St. Mary Help of Christians Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, VF
Pastor

Rev. Francisco Oñate-Vargas
Parochial Vicar

Msgr. William Gomes (Retired Priest)

Dcn. Al Matousek
Dcn. Robert Pierce
Dcn. Stephen Platte

Nursery is Available

During the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Hall — Conference Room
Ages 6 months—Less than 5 years old.

Holy Mass Schedule

Weekday

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 5:30PM - Church
Tues. 6:30AM - Old St. Mary 's
Wed. 8:20AM - Church
Miércoles 7:00PM - Iglesia
Thursday Nursing Home - **Suspended**
Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Church

Sunday

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church
8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church
Misa en Español 12:30PM - Iglesia
5:00PM - Church
138 Fairfield St. SE

Confessions

Confessions are being heard in the church
138 Fairfield St, SE
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45-5:15PM
Sat. 3:30-4:30PM

Mail: 203 Park Ave. SE **803.649.4777** **www.stmarys-aiken.org**

Locations: St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE
Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE
Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE
Parish Office: 203 Park Ave. SE

Welcome to St. Mary's

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend St. Mary's regularly and consider this your parish, please register at the parish office, print a registration form from the web site under Parish tab, or you may fill out and submit the form online.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ste. Claire Chapel!

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament awaits your visit!

"Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) Get to really know Jesus by spending time with Him.

Like the church and Old St. Mary's, the chapel is available during the daytime for those seeking a place of prayer. To try a weekly hour of adoration, please go to St. Mary's website at http://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration or contact Ivy Monahon at jjmonahon@mindspring.com. 803.292.6432.

Parish Personnel

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Organist and Choir Director
706.550.5047
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Parish Office Hours: 8:30am—4:30pm Mon. through Fri.

Weekly Stewardship Fiscal Year 2021-2022

PLEASE NOTE: For on-line giving the entire amount offered will be posted to the fund selected. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Education Maintenance Fund **cannot** be made through on-line giving. They must be placed in the offering basket, be mailed in or dropped by the office.

Totals as of Sunday, September 19, 2021

Offering for September 19, 2021	**$**	**38,636.00**
Weekly Budget Needs	**$**	**33,000.00**
Year to Date Totals	**$**	**375,387.78**
Year to Date Budget Needs	**$**	**330,000.00**
Overage to Date	**$**	**45,387.78**

Special Collection: Sept. 12 Catholic University of America $995.00

Bishop's Bicentennial Campaign as of Mar. 5

Number of Givers	**386**
Total Pledged	**$1,727,072.20**

PARISH LOAN	**$519,980.00**
Current Loan Balance as of 9/15/2021	**$147,863.15**

Upcoming Special Collection: Sept. 26 St. Vincent de Paul

*On-Line Giving

The Parish Finance Committee strongly recommends using on-line giving. It has several benefits to the parish including lower cost of administration fees versus the bank. It simplifies record keeping, collection, and accounting procedures.

ITEM	GOAL	LAST MONTH'S STATUS	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST MONTH
ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS	750	642	642	86%	No Change

ON-LINE GIVING STATUS

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

- Click on "Giving"
- Click on "Sunday Offering"
- Create a new account and then go to "Manage My Account"
- Enroll in weekly or monthly offering*
- If you need assistance, or to discontinue on-line giving, please call 1.800.348.2886 option 4.

* Monthly offering is the preferred method recommended by the Parish Finance Committee.

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco
+JMJ+

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Rocky, Chulo, Coquito y Toby también necesitan bendiciones. Incluso caballos, llamas, iguanas y pajaritos. Todos los animales de todas las especies son bienvenidos a nuestra **bendición anual de animales** este año el sábado 2 de octubre a las 10:00AM en el césped de la rectoría (esquina de Park Ave. y York St. junto a Old St. Mary's). (La bendición ocurre anualmente en o cerca de la Fiesta de San Francisco de Asís).

Siguiendo con mi reciente retiro, quería ofrecer un par de recursos que puede hacer en casa. Pero primero, cada persona tiene que hacerse una pregunta crítica: ¿Estoy comprometido a convertirme en un verdadero y dedicado discípulo de Jesús? ¿O me contento con decirle a la gente que soy cristiano, pero sin ningún deseo o plan real de vivir todos los días como tal? Una vez que cada uno de nosotros toma la desafiante decisión de tomar nuestra cruz y seguir al Maestro como Su auténtico discípulo, entonces podemos comenzar. El primer paso del discipulado es desarrollar una verdadera vida de oración. Para el discípulo, "La oración es tan necesaria como el aire, como la sangre en nuestro cuerpo, como cualquier cosa para mantenernos vivos, para mantenernos vivos a la gracia de Dios" (Madre Teresa). Recuerda este principio: *tienes que* hacer tiempo para la oración... nunca "encontrarás tiempo" para ello.

Me gustaría recomendarte un par de libros que te ayudarán a "ir de retiro" en casa. Uno es *Desafío: Un programa de reflexión diaria basado en los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola*, por el Padre Mark Link S.J. Desafío, con sus más de 250 reflexiones diarias, le ofrece la oportunidad de dedicar tiempo a la oración. Cada reflexión incluye un versículo bíblico, una breve historia o anécdota interesante, una cita inspiradora y una pregunta para la reflexión. " Además*, La aventura ignaciana: Cómo vivir los Ejercicios Espirituales de san Ignacio de Loyola en el día a día,* del P. Kevin F. O'Brien, S.J.

Además, estoy buscando más oportunidades para días parroquiales de retiro y recogimiento. Mil programas parroquiales no pueden reemplazar nuestra necesidad de una sólida vida de oración. No espere para empezar. Siempre puede comenzar en el hermoso silencio de la Capilla Sta. Clara, en la presencia real de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Jesús te espera aquí: *"¿No podrías velar conmigo una hora?" (San Mateo 26:40)*

Por último, ¡finalmente estamos a punto de comenzar a reemplazar el techo de Old St. Mary's! Octubre traerá una ráfaga de actividades tan esperadas para reemplazar nuestro techo de metal de 116 años junto con los techos "planos" sobre la sacristía y en el frente de la rectoría. ¡Qué bueno es que todavía hagan los mismos dos patrones victorianos que adornan la iglesia histórica! Será lo mismo, solo que más brillante.

En Nuestro Señor y Nuestra Señora, Padre Wilson

Pastor's Corner
+JMJ+

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Milo, Sparky, Precious, and Champ need blessings, too. Even horses, llamas, iguanas, and geckos. All animals of every species are welcome to our annual **Blessing of the Animals** this year on Saturday, October 2 at 10:00AM on the rectory lawn (corner of Park Ave. and York St. next to Old St. Mary's). (The blessing occurs annually on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.)

Following up on my recent retreat, I wanted to offer a couple of resources that you can do at home. But first, each person has to ask himself or herself a critical question: Am I committed to becoming a true, dedicated disciple of Jesus? Or am I content with just telling people I am a Christian, but without any real desire or plan to live daily as one? Once each of us makes the challenging choice to take up our cross and follow the Teacher as His authentic disciple, then we can begin. The first step of discipleship is developing a genuine prayer life. For the disciple, "Prayer is as necessary as the air, as the blood in our bodies, as anything to keep us alive – to keep us alive to the grace of God" (Mother Teresa). Remember this principle: You have to *make time* for prayer… You'll never "find time" for it.

I would like to recommend to you a couple of books to help you "go on retreat" at home. A couple of our parishioners prayed with me during the thirty days with the book, *Ascending with Ignatius: A 30-Day At-Home Retreat*, by Fr. Mark E. Thibodeaux, S.J. (That's pronounced "TIB-uh-dough" for those of us not from Louisiana.) It's a new book (2020) and wonderfully easy to follow day-by-day. Another great book I personally use for meditations is *An Ignatian Introduction to Prayer: Scriptural Reflections According to the Spiritual Exercises*, by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, O.M.V. (OMV = Oblates of the Virgin Mary). Father Gallagher also has several offerings on FORMED, which are worth watching, and offered free for the parish.

Also, I am looking into more opportunities for parish days of retreat and recollection. A thousand parish programs cannot replace our need for a robust life of prayer. Don't wait to start. You can always begin in the beautiful silence of Ste Claire Chapel, in the real presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus waits for you here: *"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (St. Matthew 26:40)*

Lastly, we are finally about to start replacing the roof of Old St. Mary's! October will bring a flurry of long-awaited activity to replace our 116-year-old metal roof together with the "flat" roofs over the sacristies and on the front of the rectory. How great it is that they still make the same two Victorian patterns that adorn the historic church! It'll be the same, just shinier.

In Our Lord and Our Lady,
Father Wilson

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday October 2
10:00AM on the Rectory Lawn
(weather permitting)

Bendición annual de los animals

sabado, 2 de octubre a las 10:00AM
en el césped de la rectoria
(si el tiempo permite)

Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and World Animal Day by having your pet receive a special blessing. (The feast day of St. Francis is Monday, October 4th)

Masses on YouTube Live

We are now live streaming only the 11:00AM Mass. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. The YouTube link is in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

Misas en Vivo en YouTube

Solo estamos transmitiendo en vivo la misa de las 11:00AM. Visite el sitio web de St. Mary en www.stmarys-aiken.org. El enlace de YouTube está en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Mi Jesús,
Creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo poseerte dentro de mi alma. Ya que soy incapaz en este momento para recibirte sacramentalmente,ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí, y unirme totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Readings for Sept. 27 – Oct. 3

Monday
Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday
Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
Thursday
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12
Friday
Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16
Saturday
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday
Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 26
8:30AM Arthur Ortner (D)
11:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Dylan Murray (D)
12:30PM For all the People of the Parish
5:00PM Charles Stier (D)
Monday, September 27
5:30PM James Harold Faucett (D)
Tuesday, September 28
6:30AM Carole Marie Purificato (D)
5:30PM Dick King (D)
Wednesday, September 29
8:20AM Michael A. Poole (D)
7:00PM Alejandro y Joely Leguizamon **(L)**
Thursday, September 30
5:30PM Sr. Mary E. Lagoy (D)
Friday, October 1
5:30PM All of Our Priests & Deacons **(L)** & (D)
Saturday, October 2
8:00AM Nancy Reed (D)
5:00PM Amy & Daniel Hart **(L)**
John E. Kaufmann (D)
Thomas Truitt (D)
Lucille Enloe (D)
Larry Frelin (D)
Nancy Reed (D)

Prayers Requested

Deaths/Difuntos: September 2 Byrona Pinckney Johnson
September 15 Patricia Doherty
September 16 Bulmaro Soto
September 16 Cynthia Hochbrueckner

The Holy Rosary

Join us as we pray the Rosary together Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday before the 5:30PM Mass, and Wednesday before the 8:30AM Mass.

Sagrado Sacramentos

Bautismos

Para bautizar a un niño en Santa María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y registrarse en Santa María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha del bautismo. Para pedir el Sacramento del Bautismo o para recibir información acerca de las pláticas pre-bautismales, comunicarse con Luz Londoño, al 803.480.6865. Las próximas clases de preparación para el bautismo se llevarán a cabo el **7 y 14 de noviembre 2021** a partir de las 8:00AM, arriba en Smith Hall.

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Norma Sacramental: Los padres de familia y niños deben estar inscritos en la Parroquia y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa todos los domingos y fiestas de precepto. Los niños, que no asisten a nuestro Colegio Católico Parroquial, deben asistir, por lo menos, dos años, completos a clases de Formación Cristiana (Catequesis Dominical) y cumplir con los reglamentos de asistencia para recibir el sacramento. Para más información, comunicarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.642.2676 o mjackson@charlestondiocese.org o con las Hermanas Glafira o Martha al 803.646.9521 o 803.645.3666

Sagrado Matrimonio

Como política de la Diócesis, se pide a todas las parejas que desean tener el sacramento del matrimonio, preparase por lo menos seis (6) meses antes de decidir una fecha para su boda. Para más información comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

Ministerio de Atención Pastoral

¿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. Envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Frei: mfrei@charlestondiocese.org o llame al 803.649.4777 ext. 114.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

Sacramental Information

Holy Baptism

To baptize a child at St. Mary's, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish and register at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. Parents **must** attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. The Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class as well. The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, November 21, 2021.** Registration is required. Contact Chris or Angela Ascherman at 256.541.1967

Holy Communion & Confirmation

Policy: Parents and children must be registered and faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children 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:

Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Jackson: 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

Confirmation: Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or jlabone@charlestondiocese.org

Holy Matrimony

Those contemplating marriage should contact the parish office. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please understand, not all dates at the church may be available due to parish events or other conflicts.

Contact: Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114

Pastoral Care Ministry

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114 or email: mfrei@charlestondiocese.org

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

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Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Se informa a la comunidad, que el proceso de RICA en español **comenzará en Agosto**. Las personas adultas que les falte algún sacramento y están interesadas pueden asistir. Personas que no son católicas y quieren conocer y saber de la iglesia católica también están invitados. Las personas que estan interesadas pueden contactar Hna. Marta a mzuniga@charlestondiocese.org, o al cellular 803.646.9521/803.645.3666

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Do you have friends or family who are interested in the Catholic Church? Are *you* interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Invite your friends to come to RCIA, **Tuesdays 6:00–7:45PM** in Mother Teresa Hall. And if your Confirmation Prep was the last religion class you took consider joining our RCIA class as well. For information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

School of Christian Formation (CCD) Grades 4K–5

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson
mjackson@charlestondiocese.org Phone: 803.642.2676

Dear Parents of K – 5th graders
September family challenge: Christ in school. This week, there are some awesome saints we're celebrating. Every day is a beloved saint or angel (there is a list elsewhere in the bulletin). Choose one to celebrate this week. At family prayers, pray to the saint of the day to help each member of the family see opportunities to share the faith. Pray for each family member by name. During the week, be alert and look for opportunities to share the faith. Sharing the faith can be as simple as making the sign of the cross at prayer before lunch, or mentioning the saint who shares someone's name. At the dinner table, have everyone share (parents, too) about conversations they've had.

Escuela de Formación Cristiana (CCD) Grados 4K a 5º

Sra. Mary Ellen Jackson
mjackson@charlestondiocese.org Telefóno: 803.642.2676

Estimados padres de estudiantes de K - 5º:
1. Desafío familiar de septiembre: Desafío familiar de septiembre: Cristo en la escuela. Esta semana, estamos celebrando algunos santos increíbles. Cada día tenmos un santo o ángel amado (hay una lista en otra parte del boletín). Elija uno para celebrar esta semana. En las oraciones familiares, ore al santo del día para que ayude a cada miembro de la familia a ver oportunidades para compartir la fe. Ore por cada miembro de la familia por nombre. Durante la semana, esté alerta y busque oportunidades para compartir la fe. Compartir la fe puede ser tan simple como hacer la señal de la cruz en oración antes del almuerzo o mencionar al santo que comparte el nombre de alguien. En la mesa de la cena, haga que todos (los padres también) compartan las conversaciones que hayan tenido durante el día.

Have You Tried FORMED.org?

Sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken,SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.
¿No está inscrito en FORMED? Regístrese en www.formed.org/signup, ingrese a Aiken, SC, luego elija St. Mary Help of Christians

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For the most current information on Masses, Confessions and activities please go to www.stmarys-aiken.org or https://www.facebook.com/marysaiken/

Sunday Morning Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

Sunday morning ministry began on September 12.
This class is necessary for public school students who wish to be confirmed.

9:45—10:45am grades 6-8
11:15am—12:15pm grades 9-12

Youth Ministry
Middle School (GR. 5-8) or
Life Night (GR. 9-12)

September 26— Middle School Night, Grades 5-8
October 3—Life Teen
October 10—Life Teen

Frozen pastry Loaves will be for sale after all Masses this weekend. Several flavors are available. Easy to thaw over night and bake and serve the next morning. One loaf feeds a family! A great treat to have on hand in your freezer. Each loaf sells for $14. All Profits go to help pay for youth to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in November 2021.

Ministerio juvenil del domingo por la mañana Grados 6º - 12º

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org o 803.215.7040 celular

El ministerio del domingo por la mañana
Comenzó el 12 de septiembre
Esta clase es necesaria para estudiantes de escuelas públicas que deseen ser confirmados.

9: 45—10: 45am grados 6-8
11: 15—12: 15pm grados 9-12

Ministerio Juvenil
Escuela intermedia (GR. 5-8) o
Life Night (GR. 9-12)

26 de septiembre - Noche de Escuela secundaria, grados 5-8
3 de octubre - Life Teen
10 de octubre - Life Teen

St. Vincent de Paul Society

For food or financial assistance,
call 803.642.3211
Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm
Closed on Fridays

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday Morning Cafe (Catholic Faith Exploration)

In our Fall session we will gain a deeper understanding of the Bible with the *Genesis to Jesus* program, presented by Matthew Leonard and Dr. Scott Hahn.

9/26 Covenant with Creation (Genesis)
10/3 Fall Break & Life Chain Sunday—**NO CLASS**

We meet between masses 9:45-10:45AM in Mother Teresa Hall. For questions contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or rampierce@atlanticbb.net

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Lunch and Learn

Come join us as the Lunch and Learn Book Club meets on Mondays, in the John Bosco Youth Center at NOON. For more information please contact Kathy Monahon at kmonahon@atlanticbb.net or 803.648.9925.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Please join us Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00AM as we study the Song of Solomon! We meet in St. Michael Hall and everyone is welcome to join this discussion group. This Fall session will complete our fifteenth year. For more information, contact Martha Whittingham at 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

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Thursday Morning Bible Study

Come join us on Thursdays 11:15AM – 12:30PM in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's; 125 Park Ave. SE). You only need to bring your bible. We will be reading the Book of Sirach (sometimes called Ecclesiasticus), one of the 7 books that are not in the Protestant bible. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org . All are invited.

Friday Book Club

We will be reading Jean-Pierre DeCaussade's *Abandonment to Divine Providence*. This inspirational classic has guided generations to holiness and spiritual peace. Come join us in **St. Michael Hall** (next to the church) on Fridays 10:00 –11:30AM.

For information, contact Mary Ellen at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org.

Christian Formation/CCD

Make sure you sign up your children for Sunday morning Religious Education classes; forms are in the parish office and on the website — https://stmarys-aiken.org/ccd

It's important to share with others all the good things the Lord has done for us – Join our CCD team and share stories of how the Lord has worked in your life. You will be surprised that you may learn from the students as well! For more information, email Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or call 803.642.2676

Formación cristiana / CCD

Asegúrese de inscribir a sus hijos en las clases de educación religiosa los domingos por la mañana; los formularios están en la oficina parroquial y en el sitio web. https://stmarys-aiken.org/ccd

Es importante compartir con los demás todas las cosas buenas que el Señor ha hecho por nosotros. Únase a nuestro equipo de CCD y comparta historias de cómo el Señor ha trabajado en su vida. ¡Se sorprenderá de que también pueda aprender de los estudiantes! Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Ellen Jackson a mjackson@charlestondiocese.org o llame al 803.642.2676

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Week 4 – The Freedom to Choose the Good

- Speaker: Fr. Dave Pivonka
- The Fullness and Power of Freedom
- Violating the Gift of True Freedom
- Freedom to Choose the Good
- The Holy Desires God Places in Our Hearts
- Accepting Weaknesses and Wounds
- Choosing for the Good of Others

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Friday mornings 6:15 to 7:30AM

For more information or to register please email the ministry team at: aikentmiy@charlestondiocese.org

Or call, Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568
or Derron Judd at 803.439.2229

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
– Proverbs 27:17

Old St Mary Roof Replacement

The roof replacement work begins the week of September 27th with a target completion date in January 2022. We will begin with the low sloped portions of the structure, while awaiting delivery of metal shingles.

Please be patient and respect barricaded areas as the work progresses. Thank you!

The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Pius XI: "In a life of faithful performance of everyday duties, [St. Joseph] left an example for all those who must gain their bread by the toil of their hands." **To think about**: We all have manual labor to do as part of life, either at our job or at home. Sometimes we don't appreciate how we serve God even when we are doing yard work, housework, and such. From the beginning God gave man work, to 'till and keep' the garden. Do we perform our manual labor to glorify God as we work? Do we appreciate the importance of our work?

The Holy Family Wants to Visit *Your* Family

St. Mary's has a traveling statue and the Holy Family would like to stay at your home for a week. Your family can get the statue at Sunday Mass and return it the next week. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson: 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

La Sagrada Familia quiere visitar a su familia

Santa María tiene una estatua itinerante y la Sagrada Familia desea quedarse en su casa durante una semana. Su familia puede obtener la estatua en la misa dominical y devolverla la siguiente semana. Comuníquese con Mary Ellen Jackson en mjackson@charlestondiocese.org o al 803.642.2676.

Saint Mary Help of Christians Rosary Makers Mission

"The Angelic Psalter [the Hail Mary] the foundational stone of the New Testament."

Our first meeting will be
Monday, October 11th —1:00 - 2:30pm
Downstairs in Smith Hall

For more information contact Douglas McGuinness at 803.979.2271 or dpmcg871@gmail.com

The Bible and the Sacraments

- Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ
- Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith
- Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity

Join us —

St. Michael Hall
6:15pm
September 29, October 6 and October 13

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Public Christian Witness - Life Chain Prayer Event

This is one hour of Prayer For Respect For Human Life

PLEASE JOIN US
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3
from 2:30 to 3:30pm
We will stand in quiet prayer along the 118 Bypass in Aiken

Meet at 2:15pm at Christ's Way Christian Church, 183 Old Wagener Road for instructions, sign selections and a dedication prayer. You may bring a chair, water, umbrella etc. as needed. Families with children are welcomed! It will be held rain or shine. For more information contact: Debbie Baer 803.295.7897 or http://lifechain.net/

Concert in the Courtyard!

Join Us!

Sunday, October 3, at 3:00pm
in the front courtyard of the church on Fairfield

The Augusta Cello Society will present a concert. Composed of only cellos, the Augusta Cello Society was started in the hopes of increasing interest and awareness of cello playing, and to promote artistic collaboration in the Augusta area. Currently there is not a definite program list, but it will be a fun and unique experience. Please remember to bring your own chairs.

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2021-2022 Enrollment

St. Mary's School is accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Monthly payment plans are available for all families. Catholic Parishioners are also eligible for discounted tuition rates. For more information, visit the school website at stmaryschoolaiken.com or call the school office at 803.649.2071.

Teacher Wish List

Support SMS when you shop online! Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School in Aiken. You can also view teacher-requested classroom supplies and materials. Your eligible purchases will support the school at no additional charge. All of your Prime benefits remain the same too! St. Mary's School does not see individual purchases and collects no data from this program.

Fitness Equipment Needed

Do you have new or used exercise equipment that you no longer need? SMS has a Junior High fitness class that is looking for equipment including dumbbells, kettlebells, resistance bands, chin up bars, and weight benches. Items can be dropped off in the school office or purchased on the Amazon wish list. Thank You!

INSCRIPCIÓN 2021-2022:

La escuela de Santa María ya está aceptando solicitudes de inscripción para el año escolar 2021-2022. Planes de pago mensuales están disponibles para todas las familias. Los feligreses católicos también son elegibles para tarifas de matrícula con descuento. Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de la escuela en stmaryschoolaiken.com o llame a la oficina de la escuela al 803.649.2071.

Lista de deseos del maestro

¡Apoye a SMS cuando compre en línea! Visite smile.amazon.com y seleccione la escuela católica St. Mary Help of Christians en Aiken. También puede ver los útiles y materiales que han solicitado los maestros de aula. Sus compras que califiquen apoyarán a la escuela sin cargo adicional. ¡Todos sus beneficios Prime también siguen siendo los mismos! St. Mary's School no ve compras individuales y no recopila datos de este programa.

St. Mary's to join Diocesan Rosary Congress on October 5th

The Diocese of Charleston is holding a Rosary Congress Oct. 2—8, 8AM to 8PM, with the mission to pray as many rosaries as possible that week for the intention of Holiness in the Family. **This year St. Mary's is assigned October 5th.** The sign-up sheets will be on a table in the vestibule and also in the chapel beginning 9/25 to offer a rosary on 10/5 (preferably during Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, if possible). Please sign up to pray your rosary (rosaries) a particular hour, so that we have all the hours covered! Questions, please contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.552.7714.

Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) Clothing Drive

Clothing donations are the lifeblood of the ACTS Resale Stores, as well as providing over 95% of the clothing given away to our clients. Recently we have seen a decrease in clothing being donated. If you clean out your closets and have clean "saleable" clothes, please drop them off at 340 Park Ave. SW weekdays between 9AM - 4PM.

Thank you for the many ways you support the ACTS mission.

ACTS Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

ACTS of Aiken is accepting applications for two part-time paid positions and also has several volunteer opportunities available. For more information, please contact Karen Perry at Karen@actsofaiken.org

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Always in My Heart

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For more information contact Kathy at 803.547.5063
OR email grace4healing@gmail.com
OR familylife@charlestondiocese.org

Ushers Needed

We are still in need of ushers for all Sunday Masses. If you are interested in being an usher or would like more information, contact Maryann Burgess at e-mail garnetgirlmb@gmail.com or 803.439.0468

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Saturday, October 9th

5:30 - 10:30pm

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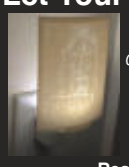

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