



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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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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

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, MAY 19, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	May 19	\$ 11,058.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	May 19	\$ 16,711.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 1,924,000.00

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.

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27TH

The office will re-open at 8:30AM,
Tuesday, May 28th

THE GIFT SHOP

Happy Memorial Day! The Gift Shop will be open on Sunday from 9AM to 1PM! Stop in and visit us! And we will be open next weekend after all the Sunday masses as well as the 5PM Vigil Mass on Saturday. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

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UPDATE ON ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you have driven down Richland Avenue or York Street past our school, you've seen the progress we are making on our new STEM Center. We are now approaching 80% complete! And the good news is that the cost is projected to fall within our original estimates.

Here's some of the progress that you will see over the next few weeks. The brick veneer will be completed in the next four weeks. By the end of the month of May the skylight will be installed, and the construction workers will start working on the roof. In about three weeks, they will begin work to install the windows. Once the building is closed in, work on the polished concrete flooring will commence. The bottom line is that we are still on track to complete construction by the end of July and be open for the fall semester.

We are so blessed to have this wonderful addition to the school! Thanks so much for all of your generous spiritual and financial support that has made this possible!

Our Search Committee is continuing its work to hire the best person to be our new principal. *Partners in Mission* is working with them to identify the highest quality candidates. Last week, the Search Committee conducted Zoom interviews with three highly qualified candidates. Candidates selected for further interviews will be touring our parish and school this week. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will grant us the wisdom and discernment to select the best candidate to be our new principal.

Currently, our enrollment for next year is at 235, up from this year's 215. Usually, we pick up a few more students between now and the fall, so it's quite possible that we will be over 240 students when the new year begins. Many thanks to the parents and teachers who organized and executed a low-cost marketing plan! Have you seen our electronic billboard ad? It's been running on the billboard across from Parker's Kitchen as you come into town. It's a powerful ad!

Matt Kuhn and Laura Webster have been working hard to fill our vacant teacher positions. So far, we have hired two replacement teachers and we are still looking to hire three more. Please be assured, we are on track to be fully staffed for the start of the 2024-2025 School Year.

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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 at **1:00AM Saturdays** (Friday night). If you would like to help with this hour 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 May 26 – June 2

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 ©LPi

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 MOTHER TERESA HALL

If you are (or would like to be) a Homebound Ministries Volunteer, including bringing Communion to the homebound or hospital, Friendship Minister (bringing smiles and friendship), or part of our Nursing Home Mass support team, please plan to attend our HB Ministries Meeting on Saturday, 6/1, following the 8:00AM Mass at Old St. Mary's. The meeting is in Mother Theresa Hall at about 8:45AM. Come for fellowship, updates, and Q&A. A light breakfast will be provided. For more information contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.552.7714.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING/MEETING

Sunday, June 2, 2:30 to 3:30PM in the church

Lead Servers & Server Educators, 2:30 to 4:00PM

If you cannot attend, please contact: Paul V. Gaynor, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com.

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS -- SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass. Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Closed On Fridays.

CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27TH

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 26

8:30AM Pro Populo *
11:00AM Virginia Mae Loftis
1:00PM Ben L. Chavez
5:00PM Jerry M. O'Leary

Monday, May 27

5:30PM Julie Mance
Tuesday, May 28
5:30PM Chuck & Judy Harper

Wednesday, May 29

8:20AM Penny Goergen
7:00PM Laura Ramos (L)

Thursday, May 30

5:30PM Mary Catherine Cunning

(L) – Living

Friday, May 31

5:30PM Jessica Leigh Cadarr

Saturday, June 1

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Conception to Natural Death
5:00PM Sue Bursey (L)
Ross & Caroline Bullington (L)
William & Timothy Boyce
Philip Gagnon
Dick Griffis

Sunday, June 2

8:30AM Carol Reeve
11:00AM Pro Populo*
1:00PM Jose Jimenez y Enedina Guzman
5:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Livingston

* **Pro Populo – For the People.** This is the Latin terminology in Canon Law for a Sunday/Holy Day Mass said by the parish priest for the people he shepherds.

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



"Even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation. The Son of God became man in order to restore all creation, in one supreme act of praise, to the One who made it from nothing. He, the Eternal High Priest, who by the blood of his Cross entered the eternal sanctuary, thus gives back to the Creator and Father all creation redeemed. (Pope John Paul in Ecclesia de Eucharistia, par. 8)

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, July 21, 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)

June 1, 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 (RICA)

RCIA is over for this year, but plan to attend when we start up in the fall. If you interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org or 803.507.1060

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
[JLABONE@CHARLESTDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:jlabone@charlestdioocese.org)
803.215.7040

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

May 26 - Baccalaureate Masses at the 1PM and 5PM Masses. High School Seniors, please wear your cap and gowns and join us!

June 2 - No Youth Ministry

June 3-8 - Please pray for the youth attending Camp Hidden Lake, a Catholic middle school camp directed by Life Teen.

June 7 - Attend the Ordination as Priests of Pete and Erik at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston. You must register with Mrs. LaBone by May 27.

June 9 - High School Movie Night in Bosco! 6:15-8:15PM

Grades 6-12 - Help is needed for our Summer Camp Catholic-Vacation Bible School, **SCUBA!** We need crew leaders, help with leading activities and snack time helpers. This will be June 17-21 in the morning. Come share your enthusiasm for our faith! Call, text or email Mrs. LaBone to let us know you can help! jlabone@charlestdioocese.org, 803.215.7040

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night at St. Michael Hall on **Thursday, June 13th**. Plan to come enjoy **A Man Called Otto** (starring Tom Hanks, rated PG). Move begins at 6:30; come early for fellowship. Light refreshments and coffee, tea, and water with lemon will be provided. BYOP - Bring your own pop and/or popcorn. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060 or email mjackson@charlestdioocese.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 26

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:15AM	Baptism Prep Class	Smith Hall
9:45AM	NO Café	Summer Break
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

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 30

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

Friday, May 31

10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 2

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	NO Café	Summer Break
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

TOUR OF THE CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

All are invited to tour the beautiful **Church of the Most Holy Trinity** in downtown Augusta **on Saturday, June 15**. The regularly scheduled **Mass is at 10AM, tour at 11AM**. If you'd like to drive over together, plan to meet in front of our new church to leave at 9:15AM. We'll attend Mass, have a tour, go to lunch, and return to Aiken. Can't make Mass? Plan to be at Most Holy Trinity at 10:45. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or

803.507.1060

PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2, COLUMN 2

From St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Patron Saint of Catholic Schools: "If I had to advise parents, I should tell them to take great care about the people with whom their children associate...Much harm may result from bad company, and we are inclined by nature to follow what is worse than what is better."

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

PARISH PERKS!

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

Parish Perks is in need of a family to volunteer to host Perks on the second Sunday of each month! For more information please contact Rich and Linda Iazard at lindaizard87@gmail.com or 803.644.9136.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us this **Wednesday**, 9:30 to 11:00AM in St. Michael Hall for the end of our study of the first letter of St. Peter. We'll return in the Fall. Contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

HOMESCHOOLING

Are you thinking about homeschooling, but don't know where to start? Or are you a Catholic homeschooler that doesn't have community support? If so, please join the moms of our St. Mary's co-op **Saturday, June 1, 11AM to 12 NOON** in Mother Teresa Hall for an open house to find out what we are all about. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact 803.634.3171 or sdzlee87@gmail.com

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Today we celebrate Most Holy Trinity. This is a fundamental belief of our faith. Today read and talk about the Apostles Creed as a family. Have fun doing things in threes - perhaps have three choices of dessert. The family images the Trinity in that the family is one family as a communion of persons. Deep stuff! Talk about how the family can better reflect the love and communion of the Trinity in daily life. Watch Pentecost Sacred Art: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-pentecost> and Babel to Pentecost: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/babel-to-pentecost-with-anthony-d-ambrosio>



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 www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: June 17 to August 2
 Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00AM - NOON
 CLOSED July 1-5

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.

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

FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES

SEPT. 17 & 24 7:00-9:00PM

St. Mary's will be hosting Family Honor for a two session seminar on virtue, chastity, and adolescent development this fall. The program is for 5th and 6th graders and their families.

FORMED has great programming for the whole family - kids, teens, adults. It has movies, other videos, audio, and books.

Pentecost Sacred Art: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/sacred-art-pentecost>

Babel to Pentecost: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/babel-to-pentecost-with-anthony-d-ambrosio>

Not on FORMED? Sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians

BISHOPS' INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE

Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are November 15 - 17, 2024 and Jan. 31 - Feb 2, 2025 in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

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!

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopas, ensaladas, tostadas de ceviche, frutas, postres, aguas frescas.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on the food selected.
 Please join us! We are waiting for you!

MEET OUR SEMINARIAN



My name is Marc D'Angelo and I am 29 years old. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia. My parents now reside in Pawleys Island which I consider my home. I have a younger brother, Matthew, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL. I

enjoy spending time with family and friends, physical fitness activities and spiritual reading. In 2018, I graduated from Virginia Tech. I have worked in the roofing industry as an outside salesman and more recently I served as Youth Minister for 2 years at my home parish, Precious Blood of Christ in Pawleys Island, SC. I just completed my first year at St Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. I desire to give my life in service to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. My favorite aspects of the Catholic faith are the reality that Jesus Christ is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist and the role that the Blessed Mother plays as co-redemptrix. I look forward to my time serving the people of St. Mary Help of Christians parish and I hope to get to meet as many of you as possible.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP – LOCATION CHANGE

The Men's Prayer Group that has been meeting at St. Mary Help of Christians Parish on Tuesday mornings will be moving to **St. Gerard's Parish, located at 640 Edrie St., NE in Aiken, starting Tuesday, June 4**. The group will meet in the St. Gerard's Parish Hall for prayer and discussion starting at 7:30AM, then take part in the Mass at 8:15AM.

Our final meetings at St. Mary's will be Tuesday, May 21 and 28, at 6:30AM in Smith Hall.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

ACTUALIZACIÓN SOBRE LA ESCUELA SANTA MARÍA

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Si ha conducido por Richland Avenue o York Street pasando por nuestra escuela, habrá visto el progreso que estamos logrando en nuestro nuevo Centro STEM. ¡Estamos a casi 80% de completar el proyecto! Y la buena noticia es que se prevé que el costo esté dentro de nuestras estimaciones originales.

Estos son algunos de los avances que verá en las próximas semanas. El revestimiento de ladrillo estará terminado en las próximas cuatro semanas. A finales del mes de mayo se instalará el tragaluz y los trabajadores de la construcción comenzarán a trabajar en el techo. En unas tres semanas comenzarán los trabajos de instalación de las ventanas. Una vez cerrado el edificio se iniciarán los trabajos del cemento pulido. La conclusión es que todavía estamos en camino de completar la construcción para fines de julio y estar abiertos durante el semestre de otoño.

¡Estamos muy bendecidos de tener esta maravillosa incorporación a la escuela! ¡Muchas gracias por todo su generoso apoyo espiritual y financiero que ha hecho esto posible!

Nuestro Comité de Búsqueda continúa su trabajo para contratar a la mejor persona para ser nuestro nuevo director. Partners in Mission está trabajando con ellos para identificar candidatos de la más alta calidad. La semana pasada, el Comité de Búsqueda realizó entrevistas por Zoom con tres candidatos altamente calificados. Los candidatos seleccionados para futuras entrevistas recorrerán nuestra parroquia y escuela esta semana. Ore para que el Espíritu Santo nos conceda la sabiduría y el discernimiento para seleccionar al mejor candidato para ser nuestro nuevo director.

Actualmente, tenemos 235 estudiantes inscritos para el próximo año, en comparación con los 215 de este año. Por lo general, se añaden algunos estudiantes más desde ahora hasta el otoño, por lo que es muy posible que tengamos más de 240 estudiantes cuando comience el nuevo año. ¡Muchas gracias a los padres y maestros que organizaron y ejecutaron un plan de marketing de bajo costo! ¿Has visto nuestro anuncio en vallas electrónicas? Ha estado en el cartel publicitario frente a Parker's Kitchen cuando llegas a la ciudad. ¡Es un anuncio poderoso!

Matt Kuhn y Laura Webster han estado trabajando arduamente para cubrir nuestros puestos docentes vacantes. Hasta ahora, hemos contratado a dos

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO DE LA SEGUNDA COLUMNA DE ESTA PÁGINA

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 26 DE MAYO AL 2 DE JUNIO 2024

Domingo: Dt 4, 32-34. 39-40 Sal 32, 4-6. 9. 18-20. 22 Rom 8, 14-17 Mt 28, 16-20
Lunes: 1 Pe 1, 3-9 Sal 110, 1-2. 5-6. 9 y 10 Mc 10, 17-27
Martes: 1 Pe 1, 10-16 Sal 97, 1. 2-4 Mc 10, 28-31
Miércoles: 1 Pe 1, 18-25 Sal 146, 12-15. 19-20 Mc 10, 32-45
Jueves: 1 Pe 2, 2-5. 9-12 Sal 99, 2. 3. 4. 5 Mc 10, 46-52
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LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARÁ CERRADA DÍA DE LOS CAÍDOS, LUNES 27 DE MAYO

La oficina volverá a abrir a las 8:30AM Martes, 28 de mayo

KERMES

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes de este ciclo, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopes, ensaladas, tostadas de ceviche, frutas, postres, y aguas frescas.

DOMINGO, 2 DE JUNIO

de 12:00 del mediodía hasta las 3:00PM
Salón Santa Angela

El costo depende de la comida seleccionada.
¡Te esperamos!

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PARROCO

maestros de reemplazo y todavía estamos buscando contratar a tres más. Tenga la seguridad de que estamos en camino de contar con el personal completo para el inicio del año escolar 2024-2025.

De Santa Isabel Ana Seton, patrona de las escuelas católicas: "Si tuviera que aconsejar a los padres, les diría que tuvieran mucho cuidado con las personas con las que se relacionan sus hijos... Las malas compañías pueden causar mucho daño, y estamos inclinados por naturaleza a seguir lo peor que lo mejor". Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

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 7 & 14 de julio.** 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)

8 de junio 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

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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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.

26 de mayo - Misas de Bachillerato a las 1:00PM y 5:00PM. Graduandos de secundaria, ¡usen su toga y birrete y únense a nosotros!

2 de junio - No habrá ministerio juvenil

3 al 8 de junio - Oren por los jóvenes que asisten Camp Hidden Lake, un campamento de escuela secundaria católica dirigido por LifeTeen

7 de junio - Asistir a la Ordenación como Sacerdotes de Pete y Erik en la Catedral de San Juan Bautista en Charleston. **Debe inscribirse con la Sra. LaBone antes del 27 de mayo.**

9 de junio - ¡Noche de cine de Secundaria en Bosco! 6:15-8:15PM

Grados 6-12: ¡Se necesita ayuda para nuestro campamento de verano católico: escuela bíblica de vacaciones, SCUBA! Necesitamos líderes de equipo, ayuda con las actividades principales y ayudantes a la hora de la merienda. Esto será del 17 al 21 de junio en horas de la mañana. ¡Ven a compartir tu entusiasmo por nuestra fe! Llame, envíe un mensaje de texto o un correo electrónico a la Sra. LaBone para informarnos que puede ayudar. jlabone@charlestdioocese.org, 803.215.7040

DONACIONES DE FLORES PARA EL ALTAR

Las flores del altar pueden ser patrocinadas durante todo el año, excepto durante la Cuaresma, y el costo es \$300 por dos arreglos. Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor y a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con Karen Van Deren 803.634.3171 o 803.649.4777.



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HORARIO DE VERANO: del 17 de junio al 2 de agosto
martes–jueves 9:00AM - MEDIODÍA
Cerrado el 1 al 5 de julio

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO

Estamos buscando maestros de tiempo completo para el año escolar 2024-2025

- Maestro de escuela primaria
- Maestro de matemáticas 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.

CONOZCA A NUESTRO SEMINARISTA



Mi nombre es Marc D'Angelo y tengo 29 años. Nací y crecí en los suburbios de Filadelfia. Mis padres ahora residen en Pawleys Island, que considero mi hogar. Tengo un hermano menor, Matthew, que vive en Fort Lauderdale, FL. Disfruto

pasar tiempo con familiares y amigos, actividades de aptitud física y lectura espiritual. En 2018 me gradué de Virginia Tech. He trabajado en la industria de techado como vendedor externo y más recientemente me desempeñé como Ministro de Pastoral Juvenil durante 2 años en mi parroquia natal, Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en Pawleys Island, Carolina del Sur. Acabo de completar mi primer año en el Seminario Regional San Vicente de Paúl en Boynton Beach, Florida. Deseo dar mi vida al servicio de la Iglesia Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica. Mis aspectos favoritos de la fe católica son la realidad de que Jesucristo está presente en cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad en la Eucaristía y el papel que desempeña la Santísima Madre como corredentora. Espero poder servir a la gente de la parroquia de Santa María Auxiliadora y espero conocer a tantos de ustedes como sea posible.

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7:00PM Todos los domingos

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 26 de mayo

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para Bautismo	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Lunes, 27 de mayo—Día de los caídos

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

Martes, 28 de mayo

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

Miércoles, 29 de mayo

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

Jueves, 30 de mayo

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

Viernes, 31 de mayo

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua

Sábado, 1 de junio

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

Domingo, 2 de junio

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

¡DESPEDIDA A NUESTRAS HERMANAS MISIONERAS!

Hna. Ana Gema y Hna. Martha regresarán a su Casa Madre en Guadalajara, México, a finales de junio de 2024.

Únase a nosotros para agradecerles por su servicio en nuestra parroquia y desearles lo mejor en sus próximas asignaciones.

Domingo 23 de junio 2:30PM - 5:00PM
Salón Santa Ángela

¡Trae un plato para compartir!

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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

Cerrado el Día de los Caídos, lunes 27 de mayo

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