Mount Knowledge for the chance to win prizes! Grab your family to help you solve clues and take memorable photos to post your answers.

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
O'Hara Dining Room

First-Year Honors Student Brunch**
Celebrate your Honors journey with good food and great company! Join fellow first-year Honors students for a delicious brunch and a morning filled with conversation and connection.
$10 per person. Reservation required.

12 PM - 12:45 PM
McGowan Patio

Lab Band Concert
Rock out with the Mount! Catch the Mount St. Mary's University Lab Band live at the McGowan Patio as our talented student musicians bring the tunes and the energy. Come hang out and enjoy the music!

12 PM
Echo Field

Women's Rugby Game
Game day at the Mount! Cheer on Mount Women's Rugby as they take on Frostburg State, with a performance from the Pep Band and delicious bites available for purchase from the food truck!

1 PM - 1:45 PM
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1 PM - 4 PM
Knott ARCC Zipline

Mount Zipline
Experience the gorgeous views of campus and Mary's mountain from the Zipline. Build your confidence and enjoy the thrilling ride. Must be 12 years of age to ride. Height and weight restrictions enforced.

2 PM - 3:30 PM
Horning Theater (Delaplaine)

And Then There Were None
Join us as Mount students bring Agatha Christie's thrilling *And Then There Were None* to life in a performance you won't want to miss!
Reservation Required.

3 PM - 4:30 PM
Peace Plaza

Pumpkin Patch Pop-up!
Get into the fall spirit with a mobile pumpkin patch! Pick out your very own pumpkin, get creative with decorating, and enjoy some classic fall carnival fun. It's the perfect autumn activity for the whole family!
While supplies last.

5 PM - 7:30 PM
The PAC

Murder Mystery Dinner**
One of the Mount's favorite traditions! Gather around the table for dinner, clues, and plenty of twists as you work together to solve the mystery.
$15 per person. Reservation Required.

7 PM - 8:30 PM
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The PAC *Upper Level*

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8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Knott Auditorium

John Cassidy: Family Fun Show
Guinness World Record holder John Cassidy brings his high-energy blend of comedy, magic, and jaw-dropping balloon artistry to FamilyFest. It's a show packed with surprises, laughs, and unbelievable balloon creations the whole family will enjoy!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

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No check-in required on Sunday, October 25.

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM
The PAC Lawn

Rise & Shine Yoga

Start your Sunday feeling refreshed and renewed! Join us for Rise & Shine Yoga—a relaxing morning stretch designed to help you wake up, unwind, and ease into the day with your Mount family.
25 yoga mats will be provided or bring your own!

9 AM - 1 PM
Bookstore

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10 AM - 11 AM
IC Chapel

Confessions Available

Open to all.

11 AM
IC Chapel

Mass

Gather with the Mount community for Sunday Mass, featuring special support from our talented Visual & Performing Arts students.

12 PM - 12:45 PM
Frassati Room

Coffee and Pastries after Mass

Join friends, family, and the Mount community for fresh delicious pastries, and time to connect and catch up after Mass.

12 PM
St. Mary's Glass Chapel

The National Shrine Grotto Mass

If you haven't had the chance to visit the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy Mass and experience one of the Mount's most beloved spaces.

1:30 PM
Seton Dubois Garden - National Shrine Grotto

The Way - Dedication & Reception

Join us at the Grotto for a special dedication, followed by a reception with refreshments, conversation, and community.

2 PM
St. Mary's Glass Chapel

Spanish Mass at the National Shrine Grotto

Acompáñenos en el Santuario Nacional de la Gruta para celebrar la Misa en español.

2 PM to 3 PM
IC Chapel

Wind Ensemble and String Ensemble Concert

Enjoy an exciting collage concert featuring the talented student musicians of the Mount St. Mary's University Wind Ensemble and String Ensemble.