

# ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

# 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.

### CONTACT US

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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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

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)

### 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](http://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:  
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

## TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Aug 18	\$ 15,241
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Aug 18	\$ 14,078
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 2,020,200.00</b>

### 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](http://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.

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Paragraphs 2239-2240 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church state: It is the *duty of citizens* to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society...Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community. Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country.

To check your voter registration status go to:

<https://vrem.scvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login>

To register to vote go to:

<https://vrem.scvotes.sc.gov/OVR/Start>

Online registration deadline: Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

Register by mail deadline: Must be postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024

In person registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

### GIFT SHOP REOPENS

The Gift Shop will reopen next weekend, September 7 - 8. We will be open after **ALL** Masses. Deacon Bob Pierce will be signing copies of his book after all Masses. Please stop by to purchase one and talk to Deacon Bob. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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### FAMILY HONOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Family Honor* is a non-profit organization that presents parent-teen and parent-only programs on chastity, family communication, and Theology of the Body. They also provide half-day seminars and weekend continuing education courses and develop resources for parents and ministry leaders. *Family Honor* was created in 1988 in South Carolina by parents who envisioned something better for their children in the area of sex education other than the negative and harmful approach the current culture was offering. For over 30 years, *Family Honor* has provided a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.

We are pleased to be offering a very special family program at St. Mary Help of Christians this fall. The program is called "Changes and Challenges" and it's for parents along with their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Grade son or daughter.

"Changes and Challenges" is an introduction to puberty program. Their programs give a unique opportunity for parents and children to learn to communicate more effectively on important life values, with a special focus on the virtue of chastity.

"Changes and Challenges" will be presented at St. Mary's Catholic School as follows:

**Session 1:** Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00PM (Parents only) This session will give some basics on child development stages and the virtue of chastity and will help parents focus and plan for the needs of their children at this stage. It also gives an overview of Session 2.

**Session 2:** Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00PM (Parents with their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Grader) This session will feature a skit on virtue, a video on fetal development, slides on fertility appreciation (including simple drawings of the male and female reproductive system) and a presentation on developing the "whole person" (spiritually, physically, intellectually, creatively, and emotionally).

We chose *Family Honor* to present a program here because they believe that parents are the first and best teachers of your children, and they want to serve parents by helping to build and enhance bridges of communication between them and their children. A recent parent shared, "(This program) gave me a chance to talk with my daughter about her sexuality in an age-appropriate way."

There are lots of activities pulling families in many directions, but this is an experience that families look

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## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar flowers for August 25 were donated in loving memory of Helen Boyce by her friend, June



### 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?

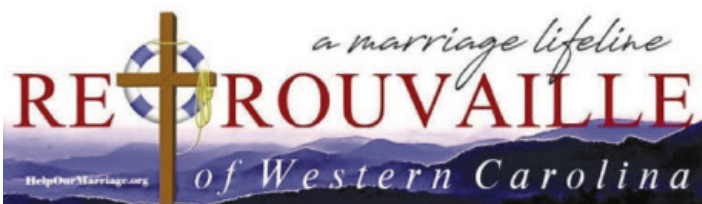
Jesus is ready to pour out His blessings on you in the chapel! We have great need for adorers on **Mon. at 2 AM (Sun. night), Wed. at 1:00PM, and Thurs. at 2AM (Wed. night)**. If you would like to try one of these or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, 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, September 8 3:00 – 4:00PM in the church  
Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Paul Gaynor,  
Altar Server Ministry Coordinator,  
at [paulvjg324@gmail.com](mailto:paulvjg324@gmail.com) or 908.692.9547



**Bill and Lyn Folsom**

**Registration 727-343-6701**

North Carolina, South Carolina and Eastern Tennessee

For more information on the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend in the Charlotte area on Sept. 27-29<sup>th</sup> contact: [www.Helpourmarriage.org](http://www.Helpourmarriage.org)

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back on years later and say, “Wow - that really made a difference!” This is a chance to invest in one of your most precious assets - your child.

To register for this program, please visit our website at: <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org> May all of us continue to pray for the families of our parish.

St. Mary Help of Christians....pray for us!

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 25 – SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday, August 25 readings begin on page 640 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

<b>Sunday:</b> Jos 24:1-2a, 15-18b Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32	Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 Jn 6:60-69
<b>Monday:</b> 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Mt 23:13-22	Ps 96:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b> 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26	Ps 96:10-13
<b>Wednesday:</b> 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32	
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Cor 1:1-9 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25	Ps 145:2-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Mt 25:1-13	
<b>Saturday:</b> 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30	Ps 33:12-13, 18-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 2:1-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Ps 15:2-5 1a

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### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, August 25

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM Edward G.

Bittner

1:00PM Darleen

Shephard

5:00PM Phyllis Ann

Bennett

#### Monday, August 26

5:30PM Gruszczyka &

Lepianka families (L) & (D)

#### Tuesday, August 27

5:30PM Frieda Walker

#### Wednesday, August 28

8:20AM Vinny Perrino

5:30PM Negrete-Viera

Family (L)

#### Thursday, August 29

5:30PM Jay Carey

#### Friday, August 30

5:30PM Susan Sadowski

#### Saturday, August 31

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

5:00PM Dick Griffis

Robert (Bob) Sullivan

William J. Featherston

George Lyons

Genevieve Lyons

#### Sunday, September 1

8:30AM Anna Hewitt

11:00AM Pro Populo

1:00PM Juan Pinacho Ruiz

5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett

Pro Populo - For the People

### DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

August 11 Edmund Biancarelli

### STEPHEN MINISTRY



Are you going through a difficult time? Do you wish you had someone to talk to? St. Mary's has trained Stephen Ministers - women and men - who are here to help. A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain peace and joy. Leaflets are in the back of church with more information about Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

## 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, September 15, 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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

**NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)**  
**Sept. 7, 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 OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Do you have a friend who is interested in the faith? Invite him or her to attend, and you can come, too. This coming Tuesday we'll be learning about prayer and the Sacraments. Tuesday evenings 6:00 - 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St. SE). If you are interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org).

### CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE  
[JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG)  
803.215.7040

### FORMATION

Please register your children for the 24/25 school year. All registrations will be online. <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>  
You register all children grades 4K-8 on this form.

**FORMATION Classes (CCD) begin on Sept. 8, 2024**  
Reminder to parents of those children who wish to receive the **sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation** this year. Two years of formation are required in order for them to be prepared. Children must attend St. Mary's School or Formation (CCD). (If home schooled you must use an approved Catholic home school program for all their school work.)  
First Communion students are generally in second grade, Confirmation students in eighth grade. Please contact Mrs. LaBone if your child is in another grade and wishes to receive a sacrament.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**August 25**—First Middle School Night of 24/25 (GRADES 5-8) OLYMPIC NIGHT, come ready to participate in all kinds of Olympic games! 6:15-8PM in the Bosco Center. Bring or wear clothes that can get wet. Dinner is served as part of the night.

**Sept. 1** – No Youth Ministry, Labor Day Holiday  
**Sept. 8** – LIFE Teen Begins a new year! Join us!  
6:16-8:00PM in the Bosco Center.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, August 25

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

### Monday, August 26

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

### Tuesday, August 27

3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Mother Teresa Hall

### Wednesday, August 28

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

### Thursday, August 29

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

### Friday, August 30

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

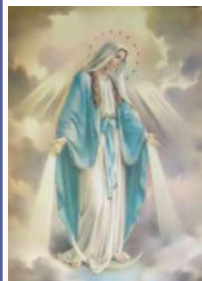
### Saturday, August 31

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

### Sunday, September 1

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

### LEGION OF MARY



September 10 is the birthday of Our Blessed Mother. The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to attend a party in her honor to enjoy both care and fellowship on this special occasion.

Tuesday, September 10  
After 5:30PM Mass  
Smith Hall

We would love to have you join us!

**IT'S CLOSE TO RENEWAL TIME** for FORMED. Please consider a donation to help pay for this fabulous resource. Write FORMED on an envelope with a donation and put it in the Sunday basket.

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A 15-week grief support program will begin **Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024**. We use the GriefShare program, a special, lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief ([www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)).

Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings. The meetings are held **3:30 – 5:00PM on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE)**.

Sept. 10 - Loss of Spouse (For those who have experienced the death of a spouse).

Sept. 17, the regular 13-week GriefShare program begins

Nov. 12, a one-time session on Surviving the Holidays

The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at [kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org) for additional information and to register.

### SUNDAY CAFE TO RESUME 9/8!

All are welcome to join us for Sunday Cafe, an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith and socialize with our parish family. While enjoying refreshments, we watch videos of professional speakers and finish with table discussions. This Fall Session we will study the Bible with Jeff Cavins, the Protestant Reformation with Trent Horn, and also the roots of the Mass with several speakers. No materials necessary, and outlines and discussion questions are provided. Cafe is held in Mother Theresa Hall 9:45-10:45AM, between the Sunday Masses. The Fall schedule can be found on the parish website at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/sunday-morning-adult-education>. For more information, please contact Jane Tillman at [tillman3js@live.com](mailto:tillman3js@live.com) or 410.241.0647

### PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Save the date! St. Mary's will host our parish picnic on the parish campus, Sun., Oct. 13 from 12:30-3:30PM. The event will include free food, live music, opportunities to connect with fellow parishioners, and tours of our newly completed STEM Center.

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day**



## ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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Mr. Matthew Kuhn, Interim Principal  
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092  
www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

### FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Plan to attend our Changes and Challenges program. This program will help you and your child prepare for the changes and the challenges that your emerging teen will face. Parents only Sept. 17, parent with child Sept. 24 You can find more information here: <https://familyhonor.org/program-descriptions/>

### THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



From Mother Angelica: "The Eucharist bridges the gap between fallen humanity and redeemed humanity and prepares us for our glorified humanity in Christ's second coming. We are in a process of deification through the Eucharistic life. This process is one of healing from fallen nature (sin) to redeemed nature (sanctity) to glorified nature (transforming union with God: beatific vision). The Holy Spirit is the key agent in the process of transformation in Christ."



**She Shall Be Called Woman** is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith September 18. 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall All women are welcome! For more information, email [www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com](http://www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com), contact Alisa Hamrick 803.270.2503 or scan the QR code to register



### ST. MONICA FEAST DAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine on her deathbed: "Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you may be."

### WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We look forward to beginning our 19<sup>th</sup> year of studying scripture on Wednesday, September 11 9:30 to 11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. We'll continue studying the catholic letters with 2 Peter, chapter 1 being our first week's lesson. If you have questions, Call Martha, 895-599-8473 or [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)

### ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS

When the Israelites proceeded into battle without the Ark of the Covenant before them, their battles were always lost. But, when the Ark was before them, victory was with them!

Today, be armed with the New Ark [Mary] in our daily spiritual battles. Mary, the new tabernacle/vessel, containing the True presence of God, her Son. Go forth every day empowered by God with the intercession of His Mother in the "Hail Mary".

Rosary Makers Ministry meets every 3rd Monday of the month in Mother Theresa Hall, 1PM. Please come, participate in prayer, support, fellowship, and learning. It's a wonderful ministry that can save a soul! Contact Doug McGuinness at [dpmcg871@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcg871@gmail.com)

### LOOKING AHEAD

**September 25** at 5:30PM – Attorney General Alan Wilson will speak on human trafficking, drug use, and other such challenges we face in South Carolina in St. Angela Hall

**October 16** at 5:30PM – Fr. Timothy Reid from St. Ann's in Charlotte will speak on Prayer from a Carmelite Perspective in Mother Teresa Hall

**November 2** at 6:30PM – Sr. Roberta Fulton will speak on "The Holy Eucharist, The Nourishment That We Need" in Mother Teresa Hall (Sponsored by our parish group, Sankofa)

For more information on these events contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org)

### DAY TRIP TO MILLEDGEVILLE

Southern Catholic author Flannery O'Connor is the subject of the recently released movie Wildcat. Plan to join our parish day-trip to Milledgeville, GA, to tour Andalusia (Flannery O'Connor's home), Sacred Heart Church (her church), her burial site, and more.

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. For more information go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-50245896-daytrip#/> or contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org)

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

### FAMILY HONOR

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Family Honor es una organización sin fines de lucro que presenta programas para padres, adolescentes y solo para padres sobre castidad, comunicación familiar y Teología del Cuerpo. También ofrecen seminarios de medio día y cursos de educación continua de fin de semana y desarrollan recursos para padres y líderes ministeriales. Family Honor fue creado en 1988 en Carolina del Sur por padres que visualizaron algo mejor para sus hijos en el área de la educación sexual, distinto al enfoque negativo y dañino que ofrecía la cultura actual. Durante más de 30 años, Family Honor ha proporcionado un marco católico sobre la verdad y el significado de la sexualidad, el amor y la familia.

Nos complace ofrecer un programa familiar muy especial en St. Mary Help of Christians este otoño. El programa se llama "Cambios y Retos" y está dirigido a padres de familia con su hijo o hija de 5to o 6to grado.

"Cambios y desafíos" es un programa de "introducción a la pubertad". Sus programas brindan una oportunidad única para que padres e hijos aprendan a comunicarse de manera más efectiva sobre valores importantes de la vida, con un enfoque especial en la virtud de la castidad.

"Cambios y desafíos" se presentarán en la Escuela Católica St. Mary de la siguiente manera:

**Sesión 1:** Miércoles 17 de septiembre 7:00-9:00 pm (solo padres) Esta sesión brindará algunos conceptos básicos sobre las etapas del desarrollo infantil y la virtud de la castidad y ayudará a los padres a concentrarse y planificar las necesidades de sus hijos en esta etapa.

**Sesión 2:** Miércoles, 24 de septiembre 7:00-9:00 pm (Padres con su hijo de 5.º o 6.º grado) Esta sesión incluirá una obra de teatro sobre la virtud, un video sobre el desarrollo fetal, diapositivas sobre la apreciación de la fertilidad (incluidos dibujos del sistema reproductivo masculino y femenino) y una presentación sobre el desarrollo de la "persona integral" (espiritual, física, intelectual, creativa y emocional).

Elegimos Family Honor para presentar un programa aquí porque ellos creen que los padres son los primeros y mejores maestros de sus hijos y quieren servir a los padres ayudándolos a construir y mejorar puentes de comunicación entre ellos y sus hijos.

Para registrarse en este programa, visite nuestro sitio web en: <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org> Que todos sigamos orando por las familias de nuestra parroquia.

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Page 7 Padre Wilson

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

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### HOMILÍAS DOMINICALES EN LÍNEA

Las reproducciones en audio de todas las homilías del fin de semana están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia. Vaya al sitio web de Santa Maria en [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org). Desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página de inicio y haga clic en "Listen to homilies."

### 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

### LA TIENDA DE REGALOS

La tienda de regalos volverá a abrir el fin de semana del 7 y 8 de septiembre. Abriremos después de TODAS las misas. El diácono Bob Pierce firmará copias de su libro después de todas las misas. Ven a comprar una copia de su libro y habla con el diácono Bob. ¡Esperamos verte pronto!

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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 8 & 15 de septiembre.** 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@charlestandioocese.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.

### 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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)*

### PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

**14 de septiembre 2024 a las 11:00AM**

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

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

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

### RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Formación y Preparación para adultos que necesitan recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Inicia el martes 20 de Agosto, 2024; a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. 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. <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

**Las clases de FORMACIÓN (CCD) comienzan el 8 de septiembre de 2024**

**25 de Agosto** - Primera noche de escuela secundaria del 24/25

**1 de septiembre** - No Habrá ministerio vespertino. Feriado del Día del Trabajo

**8 de septiembre**—LIFE Teen comienza un nuevo año. ¡Únete a nosotros! 6:15–8PM

Recordatorio a aquellos padres de los niños que desean recibir el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o Confirmación este año. Se requieren dos años de formación para que estén preparados. Los niños deben asistir a la Escuela o Formación St. Mary's (CCD). (Si recibe educación en el hogar, debe utilizar un programa católico de educación en el hogar aprobado para todo su trabajo escolar).

Los estudiantes de Primera Comunión generalmente están en segundo grado, los estudiantes de Confirmación en octavo grado. Comuníquese con la Sra. LaBone si su hijo está en otro grado y desea recibir un sacramento.



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#### REQUERIDO ENTRENAMIENTO DE MONAGUILLOS

Domingo, 8 de septiembre, 3:00–4:00PM  
en la iglesia

¿Preguntas? Por favor contacta Paul Gaynor,  
a 908.692.9547 o paulvig324@gmail.com

#### ¿SE HA INSCRITO PARA VOTAR?

Los católicos estamos moralmente obligados a votar. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en los párrafos #2239-2240 afirma: Deber de los ciudadanos es cooperar con la autoridad civil al bien de la sociedad...La sumisión a las autoridades legítimas y el servicio del bien común exigen de los ciudadanos que cumplan con su responsabilidad en la vida de la comunidad política. La sumisión a la autoridad y la corresponsabilidad en el bien común exigen moralmente el pago de los impuestos, el ejercicio del derecho al voto, la defensa del país...

Para comprobar el estado de su censo electoral vaya a:  
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Para inscribirse para votar en:

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Plazo de inscripción en línea: domingo, el 6 de octubre

Plazo de inscripción por correo: Debe llevar matasellos del lunes, el 7 de octubre

Plazo de inscripción en persona: viernes, el 4 de octubre

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#### EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

##### Domingo, 25 de agosto

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

##### Lunes, 26 de agosto

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

##### Martes, 27 de agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Smith Hall

##### Miércoles, 28 de agosto

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

##### Jueves, 29 de Agosto

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

##### Viernes, 30 de agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith Hall

##### Sábado, 31 de agosto

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
8:00AM	Ministros Disipolos	San Angela
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de vigilia	Iglesia

##### Domingo, 1 de septiembre

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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