

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
JUNE 23, 2024



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
“Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was
great calm. - Mk 4:39

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 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 16, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY June 16 \$ 17,101.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR June 16 \$ 13,988.00
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

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

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, THURSDAY, JULY 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY. WE WILL RE-OPEN AT 8:30AM ON FRIDAY, JULY 5

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. Be sure to stop by the Gift Shop before the end of June to purchase your Lady of Mount Carmel Scapular (July 16 Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

In speaking about the men and women who are involved with the *Courage International* apostolate, Cardinal Robert Sarah wrote, "These men and women testify to the power of grace, the nobility and resilience of the human heart."

St. Charles Lwanga....pray for us!

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

HAVE COURAGE! BE ENCOURAGED!

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a fact that many of us have family or friends that struggle with same sex attraction. As I have said before, we must love them, pray for them and lovingly speak the truth to them. It is critical then that all of us should be aware of the ministries of *Courage International*.

Courage International was founded by Father John F. Harvey, OSFS, (1918-2010). In his thirty years of ministry with the *Courage* apostolate, Father received a lot of resistance within some dioceses to the promotion of clear Catholic teaching on chastity and homosexuality. Nevertheless, he faithfully persisted in the mission that was given to him by Terence Cardinal Cooke. Through much prayer, hard work, sacrifice, and the support of the faithful, the *Courage* apostolate grew to become an international ministry under Fr. Harvey's tireless leadership, despite opposition in many quarters.

Courage International then is an apostolate that seeks to help men and women who experience same sex attraction and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality.

Through the apostolate, people who experience same sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support and fellowship. For more information concerning a *Courage* Chapter near you, please contact Father John Zimmerman at 843-610-1321 or at zimmerman@charlestdiocese.org

Within *Courage International*, there is also another apostolate called *EnCourage*. *EnCourage* members are parents, spouses, sibling and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact.

EnCourage members work together to understand the experiences of their loved ones, and to respond to them with compassion. They know that it is possible to express love for someone even if we can't support all of their choices or actions. They find spiritual guidance to grow in their relationship with Christ, and community support from other members that helps them remember that they are not alone on this journey. For more information on how to get in contact with an *EnCourage* Chapter, please contact Deacon Peter Tonon, at encourage@rcdoc.org

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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 **Fridays at 8:00PM.** 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

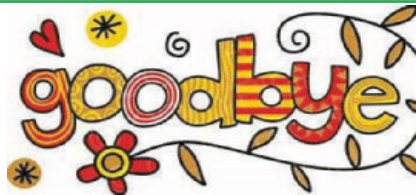
REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, FROM 3:00 TO 4:00PM
IN THE CHURCH**

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

Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome to attend.

**FAREWELL FOR
OUR MISSIONARY
SISTERS !**



Sister Ana Gema and Sister Martha will be returning to their Mother House in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Please join us in thanking them for their service in our parish and to wish them well in their next assignments.

**Today, June 23 2:30 - 5:00PM
In St. Angela Hall**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH & AIKEN SHEPARD BLOOD
CENTER ONGOING 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 at 803.643.7996 for an appointment to donate. Be sure to tell them that you are donating for St. Mary’s of Aiken. Fill out the questionnaire online the day you donate.

READINGS FOR June 23 – June 30

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-26, 28-31
2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15
Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3
Ps 119:33-37, 40 Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9
Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6
Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10 Ps 19:2-5
Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or
5:21-24, 35b-43

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 23

8:30AM Judith Ryan
11:00AM Robert Spaulding
1:00PM Pro Populo*
5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennet

Monday, June 24

5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Tuesday, June 25

5:30PM Stephanie Siler

Wednesday, June 26

8:20AM Mike & Sally

Anaclerio

7:00PM Sisters of the Sacred

Heart of Jesus (L & D)

Thursday, June 27

10:00AM—Trinity

Thomas Kopko

5:30PM Pat Hunter (L)

* Pro Populo-For the People

Friday, June 28

5:30PM Maria Morales (L)

Saturday, June 29

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from

Conception to Natural
Death

5:00PM Donna Pierce (L)

Walter & Genevieve

Wyszynski

Maria Dias

Robert Srdch

Umbelina Farara

Sunday, June 30

8:30AM Pro Populo*

11:00AM Christine Cocke

1:00PM Mary Silva (L)

5:00PM Don & Shirley Reeck

PRAYERS REQUESTED

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS:

June 11—Damian Cruz Viera son of Severo Gabriel Viera and Rosio Negrete Bravo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

May 16 Marcia Christmas

June 14 Thomas D. Meisner



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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA - the new acronym for the class one takes to become Catholic (formerly RCIA) - starts up in August. It will meet Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM. If you interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Please watch for registration for the 24/25 school year. All registrations will be online beginning July 1.
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

June 23–No Sunday youth Ministry

June 28–High School Trivia Night 7PM in Bosco with Seminarian Marc D'Angelo

June 30–Game Night Middle and High School! Join us for all kinds of board games. 6:15-8:00PM.

July 7–No Youth Night

A WALK WITH JESUS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

This is a one-day workshop for parents who have lost children of any age. Saturday, July 13th at the Oratory in Rock Hill, SC. The day begins at 8:30AM and continues until Mass at 5:00PM. For more information, please contact Christy at 803.554.6088 or cbrown@charlestdioocese.org.

BISHOPS' INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE

Don't take a vacation from having the best marriage you can have. Bring God into your marriage and see it flourish. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov. 15-17, 2024 or 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 applications@scmarriagematters.org, 803-810-9602.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 23

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
2:30PM	Farewell for Missionary Sisters	St. Angela
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

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 26

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 27

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

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
11:00AM	Marriage Nullity Workshop	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, June 30

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

MATT EBENROTH AND FOCUS CAMPUS MINISTRY

FOCUS, or the Fellowship of Catholic University Students is a nationwide apostolate dedicated to ministering to Catholic students in colleges and universities in the U.S. Currently 80 percent of people who leave the Church will do so in their college years. Our parish supports Matt Ebenroth of North Augusta who ministers to college students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His task is to bring the love of Christ to college students in the place where most lose their faith. The **FOCUS** ministry has brought hundreds of thousands of students back to the faith across the country. Matt will be here to tell us about his ministry and ask for your support before the Masses on the weekend of June 29-30. Please pray for Matt and his ministry!

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.

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

This coming Saturday!! Do you have a good friend or relative who is not married in the Church? Plan to attend this workshop and invite your friend! It is important for all Catholics to be conversant on these issues. Fr. Thomas Miles and Mrs. Valerie Maxineau from the diocesan tribunal office will give **Marriage Nullity Workshop** on **Saturday, June 29th at 11:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall**. A nursery will be provided *if requested*; contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB will be on break for June and July. We'll start back up in August.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY will be on break for July and August. We'll start back up in August.

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Eucharist is the Wedding Feast of Jesus - and we are invited!! "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Edward Sri explains, "these words are taken from a climactic moment in the book of Revelation and indeed, the entire Bible (Rv 19:9)." The scene is set as the great multitude in heaven is singing together the Lord's praises. Sri continues, "And the angel instructs John to write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb' (Rv 19:9). What is the festive supper of the Lamb? It is the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist...The Bridegroom-Lamb is Jesus, and the Bride represents us, the Church, whom Jesus is coming to wed... When you hear those words at Mass, do you realize that you are receiving a wedding invitation? You are being called to participate in the marriage feast of Jesus and his Church" (From USCCB eucharisticrevival.org; quotes from Ed Sri's *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*).

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 THURSDAY, JULY 4

We will re-open Monday, July 8



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

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 junior high Religion teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- A full-time junior high English-Language Arts 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. It has movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, and eBooks.

The Woman at the Well | Drawing Closer to God: Lent | Episode 4. In this episode, Ms. Kim draws Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4. Through this scene, Ms. Kim explains how Jesus is the living water that quenches our thirst and gives eternal life.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/drawing-closer-to-god-season-2-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 is meeting at **St. Gerard's Parish**, located at 640 Edrie St., NE in Aiken. Tuesday mornings starting at 7:30AM, Mass begins at 8:15AM.

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!

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

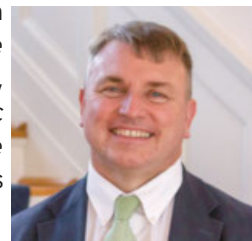
Oversees and coordinates all work related to Sunday Masses, Funerals, Benedictions, including volunteer schedules to clean the churches, linens & vestments. Maintains inventory and orders all needed liturgical supplies.

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@charlestandioocese.org.

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@charlestandioocese.org



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!

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Tomorrow, June 24 is the birthday of St. John the Baptist. The Church bases this date on Scripture - find those passages and talk about them. In Gal. 4, St. Paul uses the phrase 'in the fullness of time' ... God works within time with precision. Share with your children how God has worked in your life - just what was needed at just the right time. (This is something worth reflecting upon all year.) Find John the Baptist in the windows in both our churches. In the picture here, John is dressed as described in Mt. 3, the words on with banner come from John 1, and at his feet you can see the silver platter (Mt 14) a blood-stained towel. Enjoy learning about John the Baptist this week.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡TEN CORAJE! ¡SER ALENTADO!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Es un hecho que muchos de nosotros tenemos familiares o amigos que luchan contra la atracción hacia el mismo sexo. Como he dicho antes, debemos amarlos, orar por ellos y decirles con amor la verdad. Es fundamental entonces que todos nosotros estemos conscientes de los ministerios de Courage International.

Courage International fue fundada por el Padre John F. Harvey, OSFS, (1918-2010). En sus treinta años de ministerio en el apostolado Courage, el Padre recibió mucha resistencia dentro de algunas diócesis a la promoción de una enseñanza católica clara sobre la castidad y la homosexualidad. Sin embargo, persistió fielmente en la misión que le encomendó el cardenal Terence Cooke. A través de mucha oración, trabajo duro, sacrificio y el apoyo de los fieles, el apostolado Courage, a pesar de la oposición en muchos sectores, creció hasta convertirse en un ministerio internacional bajo el mando y liderazgo del P. Harvey.

Courage International es entonces un apostolado que busca ayudar a hombres y mujeres que experimentan atracción hacia el mismo sexo y que han asumido el compromiso de luchar por la castidad. Están inspirados en el llamado del Evangelio a la santidad y las hermosas enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica sobre la bondad y el propósito inherente de la sexualidad humana.

A través del apostolado, las personas que experimentan atracción hacia el mismo sexo reciben apoyo pastoral en forma de guía espiritual, apoyo de oración comunitaria y compañerismo. Para obtener más información sobre un Capítulo Courage cerca de usted, comuníquese con el Padre John Zimmerman al 843-610-1321 o en jjzimmerman@charlestandiocese.org

Dentro de Courage International, también existe otro apostolado llamado EnCourage. Los miembros de EnCourage son padres, cónyuges, hermanos y amigos de personas que se identifican como LGBTQ. Buscan ayuda para mantener la fe y mantener intactos sus lazos familiares.

Los miembros de EnCourage trabajan juntos para comprender las experiencias de sus seres queridos y responderles con compasión. Saben que es posible expresar amor por alguien incluso si no podemos apoyar todas sus decisiones o acciones. Encuentran guía espiritual para crecer en su relación con Cristo y apoyo comunitario de otros miembros que les ayuda a recordar que no están solos en este camino. Para obtener más información sobre cómo ponerse en

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO EN LA SEGUNDA COLUMNA DE ESTA PÁGINA

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 23 de Junio AL 30 DE JUNIO 2024

Domingo: Job 38, 1. 8-11 Sal 106, 23-26. 28-31

2 Cor 5, 14-17 Mc 4, 35-41

Lunes: Is 49, 1-6 Sal 138, 1-3. 13-15

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Reciban nuestra gratitud, cariño y oración a Dios para que recompense tanto bien compartido. Dios les bendiga.

Hermanas: Martha y Ana Gema, hcjs.

contacto con un Capítulo de EnCourage, comuníquese con el Diácono Peter Tonon, en foster@rcdoc.org

Al hablar de los hombres y mujeres que participan en el apostolado de Courage International, el cardenal Robert Sarah escribió: "Estos hombres y mujeres dan testimonio del poder de la gracia, la nobleza y la resistencia del corazón humano".

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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@charlestdiocese.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)

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

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Formación y Preparación para adultos que necesiten recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Inicia el martes 20 de Agosto, 2024 a las 7:00PM, en Smith Hall. Para registrarse y más información acudir con Omar Cardona, o Equipo de RICA. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad, como oportunidad de profundizar en nuestra Fe y Doctrina Católica.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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Esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25. Todas las inscripciones estarán en línea a partir del 1 de julio.

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- 23 de junio - No habrá ministerio juvenil dominical
- 28 de junio - Noche de trivia de la escuela secundaria a las 7:00PM en Bosco con el seminarista Marc D'Angelo
- 30 de junio - ¡Noche de juegos para escuelas intermedias y secundarias! Únase a nosotros para jugar todo tipo de juegos de mesa. 6:15 a 8:15PM
- 7 de julio - No hay noche para jóvenes

ANUNCIO DE AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO



La Eucaristía es la fiesta de bodas de Jesús y estamos invitados. "Bienaventurados los llamados a la cena del Cordero." Edward Sri explica: "estas palabras están tomadas de un momento culminante en el libro del Apocalipsis y, de hecho, en toda la Biblia (Apocalipsis 19,9)." La escena se desarrolla mientras la gran multitud en el cielo canta junta las alabanzas del Señor. Sri continúa: "Y el ángel le indica a Juan que escriba: 'Bienaventurados los que están invitados a la cena de las bodas del Cordero' (Apocalipsis 19,9). ¿Qué es la cena festiva del Cordero? Es la Cena del Señor, la Eucaristía... El Esposo-Cordero es Jesús, y la Esposa nos representa a nosotros, la Iglesia, con quien Jesús viene a casarse... Cuando escuchas esas palabras en la Misa, ¿te das cuenta de que estás recibiendo una invitación de boda? Estás siendo llamado a participar en la fiesta de bodas de Jesús y su Iglesia" (De USCCB eucharisticrevival.org; citas de *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* de Edward Sri).



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 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 religión secundaria
- Maestro de matemáticas de secundaria
- Maestro de "English-Language Arts" 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.



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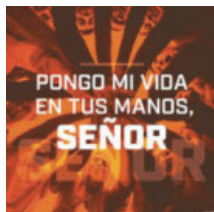
Hna. Ana Gema y Hna. Martha regresarán a su Casa Madre en Guadalajara, México, a finales de junio de 2024.

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

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

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



EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 23 de junio		
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
2:30PM	Despedida a nuestras Hermanas Misioneras	Santa Angela
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Lunes, 24 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, 25 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel
Miércoles, 26 de junio		
8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
Jueves, 27 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua
Viernes, 28 de junio		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
Sábado, 29 de junio		
8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Domingo, 30 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

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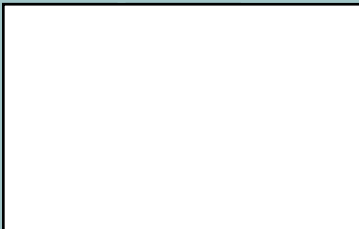
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