

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
OCTOBER 6, 2024  
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I CAME SO THAT  
THEY MIGHT HAVE

**LIFE**

*Respect Life*

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY 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 Help of Christians 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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### 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 - 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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Sep 22	\$ 15,975.
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Sep 22	\$ 11,396.
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 2,020,200.</b>

**NOTE:** Due to Hurricane Helene financial updates for **September 29** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

## 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.

### PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCT. 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.

#### Mass Schedule for October 12 & 13

**5:00PM Saturday**, October 12 – Vigil Mass in English

**8:30AM Sunday**, October 13 – Mass in English

**11:00AM Sunday**, October 13 – Bilingual Mass

All Masses will be celebrated in the new church on Fairfield Street.

### 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!

*"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change."*

*St. Teresa of Avila*

## PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

### A TIME FOR HEALING

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this letter, we are still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. On Friday morning after the hurricane winds/mini tornadoes came through, I met a man who had spent all of his seventy-some years living in Aiken. He said that that this was the worst he had seen in his lifetime. It certainly is the worst devastation that I have seen in my entire life. It is like the aftermath of a horrific battle, but without the huge loss of life.

And yet, it is much, much worse in many parts of the country! The death toll from Helene stands at about 100. Much of the gulf coast of Florida, southern Georgia and Asheville are totally destroyed. As bad as we might think we have it, it is so much worse in many parts of our nation.

Yet there always is hope for the people of God. As I went out to check the churches and our school this morning, I discovered that we now have power at the new church and at the school. Many subdivisions now have power restored and grocery stores and gas stations are coming back into service.

As I reflect upon our current difficulties, I am reminded of the first reading from Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the first day after the storm hit us:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

(Eccl 3:1-8)

These words of wisdom cover every possible human circumstance. Now we are in a time of weeping and mourning. But soon, we will be in a time of healing, laughing, rebuilding and planting. As we cling to our Lord, He is every faithful to provide for us.

May we remember and help those among us who are disadvantaged, homebound, or need special assistance. May we pause, reflect and give thanks for all of God's blessings. May we cling to God, to His mother and to His Church!

All the best...in Christ,  
Father Wilson



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL**

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Jesus is ready to pour out His blessings on you in the chapel! Can you help? **We have an urgent need for an adorer on Tuesday at 4AM.** If you would like to try this 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

**ON THE MASS**

**The First Reading** is usually from the Old Testament. Sometimes the Old Testament stories are read through over several weeks, and sometimes they ‘match’ the other readings. Did you know that during some of the year we do *not* read from the Old Testament (except for the psalms)? During the Easter season (Easter Sunday through Pentecost), the first reading is generally from the Book of Acts. Interestingly, the Vigil of Pentecost has Old Testament readings, but on Pentecost Sunday the reading is from Acts. It is helpful to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading through the readings before you come. Think about why these particular readings would have been paired up. Perhaps read the entire chapter rather than just the lectionary selection. With very few exceptions, every Latin Rite Catholic in the world hears these very same readings. Preparing for Mass thusly can help you enter more deeply into our beautiful Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**

Will meet **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in Old St. Mary’s.** Join other Catholic women who, like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the Faith.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** is back up and running; we are in the middle of Luke, but you can still join us! Thursdays at 11:15 - 12:30 in Smith Hall. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestondiocese.org)

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 6–October 13, 2024**

Sunday, October 6 readings begin on page 664 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

<b>Sunday:</b> Gn 2:18-24 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12	Ps 128:1-6	Heb 2:9-11
<b>Monday:</b> Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37	Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9 and 10c	
<b>Tuesday:</b> Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42	Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15	
<b>Wednesday:</b> Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4	Ps 117:1bc, 2	
<b>Thursday:</b> Gal 3:1-5	Lk 1:69-75	Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b> Gal 3:7-14	Ps 111:1b-6	Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b> Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28	Ps 105:2-7	
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13	Ps 90:12-17	Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 6</b> 8:30AM Ruth Rodgers 11:00AM Jerry & Heather Carroll (L) 1:00PM Pro Populo	<b>Friday, Oct. 11</b> 5:30PM Salvadore A. Giardina
<b>Monday, Oct. 7</b> 5:30PM Jerry & Heather Carroll (L)	<b>Saturday, Oct. 12</b> 8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Conception to Natural Death 5:00PM Patrick Flavin (L) Laurie More (L) Jerry & Heather Carroll (L) Anna Hewitt Kathleen Kelly Jim Bean
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b> 5:30PM Brad Funk	<b>Sunday, Oct. 13</b> 8:30AM Cindy Starr 11:00AM James Zaremba 1:00PM Pro Populo
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 9</b> 8:20AM Lawrence Frelin 7:00PM Cristobal Casillas	
<b>Thursday, Oct. 10</b> 10:00AM CUMBERLAND Fr. Richard C. Wilson (L) 5:30PM William V. Hegedusich	

Pro Populo - For the People

**DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:**

Sept. 21 - Kathleen Wallis  
Sept. 22 - Phyllis Craig  
Sept. 24 - James Robert Hunter

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**DAILY MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED  
OCTOBER 14 THRU OCTOBER 17  
ALL DIOCESAN PRIESTS WILL BE ON RETREAT**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Are once again making a limited number of outdoor nativity displays. They will be available for sale after all Masses beginning November 9 for \$49.99 until gone. If you would like to reserve a display now, please sign up at the table in front of the Gift Shop. Thank you!



## 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, November 17, 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@charlestdiocese.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)

**Nov. 2, 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)

This week's topic: The Holy Spirit. In the creed we profess that the Holy Spirit is the Lord, giver of life. Come learn about the Holy Spirit this Tuesday at OCIA. All are welcome - and bring a friend! 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@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org).

### CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### FORMATION

October 6 – No Sunday Classes–Fall Break  
October 7– No Monday Evening Classes–Fall Break  
October 20 – Teaching Touching Safety lessons in all classes

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Oct. 6 – No Evening Youth Ministry – Fall Break  
Oct. 13 – No Evening Youth Ministry – Please attend our Parish Picnic today.  
Oct. 20 – Life Teen

**October 20–Parent and Teen Confirmation Meeting, St. Angela Hall (gym) 7– 8:15PM**

### Save the Date: Sunday, October 27

4- 5PM – Sainly Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot of the Bosco Center

5-6:30PM– Middle School Halloween Night

### COOKIES FOR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a three-day non-denominational short course in Christianity that is a spin-off of Catholic Cursillo. We will bring Christ's love and forgiveness to 42 men at Broad River Correctional institution (BRCI) on October 16 through 20. We distribute cookies to each resident of the Broad River Correctional Institution October 16–20. to show them Christ's love. If you would like to bake cookies or buy some for Kairos, please call Don Trapp at 803.979.0966. (No nuts or coconut, please.)

**Please have your contribution to Don by noon on Wednesday, October 16.**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, October 6

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

### Monday, October 7

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, October 8

8:30AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa Hall
1:00PM	Cards for Christ	Mother Teresa Hall
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa Hall
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, October 9

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

### Thursday, October 10

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

### Friday, October 11

6:00AM	That Man Is You	Mother Teresa Hall
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

### Saturday, October 12

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
9:00AM	Secular Franciscans	Mother Teresa Hall
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### Sunday, October 13

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Bi-Lingual Mass	Church

**1:00PM No Mass**

**12:30PM–3:00PM**

**PARISH PICNIC**

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Have you have recently retired? Does your life seem upside down? A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain peace...and joy. St. Mary's has male and female Stephen Ministers here to help. For more information about Stephen Ministry call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

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### PARISH PERKS!

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

### DIVORCE SUPPORT

The holidays can be especially hard if you are dealing with the losses that come with divorce or separation. Plan to attend the webinar *Surviving the Holidays: Strategies for Coping with Divorce During the Holiday Season* on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM, offered by the Catholic Divorce Support group **Journey of Hope**. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org). Sign up for the free webinar here:

<https://journeyofhopeprogramonline.com/pages/event-registration>

### ST. CLAIRE CHAPEL UPDATE

We were remiss in mentioning that the St. Clare of Assisi Franciscan Fraternity initiated the project and provided the financial support for both the refinishing of the chapel doors and also the restoration of the chapel floor in our last bulletin article "A Huge Thank You"! Along with all of the parishioners and staff associated with this project, we are truly appreciative and thankful!

### ROSARY CONGRESS 2024

St. Mary's is once again participating in the Diocesan Rosary Congress. Seven days and nights (Oct. 5-11) of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosaries in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer. St. Mary's is closing the Congress on Friday, October 11. We hope for as many people as possible to offer Adoration and a Rosary every hour from 12 MIDNIGHT to 6:00PM, in a spirit of reparation for life, peace, and the deep healing of our Church. If you are unable to pray your rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, please pray it where you are able. Sign-up sheets are in the chapel. **Please sign up to help us cover every hour!**

### GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open regular hours this weekend (9AM to 1PM on Sunday). Next weekend we will be open after all the Sunday masses including the 1PM Spanish Mass, and on Saturday October 12 after the 5PM Vigil Mass. Please stop by and visit us!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



## 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

### STEM CENTER TOURS AT THE PARISH PICNIC

The STEM Center will be open during the parish picnic Sunday, Oct. 13 from 12:30 to 3:00PM! Don't miss the chance to join us for a tour! We are eager to showcase the results of your contributions of your prayers, time, and treasure!

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**K-8 STEM Teacher** for the 2024-2025 School Year

- Must be certified and/or eligible for SC certification.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants with the following areas of expertise: project-based learning, robotics, coding, engineering, information technology, 3D printing, physical science, and natural science.
- Must be able to manage students of all ages in a hands-on environment, and collaborate with other teachers.
- Responsible for preparing and disassembling labs, and seeking grant opportunities.

Qualified applicant should send a cover letter and resume to [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).



Check out the Celtic Cross pathway at the STEM Center!

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP FORMED!!** It's renewal time. If you have benefited from FORMED, **please consider a donation to pay for this fabulous resource.** Write FORMED on an envelope with a donation and put it in the Sunday offertory basket. FORMED has movies, bible studies, children's material, audio books, etc. Haven't used Formed? Sign up today! [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup), enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians

### FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP CRAFT DAY

On October 1st at 10AM in Mother Theresa Hall join other homeschoolers of St. Mary Help of Christians for a time of crafting together. This month, we will be making a Rosary Abacus in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Questions? Contact Stephanie Lee at 803.634.3171

### LOOKING AHEAD

**October 18 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall** Movie Night. *Fatima* (2020, PG-13)

**November 2** Christmas Craft Day. Come join other parishioners as we make Christmas ornaments with oyster shells. Mother Teresa Hall. Details to follow.

**November 14** 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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org)

### FATHER TIMOTHY REID

Cultivating a deep prayer life is important, but often we don't know where to start. Plan to attend the talk *Prayer from a Carmelite Perspective with Fr. Timothy Reid* from St. Anne's, Charlotte.

**Wednesday, October 16th**  
**5:30PM in Old St. Mary's**

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org)

### COLUMBUS CLUB OKTOBERFEST

**PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE,**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 5:30–10:30PM**

Columbus Club–1037 Spaulding Dr., Aiken  
Menu: Brats, Sauerkraut, homemade warm German Potato Salad, and dessert.

Two (2) FREE draft beer for ages 21+  
(dine-in only)

**or** Two (2) sodas per ticket

Cash Bar: Beer, wine, mixed drinks & soda  
*Oktoberfest Craft Beer available!*

Bar opens at 5:00PM

Entertainment: DJ with great music for dancing!  
TVs available for football enthusiasts!

Make checks payable to the Columbus Club

**Tickets: \$15**

Available from: Craig Burgess – 803.439.0468

Dennis Fraser – 803.507.0066

Mark Szymanski – 803.645.1405

John Kvartek – 803.226.1597

St. Mary's Office – 803.649.4777

Columbus Club – 803.648.3684 (leave a message)

### STEPPING INTO A LARGER WORLD

If you are interested in obtaining copies of Deacon Bob Pierce's book, *Stepping Into a Larger World*, they are available for \$10 each in the St. Mary's Gift Shop and in the Parish Office.

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

### UN TIEMPO PARA SANAR

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Mientras escribo esta carta, todavía nos estamos recuperando de la devastación causada por el huracán Helene. El viernes por la mañana, después de que pasaran los vientos huracanados y los mini tornados, me encontré con un hombre que ha pasado sus setenta y tantos años viviendo en Aiken. Me dijo que esto era lo peor que había visto en su vida. Sin duda, es la peor devastación que he visto en toda mi vida. Es como las secuelas de una batalla horrible, pero sin la enorme pérdida de vidas.

Y, sin embargo, ¡es mucho peor en muchas partes del país! El número de muertos por Helene es de aproximadamente de 100. Gran parte de la costa del golfo de Florida, el sur de Georgia y Asheville están totalmente destruidas. Por muy mal que pensemos que estamos, es mucho peor en muchas otras partes de nuestra nación.

Sin embargo, siempre hay esperanza para el pueblo de Dios. Cuando salí a revisar las iglesias y nuestra escuela esta mañana, descubrí que ahora tenemos electricidad en la iglesia nueva y en la escuela. Muchas subdivisiones ya tienen energía eléctrica restaurada y las tiendas de comestibles y las gasolineras están volviendo a funcionar.

Al reflexionar sobre nuestras dificultades actuales, recuerdo la primera lectura del viernes 27 de septiembre, el primer día después de que nos azotara la tormenta:

"Hay un tiempo para cada cosa y todo lo que hacemos bajo el sol tiene su tiempo. Hay un tiempo para nacer y otro para morir; uno para plantar y otro para arrancar lo plantado. Hay un tiempo para matar y otro para curar; uno para destruir y otro para edificar. Hay un tiempo para llorar y otro para reír; uno para gemir y otro para bailar. Hay un tiempo para lanzar piedras y otro para recogerlas; uno para abrazarse y otro para separarse. Hay un tiempo para ganar y otro para perder; uno para retener y otro para desechar. Hay un tiempo para rasgar y otro para coser; uno para callar y otro para hablar. Hay un tiempo para amar y otro para odiar; uno para hacer la guerra y otro para hacer la paz." (Ecl 3,1-8)

Estas palabras de sabiduría cubren cada posible circunstancia humana. Ahora estamos en un tiempo de llanto y duelo. Pero pronto, estaremos en un tiempo de sanación, risa, reconstrucción y de sembrar. Mientras nos aferremos a nuestro Señor, Él es fiel en proveer para nosotros.

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

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 6 DE OCTUBRE  
COMIENZAN EN LA PAGINA 665 EN EL LIBRO  
"PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

#### DEL 6 DE SEPTIEMBRE AL 13 DE OCTUBRE 2024

**Domingo:** Gn 2, 18-24 Sal 127, 1-6

Heb 2, 9-11 Mc 10, 2-16 o 10, 2-12

**Lunes:** Gal 1, 6-12 Sal 110, 1-2. 7-10

Lc 10, 25-37

**Martes:** Gal 1, 13-24 Sal 138, 1-3. 13-15

Lc 10, 38-42

**Miércoles:** Gal 2, 1-2. 7-14 Sal 116, 1. 2

Lc 11, 1-4

**Jueves:** Gal 3, 1-5 Lc 1, 69-75 Lc 11, 5-13

**Viernes:** Gal 3, 7-14 Sal 110, 1-6 Lc 11, 15-26

**Sábado:** Gal 3, 22-29 Sal 104, 2-7 Lc 11, 27-28

**Domingo siguiente:** Sab 7, 7-11 Sal 89, 12-17

Heb 4, 12-13 Mc 10, 17-30 o 10, 17-27

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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias  
se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

### CAMBIO EN EL HORARIO DE MISAS DOMINICALES

A partir del hoy, el 6 de octubre de 2024, la Misa del domingo por la tarde a las 5:00PM ya no se celebrará. Todas las demás Misas del domingo permanecerán como están programadas actualmente.

### LA TIENDA DE REGALOS ESTÁ ABIERTA

**Horario:** todos los domingos de 9:00AM a 1:00PM y el primer fin de semana de cada mes después de la misa del sábado a las 5:00PM y las misas de los domingos de 8:30AM, 11:00AM and 1:00PM

### AVISO

**LA MISA DIARIA NO SE CELEBRARÁ  
DEL 14 AL 17 DE OCTUBRE  
TODOS LOS SACERDOTES DE LA DIÓCESIS  
ESTARÁN EN RETIRO**

### QUINCEAÑERA

Para registrar o más información, por favor comunicarse con Maria Hernandez al 803.522.3988



## 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 3, 10 and 17 de noviembre.** 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)

**12 de octubre 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. Nos reunimos 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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#### FORMACIÓN

**6 de octubre**—No hay clases del domingo – vacaciones de otoño

**7 de octubre**—No hay clases el lunes en la tarde – vacaciones de otoño

**20 de octubre**—lecciones sobre seguridad en el contacto físico en todas las clases

#### MINISTERIO JUVENIL

**6 de octubre**—No hay ministerio juvenil por la tarde – vacaciones de otoño

**13 de octubre**—No hay Ministerio Juvenil Vespertino – Por favor, asista a nuestro Picnic parroquial hoy.

**20 de octubre**—**Reunión de confirmación de padres y adolescentes, St. Angela Hall (gimnasio) de 7:00 a 8:15PM**

Reserve la fecha: **domingo 27 de octubre**

4:00 a 15:00PM Sainly Trunk or Treat en el estacionamiento del Bosco Center

5:00 a 6:30PM Noche de Halloween en la escuela secundaria.

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- Debe estar certificado y/o ser elegible para la certificación SC.
- Se dará consideración especial a los solicitantes con las siguientes áreas de especialización: aprendizaje basado en proyectos, robótica, codificación, ingeniería, tecnología de la información, impresión 3D, ciencias físicas y ciencias naturales.
- Debe poder dirigir a estudiantes de todas las edades en un entorno práctico y colaborar con otros maestros.
- Responsable de preparar y desmontar laboratorios y buscar oportunidades de Becas.
- Los solicitantes calificados deben enviar una carta de presentación y un currículum a [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).



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Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,  
 Padre Wilson

**EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA**

**Domingo, 6 de octubre**

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

**Lunes, 7 de octubre**

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

**Martes, 8 de octubre**

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

**Miércoles, 9 de octubre**

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

**Jueves, 10 de octubre**

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

**Viernes, 11 de octubre**

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

**Sábado, 12 de octubre**

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

**Domingo, 13 de octubre**

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Misa bilingüe</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>
<b>1:00PM</b>	<b>No Hay Misa en español</b>	<b>Iglesia</b>

**12:30 AL 3:00PM PICNIC PARROQUIAL**

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**Horario de las Misas 12 y 13 de octubre**

**Sábado, 12 de octubre,**  
 5:00PM Misa de Vigilia en inglés

**Domingo, 13 de octubre**  
 8:30AM Misa en inglés  
 11:00AM Misa bilingüe

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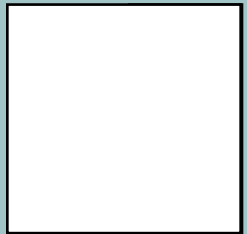
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