

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2019

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, VF
Pastor

Rev. Raymond K. Flores
Parochial Vicar

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

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY

Mon. - Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's
Tues. 6:30AM - Old St. Mary's
No School Mass Until August 21
Miércoles - la capilla de Ste Claire 7:00PM
Thur. Nursing Home 10:00AM
Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

SUNDAY

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church
8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church
Spanish 12:30PM - Church
5:00PM - Church

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's
Sat. 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Mail: P.O. Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802

803.649.4777

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

St. Angela Hall: 118 York St. 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 the Parish tab, or you may fill out and submit the form online.

PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 803.649.4777 **FAX:** 888.552.1016
ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org
 Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM
 Mailing address:
 PO Box 438 Aiken, SC 29802
 Location: 203 Park Ave. SE Aiken, SC 29801

NURSERY

Available during the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Mass in
Mother Teresa Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance, call 803.642.3211

PARISH PERSONNEL

Contact by email at ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

Mr. Patrick Wray
 Director of Administration

Mrs. Mary Frei
 Administrative Assistant

Ms. Charlene Krushinsky
 Principal of St. Mary's School
 803.649.2071

Ms. Phyllis Waters
 Business Manager

Ms. Frances Gledhill
 Parish Secretary

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson
 Director of Religious Education
 803.642.2676

Mrs. Joan LaBone
 Director of Youth Ministry
 803.649.3049

Mrs. Bette Ross, MS
 Social Ministry Coordinator
 803.649.4777 ext. 101

Mr. V. Franklin Deese II
 Organist and Choir Director
 706.550.5047

Reservations: ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestdiocese.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website.

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 registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to the 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 August 18. 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

Confirmation: Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or jlaborne@charlestdiocese.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. E-mail Mary Frei: mfrei@charlestdiocese.org or call 803.649.4777 ext. 101 For Nursing home volunteers, Holy Communion for our homebound, hospital visits, call Bette Ross at the parish office or e-mail her at brross@charlestdiocese.org

Updated financial information was not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

OFFERING FOR JULY 14, 2019	\$ 37,590.70
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$ 37,590.70
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 31,800.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$ 5,790.70

Our Capital Campaign #3 has ended as of June 30, 2019. Many thanks to the 31% or 526 families who pledged, all who contributed, and those who are continuing to contribute to our outstanding loan balance. As of June 30, 2019 the balance was \$519,980.00.

Check out our website for continuing on line giving and envelopes coming soon for your convenience toward our Parish Diocesan Loan.

Please call Patrick or Phyllis in the main office, 803.649.4777 with any questions.

ITEM	GOAL	LAST WEEK STATUS	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT SHORTFALL To GOAL	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST WEEK
PARISH DEBT	\$519,980.00	\$0.00	\$3,810.23	\$516,169.77	1%	\$3,810.23
FAMILIES PARTICIPATING	1800					

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

STE CLAIRE CHAPEL, 125 PARK AVE. SE

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament is available in Ste Claire Chapel 24 hours a day. All are encouraged to spend time with our Lord. Come, let us adore Him!



CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH JESUS?

We have an URGENT need for Thursday, 11:00PM. Please contact Ivy Monahon if you are able to take one of these hours.

To see the most current hours in need, go to <http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>.

If you can spend one hour with Jesus on a weekly basis, please contact one of the division leaders or the lead coordinator, Ivy Monahon at 803.649.4157 or jjmonahon@mindspring.com

Tom Henry	12AM-6AM	803.642.6893
Jackie Langner	6AM-12PM	803.643.3159
Janice Suhrer	12PM-6PM	803.648.1747
Carole Schaumann	6PM-12AM	803.640.5144

Reminder: There is an emergency phone available in Ste. Claire Chapel. It is located under the sign-in counter.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

FIT 4 SCHOOL

Fit 4 School is an event hosted at the Aiken County Family YMCA where local children receive much needed necessities as the school year approaches. Children who attend receive free school supplies from sponsors as well as free healthcare services such as eye screenings, hearing screenings, and dental screenings. Children will also receive free haircuts by Aiken School of Cosmetology. In addition, Fit 4 School features several fun activities including entertainment from Franko the Magic Hatter, Uncle Sam's Magic and Balloons, DJ, Game Rover, face painting, and inflatables.

Where: Aiken County Family Y
621 Trolley Line Rd
Graniteville, SC 29829

When: Saturday, August 3, 2019
10AM to 1PM

We will be collecting school supplies after all Masses the weekend of July 20/21, as well as in the Parish Office until Friday, July 26. Please consider donating to this wonderful event as well as stopping by to share in the festivities! For more information, please contact Olivia Fiscus at 803.335.6377 or ofiscus@clermson.edu.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+ JMJ +

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our summer marches on. People have been enjoying well-deserved vacations. We've enjoyed many visitors to Aiken and to St. Mary's in particular. It's hard to believe that in about a month, school will begin yet another new year. "*Tempus fugit*" my grandmother's clock said – "Time flies." It is good to take a pause and remind ourselves of the value and sacredness of time itself. *This* time is given to us as an invaluable gift. Let us learn to use it ever more wisely with the help of God's grace from the gifts of His divine life within us – the Sacraments – to bring faith, hope, and love to our families, to our friends, to visitors and guests, and within ourselves. Time is precious and, except in movies alone, our experience of it marches one way only. Never wish time away – it never comes back. We must use each moment as a precious gift and value each soul as the priceless treasure he or she is.

Of course, one way to sanctify time is to join in the ancient practice of the Liturgy of the Hours. We are blessed at St. Mary's to have this regularly on Mondays and Wednesdays, currently at 7:30 and 11:30am. (See the bulletin for the normal schedule, which resumes September 4.)

This Friday, July 26, please join us for Solemn Vespers (sung Evening Prayer) at 6:30pm in Old St. Mary's. With this special celebration of the entire Aiken Deanery, we will commence our part in the bicentennial celebrations of the Diocese of Charleston. Two hundred years of proclaiming the Gospel as a diocese is a good start. Come and let's pray for our future as a people focused on Jesus Christ and His saving message for all.

Many people have asked about the possibility of donating flowers for the altar. Currently, we have only had flowers for special feasts and celebrations. We've decided to do like many parishes and offer to allow parishioners to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or for personal, special occasions. See the bulletin for more details.

Very soon through a generous grant from Catholic Extension, our parish will welcome two religious sisters from the Order Hermanas del Corazón de Jesús Sacramentado – Sisters of the Sacramental Heart of Jesus. They will primarily minister to our Latino community. A third sister will be with them and will minister at Our Lady of Peace in North Augusta. They will live at the convent in between our parishes, situated at Our Lady of the Valley in Gloverville. We are blessed beyond measure to receive this grant and are excited to welcome these sisters. The grant covers nearly all costs with the remainder more than covered by fundraising by St. Mary's Hispanic community. The idea behind the grant is that during the five years, these sisters will not only support the parish and form leaders, but they will be learning English, taking other courses, and refining their skills to take back to their country. Please pray for these sisters as they prepare to arrive.

And let us always pray for each other!
Father Wilson

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION (CCD) GRADES 4K-5

Contact: mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

Summer is here! Don't forget to take your children to Mass every Sunday – or during the week as well!

Planning a summer trip? Get your children involved in finding a nearby Church to attend Mass.

Remember: whether you intend to or not, you are teaching your children the faith every day, every moment

This coming Friday July 26th is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne – the grandparents of Jesus. This week plan to visit, call, or send cards to your children's grandparents (or do all three!). If you can visit them, have your children ask them about what they did for fun at their age, or what was happening in the world at their age. We often forget to just get to know each other in this rushed modern world.

Car conversations: Ask your children about movie or TV characters that they relate to, and why. Ask some follow-up questions to understand better. Give each child a turn. Then, share with them what character you relate to (now or when you were a child). You all may surprise each other with your choices!

Preparing for the Fall: Sunday morning classes (CCD) start September 8th. Registration forms, parent letter, and calendar are on the parish website at <http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>. Register early! Invite your friends to register their children!

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

No Morning Ministry Until September!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School (GR. 6-8) or
Life Night (GR. 9-12)

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

jlabone@charlestandioocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

July 15-23—High School Mission Trip to Philadelphia.

July 21—No regular evening youth ministry.

July 28—Middle and High School Inside Game Night— Uno, ping pong, board games, spoons, etc. and good eats!!

August 4— No Youth Ministry

Follow us on Instagram: [lifeteen_aiken](#)

Check for activities online at St. Mary Help of Christians Website under Formation/Youth Ministry.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM CLASSES "RCIA"

All are welcome to join us – whether you are just beginning to learn about the faith, you are a life-long Catholic wanting a refresher, or are anywhere in between. Join us and bring a friend! Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall 6:15 – 7:45PM. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org or 803.642.2676. **RCIA will resume in late August.** Please join us!

THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible Study meets at 11:15AM in Smith Hall. We are reading the **Book of Tobit**. This book shows the unexpected providential care God shows Tobit, his family, and us all. This study may be of particular interest to former Protestants, because it is one of the Deuterocanonical books, which Luther removed from the Bible. In the Fall we'll read the Deuterocanonical books 1st and 2nd Maccabees. These Old Testament books are often overlooked, but are so inspiring! **Come Join Us!** For more information, contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org or 803.642.2676.



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

Contact: Ms. Charlene Krushinsky,
Principal
803.649.2071

Summer Office Hours:

8:30AM—2:00PM Monday—Thursday

Closed on Fridays

First Day of School: August 20, 2019

**Have you always wanted to send your child to
St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School?**

Well, NOW you can!

A tuition assistance grant is now available to new families only who qualify. Please read below for more information.

You don't want to miss this GREAT opportunity to give your child a Catholic education!

JUVO TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

Parents - if you would like to send your child to school in a faith-based environment that has a rigorous curriculum, an effective student discipline program, surrounded by caring, dedicated teachers, then make an appointment to visit St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School today! A Catholic education is AFFORDABLE with the availability now of the JUVO tuition assistance grant for new, qualifying school families.

Contact Ms. Andrea Aviles, School Office Manager, aaviles@stmaryschoolaiken.com, or Sarah Laughlin, School Development Director, slaughlin@stmaryschoolaiken.com, on how you can make a Catholic education a reality for your child!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 21

HOMEWORKS-AFTER ALL MASSES-COURTYARD
 8:30AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM
 9:30AM-NO MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY-SUMMER BREAK
 9:45AM-NO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION-SUMMER BREAK
 9:45AM-NO SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ-SUMMER BREAK
 10:30AM-SPANISH CHOIR PRACTICE-DCN. WATERS CONFERENCE RM
 1:30PM-KERMES-ST. ANGELA HALL
 11:00AM-NURSERY-MOTHER TERESA CONFERENCE ROOM

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:30AM-LITURGY OF THE HOURS-CHURCH NAVE
 9:30AM-PRAYER SHAWL-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:30AM-LITURGY OF THE HOURS-CHURCH NAVE
 12:00PM-LUNCH & LEARN-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:00PM-LEGIÓN DE MARÍA-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:00PM-LEGION OF MARY YOUTH -UPSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:00PM-BINGO-COLUMBUS CLUB, SPAULDING DR. AIKEN
 7:30PM-SMALL CHRISTIAN COMM I-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL

TUESDAY, JULY 23

HOMEWORKS—ALL DAY-ST. ANGELA HALL/CAFETERIA/SCHOOL
 7:00AM-MEN'S PRAYER GROUP-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 3:30PM-LEGION OF MARY-SMITH HALL
 7:00PM-SPANISH MARRIAGE PREP. GROUP-MOTHER TERESA HALL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

HOMEWORKS—ALL DAY-ST. ANGELA HALL/CAFETERIA/SCHOOL
 7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 7:30AM-LITURGY OF THE HOURS-CHURCH NAVE
 9:30AM-NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY-SUMMER BREAK
 11:30AM-LITURGY OF THE HOURS-CHURCH NAVE
 6:00PM-PRAY & PRAISE-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:15PM-LEGION OF MARY-SCHOOL LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JULY 25

HOMEWORKS—ALL DAY-ST. ANGELA HALL/CAFETERIA/SCHOOL
 7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 11:15AM-BIBLE STUDY-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 6:00PM YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY OF THE BODY-MOTHER TERESA HALL

FRIDAY, JULY 26

HOMEWORKS—ALL DAY-ST. ANGELA HALL/CAFETERIA/SCHOOL
 7:00AM-AA MEETING-DOWNSTAIRS, SMITH HALL
 8:30AM-AIKEN HOMELESS COALITION-MOTHER TERESA HALL
 6:30PM-SOLEMN VESPERS & BENEDICTION - OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH

SATURDAY, JULY 27

HOMEWORKS—ALL DAY-ST. ANGELA HALL/CAFETERIA/SCHOOL
 8:00AM-SECULAR FRANCISCAN DAY OF REFLECTION W/FR. KIRBY-
 MOTHER TERESA HALL
 8:30AM-NOVENA-OLD ST. MARY'S

THE HOLY ROSARY

Join the parish as we pray The Rosary together daily before the 5:30PM Mass, Monday through Friday.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22 — JULY 28

Monday

Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday

Ex 14:21—15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28

Friday

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30AM Gertrude Baker (D)
 11:00AM For the People
 12:30PM Pinacho-Arriaga
 Family (L) & (D)
 5:00PM Mary Maxine Kiehn (D)

MONDAY, JULY 22

5:30PM Diana & Richard
 Strom (L)

TUESDAY, JULY 23

6:30AM Robert Watkins (D)
 5:30PM Val Cadarr (L)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

5:30PM Evelyn Perre' (L)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

10:00AM BENTON HOUSE—
 Nancy Smodic (L)
 5:30PM Emily Rostocki (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

5:30PM Ruth Dion (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:00AM Father Jeffrey Kirby (L)
 5:00PM Ruth Chelchowski (D)
 Steven Dassau (D)
 Martha DeMore (D)
 Michael Guay (D)
 Sandra Simmons (D)
 Roger Guay (D)



PRAYERS REQUESTED



Deaths: July 10 Father Michael H. Hull
 July 16 Father John Coffee



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense 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.

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER HOME WORKS

Sign up now for Home Works Aiken Summer Session. **Youth & Adult Volunteers. No experience necessary.** Make friends, learn new skills, and be Jesus' love in action as you help repair and improve the homes of those in need in our community. The session runs from Tuesday, July 23 at 5PM to Tuesday, July 30. Youth stay in St. Angela Hall for the week and start and end each day together in prayer. Many adult volunteers and mentors are needed. Please contact Karen and Kevin Stoner today at kjstoner7@gmail.com or 803.514.0868 to receive more information and registration materials. Thank you!

SUNDAY MORNING CCD TEAM

Do you love the Lord and desire to pass on the faith? Consider joining our **Sunday morning CCD team!** There are many ways (with different time commitments) to help – as a teacher, an aid, a co-teacher, and more. We also need occasional helpers. Interested? Mark your calendar for catechist training **Saturday, August 17 9:00AM–12:00PM** in St. Michael's Hall. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Donating altar flowers is a simple, lovely way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and add beauty to the altar. Flowers can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. You can choose any Sunday or have an open Sunday chosen for you. The names of those being honored or remembered will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday you select. If you prefer, you can simply give the flowers to the Glory of God. The suggested donation amount is \$125 per arrangement. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114.

LUNCH & LEARN BOOK CLUB

Meets Mondays from 12 NOON to 1:00PM in Smith Hall. All are welcome. The current book for the Lunch and Learn Book Club is "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre. Contact Kathy Monahan at kmonahon@atlanticbb.net

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

During the summer break you can continue to grow in your Catholic faith by using the many resources available through Formed.org. Books, CDs, movies, Bible study lessons, etc. are available free of charge. Register at stmarys-aiken.formed.org You'll need an email and then create a password. Our study of The Gospel of Matthew will begin September 4th at 9:30AM. Contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

St. Mary's has instituted the regular practice of the Office in the nave of the church on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Morning Prayer at 7:30AM and Mid-Day Prayer at 11:30AM. This schedule will be followed through July, with a short break during August. The regular schedule of the Office will resume on Wednesday, September 4. For more information, please contact Bill Weiss at bill.weiss@mindspring.com or 803.295.7556.

SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION

There will be **NO** Sunday Café during the Summer. Classes will resume in September. For information contact Donna Pierce at 803.474.6011 or rampierce@atlanticbb.net

PRAY AND PRAISE

The Pray and Praise Prayer Group meets in Smith Hall Wednesdays at 6:00PM in Smith Hall. Join us as we pray together and sing praise to the Lord. All are invited. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

ON-LINE GIVING

The Parish Finance Committee has approved and 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.

ON-LINE GIVING STATUS

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: www.stmarys-aiken.org, click on giving, then Sunday Offertory

ITEM	GOAL	LAST MONTH'S STATUS	CURRENT STATUS	CURRENT % GOAL	CURRENT VS. LAST MONTH
ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS	750	432	441	59%	9

- ◆ 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

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

DAY OF REFLECTION WITH FATHER KIRBY

On Saturday, July 27, Father Jeffrey Kirby, STD will present “**Be Not Troubled: A Day of Reflection**” at old Saint Mary Help of Christians Church. The Day of Reflection will be based on Father Kirby’s new book, “Be Not Troubled: A 6-Day Retreat with Fr. Jean-Pierre De Caussade.” This powerful book draws, synthesizes and translates for us wisdom from the spiritual classic “Abandonment to Divine Providence” by Fr. Jean-Pierre De Caussade.

The Day will begin with Mass at 8:00AM in old Saint Mary’s Church followed by coffee and continental breakfast in Mother Teresa Hall. Lunch will be provided (free, but donations accepted). There is no cost for the conference. The day will end at 2:30PM. To register, please email saintclareofs@gmail.com (This event is sponsored by the St. Clare of Assisi Secular Franciscans.)

FROM THE BENCH

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty is one of those hymns that seems to have a perennial wide spread appeal. Joachim Neander wrote the hymn tune, *Lobe den Herren*, for a paraphrase of Psalm 103 and 150 for the German Reformed Church, a Calvinist body completely separate from the Lutherans. It is considered the best hymn of that tradition. Published in German in 1680, it was translated into English by the indefatigable Catherine Winkworth, whose many translations of German chorales into English during the Victorian Era opened up the German chorale tradition to the English speaking world.

FAMILY MINISTRY

The St. Mary’s Help of Christians Parish Family Ministry invites you to join us for family centered events, fellowship and fun. All families, of any type or size, are encouraged to attend as a way to get to know your fellow parishioners and grow in faith. For more information call Sarah Laughlin at 803.514.2465

SECOND ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday October 12, 2019 at Cedar Creek Golf Course.

Proceeds go to the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus which include Aiken area Special Olympics, visits and outreach to the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, college scholarship awards, etc. Registration and Sponsorship Forms available in the church narthex. Enter as a team (2, 3 or 4 people) or as an individual and we will place you on a team. Fee is \$65 per person for 18 holes, cart, and meal. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams. For more information contact Mark Kranjc at 803.646.4206

SAVE THE DATES

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All Young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to join YAMs at the following events!

- Trivia Night — July 22nd @7pm WingPlace Aiken
- Supper Club — July 28th, email Yams for more info
- Bible Study — July 30th at 6PM in St. Michael Hall

REMINDER: Our Theology of the Body Study continues this Thursday, July 25th and August 1st. 6:30-8PM in Mother Theresa Hall. ALL young adults are welcome.

FRIDAYS WITH FRANCIS

Have you been unsure of how to grow in holiness in these busy modern times? Come join the Fridays with Francis book study this Fall. We’ll start **Friday, August 16th at 10:00AM** in Dcn. Waters conference room in St. Michael Hall to read and discuss *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales. The book is available in St. Mary’s gift shop. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE

Mark your calendars! Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University will be offered this Fall starting **Monday September 9th**. FPU meets for 11 weeks on Monday evenings. Financial problems are a main cause of contention in marriage and hold many people back from achieving their goals. FPU empowers people to get control of their finances. Spread the word! For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestandioocese.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND SHEPEARD COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

will conduct a Blood Drive
at Saint Mary Help of Christians Church
on Fairfield Street.

Saturday, August 3 from 3:30-7:00PM
Sunday, August 4 from 7:45AM-1:30PM

Light up someone’s life.

Donate blood — the Gift of Life!

Tears cannot save someone’s life, but your blood can.
Remember, today you can donate blood.
tomorrow someone near and dear to you may need it.

THE NEED IS CONSTANT — THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT!

Each donor will receive a free Lipid Profile
after your third donation in a calendar year.

Bring a picture ID, Drivers license or donor card!
Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating.

Thank you!

MINISTERIO HISPANO

MISA Y CONFESIONES

- domingo 12:30PM Iglesia, Fairfield Ave
- miércoles 7:00PM Capilla Santa Clara
- Confesiones son media hora antes y después de la misa dominical

BAUTISMOS

Para pedir el Sacramento del Bautismo o para recibir información acerca de las pláticas pre-bautismales, por favor de comunicarse con Gabriela Flores, al 803.716.5509 o con Luz Londoño, al 803.522.3814. Preparación pre-bautismal: 7 y 14 de julio, 2019 en Boyd Hall en la escuela Sta. Maria.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Introducción al Catolicismo - Estas interesado en convertirte en Católico o aprender mas sobre el Catolicismo? Las clases de RICA serán los jueves a las 7:00PM en el salon de Smith Hall. Para más información, por favor de comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

PEQUEÑAS COMUNIDADES DE FE

Invitamos a todos los feligreses que deseen aprender más sobre nuestra fe que se unan a nuestras Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe.

PCF I "Dios Está Aquí" se reúnen todos los lunes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en el salón Smith Hall. Coordinadora Aura Pérez. 803.295.6388.

PCF II "Santa María" se reúnen todos los lunes de 6:00PM a 9:00PM en 120 Barton Brothers Ln., Aiken, SC 29801. Coordinadora Mercedes Barranco. 803.439.3999.

PCF III "Dios Entre Nosotros" se reúnen todos los martes de 7:30PM a 10:30PM en 127 Courtney Rd. Trenton, SC 29847. Coordinador Reginaldo Cortez. 803.645.4083.

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.

Para más información, por favor comunicarse con Esperanza Negrete al 803.226.3410

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.

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

CASA ABIERTA

Centro San Vicente de Paul
Domingo, 4 de Agosto, 2019
Después de la Misa de las 12:30PM

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl los invita a hacer un tour de su centro para que vea cómo se usa su generosa donación que ayuda a un promedio de 350 familias/1,100 personas de la comunidad todos los meses, con comida y ayuda con las cuentas de luz. Tendremos voluntarios en el patio central de la Iglesia por si tiene algunas preguntas o si desea hacer un tour del centro.

¿SIEMPRE HA QUERIDO ENVIAR A SUS HIJOS A LA ESCUELA CATÓLICA – ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS?

¡AHORA, lo puede hacer!

Tenemos disponible una beca para ayudar con la matrícula de la escuela, limitada a familias nuevas que califiquen.

Por favor sírvase leer a continuación, si desea más información al respecto. No pierda esta GRAN oportunidad de darle a su hijo una educación Católica.

BECA ESCOLAR JUVO DE ASISTENCIA ECONÓMICA PARA LA MATRÍCULA

Padres de Familia: si desean enviar a su hijo a una escuela Católica, con un ambiente de fe, con un plan de estudio riguroso, un programa efectivo de disciplina escolar, con maestros dedicados y comprensivos, los invitamos a que hagan una cita hoy para visitar la escuela Católica St. Mary Help of Christians. Una educación Católica es ahora POSIBLE con la beca de asistencia económica JUVO para la matrícula para familias nuevas que califiquen.

Comuníquese con Andrea Avilés, Gerente de la Oficina Escolar, aaviles@stmaryschoolaiken.com, o con Sarah Laughlin, Directora de Desarrollo Escolar, slaughlin@stmaryschoolaiken.com, si desea saber cómo una educación Católica puede ser una realidad para su hijo.

COLECTA SEMANAL – AÑO FISCAL 2018-2019

TOTALES DESDE EL DOMINGO, 14 DE JULIO, 2018

La suma total de las ofrendas recaudadoras del 14 de julio no estaba disponible al tiempo de imprenta

HOLY HAPPENINGS AT ST. MARY'S!



CWA Patriotic Parties
at Area Nursing Homes
June and July



Richard & Karen Edlund attend their
grandson's First Holy Communion
Our Lady Help of Christians
Dublin, Ireland—May 26

Solemn Vespers with Benediction Friday, July 26, 2019

You are invited

**Join your fellow Catholics of the
Aiken Deanery
as we commence celebrations for the**

**Bicentennial of the
Diocese of Charleston**

**“Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.”**

Hebrews 13:8

6:30pm

**Solemn Vespers & Benediction
Old Saint Mary Help of Christians Church
Corner of Park Ave. & York St.
Aiken, South Carolina**