

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here
are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of
God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

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 the 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, JUNE 2, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	May 26	\$ 20,780.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	May 26	\$ 12,589.00
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	June 2	\$ 21,433.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	June 2	\$ 12,258.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 1,924,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 2024

Catholic Charities	\$ 2,553.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 12,326.00

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

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

THE GIFT SHOP

We will be closed for the months of July & August, so be sure to stop in and pick up whatever you need for the summer. We have some light summer reading...and all the usual items.

The Magnificat for July, August & September will be available in the parish office (\$6.00)

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

+JMJ+

THE VIRTUE OF CHASTITY IS FOR ALL

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's June of 2024, and again we see, all across our nation, that President Biden, dozens of agencies of the federal government, NASCAR, major league baseball, and countless corporations are aggressively pushing "Pride Month." We are told that we are to accept and promote the sinful lifestyles associated with the LGBTQ+ agenda.

Now we must acknowledge that having same sex attraction is indeed a heavy cross. However, acting out on that attraction in a sexual way is a grievous sin. From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved." (CCC, 2357)

Many of us have family members or friends who are in this lifestyle. We must love them, pray for them, but also courageously speak the truth. One man who has done this is Daniel C. Mattson, who in 2017 wrote a book entitled, *Why I Don't Call Myself Gay: How I Reclaimed my Sexual Reality and Found Peace*. In his book, Mattson recounts his journey into a homosexual lifestyle, pornography, sinful relationships, and finally a slow climb out of the lifestyle to embrace chastity. Along the way he first adopted a Protestant evangelical faith and later came into full communion with the Catholic faith.

In his foreword to Mattson's book, Robert Cardinal Sarah wrote: "People who have homosexual tendencies "are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition" (CCC, 2358). They "are called to chastity," and we demean them if we think they cannot attain this virtue, which is a virtue for all disciples."

I heartily recommend this text for anyone who struggles with same sex attraction, for those parents who have children who are dealing with this attraction and for all who have friends in this lifestyle.

J. Budziszewski, Ph.D., Author of *On the Meaning of Sex* indorsed the book writing, "If you read only one book on the subject of same-sex attraction, it should be this one. Yet Daniel Mattson's luminously truthful book is about so much more besides, such as humility, magnanimity, true manhood, purity of heart, and the gift and disciple of friendship. Superb."

St. Maria Goretti....pray for us.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



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 **8:00PM, Fridays**. 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 June 9 – June 16

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15 Ps 130:1-8 2
Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1bc-8
Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-6 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2ab,
4, 5ab and 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9abc,
13-14 Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a
and 5, 7-10 Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3,
13-16 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

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FAREWELL FOR OUR MISSIONARY SISTERS !

Sister Ana Gema and Sister Martha will be returning to their Mother House in Guadalajara, Mexico at the end of June, 2024. Please join us in thanking them for their service in our parish and to wish them well in their next assignments.

Sunday, June 23 2:30 - 5:00PM
In St. Angela Hall
Bring a dish to share!

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 9

8:30AM Fr. Gregory B. Wilson (L)

11:00AM Robert Spaulding

1:00PM Pro Populo*

5:00PM Angela Colleran

Monday, June 10

5:30PM Mary Daly

Tuesday, June 11

5:30PM Charles McPherson

Wednesday, June 12

8:20AM Mildred Louise Gall

7:00PM Joelle & Luis Reverol (L)

Thursday, June 13

10:00AM-Cumberland James Bowes

5:30PM Martha Guzman

Friday, June 14

5:30PM Paul Maddux (D) & Mary Ann Maddux (L)

Saturday, June 15

8:00AM Mary P. O'Haire

5:00PM Linda Erhard (L)

Bill Hegedusich (L)

Mary DalSanto

Ted Giard

Carol Reeve

Agnes Roberts

Sunday, June 16

8:30AM Terry Aromi

11:00AM Pro Populo*

1:00PM Jose Lino Villafaña & Francisca Ruiz

5:00PM Megan & Nicholas Neusel (L)

(L) – Living

* **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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Deaths/Difuntos:

May 2

R. Virginia Hintslada Coleman

May 6

Nick Calve

May 8

Robert Major

May 16

Marilyn Sue Hammond

May 28

Rosemary Plante

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.

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)

July 6, 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

RCIA IS NOW ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

RCIA has a new name which was approved by the US bishops. This formation process is a lifelong journey. The formal classes for instruction will start again in August. If you're interested in joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

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

VBS Work Days to prepare and decorate – Friday, June 14 and Sunday, June 16. Teens and adults are welcome, please contact Mrs. LaBone.

June 17-21– Please pray for all the children, youth helpers and adults who are participating in our Camp Catholic, Vacation Bible School this week.

June 18-23 – Please pray for our high school youth and chaperons as they travel to Knoxville, Tennessee for *Alive In You*, a Catholic Teen Mission Camp.

June 23 – No Sunday Youth Ministry

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

St. Barnabas' feast day is Tuesday June 11. In Acts 9, the Christians didn't trust Saul until his friend Barnabas vouched for him (v. 29)

St. Anthony of Padua's feast day is Thursday June 13. He is well known as the finder of lost items, a good friend of many.

Today talk about Christian friendship. How can we show God's love in our friendship? Brainstorm how you can show friendship to others and how to share the joy of Christ. This week make an effort to reach out to neighbors and to show love to those who are alone.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 9

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00AM	Kermes	St. Angela
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, June 10

9:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultreya	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, June 11

1:00PM	Cards for Christ	Mother Teresa Conf
2:00PM	Stephen Ministry	St. Michael Hall
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, June 12

8:20AM	Daily Mass	Church
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, June 13

4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Movie Night	St. Michael Hall

Friday, June 14

4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16

8:30AM	Mass	Church
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. 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

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 Izard at lindaizard87@gmail.com or 803.644.9136.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Enjoy your summer! Relax with family and friends. Then plan to join us in the Fall when we will study 2 Peter. For information contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving. Jesus draws us into himself. The substantial conversion of bread and wine into his body and blood introduces within creation the principle of a radical change, a sort of "nuclear fission," to use an image familiar to us today, which penetrates to the heart of all being, a change meant to set off a process which transforms reality, a process leading ultimately to the transfiguration of the entire world, to the point where God will be all in all (cf. 1 Cor 15:28). (Sacramentum Caritatis 11, Pope Benedict XVI)

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@charlestandioocese.org.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH & AIKEN SHEPARD BLOOD CENTER WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE AT:

Hitchcock Place – 353 Fabian Drive, Aiken
The third campaign for 2024 will end June 29.
If you donated at the center in March and April, please call the Aiken center, 803.643.7996 to donate **June 1–29**.

Fill out the questionnaire online the day you donate. Be sure to tell them that you are donating for St. Mary's of Aiken. Thank You!



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL
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 Mrs. Laura Webster, Principal
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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 entire family - kids, teens, and adults. There are movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, and e-books.

Sacrifice | The Catholic Parent | Episode 4: It's an understatement to say marriage demands a lot. Family life and raising children demand even more. Isn't fulfilling those duties enough? Why does the Church teach that we should fast, and what does that mean practically? In this episode, Sr. Rachel Marie discusses these questions alongside the real-life witness of Catholic families. Turning to the story of St. Gianna Beretta Molla will leave you with the confidence needed to practice fasting as a family. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-catholic-parent-episode-4> Not on FORMED? Sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians Church.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP – LOCATION CHANGE

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH AND SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

Responsible for all financial functions for the school and the parish. BA in accounting or comparable degree and at least one (1) year of experience OR equivalent years in a similar position.

SACRISTAN

Oversees and coordinates all work related to Sunday Masses, Funerals, Benedictions, including volunteer schedules to clean the churches, linens & vestments. Maintains inventory and orders all needed liturgical supplies.

For more information on these opportunities please go the parish website at www.stmarys-aiken.org or contact Patrick Wray, Administrator at 803.649.4777 ext. 112 or pwray@charlestdiocese.org.

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.

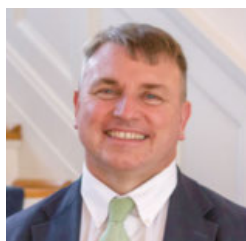
TODAY – JUNE 9

12:00–3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

MOVIE NIGHT AT ST. MICHAEL HALL THIS COMING

Thursday, June 13th! Plan to come enjoy *A Man Called Otto* (starring Tom Hanks, rated PG). Movie begins at **6:30PM**; come early for fellowship. Light refreshments and coffee, tea, and water with lemon will be provided. BYOP - Bring your own pop and/or popcorn. And mark your calendars for our future 2nd Thursday movie nights.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Wednesday, August 21, Joseph Pearce will speak on *God's Love and Great Literature* at 11:00AM, and *A Call to Catholic Responsibility under a Hostile Government* at 5:30PM. Both talks in St. Angela Hall. Questions?

Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

AA OPEN MEETING

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

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

LA VIRTUD DE LA CASTIDAD ES PARA TODOS

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Es junio de 2024 y nuevamente vemos, en todo nuestro país, que el presidente Biden, docenas de agencias del gobierno federal, NASCAR, las grandes ligas de béisbol e innumerables corporaciones están impulsando agresivamente el "Mes del Orgullo". Se nos dice que debemos aceptar y promover los estilos de vida pecaminosos asociados con la agenda LGBTQ+.

Ahora debemos reconocer que sentir atracción por personas del mismo sexo es en verdad una cruz pesada. Sin embargo, expresar esa atracción de manera sexual es un pecado grave. Del *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, "Basándose en la Sagrada Escritura, que presenta los actos homosexuales como actos de grave depravación, la tradición siempre ha declarado que "los actos homosexuales son intrínsecamente desordenados". Son contrarios a la ley natural. Cierran el acto sexual al don de la vida. No parten de una genuina complementariedad afectiva y sexual. Bajo ninguna circunstancia pueden ser aprobados." (CCC, 2357)

Muchos de nosotros tenemos familiares o amigos que llevan este estilo de vida. Debemos amarlos, orar por ellos, pero también decir la verdad con valentía. Un hombre que ha hecho esto es Daniel C. Mattson, quien en 2017 escribió un libro titulado *Por qué no me llamo gay: cómo reclamé mi realidad sexual y encontré la paz*. En su libro, Mattson relata su viaje hacia un estilo de vida homosexual, la pornografía, las relaciones pecaminosas y, finalmente, un lento ascenso fuera del estilo de vida para abrazar la castidad. En el camino, primero adoptó una fe evangélica protestante y luego entró en plena comunión con la fe católica.

En el prólogo del libro de Mattson, el cardenal Robert Sarah escribió: "Las personas que tienen tendencias homosexuales "están llamadas a realizar la voluntad de Dios en su vida, y, si son cristianas, a unir al sacrificio de la cruz del Señor las dificultades que pueden encontrar a causa de su condición." (CIC, 2358). Ellos "están llamados a la castidad" y los degradamos si pensamos que no pueden alcanzar esta virtud, que es virtud de todos los discípulos".

Recomiendo de todo corazón este texto a cualquiera que luche contra la atracción hacia el mismo sexo, a aquellos padres que tienen hijos que están lidiando con esta atracción y a todos los que tienen amigos en este estilo de vida.

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco Continúa en la página nueve, columna dos.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 9 de Junio AL 16 DE JUNIO 2024

Domingo: Gn 3, 9-15 Sal 129, 1-8.

2 Cor 4, 13-5, 1 Mc 3, 20-35

Lunes: 1 Re 17, 1-6 Sal 120, 1-8 Mt 5, 1-12

Martes: Hch 11, 21-26; 13, 1-3 Sal 97, 1-6.

Mt 5, 13-16

Miércoles: 1 Re 18, 20-39 Sal 15, 1-2. 4. 5 y 8. 11

Mt 5, 17-19

Jueves: 1 Re 18, 41-46 Sal 64, 10-13.

Mt 5, 20-26

Viernes: 1 Re 19, 9. 11-16 Sal 26, 7-9. 13-14

Mt 5, 27-32

Sábado: 1 Re 19, 19-21 Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-10.

Mt 5, 33-37

Domingo siguiente: Ez 17, 22-24 Sal 91, 2-3.

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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

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8:30AM - 12 DEL MEDIODÍA 1:00PM - 4:30PM

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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

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¿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)

13 de julio 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.

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

Jornadas de Trabajo de EBV para preparar y decorar – Viernes 14 y domingo 16 de junio. Adolescentes y adultos son bienvenidos, comuníquese con la Sra. LaBone.

Junio 17 - 21 - Oren por todos los niños, jóvenes ayudantes y adultos que participan en nuestro Campamento Católico, escuela bíblica de vacaciones esta semana.

Junio 18 - 23 - Oren por nuestros jóvenes y acompañantes de la escuela secundaria mientras viajan a Knoxville, Tennessee para Alive In You, un campamento misionero católico para adolescentes.

23 de junio - No habrá ministerio juvenil dominical

QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia. Las próximas clases de preparación para quinceañera se llevarán a cabo 2, 9 y 16 de mayo

Para registrar o más información, por favor comunicarse con Esperanza Negrete al 803.226.3410



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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.



¡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
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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.

HOY – 9 DE JUNIO

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

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 9 de junio		
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Quinceañera Preparación	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	Santa Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Lunes, 10 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa
Martes, 11 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel
Miércoles, 12 de junio		
8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
Jueves, 13 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua
Viernes, 14 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonios	Smith Hall
Sábado, 15 de junio		
8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Domingo, 16 de junio		
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Quinceañera Preparación	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO DE LA PÁGINA SIETE, COLUMNA UNO

J. Budziszewski, Ph.D., autor de *Sobre el significado del sexo*, respaldó el libro y escribió: "Si lees sólo un libro sobre el tema de la atracción hacia personas del mismo sexo, debería ser este. Sin embargo, el libro luminosamente veraz de Daniel Mattson trata sobre mucho más, como la humildad, la magnanimidad, la verdadera hombría, la pureza de corazón y el don y el discípulo de la amistad. Magnífico."

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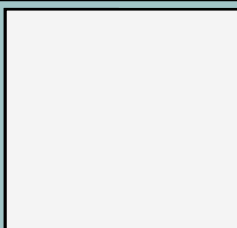
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