



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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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 16, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Feb. 9	\$ 28,729.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	FEB. 9	\$ 19,888.00
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Feb. 16	\$ 21,566.78
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	FEB. 16	\$ 14,770.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for Feb. 23 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 9	Black & Indian Missions
March 23	St. Vincent de Paul

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

Lent starts on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. Are you ready for your Lenten journey? Stop in the Gift Shop to check out a few Lenten devotionals and other books to help you prepare for "your best Lent ever" (to quote a line from Dynamic Catholic). We will be open after the Saturday Vigil and the 1:00PM Spanish Masses this weekend, in addition to our regular Sunday hours of 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

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

+JMJ+

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

Dear Friends in Christ,

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the preeminent issue facing us as Americans is respecting and protecting life, from conception all the way to natural death. Currently, a serious concern for all faithful Catholics is the aggressive manner in which in vitro fertilization (IVF) is being promoted at the federal and state level.

First of all, briefly, what is IVF? In vitro fertilization is a medical procedure that involves fertilizing an egg with sperm outside the body, typically in a laboratory dish. The fertilized egg, now called an embryo, is then transferred to the uterus with the aim of achieving pregnancy. (Cleveland Clinic) While the end result might be a baby, a baby who has all the rights and dignity of a child of God, the means to that end are gravely sinful. During the procedure, numerous fertilized eggs, human beings, are destroyed or left in a frozen state and the natural unitive and procreative act of the couple, the marital embrace, is completely avoided.

While the new administration has taken many laudable pro-life measures, they are currently pushing for more access to IVF. On February 18, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order expanding access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) for Americans. Currently in South Carolina, both the Senate and the House have nearly identical bills entitled "The In Vitro Fertilization Protection Act." This bill would say that a human embryo is not a person.

Infertility is indeed a heavy cross, one that is hard for infertile couples to carry. The USCCB acknowledged this and issued the following statement: "As pastors, we see the suffering of so many couples experiencing infertility and know their deep desire to have children is both good and admirable; yet the Administration's push for IVF, which ends countless human lives and treats persons like property, cannot be the answer," *IVF Destroys Human Life, Bishops Urge Ethical Alternatives*, February 20, 2025.

As faithful Catholics, we must understand this issue and act to preserve and protect life. Accordingly, I have invited Dr. Murray Daw, Dean's Distinguished Professor at Clemson University, to speak on "IVF and the Natural Law: Understanding Church Teaching." His talk will be on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00PM, in the Blessed Carlo Acutis STEM Center's Lecture Hall. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

To sum up, "IVF is a radical attack on the core relationship between a husband and wife in particular and against marriage in general." ~Dr. Murray Daw

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us!

All the best ... in Christ, Fr. Wilson Page 2



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

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kboucher@atlanticbb.net

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

READINGS FOR March 2 – March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 2 readings begin on [page 868](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7 1 Cor 15:54-58	Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27	Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31	Ps 50:5-8, 14 and 23
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14 and 17 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Ps 1:1-4 and 6
Friday: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32	Ps 86:1-6
Next Sunday Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13	Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Lk 4:1-13

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 2

8:30AM James Bowes
11:00AM John Koch
1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, March 3

5:30PM Kathy Kelly

Tuesday, March 4

5:30PM Steve Van Deren

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

6:30AM Liturgy of the Word w/Ashes—**old church**
8:20AM School Mass **new church** – Mary Ellen & Edward Walsh
5:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes—**new church**
7:00PM Mass in Spanish—**new church**
John & Sarah Cuning

Thursday, March 6

8:20AM School Mass w/ Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

5:30PM Jan Peer

Friday, March 7

5:30PM Dcn. Al Matousek & Family (L)

Saturday, March 8

8:00AM Helen Boyce
5:00PM Brad Riley
Caren Daugherty
Donald Lemponen
John Tucker
Joyce Wyszynski
Raymond Goergen
Rhoda Rochar

Sunday, March 9

8:30AM Pro Populo
11:00AM Alexander Tyrteos
1:00PM Mary Catherine Cuning



MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY REVISED SCHEDULE

Old St. Mary's Church

6:30AM– Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes

New St. Mary's Church:

8:20AM – School Mass
5:00PM – Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes
7:00PM – Mass in Spanish

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 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

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 holyytravel.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 jlabone@charlestdioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

April 5, 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)

The Beatitudes are some of the most loved scripture verses. Come learn what the Church teaches on the Beatitudes and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Ch 28) on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

March 9– No Evening Youth Ministry

Please pray for the teens attending the Diocesan High School Conference March 8 and 9.

LENTEN MISSION OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to enhance your walk with Jesus and deepen your spiritual lives at a one-day Lenten mission given by Deacon Bob Pierce. The mission will be held at the St. Gerard parish hall (640 Edrie St. NE, Aiken, 29801) on **Saturday, March 8, from 12:00PM – 3:30PM**. The topic will be Deacon Bob's book, *Stepping into a Larger World*, endorsed by Bishop Robert Baker and Bishop Robert Guglielmone.

"Deacon Bob Pierce offers a very simple blueprint for deepening one's relationship with the Lord." (Bishop Robert Guglielmone)

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on food selected–Please join us!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 2

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

Monday, March 3

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, March 4

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Fiat Homeschool Craft	Mother Teresa
2:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:00PM	CWA Fat Tuesday Dinner	St. Angela Hall
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Ash Wednesday, March 5

6:30AM	Liturgy of the Word	Old St. Mary's
8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:00PM	Liturgy of the Word	Church
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, March 6

8:20AM	School Mass with Bishop Jacques & Blessing of Stem Center	Church/School
11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall

Friday, March 7

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 8

8:00AM	Mass	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 9

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
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 & DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Started last week, but you can still join our 7- week series Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits. Thursdays at 6:00PM AND Saturdays at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall (choose the day best for you). Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

During Lent we will read and discuss the latest Papal encyclical, *Dilexit Nos--On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*, on Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. For info contact Martha at 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com



During the cold winter days, many of us miss spending time with friends and family. Perhaps you (or someone you know) may have burdens or other difficulties that would be lighter

with a listening ear. 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. Leaflets about Stephen Ministry are in the back of church with simple instructions on how to get information, or call Mary Ellen at 803.507.1060.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30PM** in the STEM Center Lecture Hall at St. Mary's Parish School, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801 Dr. Murray Daw, PhD, a physicist at Clemson University, will speak on In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and the Catholic understanding of such. It's sure to be a fascinating talk. Plan to come at 6:00PM for fellowship and refreshments. Bring your questions!
- **Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00PM** in the Stem Center at St. Mary's school, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801 Fr. Francisco Onate-Vargas will be giving at talk on Confession. This is a fascinating talk.
- **A Teaching Mass, Saturday, April 5 at 10:00AM** in Old St. Mary. The Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you wondered about all those gestures the priest makes at Mass? Or about the vestments he wears? Fr. Wilson will explain the Mass in the talk. It is sure to be enlightening. For more information contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org



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BISHOP TO BLESS THE STEM CENTER

The bishop is coming Thursday, March 6, 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://](https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm)



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ON THE MASS

The Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. Toward the end of the Canon, we remember those who have died, this time asking that the Lord will grant us fellowship with the Apostles, Martyrs, and all the saints. The Roman Canon lists the apostles and early martyrs. Eucharistic Prayer II asks that 'we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,' and Eucharistic Prayer IV asks 'May we enter into a heavenly inheritance.... And with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you.' We should be looking forward to and awaiting in hope, our reunion with all the saints!

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. Download the application at www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship or contact Chuck Goergen, 803.215.9099 or Jim DalSanto at 803.645.5943 for information or an application form.

NOT SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE?

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryhelp.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 your contact information.

POSITION AVAILABLE

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR—FULL TIME

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 pwray@charlestdiocese.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 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 and I wanted to extend that invitation to you! We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at fdeese@charlestdiocese.org.

If you think you can sing, you probably can!

COLUMBUS CLUB FISH FRY

\$15 per person \$75 for families of 6 or more
 Reservations \$15 per person

Please help support our Columbus Club Projects.
 We offer drive through service for pick up orders

ADMITTANCE BY TICKET ONLY

WALK-INS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Fridays: March 14 & 28 and April 11, 2025

RSVPs accepted until March 11 & 25 and April 8
 Club opens at 5:00PM Serving 5:30–7:30PM
 Make checks payable to: Columbus Club,
 1037 Spaulding Drive, Aiken, SC.

For tickets or reservations please call:

- Dennis Fraser 803.507.0066
- Craig Burgess 803.439.0468
- Mark Szymanski 803.645.1405
- Jim Loftis 803.335.8517
- John Kvartek 803.226.1597
- St. Mary's Office 803.649.4777

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

FERTILIZACIÓN IN VITRO (FIV)

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Según la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB), el problema más importante que enfrentamos como estadounidenses es respetar y proteger la vida, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Actualmente, una preocupación seria para todos los católicos fieles es la manera agresiva en que se está promoviendo la fertilización in vitro (FIV) a nivel federal y estatal.

En primer lugar, brevemente, ¿qué es la FIV? La fertilización in vitro es un procedimiento médico que implica la fertilización de un óvulo con espermatozoos fuera del cuerpo, generalmente en una placa de laboratorio. El óvulo fertilizado, ahora llamado embrión, luego se transfiere al útero con el objetivo de lograr el embarazo. (Clínica de Cleveland) Si bien el resultado final puede ser un bebé, un bebé que tiene todos los derechos y la dignidad de un hijo de Dios, los medios para ese fin son gravemente pecaminosos. Durante el procedimiento, numerosos óvulos fertilizados, seres humanos, son destruidos o dejados en estado congelado y el acto unitivo y procreativo natural de la pareja, el abrazo marital, es completamente evitado.

Si bien la nueva administración ha tomado muchas medidas pro-vida loables, actualmente están presionando para un mayor acceso a la FIV. El 18 de febrero de 2025, el presidente Trump firmó una Orden Ejecutiva que amplía el acceso a la fertilización in vitro (FIV) para los estadounidenses. Actualmente en Carolina del Sur, tanto el Senado como la Cámara tienen proyectos de ley casi idénticos titulados "Ley de Protección de la Fertilización In Vitro". Este proyecto de ley diría que un embrión humano no es una persona.

La infertilidad es de hecho una cruz pesada, una que es difícil de llevar para las parejas infértiles. La USCCB reconoció esto y emitió la siguiente declaración: "Como pastores, vemos el sufrimiento de tantas parejas que experimentan infertilidad y sabemos que su profundo deseo de tener hijos es bueno y admirable; sin embargo, el impulso de la Administración a favor de la FIV, que acaba con innumerables vidas humanas y trata a las personas como propiedades, no puede ser la respuesta", la FIV destruye la vida humana, los obispos instan a alternativas éticas, 20 de febrero de 2025.

Como católicos fieles, debemos comprender este problema y actuar para preservar y proteger la vida. En consecuencia, he invitado al Dr. Murray Daw,

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco Continúa en la parte inferior de la columna 2 →

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 2 DE MARZO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 869** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 2 de marzo al 9 de marzo, 2025

Domingo: Eclo 27, 4-7 Sal 91, 2-3. 13-16
1 Co 15, 54-58 Lc 6, 39-45

Lunes: Eclo 17, 20-28 Sal 31, 1-2. 5-7
Mc 10, 17-27

Martes: Eclo 35, 1-15 Sal 49, 5-8. 14 y 23
Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18 Sal 50, 3-6. 12-14 y 17
2 Co 5, 20-6, 2 Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20 Sal 1, 1-4 y 6 Lc 9, 22-25

Viernes: Is 58, 1-9 Sal 50, 3-6. 18-19
Mt 9, 14-15

Sábado: Is 58, 9-14 Sal 85, 1-6 Lc 5, 27-32

Domingo siguiente: Dt 26, 4-10 Sal 90, 1-2.
10-15 Rom 10, 8-13 Lc 4, 1-13

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



5 de Marzo Horario para Miércoles de Ceniza

Iglesia antigua

6:30AM – Liturgia de la Palabra

Iglesia nueva

8:20AM – Misa Escolar

5:00PM – Liturgia de la Palabra

7:00PM – Misa en español

Las Cenizas se distribuirán en todas las Misas y Liturgias

profesor distinguido, decano de la Universidad de Clemson, a hablar sobre "La FIV y la ley natural: comprender la enseñanza de la Iglesia". Su charla será el miércoles 12 de marzo a las 6:30 p. m. en el Centro STEM Beato Carlo Acutis. Por favor, anote esto en su calendario y planeé asistir.

En resumen, "La FIV es un ataque radical a la relación central entre esposo y esposa en particular y contra el matrimonio en general". Dr. Murray Daw Santa Gianna Beretta Molla... ¡ruega por nosotros!

Todo lo mejor...en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

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@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.

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¿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 está abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "Vivir la cuaresma"

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

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

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2 de marzo - Life Teen ¿A dónde vas en tu vida?
9 de marzo - No habrá ministerio en la tarde para jóvenes

Por favor, oren por los adolescentes que asistirán a la Conferencia Diocesana de Escuelas Secundarias el 8 y 9 de marzo.

QUINCEAÑERA

Las próximas Clases de Preparación para quinceañera se llevaran acabo el 9 y 16 de marzo. Para más Información Favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803.522.3988.

KERMES

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes de este ciclo, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos.

Domingo – 9 DE MARZO

de 12:00 al 3:00PM—Salón Santa Angela

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¡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.

¡EL 5^{TO} TORNEO ANUAL DE GOLF SMS ES AHORA EL 29 DE MARZO!



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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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

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

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

Lunes, 3 de marzo

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, 4 de marzo

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, 5 de marzo

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

Jueves, 6 de marzo

8:20AM	Misa Escolar con Obispo Jacques y bendición del Centro STEM	Iglesia y Esquela
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 7 de marzo

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Vía Crucis	Iglesia Antigua

Sábado, 8 de marzo

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

Domingo, 9 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
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1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia



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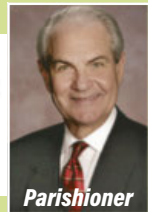


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