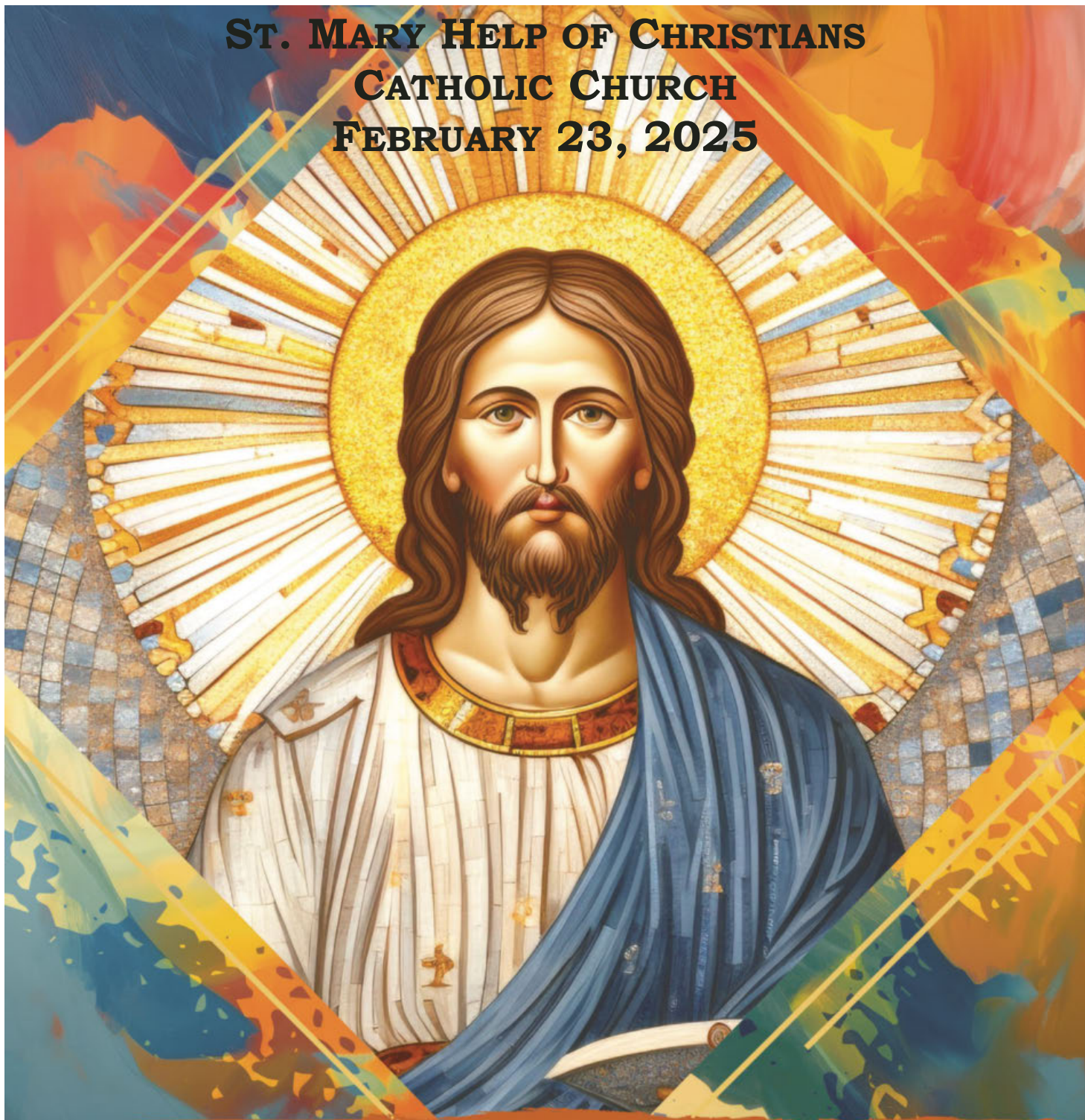


**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”

- Lk 6:38

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.

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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdioocese.org

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 - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY - Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Feb. 2	\$ 29,735
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	FEB. 2	\$ 14,530
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for **Feb. 9 & Feb. 16** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FEBRUARY 23

St. Vincent de Paul

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 5	Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday)
March 9	Black & Indian Missions

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP

Hours: Sundays 9:00AM – 1:00PM and the first weekend of every month after Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 1:00PM Masses. We have beautiful rosaries made by one of our own parishioners, books written by Deacon Bob and Peter Wilcox, and delicious fudge from Gethsemane Farm. Stop in and visit us Sunday and find a unique item for you or a friend.

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!

PASTOR'S CORNER

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TOWARDS THE PERFECTION OF CHARITY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we hear our Lord inviting us to live the life of Christian charity as fully as He did ("Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Lk 23:34) This has been the example of our brothers and sisters preceding us to the glory of Heaven, the Saints; for they lived a model of Christian charity with perfection, following what Jesus Christ had said: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."(Mt5:48)

Charity urges us to love, in the first place, those who love us. It is not possible to abide by what we read in the Gospel if we do not sincerely love our brothers and sisters, those next to us. But, right away, Christ's new commandment calls us to reach to the perfection of charity and encourages us to open our arms to all people, to those who do not belong among ourselves, or who want to offend or hurt us. Jesus is exhorting us to have a heart like His, like his Father's: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36), a heart that knows no borders, that welcomes everybody and invites us to forgive and pray for our enemies.

However, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms, "it is not possible to observe the Commandments of our Lord if we are trying to follow the Divine model only from the outside. It must be a vital participation, that comes all the way from deep inside our heart, in sanctity, in mercy and in the love of God." St. John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote: "O Jesus! Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being, so utterly, that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours (...). That every soul, we come in contact with, may feel Your presence in our soul. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours. It will be You shining on others through us."

We will love, forgive and embrace others only if our heart is magnified by our love for Christ.

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

Altar Flowers for February 22 & 23 were donated by Babs and Joe DePalermo in memory of Nancy Gardzina's husband, Stanley (Stigo) Gardzina.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

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

We need an adorer for Saturday at 1AM. Having a weekly holy hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will change your life! To sign up, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration>, or contact a Divisional Leader:

12MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893
tphenr@bellsouth.net

6AM-12NOON Ken Boucher 803.226.4639
kboucher@atlanticbb.net

12NOON-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105
jcskid.suhrer@gmail.com

6PM-12MDNT. Joan Pate 908.447.9715
jandjpate@gmail.com



March 5 Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:20AM – School Mass

12:00 NOON – Liturgy of the Word

5:00PM – Liturgy of the Word

7:00PM – Mass in Spanish

ALL Masses & Liturgies will be celebrated in the church located at 138 Fairfield Street, SE, with distribution of ashes

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS WILL BE AVAILABLE ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Drivers will be available for the 8:20AM School Mass, as well as for the Liturgy of the Word at 12NOON and 5:00PM on Ash Wednesday. The drivers will be available 30 minutes before each Mass or Liturgy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

READINGS FOR Feb. 23, 2025– March 2, 2025

Sunday, February 23 readings begin on [page 864](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4 and 6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 23

8:30AM Ann Grant
11:00AM Rosemary Plante

1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Feb. 24

5:30PM Robert Popiel

Tuesday, Feb. 25

5:30PM Dorothy Daly

Wednesday, Feb. 26

8:20AM Beth Elaine Wallick

7:00PM Michael & Sally

Anaclerio

Thursday, Feb. 27

5:30PM Grace Crea

Friday, Feb. 28

5:30PM Carol Belin

Saturday, March 1

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

5:00PM Rebecca Kamaryt

Nick & Mary Ann Kuehn

Susan Reeve Shultz

Jimmie Bowes

Akira Toriyama

Caren Daugherty

Maggie Czerwinski

Sunday, March 2

8:30AM James Bowes

11:00AM John Koch

1:00PM Pro Populo

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

February 9

Brittany Ariana Palma Sandoval daughter of Brayan Adony Palma George & Wendy Joselin Sandoval Rivera

Liam Flores Pastor son of Luis Flores Najera and Adriana Pastor Faustino

Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Orlando – April 27 to May 2, 2025

\$2,799.99 includes round-trip airfare; first class hotels, breakfast & dinner; sightseeing/admissions fees; transfers; tour guide. Mexico City/Tulpetlac/Xochimilco/Puebla/Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica/Cuernavaca. Deposit of \$400/traveler at time reservation is made.

Visit holyltravel.com/rid297583 for more details.

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, March 16, 2025 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 jlaborne@charlestandioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Mar. 1, 2025 - 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield St.

- 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)

Come to learn what the Church teaches on Living Out Catholic Teaching in a Secular Society (Ch 27). Tuesday, Feb 25th at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets in Smith Hall, 11:15AM. We're reading Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome to learn more about our faith and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

Saturday, March 1, 9:00AM First Reconciliation for second grade students, New church

Saturday, March 15, 9:00AM First Reconciliation for grades 3-6, New church

YOUTH MINISTRY

Feb. 16–No Youth Ministry Presidents' Day Holiday

Feb. 23–Middle School Night, 6:15-7:30PM
Mardi Gras!

March 2–Life Teen–Where are you going in your life?

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St., SE. This is a 13 - week GriefShare program. The workbook is \$20. Scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the Parish Office. To register or for more information please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandioocese.org.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE – Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryshelp.flocknote.com (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up! Be sure to fill in our contact information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 23

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

Monday, February 24

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, February 25

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
2:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, February 26

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
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
6:00PM	Campground Meeting	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, February 27

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Pro-Life Book Club	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall

Friday, February 28

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

Saturday, March 1

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
9:00AM	Secular Franciscan Day of Reflection	Old St. Mary's
10:00AM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, March 2

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

PARISH PERKS!

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

SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Started last week, but you can still join us our 7-week series Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits. Sessions are weekly starting on Thursday February 20th at 6:00PM AND Saturday February 22nd at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall (choose the day best for you). The sessions will include a short video with Dan Burke of SpiritualDirection.com, table discussion, and Q & A time. It will be an enlightening and challenging series. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org.

CAMPGROUND MEETING – THIS WEDNESDAY

St. Mary's Annual Campground Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00PM** in Smith Hall upstairs. The campground is on Lake Thurmond. It has RV and tent camping, bath house, swimming area, boat ramp, and picnic pavilions. Membership is open to active parishioners. For more information, email SMHOCCAMP@gmail.com, text Dave at 803.221.4979, or come to the meeting.

DAY OF REFLECTION, MARCH 1, 9:00AM - 2:00PM

This will be held in Old St. Mary's and is hosted by our St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans. Speaker will be Deacon Bob Pierce: "Encountering the God of Encounter." For more information contact Karen Perry at 803.646.0276. Email stclareofassisifraternity@gmail.com, to reserve a space. Reservations are needed for lunch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Dr. Murray Daw, PhD, a physicist at Clemson University, will speak on In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and the Catholic understanding of such issues on **Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30PM** in the STEM Center Lecture Hall at St. Mary's Parish School, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801. It's sure to be a fascinating talk. Plan to come at 6:00PM for fellowship and refreshments. Bring your questions! Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food
Wednesdays at 6:00PM – in Mother Teresa Hall



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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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excelatstmarys.com

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

BISHOP TO BLESS THE STEM CENTER

Save the date! The bishop is coming Thursday, March 6, 2025 to bless our new STEM Center! We hope you can join us for Mass at 8:20AM with the Blessing of the Blessed Carlo Acutis STEM Center immediately following.

THE 5TH ANNUAL SMS GOLF TOURNAMENT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29!

The PTO has rescheduled this year's tournament which was delayed by the hurricane. Please consider playing or sponsoring the tournament! Follow this link for more information or scan the QR Code below. <https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm>



ON THE MASS

The Eucharistic prayer includes prayers for the deceased. The Roman Canon uses the words: "Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep ... welcome them into the light of your face..." Listen for those word, and pray for your deceased relatives, ancestors and friends. With God's grace you will meet all these relatives and loved ones in Heaven, and your relatives who are fully in the presence of the Lord are among the saints present at this Mass.

EM'S NEEDED FOR HOMEBOUND IN CEDAR CREEK

We are in need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to our growing number of homebound parishioners residing in Cedar Creek. Please contact Donna Pierce at piercedin1988@gmail.com or 803.552.7714 for more information.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming April 25-27th weekend in Charlotte area, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727.343.6701 or 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

POSITION AVAILABLE

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

St. Mary Help of Christians has an opening for Director of Youth Ministry beginning in June, 2025. This is a full time position.

St. Mary's models relational ministry with an active high school program of catechesis and evangelization. The Director of Youth Ministry will oversee the recruitment and formation of Middle School and Life Teen CORE teams, oversee the regular Middle School and Life Teen formation programs, retreats, service and evangelization, as well as the Confirmation program in the 8th grade year.

If interested, please contact Patrick Wray, Director of Administration at pwrap@charlestandioocese.org or 803.649.4777 ext. 112

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hello fellow parishioners! My name is Bronson Lynn, I'm one of the new voices you may have heard up in the choir loft during Mass these past few months. Since coming here from Clemson I've had the opportunity to become involved in the music ministry here at St. Mary's and I wanted to extend that invitation to you! We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord from the rafters of our beautiful Church. If you're interested or have questions, feel free to contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at fdeese@charlestandioocese.org).

(Hint: If you think you can sing, you probably can!)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of any ill or grieving person in need of a hand-made blanket or shawl, please contact St. Mary's at 803.649.4777. These are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our priests. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Mary Anne Graff at 803.642.6716. There are lots of materials available to use, so please come and join us.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3684 IS OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS

to eligible high school and college students. Scholarships are based on grades, test scores, essay, recommendations, and community involvement. A minimum GPA of 3.0 and SAT score of 1000 are required. The deadline is **April 30, 2025**. Scholarships are renewable with a 3.0 GPA and good standing. For more information or an application, contact Chuck Goergen at 803.215.9099 or Jim DalSanto at 803.645.5943. Download the application at www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

HACIA LA PERFECCIÓN DE LA CARIDAD

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hoy escuchamos a nuestro Señor invitarnos a vivir la vida de caridad cristiana tan plenamente como Él lo hizo ("Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen" Lc 23,34). Este ha sido el ejemplo de nuestros hermanos y hermanas que nos precedieron en la gloria del Cielo, los Santos; pues ellos vivieron un modelo de caridad cristiana con perfección, siguiendo lo que Jesucristo había dicho: "Sean, pues, perfectos como su Padre celestial es perfecto" (Mt 5,48).

La caridad nos impulsa a amar, en primer lugar, a quienes nos aman. No es posible atenernos a lo que leemos en el Evangelio si no amamos sinceramente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, a los que están a nuestro lado. Pero, enseguida, el nuevo mandamiento de Cristo nos llama a alcanzar la perfección de la caridad y nos anima a abrir los brazos a todas las personas, a aquellas que no son de nuestro círculo, o que quieren ofendernos o herirnos. Jesús nos está exhortando a tener un corazón como el suyo, como el de su Padre: «Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso» (Lc 6,36), un corazón que no conoce fronteras, que acoge a todos y nos invita a perdonar y rezar por nuestros enemigos.

Sin embargo, como afirma el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, «no es posible observar los mandamientos de nuestro Señor si tratamos de seguir el modelo divino solo desde fuera. Debe ser una participación vital, que venga desde lo más profundo de nuestro corazón, en la santidad, en la misericordia y en el amor de Dios». El cardenal san Juan Enrique Newman escribió: «¡Oh Jesús! Ayúdanos a esparcir tu fragancia por dondequiera que vayamos. Inunda nuestras almas con tu espíritu y tu vida. Penetra y posee todo nuestro ser, tan completamente, que nuestras vidas sean solo un resplandor tuyo (...). Que cada alma con la que entremos en contacto pueda sentir tu presencia en nuestra alma. La luz, oh Jesús, será toda de Ti, nada de ella será nuestra. Serás Tú brillando sobre los demás a través de nosotros».

Amaremos, perdonaremos y abrazaremos a los demás solo si nuestro corazón está magnificado por nuestro amor por Cristo.

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 23 DE FEBRERO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 865** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 23 de febrero al 2 de marzo, 2025

Domingo: 1 Sm 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

1 Co 15, 45-49 Lc 6, 27-38

Lunes: Eclo 1, 1-10 Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5 Mc 9, 14-29

Martes: Eclo 2, 1-13 Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28.

39-40 Mc 9, 30-37

Miércoles: Eclo 4, 12-22 Sal 118, 165. 168. 171.

172. 174. 175 Mc 9, 38-40

Jueves: Eclo 5, 1-10 Sal 1, 1-4 y 6 Mc 9, 41-50

Viernes: Eclo 6, 5-17 Sal 118, 12. 16. 18. 27.

34. 35 Mc 10, 1-12

Sábado: Eclo 17, 1-13 Sal 102, 13-18

Mc 10, 13-16

Domingo siguiente: Eclo 27, 4-7 Sal 91, 2-3.

13-16 1 Co 15, 54-58 Lc 6, 39-45

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5 de Marzo Horario para Miércoles de Ceniza

8:20AM—Misa Escolar

12:00PM—Celebración de la palabra

5:00PM—Celebración de la palabra

7:00PM—Misa en Español

TODAS las Misas y Liturgias se celebrarán en la Iglesia nueva, con el reparto de Cenizas.

TIENDA DE REGALOS

HORARIO: Domingos de 9:00AM to 1:00PM y el primer fin de semana de cada mes después de las misas del sábado a las 5:00PM y del domingo a la 1:00PM.

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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 2 y 9 de marzo de 2025.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Reyna Salas a 404.886.5653

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@charlesthdiocese.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

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

8 de marzo 2025 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

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (OCIA)

Formación y preparación para adultos que necesiten recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Nos reunimos los martes a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. Para más información contactar a Omar & Mercedith Cardona cardona5@bellsouth.net Este espacio esta abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender mas sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "Decir sí a Jesús/ Preparacion al rito de eleccion".

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE
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FORMACIÓN

Sábado, 1 de Marzo a las 9AM, se llevara acabo la **Primera Reconciliación para los estudiantes de 2 grado.** En la Iglesia nueva.

Sábado, 15 de Marzo a las 9AM, se llavara acabo la **Primera Reconciliación para los grados 3 a 6.**

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

16 de febrero - No hay ministerio juvenil por el día de los presidentes.

23 de febrero - Noche de Escuela Secundaria
6:15-7:30PM ¡MARDI GRAS!

2 de marzo - Life Teen - ¿A dónde vas en tu vida?

QUINCEAÑERA

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

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

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



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HORARIO DE OFICINA

lunes a viernes 7:30AM a 3:30PM

OBISPO BENDECIRÁ EL CENTRO STEM

¡Reserva la fecha! ¡El obispo vendrá el jueves 6 de marzo de 2025 para bendecir nuestro nuevo Centro STEM! Esperamos que pueda unirse a nosotros para la Misa a las 8:20AM e inmediatamente después se realizará la Bendición del Centro STEM Beato Carlo Acutis.

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El PTO ha reprogramado el torneo de este año que fue retrasado por el huracán. ¡Considere jugar o patrocinar el torneo! Siga este enlace para obtener más información o escanee el código QR a continuación.

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La fecha límite es el **30 de abril de 2025**. Las becas son renovables con un GPA de 3.0 y buena conducta.

Para obtener más información o una solicitud, comuníquese con Chuck Goergen al 803.215.9099 o Jim DalSanto al 803.645.5943.

Descarga la aplicación en www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 23 de febrero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 24 de febrero

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

Martes, 25 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 26 de febrero

8:20AM	Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 27 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 28 de febrero

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

Sábado, 1 de marzo

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

Domingo, 2 de marzo

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para Bautismo	Smith Hall
10:00AM	Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia



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