

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

# 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](http://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 25, 2024

**ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY** Aug 25 \$ 32,486.00  
**ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR** Aug 25 \$ 11,776.00  
**TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET** \$ 2,020,200.00

### 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](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.

### PLEASE REGISTER 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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### SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this our students at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School will be entering into their fourth week of school. Time is flying by! We had an Open House on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and many parents came by with their children to show them their classrooms and meet their teachers. It was a day filled with excitement and anticipation.

The first day of school was Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> and the schoolyard was filled with proud parents and enthusiastic students. It was uplifting to see the joy and spirit of our students. And...our enrollment this year is at 236, up twenty from last year!

After greeting the parents, students and teachers, our Interim Principal, Mr. Kuhn, led them all in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Following that, I opened the school year with some special prayers to invoke our Lord's blessing on the students, teachers and the upcoming school year. Following those prayers, Mr. Kuhn led me through the school, and I blessed each classroom and the students and teachers with Holy Water.

And, if you have driven by our school lately you can see that we are nearing completion of the STEM Center! The exterior is essentially complete. We have installed a beautiful Celtic Cross in the courtyard between the connector and York Street. The security fencing will soon be installed and tied into the existing campus. Landscaping will be completed in early September.

The main focus going forward will be on completing the interior. The tile work and flooring are in progress. Security and communication systems are being installed and integrated with the existing campus. The elevator and auditorium seating will be installed by mid-September. The new classroom furniture will be delivered the week of September 23rd. We expect the contractor to be totally finished by the first week in October. Overall costs remain within the original estimate.

Our parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday afternoon October 13th. We plan to have tours of the STEM Center that day. I hope you can join us and experience this wonderful addition to our parish school. We are, without a doubt, entering a new era at St. Mary's School! Again, thanks so much for all your generous support and prayers.

St. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us!


All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

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

**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

**LECTOR MEETING**

All Lectors are invited to attend a special meeting on **Sunday, September 15 in the church on Fairfield Street – 9:45 to 10:30AM** (Immediately after 8:30AM Mass)

Purpose: To discuss upcoming changes that need to be made to the lector schedule starting in October due to the discontinuation of the 5:00PM Sunday Mass. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

**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

**PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

Make plans to attend St. Mary's parish picnic on the parish campus, Sunday, 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.

**READINGS FOR – SEPTEMBER 1– 8, 2024**

Sunday, September 1 readings begin on page 644 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

<b>Sunday:</b> Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Ps 15:2-5 1a Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Ps 119:97-102
<b>Monday:</b> 1 Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30	Ps 145:8-14
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Lk 4:31-37	Ps 33:12-15, 20-21
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44	Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11	Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40
<b>Friday:</b> 1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39	Ps 145:17-21
<b>Saturday:</b> 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5	Ps 146:7-10
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5	Mk 7:31-37

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**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 1</b> 8:30AM Anna Hewitt 11:00AM Pro Populo 1:00PM Juan Pinacho Ruiz 5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett	<b>Friday, Sept. 6</b> 5:30PM Alexander Bellotti
<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b> 9:00AM Terry Aromi	<b>Saturday, Sept. 7</b> 8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Conception to Natural Death 5:00PM Lee Funk Susan Reeve Shultz Mike Roddy Mike D'eNovi Cheryl Lynn Francis
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3</b> 5:30PM Pat Kruse	<b>Sunday, Sept. 8</b> 8:30AM Anna Hewitt 11:00AM Edward Brockman 1:00PM Pro Populo 5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 4</b> 8:20AM Mary & Scott Singer (L) 5:30PM Negrete-Viera Family	Pro Populo - For the People
<b>Thursday, Sept. 5</b> 10:00AM TRINITY Virginia & Gordon Coleman 5:30PM Lillian Seifarth	

**DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:**

August 22 Lucy Distefano Haviland  
August 22 Timothy Anthony Fitzpatrick

**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, at [paulvjg324@gmail.com](mailto:paulvjg324@gmail.com) or 908.692.9547

## 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](mailto: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)

The word Trinity does not appear in scripture - this Tuesday the Trinity is our topic. Come learn about the Three Persons in One God - and bring a friend. All are welcome. **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 September 8, 2024**

*Reminder to those 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

**September 1** - No Youth Ministry, Labor Day Holiday  
**September 8** — LIFE Teen Begins a new year! Join us from 6:16-8:00 PM in the Bosco Center!  
**September 15** — Life Teen

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, September 1

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

### Monday, September 2—Labor Day **Office Closed**

8:15AM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
9:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
5:30PM	<b>NO Mass</b>	

### Tuesday, September 3

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, September 4

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

### Thursday, September 5

10:30AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Church

### Friday, September 6

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

### Saturday, September 7

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

### Sunday, September 8

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to attend a party in honor of Our Blessed Mother's birthday. Come enjoy fellowship and cake on this special occasion.

Tuesday, Sept. 10 after 5:30PM Mass in Smith Hall

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

A Way of Life...A Way of Love  
99% effective 100% Pro-Life

New Fall Series will be held in Saint Michael's Hall  
Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

**September 4**

**October 2**

**November 6**

Classes are open to all married or engaged couples.  
For more information or to register, please call  
Steve and Kim Platte @ 803.507.4331.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A 15-week grief support program will begin **Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024**. Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage the sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings. The meetings are held **3:30 – 5:00PM on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St., SE)**.

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

September 17, the regular 13-week GriefShare program begins

November 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. For additional information and to register please contact Karen Van Deren at [kvanderen@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:kvanderen@charlestdiocese.org)

### SUNDAY CAFÉ RETURNS SEPTEMBER 8!

All are welcome to join us for Sunday Café, 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. We meet in Mother Teresa 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



## ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Your prayers are requested for our students and staff to have a fruitful year ahead. To kick off the new school year, we have compiled a teachers' wish list comprised of items that will enhance the learning experience for our parish school students. To donate an item, please visit this website <https://a.co/7gh2tDJ> or scan the QR code. Please fill out the gift message box and choose our registry address at checkout to have the item shipped directly to school! Thank you for supporting our teachers!

### FAMILY HONOR

Parents of ALL parish and SMS 5th and 6th graders! Plan to attend the Family Honor - 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/>



**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



### FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP CRAFT DAY

**September 3 10AM IN SMITH HALL**

Join other homeschoolers of St. Mary Help of Christians on the first Tuesday of each month for a time of crafting together. This month, we will be making a 7 Sorrows of Mary mobile in preparation for her feast day on September 15th. Questions? Contact Stephanie Lee at 803.634.3171.

### 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)

### HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

### ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA ESCUELA

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Al leer esto, nuestros estudiantes de la escuela católica St. Mary Help of Christians estarán entrando en su cuarta semana de clases. ¡El tiempo vuela! Tuvimos una jornada de puertas abiertas el viernes 9 de agosto y muchos padres vinieron con sus hijos para mostrarles sus aulas y conocer a sus maestros. Fue un día lleno de emoción y anticipación.

El primer día de clases fue el lunes 12 de agosto y el patio de la escuela estaba lleno de orgullosos padres y estudiantes entusiastas. Fue alentador ver la alegría y el espíritu de nuestros estudiantes. Y... ¡nuestra matrícula este año es de 236, veinte más que el año pasado!

Después de saludar a los padres, estudiantes y maestros, nuestro director interino, el Sr. Kuhn, los dirigió a todos en el Juramento a la Bandera. Después de eso, inauguré el año escolar con algunas oraciones especiales para invocar la bendición de nuestro Señor sobre los estudiantes, maestros y el próximo año escolar. Después de esas oraciones, el Sr. Kuhn me guió por la escuela y bendijo cada aula, a los estudiantes y maestros con agua bendita.

Y, si ha pasado por nuestra escuela últimamente, puede ver que estamos a punto de completar el Centro STEM. El exterior está prácticamente completo. Hemos instalado una hermosa cruz celta en el patio entre el conector y York Street. Pronto se instalará la cerca de seguridad y se conectará al campus existente. Los jardines se completarán a principios de septiembre.

El enfoque principal es completar el interior. El trabajo de mosaicos y pisos está en progreso. Se están instalando sistemas de seguridad y comunicación e integrándolos con el campus existente. El ascensor y los asientos del auditorio se instalarán a mediados de septiembre. El nuevo mobiliario de las aulas se entregará la semana del 23 de septiembre. Esperamos que el contratista haya terminado por completo para la primera semana de octubre. Los costos generales se mantienen dentro del presupuesto original.

Nuestro picnic parroquial está programado para la tarde del domingo 13 de octubre. Planeamos realizar visitas guiadas al Centro STEM ese día. Espero que pueda unirse a nosotros y experimentar esta maravillosa incorporación a nuestra escuela parroquial. Sin duda, estamos entrando en una nueva era en la escuela St. Mary. Nuevamente, muchas gracias por todo su generoso apoyo y oraciones.

¡Santa María Auxiliadora, ruega por nosotros!

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

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### HOMILÍAS DOMINICALES EN LÍNEA

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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

### 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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## SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

### SANTO BAUTISMO

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

### 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

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE  
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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>. Puede registrar a todos los niños de 4K a 8º grado en este formulario.

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

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.

### MINISTERIO JUVENIL

**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

**15 de septiembre** – LIFE Teen



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### ¡BIENVENIDOS AL NUEVO AÑO ESCOLAR!

Pedimos sus oraciones para que nuestros estudiantes y personal tengan un año fructífero por delante. Para dar inicio al nuevo año escolar, hemos compilado una lista de deseos para maestros que incluye artículos que mejorarán la experiencia de aprendizaje de los estudiantes de nuestra escuela parroquial. Para donar un artículo, visite este sitio web <https://a.co/7gh2tDJ> o escanee el código QR. Complete el cuadro de mensaje de regalo y elija nuestra dirección de registro al finalizar la compra para que el artículo se envíe directamente a la escuela. ¡Gracias por apoyar a nuestros maestros!

### PROGRAMA FAMILY HONOR

¡Padres de alumnos de 5.º y 6.º grado! Planeen asistir a nuestro programa *Cambios y Desafíos*. Este programa los ayudará a usted y a su hijo a prepararse para los cambios y los desafíos que enfrentará su hijo adolescente. Reunión solo para padres el 17 de septiembre, reunión para padres con niños el 24 de septiembre. Puede encontrar más información aquí: <https://familyhonor.org/program-descriptions/>

### ¿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

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### 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

### Lunes, 2 de septiembre -Día del Trabajo

8:15AM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
9:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No Hay Misa	
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

### Martes, 3 de septiembre

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

### Miércoles, 4 de septiembre

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

### Jueves, 5 de septiembre

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

### Viernes, 6 de septiembre

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

### Sábado, 7 de septiembre

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

### Domingo, 8 de septiembre

9:00AM	Preparación Bautismal	Smith Hall
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	San Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

### 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

### KERMES

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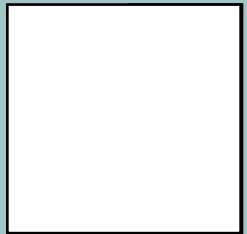
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