St. Mary Help of Christians Church

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 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

The Parish Office Mailing Address has been changed to:

203 Park Ave., SE
Aiken, SC, 29801

Please do not send mail to the P. O. Box

Holy Mass Schedule

Weekday

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 5:30pm - Church
Tues. 6:30am - Old St. Mary 's
Wed. 8:30am - 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 St. Claire Chapel!

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament awaits your visit!

Having a weekly holy hour can be a life-changing experience. "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. What are you waiting for?

To try a weekly hour of adoration, please contact Ivy Monahon at jjmonahon@mindspring.com, or 803.292.6432 or go to St. Mary's website at http://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration.

Parish Personnel

Contact by email at
ParishOfficeStMaryAiken@charlestondiocese.org

Mr. Patrick Wray
Director of Administration
Mrs. Mary Frei
Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Laura Webster
Principal of St. Mary's School
803.649.2071
Ms. Phyllis Waters
Business Manager
Ms. Frances Gledhill
Parish Secretary
Sr. Glafira G. Ortega, HCJS
Sr. Maria Bertha (Martha) Zuniga, HCJS
803.646.9521/803.646.3666

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson, MA
Director of Religious Education
803.642.2676
Mrs. Joan LaBone
Director of Youth Ministry
803.215.7040
Mr. V. Franklin Deese II
Organist and Choir Director
706.550.5047
Mrs. Janet Morris, MIBS
St. Joseph Altar Society
803.502.3636

Weekly Stewardship Fiscal Year 2020-2021

If you make an annual contribution payable to the parish from an IRA or Securities account, please call 803.649.4777 option 4 and let the parish bookkeeper know. Thank you!

Totals as of Sunday, June 13, 2021

OFFERING FOR JUNE 13, 2021	**$**	**26,246.20**
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	**$**	**31,800.00**
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	**$**	**1,667,316.15**
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	**$**	**1,590,000.00**
OVERAGE TO DATE	**$**	**77,316.15**

Special Collection: June 13 Seminary Collection $2,580.00

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 6/14/2021	**$169,844.60**

*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	635	642	86%	7

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

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El Padre Francisco continúa ausente en unas merecidas vacaciones, visitando a su familia en México. Estará ausente hasta el 11 de julio. Oramos para que él tenga un tiempo relajante y lleno del Espíritu Santo. Mientras está ausente, damos la bienvenida a la ayuda de nuestro sacerdote jubilado en residencia, Mons. Willie. Gracias por ofrecer a Mons. Willie una cálida bienvenida a St. Mary's.

Todos ustedes han sido tan increíblemente amables y solidarios para el vigésimo aniversario de mi ordenación. Como parte de mi celebración personal de veinte años, puedo asistir a un retiro especial de 30 días Ignaciano este agosto, ¡un retiro que he querido hacer durante más de veinte años! Cada vez que hago un retiro, llevo sus intenciones conmigo. ¡Somos una familia, después de todo!

Recibimos una gran respuesta de los voluntarios para ayudar a reabrir la tienda de regalos. Tomará un poco más de tiempo para capacitar a los voluntarios y procesar el papeleo necesario. Si tiene experiencia en ventas minoristas y desea ser voluntario, por favor, póngase en contacto con Mary Frei en la oficina parroquial. Además, hay muchas otras oportunidades disponibles para ser voluntario: una tecnología de transmisión en vivo, ujieres, trabajadores de guarderías y conductores de Wheelchair Express. Consulte nuestro sitio web parroquial para obtener más detalles.

Algo en lo que pensar: Un católico, especialmente aquel que practicó nuestra fe en la vida, recibe en la muerte el gran privilegio y la gracia de una Misa de Cristiana Sepultura (Misa de Réquiem). Este Santo Sacrificio especial de la Misa se ofrece para su alma y para el consuelo de su familia. Recuerde que durante la celebración de la Santa Misa, el sacrificio único de Jesús en la Cruz se hace presente en el tiempo. Este es el único Sacrificio que quita nuestros pecados. Tener una misa funeral ofrecida por nuestra alma es extremadamente importante. A veces, debido a la dinámica familiar, varios miembros de la familia pueden no practicar nuestra fe divina o darse cuenta de la importancia de tener una misa funeral ofrecida. Tal vez desee dar a conocer sus deseos por escrito. Incluso puede "planificar con anticipación", como lo hacemos los sacerdotes para nuestros propios funerales, para asegurarse de que se sigan sus deseos para esta importante Misa. Espero producir una pequeña guía para "morir como católico" en un futuro próximo. "Bienaventurados los siervos que el amo encuentra vigilantes a su llegada" (San Lucas 12:37)

Tenemos dos fiestas litúrgicas importantes que se avecinan. Este jueves, 24 de junio, es la Solemnidad de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista, patrón de nuestra diócesis. (Dato curioso de la liturgia: solo celebramos los cumpleaños de Jesús, María y San Juan Bautista, nuestras tres grandes vidrieras). También, el martes 29 de junio es la Solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo. Marcará el 168 aniversario de la fundación de nuestra parroquia en 1853. Para ambas solemnidades, tendremos música especial para las misas de las 17:30 horas. ¡Alabado sea Dios por estos intercesores celestiales!

¡Oremos unos por otros! Padre Wilson

Pastor's Corner
+JMJ+

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Father Francisco continues to be away on a well-deserved vacation, visiting his family in Mexico. He will be away through July 11th. We pray that he has a relaxing and Holy Spirit-filled time. While he's away, we welcome the help of our retired priest-in-residence, Msgr. Willie. Thank you for offering Msgr. Willie such a warm welcome to St. Mary's.

You've all been so incredibly kind and supportive for the twentieth anniversary of my ordination. As part of my personal celebration of twenty years, I am able to attend a special 30-day Ignatian retreat this August, a retreat I have wanted to do for over twenty years! As always, whenever I make a retreat, I take your intentions with me. We are a family, after all!

We received great response for volunteers to help reopen the Gift Shop. It will take a little more time to train the volunteers and process the proper paperwork. If you have retail experience and would still like to volunteer, just contact Mary Frei at the parish office. Also, don't forget that there are many other volunteer opportunities available: a live-stream tech, ushers, nursery workers, and Wheelchair Express drivers. See our parish website for more details.

Something to think about: A Catholic, especially one who practiced our faith in life, receives at death the great privilege and grace of a Mass of Christian Burial (Requiem Mass). This special Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for your soul and for the consolation of your family. Recall that during the celebration of Holy Mass, Jesus' unique sacrifice on the Cross is made present *in time*. This is the one Sacrifice that takes away our sins. Having a funeral Mass offered for our soul is extremely important. Sometimes, due to family dynamics, various family members may not practice our divine faith or realize the importance of having a funeral Mass offered. You may wish to make your wishes known in writing. You can even "plan ahead," as we priests do for our own funerals, to ensure your wishes for this important Mass are followed. I hope to produce a little guide for "dying as a Catholic" in the near future. *"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival" (St. Luke 12:37)*

We have a couple of important liturgical feasts coming up. This Thursday, June 24, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the patron Saint of our diocese. (Interesting liturgy fact: we only celebrate the birthdays of Jesus, Mary, and St. John the Baptist, our three large stained glass windows.) Also, Tuesday, June 29, is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. It will mark the 168th anniversary of our parish's founding in 1853. For both solemnities, we will have special music for the 5:30pm afternoon Masses. Praise God for these heavenly intercessors!

Let us pray for each other!
Father Wilson

Masses/Misas

ALL Masses are being celebrated in the new church on Fairfield Street.

On June 5, the general dispensation from attending Mass came to an end. Individual dispensation, for those who are still at risk of grave illness and for their caretakers will remain in place.

El 5 de junio, la dispensa general de asistir a misa llegó a su fin. Se mantendrá la dispensa individual, para aquellos que todavía están en riesgo de enfermedad grave y para sus cuidadores.

Childcare is available for the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses beginning today, June 20th.

Masses on Facebook Live

Beginning Sunday, July 18th
ONLY the 11:00am Mass will be Live Streamed

You can access our Facebook (FB) page without a FB account. Click on the small "f" icon on the upper right hand of our website (stmarys-aiken.org). **Note:** We are in the process of moving to a better streaming platform on YouTube. We will keep you informed on this move.

Misas en Vivo en Facebook

A partir del domingo 18 de julio
SOLAMENTE la misa de las 11:00am
será transmitida en vivo.

Puede acceder a nuestra página de Facebook (FB) sin una cuenta de FB. Haga clic en el icono pequeño "f" en la parte superior derecha de nuestro sitio web (stmarys-aiken.org). **Nota:** Estamos en proceso de mudarnos a una mejor plataforma de transmisión en YouTube. Le mantendremos informado sobre este movimiento.

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.

The Holy Rosary

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

This Week's Scripture Readings

Readings for June 21 – June 27

Monday
Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday
Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mt 7:15-20
Thursday The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4
Saturday
Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55 Mt 8:5-17
Sunday
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 2
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 20
8:30am For All the People of the Parish
11:00am Carmine Napolitano (D)
12:30pm Denisse Esparza **(L)**
5:00pm Penny Goergen (D)
Monday, June 21
5:30pm Beverly Shelley (D)
Tuesday, June 22
6:30am Fr. Charles Gusmar (D)
5:30pm Therese McCreesh (D)
Wednesday, June 23
8:30am Giard Family **(L)** & (D)
7:00pm Eric Viera-Cervantes **(L)**
Thursday, June 24 -Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
5:30pm George Patterson (D)
Friday, June 25
5:30pm Rosalie Johnson (D)
Saturday, June 26
8:00am Fr. Ernest Hepner (D)
5:00pm Jack Hamrick (D)
Mary Ellen & Edward Walsh (D)
Nancy Reed (D)
Gary Stanley (D)
Colombo Venetta (D)

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.

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 **11 de julio y 18 de julio 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 **August 15, 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

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

Nursery

Starting June 20, 2021 the Nursery will once again be Available

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

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

1. June challenge – getting to know Jesus. We are now in Ordinary Time. Make Jesus a part of your everyday family activities. Make sure to pray before meals (even if you are alone, even if you are in public). Talk in the family about how Jesus was (or could be) a part of all the different things each member does each day. A meal time activity could be to go around the table and tell one thing that happened that day in which you noticed the Lord's action.

2. Continue working on your CCD/Catechism books

3. Looking Ahead: Totus Tuus week is July 25-30. Mark your calendars! Registrations are on the parish website: click on Formation, then Camp Catholic/Totus Tuus, then information and registration. This year our program will include all students grade 1–6 in the morning AND grades 7–12 in the evening. Volunteers (7th grade – adults) are needed as well.

Escuela de Formación Cristiana (CCD) Grados Kinder a 5º

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

Estimados padres de estudiantes de K - 5º:

1. Reto de junio: conociendo a Jesús. Ahora estamos en el tiempo ordinario. Haga que Jesús sea parte de sus actividades familiares diarias. Asegúrese de orar antes de las comidas (incluso si está solo, incluso si está en público). Hable en familia sobre cómo Jesús fue (o podría ser) parte de todas las cosas diferentes que cada miembro de la familia hace diariamente. Quizás hagan una pregunta a la hora de comer: que cada uno cuente algo que sucedió ese día en el que notó la acción del Señor.

2. ¡Continúen trabajando en sus libros de CCD/Catecismo!

3. Mirando hacia el futuro: Totus Tuus es la semana del 25 al 30 de julio. ¡Marquen sus calendarios! Las inscripciones están en el sitio web de la parroquia: haga clic en Formación, luego Camp Catholic / Totus Tuus, luego información e inscripción. Este año nuestro programa incluirá a todos los estudiantes de 1º a 6º grado (por la mañana) y del 7º al 12º grado (por la tarde). También se necesitan voluntarios (7º grado - adultos).

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

Sunday Morning Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone
All sessions will be held in the St. John Bosco Youth Center, 303 Richland Avenue E

Sunday morning ministry is on break for the summer

Youth Ministry
Middle School (GR. 5-8) or Life Night (GR. 9-12)
Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org or 803.215.7040, cell

June 20 — No regular Youth Ministry
June 27 — Middle School Movie Night
June 30 — Greenjackets Game, Teens are invited to attend a Greenjackets game. There is no cost for tickets but you must let Mrs. LaBone know you are going. Parents are welcome to attend as are younger siblings. Tickets are limited.

Please pray for the middle school teens and chaperons attending Camp Hidden Lake—a Catholic camp with lots of faith and fun activities!

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

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone

Todas las sesiones se llevarán a cabo en el Centro Juvenil San Juan Bosco, 303 Richland Ave. E.

Se suspende el ministerio de jóvenes de domingo por la mañana durante el verano.

Ministerio Juvenil
Escuela intermedia (GR. 5º - 8º) o Life Teen (GR. 9º - 12º)
Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org o celular 803.215.7040

20 de junio - No hay ministerio juvenile regular
27 de junio - Noche de cine - estudiantes de escuela intermedia
30 de junio - Juego de los Greenjackets, los adolescentes están invitados a asistir a un juego de Greenjackets. Los boletos no tienen costo, pero debe informarle a la Sra. LaBone si va a ir. Padres de familia son bienvenidos al igual que sus hermanos menores. Las entradas son limitadas.

¡Oren por los adolescentes de la escuela intermedia y sus chaperones que asistirán al Campamento Hidden Lake, ¡un campamento católico con mucha fe y actividades divertidas!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday Morning Café (Catholic Faith Exploration)

Cafe is on summer break and will resume in September. However, since we should never stop exploring our faith, we encourage you to continue learning to be better disciples on your own or with each other! For example: go to formed.org for movies, scripture studies, documentaries, and audio talks and books; listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's The Bible in a Year podcast; or visit our parish library in Smith Hall. Have a fruitful summer! For more information contact Donna Pierce, 803.552.7714 or rampierce@atlanticbb.net.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

This group meet again after Labor Day. We will study the Song of Solomon. If you would like more information, please contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com

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Thursday Morning Bible Study

Meets Thursdays 11:15am – 12:30pm in Smith Hall. Bring your Bible. We are 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 at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676

Friday's Time with Teresa

We moved back to St. Michael Hall. Join us as we read and discuss The *Autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus* (Teresa of Avila). Teresa writes with great honesty about the spiritual life. St. Teresa writes about the virtues: "A lack in one of the virtues is enough to put them all to sleep." Fridays at 10:00 – 11:30am in St. Michael Hall. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

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2021 – the Year of St. Joseph

Pope Leo XIII: "In Joseph … heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care."

To think about: Many parents find the job difficult. Parents can remember that Joseph had to protect, teach, and perhaps discipline the child Jesus. Parents can look to Joseph for guidance as they care for their children. Joseph can be a patron for families who do not have a father in the home; go to Joseph and ask him to help you in this important job.

Young Adult Summer Book Club

Graduates of 2021 and those home from college, join our Seminarian, Pete O'Steen, for a Summer book club.

Every Tuesday through July 13th
7:00pm
Bosco Youth Center
303 Richard Avenue, SE

That Man Is You (TMIY)

For Catholics, the Mass is probably the most familiar part of the Faith. But sometimes, familiarity makes us take things for granted or prevents us from going deeper. Join the men of St. Mary's as we walk through the Mass with Bishop Robert Barron in a new program every two weeks **on Fridays at 7:00-8:00am in Mother Teresa Hall. Next meeting will be June 18.**

With Bishop Barron as our guide, we will see how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm. We'll come to realize that the Mass is the most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ here on earth. Come and see that there is more to the Mass than you ever realized!

The Holy Family Wants to Visit *Your* Family

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

La Sagrada Familia quiere visitar a su familia

Santa María tiene una estatua itinerante y la Sagrada Familia desea quedarse en <u>su</u> 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.

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers." *Mother Teresa*

"¿Cómo puede haber demasiados niños? Eso es como decir que hay demasiadas flores." *Madre Teresa*

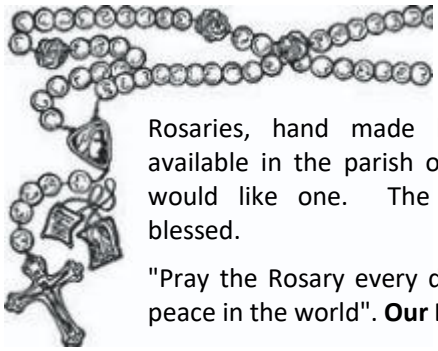
Wheelchair Express Resumes July 4! (Sunday Mornings Only)

Need assistance getting from your car to Mass? Our Wheelchair Express will resume giving wheelchair rides for those in need from curb to pew at the 8:30 and 11:00AM Sunday Masses, beginning July 4. Wheelchair drivers will be stationed at the drop-off/pick-up zone in front of the church, near the St. Vincent DePaul building, 8-8:25AM and 10:30-10:55AM. They will bring you back to the pick-up zone after Mass. For everyone's safety, patrons must be able to transfer themselves. Contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.552.7714 for questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Altar Flower Gifts/ Donaciones de flores para el altar

The gift of altar flowers in memory or honor of a special loved one or event, is a beautiful way to also honor and glorify God. Altar flowers may be sponsored, except during Lent, throughout the year and are $250 for two arrangements. If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, please contact Janet Morris, 803.502.3636 or 803.649.4777.

Las donaciones de flores para el altar en memoria u honor de un ser querido o evento especial, es una manera hermosa de honrar y glorificar a Dios también. Las flores del altar pueden ser patrocinadas durante todo el año, excepto durante la Cuaresma, y el costo es $250 por dos arreglos. Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor y a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con Janet Morris, 803.502.3636 or 803.649.4777.



Rosaries

Rosaries, hand made by parishioners, are available in the parish office for anyone who would like one. The rosaries have been blessed.

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace in the world". **Our Lady of Fatima,** 1917

Perks is back!

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

Live Stream Technician

The parish is looking for a live stream technician. For more information please contact Patrick Wray at 803.646.4777 ext. 3.

Nursery Worker Position Available

We are looking for part time nursery workers at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses on Sundays. Must be 18 and willing to be Safe Environment Trained. If you like being around young children and are interested in this position please stop by the Parish Office and fill out an application.

Posición disponible para Ayudantes de Guarderia

Necesitamos ayudantes de guardería de medio tiempo en las misas de las 8:30AM y las 11:00AM los domingos. Debe tener 18 años y estar capacitado en "Safe Environment"(Ambiente seguro). Si le gusta estar rodeado de niños pequeños y está interesado en este puesto, pase por la Oficina Parroquial y complete una solicitud.

Volunteer Opportunity – Gift Shop

We are seeking the help of several, qualified people to reopen our parish gift shop after it was closed due to the pandemic. We are looking for volunteers, preferably with retail experience, who would be able to take an entire weekend (approximately 3 hours on Sunday, to begin), perhaps even two weekends a month. For more information contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777, ext. 2 or mfrei@charlestondiocese.org.

St. Joseph Altar Society

The St. Joseph Altar Society is looking for additional hands, on Tuesday mornings at 9:00AM in the church. If you have an hour a week that you could devote to caring for St. Mary's church, please contact Janet Morris, jmorris@charlestondiocese.org or 803.502.3636, for more information. There is also a smaller team that works on Friday morning, if that suits your schedule better.

Ushers Needed

We are 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

St. Mary's Facilities

Parish facilities are once again available for use for parish ministry and private group functions. Please call the parish office at 803.649.4777 or email us at parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestondiocese.org regarding reservations for use of parish facilities.

Health & Safety guidelines will be strictly adhered to.

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Summer Office Hours/Horas de oficina del verano
9:00AM - 12:00PM Tues-Thur./de miércoles a jueves

The Office Will be Closed July 1 thru July 15

ENROLLMENT2021-2022: St. Mary's School is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Monthly payment plans are available for all families. Catholic Parishioners are eligible for discounted tuition rates. For more information, visit the school website at stmaryschoolaiken.com or call the school at 803.649.2071.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking full time third and fourth grade teachers, and full-time paraprofessionals for the 2021-2022 school year.

Teaching applicants should be certified or eligible for SC certification. Qualified applicant should submit his/her resume and cover letter to the front office by mail, in person, or electronically at office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

FRIENDS OF SMS: Sponsor a student and give the gift of a Catholic education! Sponsors can donate online or by check from school supplies to full tuition assistance. For more information, visit:

https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/

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.

OPORTUNIDADES DE EMPLEO: La Escuela Católica St. Mary Help of Christians está buscando maestros de tiempo completo para los grados tercer y cuarto, y paraprofesionales de tiempo completo, para el año escolar 2021-2022.

Los maestros que apliquen deben estar certificados y / o ser elegibles para la certificación SC. El solicitante calificado debe enviar su currículum vitae y carta de presentación a la oficina principal por correo, en persona o electrónicamente a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

AMIGOS DE SMS: ¡Patrocine a un estudiante y dé el regalo de una educación Católica! Los patrocinadores pueden donar en línea o con un cheque de los útiles escolares para recibir ayuda con la matrícula completa. Para obtener más información, visite:

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track towards being healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: **July 16-18, 2021** in Beaufort, SC and Jan 28-30, 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend offers women and men who have had an abortion, or participated in one, a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental retreat where you can find healing, peace and strengthening of faith!

July 16-18, 2021 in the Greenville.

For more information please contact:
Christy 803.554.6088 or Kathy 803.546.6010 or
grace4healing@gmail.com or rachelsvineyard.org

Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel

El fin de semana de Rachel's Vineyard ofrece a las mujeres y hombres que han tenido un aborto, o que han participado en uno, un retiro de apoyo, confidencial y sin prejuicios donde pueden encontrar sanación, paz y fortalecimiento de la fe. Retiro será 16-18 de julio de 2021 en Greenville.

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con:
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Aiken Nar-Anon For Comfort Family Group

Nar-Anon is a 12-step support group for families and friends of addicts. Members share their experiences, strength and hope.

Addiction is a family disease. Family members and friends need recovery, which can be a source for regaining our own sanity and well being. Nar-Anon is a society of people who gather to share their experience, strength and hope for our recovery from the savages that addiction brought to our lives. It begins with our meetings. You are welcome to join us. You will not be asked to join in group discussions, but you may join if you wish.

The Aiken For Comfort Nar-Anon Family Group meets via Zoom

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Contact momofoscar4@gmail.com for the meeting link.

LIFE Runners Huddle at Cracker Barrel

Many people are pro-life at heart, but relatively few people feel they have the courage or time to make a difference. With LIFE Runners, you can join the more than 50 teammates in Aiken and over 15,000 worldwide who are getting the message out that life is sacred. If you can wear a jersey that says "Remember the Unborn – Jer 1:5", you are qualified.

Our next "huddle" will be **Wednesday, July 7,** 5:30PM at Old St. Mary's. We will pray the Rosary together and then go to Cracker Barrel for dinner as a Life Runners family at 6:15PM. If you can only make dinner or the Rosary, that is okay, too. For more information, contact Deacon Bob at rampierce@atlanticbb.net. To join and get a jersey go to www.liferunners.org. Running optional...jersey required.

Totus Tuus Week

Mark your calendars for July 25-30. We are offering the program for older students as well. All grades 1 – 12 are welcome. Registration is on the parish website. Click on Formation, then Camp Catholic/Totus Tuus, then information and registration. The year our program will include students in grades 1– 6 (in the morning) AND grades 7 – 12 (in the evening). Volunteers (7th grade – adults) are needed as well. If interested in hosting 2 missionaries for the week please contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

¡Marquen sus calendarios! La semana **Totus Tuus** es del 25 al 30 de julio. Este año nos complace incluir el programa para todos los estudiantes de los grados 1 - 12. Las inscripciones están en el sitio web de la parroquia: haga clic en Formación, luego Camp Catholic / Totus Tuus, luego información e inscripción. Este año nuestro programa incluirá a todos los estudiantes de 1º a 6º grado (por la mañana) Y del 7º al 12º grado (por la tarde). También se necesitan voluntarios (7º grado - adultos). ¿Interesado en hospedar a 2 misioneros durante la semana? - póngase en contacto con Sra. Mary Ellen Jackson en mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

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Save the Date!

Pope Francis has designated the fourth Sunday in July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. St. Mary's will have a **Pilgrimage for Grandparents** to St. Anne's Church in Charlotte, NC, on Saturday, August 7th. All grandparents are invited. We'll leave Aiken at 8:45AM and return around 6:00PM. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

St. Mary's and all blood donors

Aiken Shepeard Blood Center
will host a drive at: Hitchcock Plaza
353 Fabian Dr., Aiken, SC 29803
803-643-7996

Dates: Saturday, July 3rd and July 6th-10th
The center is closed Sundays and Mondays

St. Mary's donors we are asking for your help

There has been an increase in blood usage at our local Hospitals. Your donation is needed to help support patients in our local hospitals. Our community blood supply is 100% dependent on volunteer donors like YOU!

Saving Lives takes all types! Thank You!

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Fechas : Sabado, 3 de julio y del 6 al 10 de julio
El centro cierra los domingos y los lunes.

Donates de Santa María estamos pidiendo su ayuda

Shepeard ha visto un aumento en el uso de sangre y las donaciones están disminuyendo. Su sangre es necesaria para apoyar a los pacientes en nuestros hospitales locales. El suministro de sangre de nuestra comunidad depende 100% de donantes voluntarios como USTED!

¡Se necesitan todo tipos para salvar vidas! ¡Gracias!

The Diocese of Charleston has established the South Carolina National Association of Catholic Nurses.

We have been meeting over ZOOM for the last 4 months and are now looking to expand our membership across the Diocese. Our next meeting is Monday, June 21 at 7:30 PM EST. We are inviting all Catholic Nurses of our Diocese to join us as we move forward in our planning for group prayer opportunities, educational talks, community outreach and volunteer activities.

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/groups/scnacn/

We look forward to you joining us! You can reach out to Nancy McGrath at NMcgrath@charlestondiocese.org or our Facebook page for a link to join our next meeting!

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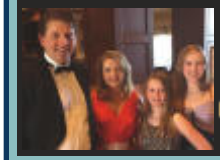

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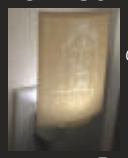

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