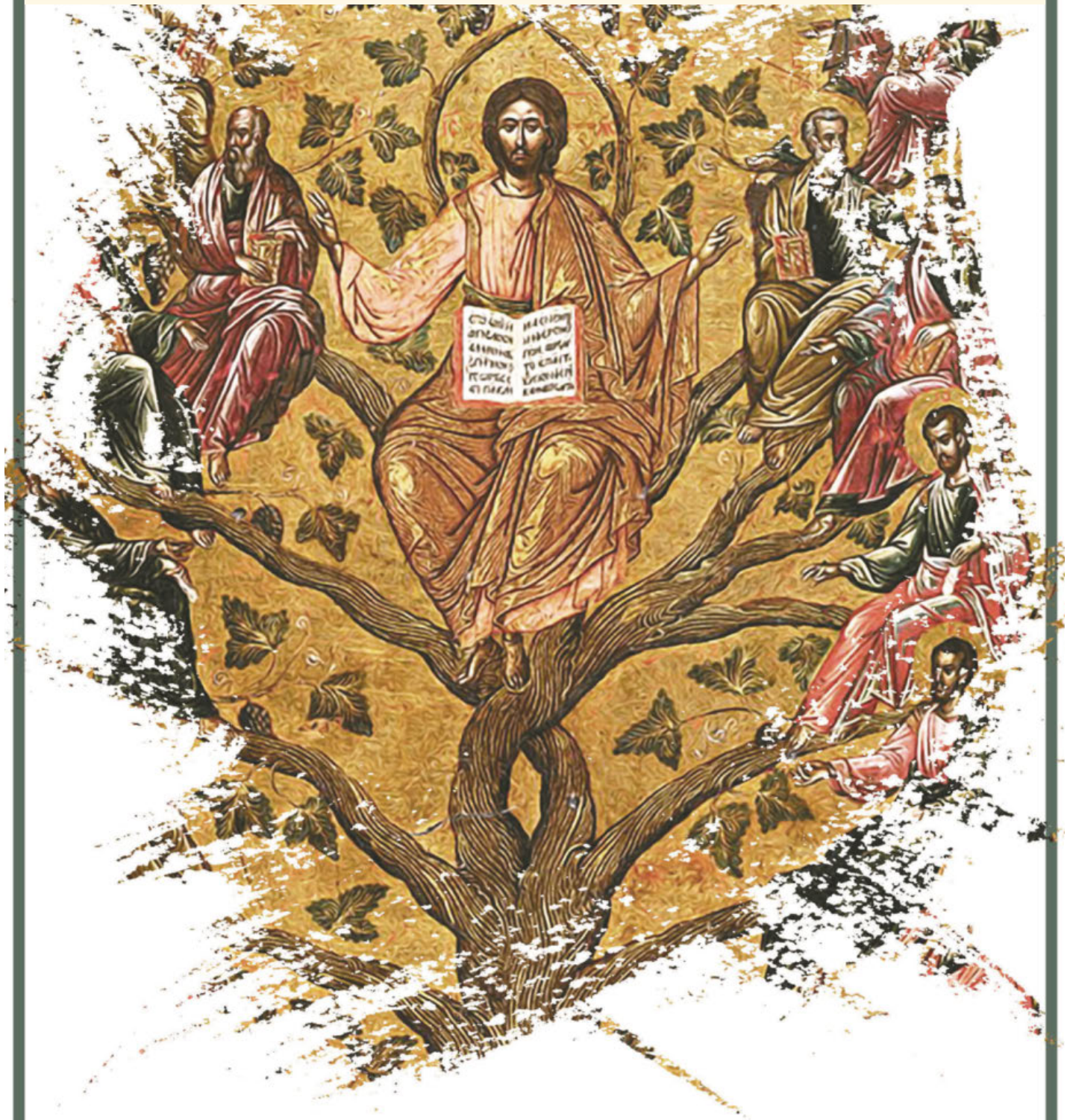


ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
APRIL 28, 2024



“I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.” —JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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Website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please See Page 2 for New Office Hours

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM – Call before attending

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15–6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY

Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:

Page 1 <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY Apr. 21 \$ 13,528.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR Apr. 21 \$ 15,219.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 1,924,000.00

PLEASE NOTE: For on-line giving the entire amount offered will be posted to the fund selected. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Education Maintenance Fund **cannot** be made through on-line giving. They must be placed in the offering basket, be mailed in, or dropped by the office.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8:30AM - 12NOON
1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday - 8:30AM - 1:30PM

Staff is available by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays. Please call the parish office at 803.649.4777 to make an appointment.

THE GIFT SHOP

There's still time to stop in and purchase a gift for that special person in your life who is celebrating a birthday, Mother's Day, their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We have wonderful books, handmade rosaries, one decade bracelets and necklaces, and much more.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

SEARCH FOR A NEW PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I have mentioned, a Search Committee for a new principal has been formed and has met several times. FYI, the members of the Search Committee are as follows: Matt Kuhn, Chair; Vicky Tucker; Anna Allman; Cortney Neel; Jim Hidlay; Dennis Gmerek; John Theobald; Agnes Hobson and Mary Catherine Lawton. They will be working and praying diligently to find the very best person to be our next principal.

Our Search Committee has decided to hire a professional firm to identify the very best candidates to serve as our new principal. They have chosen to hire *Partners in Mission* to conduct the search for our new principal. *Partners in Mission* is a team of dedicated professionals firmly rooted in the ministry of Catholic education that is committed to advancing Catholic education. *Partners in Mission* provides consulting services to more than 500 schools, dioceses, and religious organizations throughout the U.S. They specialize in school leadership search solutions and their client list includes over 60 dioceses across the country. Also, we are pleased that a generous parishioner has agreed to fund this search.

On Wednesday, April 19th, *Partners in Mission* spent a day at our parish and school as part of their due diligence to understand our needs. Michael Furey and Scott Brogan are the two Partners assigned to work with us. I met with them at the top of the day and then they had a full day of meetings and discussions. Over the course of the day, Mike and Scott had a tour of the parish and campus and then met with the Search Committee, the school faculty and staff (two sessions), a focus group of students, representatives from Fiat Homeschool Co-Op, the Parish Council and two sessions with a focus group of parents.

Also, we recently conducted a detailed survey of the parish and school to learn what virtues and qualifications that parents, teachers, and parishioners would like to see in the new principal. Results of that survey will be provided to the Search Committee and *Partners in Mission* to aid in the search for a new principal.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide the work of all involved in the search for our new principal.

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

We have great need for an adorer on **Fridays at 10:00PM**. Can you help? For this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at:

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893 (no text)
6AM-Noon Ken Boucher 803.226.4639
Noon-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105
6PM-MDNT. Joan Pate 803.226.0263

READINGS FOR April 28 – May 5

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24	Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	Ps 115:1-4, 15-16
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	Ps 145:10-13ab, 21
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	Ps 122: 1-5
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	Ps 96:1-3, 10
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8	Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Ps 100:1b-3, 5
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10	Jn 15:9-17

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

When you're feeling down, the beautiful springtime weather and flowers blooming can just make you feel worse. Are you struggling with separation or divorce? Dealing with difficulties due to health problems? God didn't create us to go it alone. He's about hope and love! St Mary's has a community of Stephen Ministers who are here to walk you through the darkness and back to the joy, enthusiasm, and wholeness God made you for. If you or someone you know is in need of strictly confidential resources to help you navigate the valley, we want to help. Leaflets are in the back of church with more information on Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact with us, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING/MEETING

(Parents may attend)

Sunday, June 2, 2024

2:30 to 3:30PM

(Lead Servers and Server Educators

2:30 to 4:00PM)

In the church

If you cannot attend, please contact:

Paul V. Gaynor, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547.

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS

If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org or 803.979.3181. Due to the rising cost of flowers, we are increasing the donation request for two arrangements for the altar to \$300.00

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28

8:30AM Anna Hewitt
11:00AM Mildred Gall
1:00PM For All the People of the Parish
5:00PM Phyllis A. Bennett

Monday, April 29

5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Tuesday, April 30

5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Wednesday, May 1

8:20AM Dolores E. Synak
7:00PM

Thursday, May 2

10:00AM Trinity -
5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Friday, May 3

5:30PM Agnes Roberts

Saturday, May 4

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Conception to Natural Death

5:00PM Byron Wilson

Susan Reeve Shultz

Alexander Bellotti

Jennie & Robert

Gallagher

Aimee Beck (L)

Sunday, May 5

8:30AM Terry Aromi

11:00AM For All the People of the Parish

1:00PM Ma. Rosa Marasco Suarez

5:00PM Ira Edward

Thomas, Jr.

(L) Denotes Living

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS: April 13

Diana Monserrath Augustino Leal daughter of Arnulfo Augustino Galvez & Elena Leal Cortez
Angel Daniel Bahena-Diaz son of Jose M. Bahena-Martinez & Fidelina Diaz-Garcia

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS: April 17 Joseph Dzurak

April 18 Ann M. Grant

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Closed On Fridays.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestdioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

May 11, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA will meet this **Tuesday, April 30th** to learn about Sacred Study and Spiritual Reading. RCIA meets Tuesdays 6:00–7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St. SE). For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org or 803.642.2676.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
JLABONE@CHARLESTDIOCESE.ORG
803.215.7040

Apr. 28 – Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM
6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

Apr. 28 – Middle School Night

Apr. 30 – Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6:00-7:00PM
High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco

Cake and Pie sale after all masses **this weekend, April 27–28**. All proceeds will go to help with transportation costs for youth ministry summer camp and mission trips.

Beginning May 5, Sunday and Tuesday Formation is on break for the summer. Please watch for registration for the 24/25 school year.

CHURCH TOUR WITH FATHER WILSON

Fr. Wilson will give a tour of our beautiful church on Fairfield St. on **Saturday, May 18th at 10:30AM**. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-46785020-church>

Limited to 30 participants. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org or 803.642.2676

EASTER ART

By request, the Easter Art talk will be given again this coming Wednesday, **May 1st at 5:30** in St. Michael Hall (come early to socialize). The talk will be on the Altarpiece of Ghent (also known as the Adoration of the Lamb). Light snacks including wine & cheese. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org or 803.642.2676.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 28

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, April 29

9:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 30

6:30AM	Rosary	Old St. Mary's
7:00AM	Men's Prayer Group	Smith Hall Down
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	RCIA-English	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, May 1

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:15PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, May 2

11:15AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Friday, May 3

6:00AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, May 4

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, May 5

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

IN THE HOSPITAL?

St. Mary's Hospital Ministry strives to bring Holy Communion **daily** to Catholic patients in the Aiken hospital. If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please **contact the parish office at 803.649.4777**. If you are not able to receive Communion, we can still come and pray with you! Because of confidentiality, the hospital cannot tell us you're there without your permission. Please help us bring you the healing power and strength of Jesus!

PARISH PERKS!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the Sunday 8:30AM Mass in St. Michael Hall

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us **Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00AM** in St. Michael Hall as we study the first and second letters of St. Peter. A Catholic edition of the Bible will help you get the most out of this study. If you have questions contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday bible study is reading the Gospel of John. Thursdays at 11:15AM in Smith Hall. All are welcome! Just bring your Bible. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org.

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

This group meets **Fridays, at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall** and is reading *Enter the Narrow Gate, St. Benedict's Steps to Christian Maturity* by Susan Muto. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676.

FOSTERING THE FAMILY PRESENTS
STAND FOR CHILDREN PRAYER WALK
 Saturday, April 27, 2024

Social Churches Workers Community
 Guardian ad Litem
CHILDREN
 Kinship Fostering
 Adoption Biological

SURROUNDED BY LOVE
 #bettertogether #sechildrenstrong

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA TO
 THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE
 9-11:30 AM
 Walk begins at 10 AM
 All Are Welcome!

Scan for More Information

Fostering THE FAMILY



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Mrs. Laura Webster, Principal
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

OFFICE HOURS: MON – FRI 7:30AM–3:30PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking

- A full-time elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- A full-time junior high math teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- A full-time junior high English language arts teacher for the 2024-2026

Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification. Qualified applicant should submit his/her resume and cover letter to the front office by mail, in person, or electronically at office@stmaryschoolaiken.com

Friends of SMS

Sponsor a student by giving the gift of a Catholic education. Sponsors donate funds that will be applied directly to a student's tuition. Sponsors receive letters and/or illustrations from their sponsored student. Donations can be made in any amount, brought to the school office, or made online at stmaryschoolaiken.com under the support SMS tab.



BISHOPS' INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Nov 15-17, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at 803.810.9602 applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



The Eucharist draws each of us closer to Christ as individuals, but also as a community. As Catholics, we never really worship alone. At the Eucharistic Liturgy, we gather with the young and old, the rich and poor, as well as millions around the world and the saints in heaven, to celebrate Christ's sacrifice. This powerful reality reminds us, in the words of John Paul II: "A truly Eucharistic community cannot be closed in upon itself" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia no. 39); rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family. (from Eucharist, Body of Christ, Broken for the World, USCCB)

SCOTT HAHN PRESENTS THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The Purification Heritage Center in Crawfordville, GA, will host a weekend event *The Road to Emmaus* with Dr. Scott Hahn, **May 3–5**. The event will include several talks, meals, fellowship time, and ends with Mass on Sunday. The Purification is a beautiful retreat center about 1½ hours west of Aiken, built in the area of the first Catholic settlement in GA founded in the 1790's. Lodging is available at the center. You can also just sign up for Saturday May 4. <https://www.heritagega.org/book> scroll down for *The Road to Emmaus*.

SISTER ROSE MARIE TULACZ, SND

Stop by St. Michael Hall after Masses – **May 11 & 12** to view and purchase the award-winning fine art – liturgical, nature, and landscape photography of Sister Rose Marie Tulacz. Original cards, prints, and framed artwork will be available for purchase. All proceeds support the spiritual and humanitarian outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Learn more at www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com

Father Wilson and Father Orlando met sister at the recent priest convocation and learned of her ministry and the great needs her Notre Dame Creations ministry support. Sister has been invited to share her photography with our parish. Please give her a warm welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

MAY 10 & 11 AND MAY 17 & 18

Please donate household items, baby and kitchen items, lamps, furniture, tools, jewelry, antiques, clothing, books, toys, bedding, outdoor furniture. For pick ups or to deliver your donations call Mark (803.634.1437) or Dennis (803.507.0066).

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

BÚSQUEDA DE UN NUEVO DIRECTOR

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Como he mencionado anteriormente, se ha formado un Comité de Búsqueda para el nuevo director/a de la escuela de Santa María y se han reunido varias veces. Para su información, los miembros del Comité de Búsqueda son los siguientes: Matt Kuhn, presidente; Vicky Tucker; Anna Allman; Cortney Neel; Jim Hidlay; Dennis Gmerek; Juan Teobaldo; Agnes Hobson y Mary Catherine Lawton. Ellos trabajarán y orarán diligentemente para encontrar a la mejor persona para ser nuestro próximo director/a.

Nuestro Comité de Búsqueda ha decidido contratar una firma profesional para identificar a los mejores candidatos para servir como nuestro nuevo director. Han optado por contratar a *Partners in Mission* para realizar la búsqueda de nuestro nuevo director/a. *Partners in Mission* es un equipo de profesionales dedicados firmemente arraigados en el ministerio de educación católica que está comprometido con el avance de la educación católica. *Partners in Mission* brinda servicios de consultoría a más de 500 escuelas, diócesis y organizaciones religiosas en todo Estados Unidos. Se especializan en soluciones de búsqueda de liderazgo escolar y su lista de clientes incluye más de 60 diócesis en todo el país. Además, nos complace que un feligrés generoso haya aceptado financiar esta búsqueda.

El miércoles 19 de abril, *Partners in Mission*, como parte de su debida diligencia, paso un día en nuestra parroquia y escuela para escuchar y aprender de nuestras necesidades. Michael Furey y Scott Brogan son los dos socios asignados para trabajar con nosotros. Me reuní con ellos al final del día y luego tuvieron un día completo de reuniones y discusiones. En el transcurso del día, Mike y Scott hicieron un recorrido por la parroquia y el campus y luego se reunieron con el Comité de Búsqueda, el cuerpo docente y el personal de la escuela (dos sesiones), un grupo focal de estudiantes, representantes de Fiat Homeschool Co-Op, el Consejo Parroquial y dos sesiones con un grupo focal de padres de familia.

Además, recientemente realizamos una encuesta detallada de la parroquia y la escuela para saber qué virtudes y calificaciones les gustaría ver a los padres, maestros y feligreses en el nuevo director. Los resultados de esa encuesta se proporcionarán al Comité de Búsqueda y a *Partners in Mission* para ayudar en la búsqueda de un nuevo director.

Continúen orando para que el Espíritu Santo bendiga y guíe el trabajo de todos los involucrados en la búsqueda de nuestro nuevo director.

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 28 DE ABRIL AL 5 DE MAYO 2024

Domingo: Hch 9, 26-31	Sal 21, 26-28. 30-32
1 Jn 3, 18-24	Jn 15, 1-8
Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18	Sal 113, 1-4. 15-16
Jn 14, 21-26	
Martes: Hch 14, 19-28	Sal 144, 10-13. 21
Jn 14, 27-31	
Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6	Sal 121, 1-5
Jn 15, 1-8	
Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21	Sal 95, 1-3. 10
Jn 15, 9-11	
Viernes: 1 Cor 15, 1-8	Sal 18, 2-5
Jn 14, 6-14	
Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10	Sal 99, 1b-3. 5
Jn 15, 18-21	
Domingo siguiente: Hch 10, 25-26. 34-35.	
44-48	Sal 97, 1-4
Jn 15, 9-17	1 Jn 4, 7-10

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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Mi Jesús, Creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo poseerte dentro de mi alma. Ya que soy incapaz en este momento para recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí, y unirte totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén

EL HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes, martes, jueves y viernes
8:30AM - 12 DEL MEDIODÍA
1:00PM - 4:30PM

Cerrado para el almuerzo de 12:00PM a 1:00PM

Miércoles - 8:30AM - 1:30PM

Los miércoles, el personal estará disponible solo con cita previa después de la 1:30PM. Por favor llame a la oficina al 803.649.4777 para hacer una cita.

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Para alimentos o asistencia financiera, llame al 803.642.3211. Abierto de lunes a jueves de 9:00AM a 1:00PM. Cerrado los viernes

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 19 & 26 de mayo.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestdioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370 o con la Hna. Ana Gema 803.989.9440

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

11 de mayo 2024 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El programa de formación para adultos que requieren los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación, son los martes de 7:00 a 9:00PM en el Smith Hall. Para información puede acudir con las hermanas Ana Gema a 803.989.9440 or Martha a 803.645.3666 o el equipo de RICA.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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803.215.7040

28 de abril - domingo por la mañana CCD de 9:45 a 10:45AM

6-8 Clase de Formación en Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

28 de abril - Noche de escuela secundaria

30 de abril - Clase de formación para grados 6-8, 6:00-7:00PM

Clase de recuperación de la escuela secundaria 7:15-8:00PM Bosco

Venta de pasteles y tartas después de todas las misas el 27 y 28 de abril. Todas las ganancias se destinarán a ayudar con los costos de transporte para el campamento de verano del ministerio juvenil y los viajes misioneros.

A partir del 5 de mayo, las clases de formación de los domingos y martes está en receso durante el verano. Por favor, esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25.



2 DE MAYO DÍA NACIONAL DE ORACIÓN



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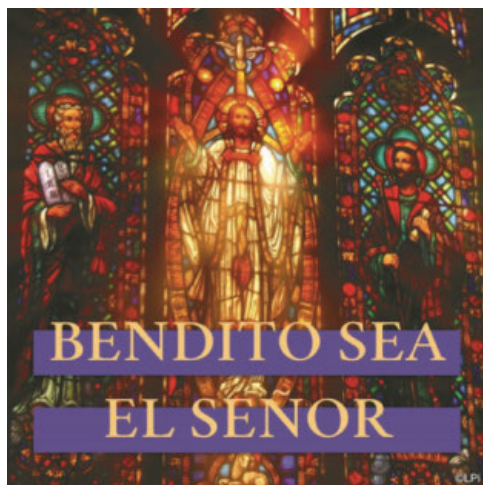
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- Maestro de matemáticas de secundaria
- Maestro de arte de lenguaje inglés, de secundaria

Los solicitantes deben estar certificados y/o ser elegibles para la certificación SC. El solicitante calificado debe enviar su currículum y carta de presentación a la oficina principal por correo, en persona o electrónicamente a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

AMIGOS DE SMS

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7:00PM Todos los domingos

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 28 de abril

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9h a 17h	Consulado Movil	Santa Angela
10:00AM	Preparación Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Lunes, 29 de abril

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 30 de abril

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	RICA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 1 de mayo

8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Reunión de Coordinadores	Smith Hall

Jueves, 2 de mayo

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 3 de mayo

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Smith Hall

Sábado, 4 de mayo

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Domingo, 5 de abril

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

LA TIENDA DE REGALOS

Está abierta de 9:00AM a 1:00PM todos los domingos y el primero domingo de cada mes después de la misa de la 1:00PM.

SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA

La mayor parte de la información en el sitio web de la parroquia ahora está disponible en español. Haga clic en la bandera mexicana en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio en www.stmarys-aiken.org.



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