ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
- Mk 9:7-8

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WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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Locations

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church
Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - Church
Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's
Wednesday 8:20AM - Church
Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's
Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM – Call before attending
Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

Confessions

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's
Wed. 6:15–6:45PM - Old St. Mary's
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church
Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

Perpetual Adoration - Ste Claire Chapel

Rosary - Before Daily Mass

Live Stream Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

Sunday Homilies Online

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

Nursery

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

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

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

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor
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Totals as of Sunday, February 11, 2024

Envelope/Cash Offertory	**Feb. 11**	**$ 23,284.73**
Online Offertory for	**Feb. 11**	**$ 21,315.00**
Total Annual Budget		**$ 1,924,000.00**

NOTE: Financial updates for February 18 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

Have You Signed Up for Online Giving with Our Parish?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

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

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

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

Church Tour with Father Wilson

Fr. Wilson will give a tour of our beautiful church on Fairfield St. on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30AM. Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-46785020-church#/

Make sure you choose the March tour.

Gift Shop

Want something to strengthen your Lenten observance? The gift shop has Lenten devotionals. For the children in your life we have Magnifikids Lenten Journey. We also have beautiful rosaries made by parishioners. Perhaps you would like to add praying the Rosary to your prayer life this Lent. PS: Holy Water bottles are back in stock!

Hours: Sundays 9:00AM – 1:00PM and the first weekend of every month after Saturday 5:00PM Mass and Sunday 1:00PM & 5:00PM Masses.

Card and Game Party – Save the Date!

The Catholic Women's Association (CWA) Card & Game Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024. Watch the bulletin for more Information.

PASTOR'S CORNER +JMJ+

Let's Read During Lent!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, the Lenten penitential season is so much more than just giving up something, like coffee, chocolate or dessert. Increasing our reading of the Sacred Scriptures and meditating on them is an awesome practice to add to our lives during Lent. Also, most of us, me included, would benefit greatly from less screen time (be it the smartphone, the iPad, your computer or the "telly") and more time reading good books. Many Catholics are not engaged in reading good and edifying books. We must be intentional if we are going to add more quality reading to our life. Lent is a good time to change our ways and add quality reading to our lives. Accordingly, I would like to offer a few suggestions for special reading during your Lenten season.

I'll start with the serious reads first. *Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith*, by Bishop Athanasius Schneider. This is the book that I have chosen to read/review over Lent. It is a comprehensive summary of Christian doctrine written in a catechism format: questions and then clear and concise answers. In *Credo*, Bishop Schneider lays out the riches of our Catholic faith while engaging contemporary issues. There's a very helpful index. Want a deeper understanding of our faith? This is the book for you.

Next, *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, by Robert Cardinal Sarah. As a society, we are completely overwhelmed with noise and distractions, visual and audible. It's nearly impossible to hear the "still small voice of God." I can recall that as I was discerning my call to the priesthood, I had to slow down, get off the treadmill and look for some silence to hear the voice of God. Cardinal Sarah writes about the critical need for silence in our lives. Think about it. How much real silence did you have last week?

Finally, Father Dwight Longenecker, Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary parish in Greenville has a new book entitled, *There and Back Again: A Somewhat Religious Odyssey*. Many of you know Father Longenecker from his many books, conferences and articles. This book is the story of his conversion from Evangelical Protestantism to the Anglican Church and then finally home to the Roman Catholic Church. It is the story of his spiritual journey and is filled with robust wit and poignancy. Its light reading and the compelling narrative will pull you through the book quickly.

May God richly bless you as you read, pray and reflect over your life in Christ this Lent!

All the best…in Christ,
Father Wilson

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ste Claire Chapel

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

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Hours in Most Need:

Tuesday 11:00PM Friday 8:00PM
Sunday 2:00AM,12 Noon, 3:00PM

All Hours in Need

MON: 2:00AM; 3:00 AM
TUES: 12:00MDNT; 3:00AM; 12:00NOON; **11:00PM**
WED: 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 1:00PM
THU: 12:00MDNT; 1:00AM; 2:00AM
FRI: 2:00AM; 6:00AM; 7:00PM; **8:00PM**
SAT: 1AM; 2AM; 4PM; 5PM; 6PM; **9:00PM**; 10PM
SUN: **2AM**; 3AM; 4AM; **12Noon**; 1PM; **3PM**; 5PM

To sign up, please go to the parish website at https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ perpetualeucharistic-adoration, or contact Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com or 860-919-5674

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent in Old St. Mary Church 6:15PM in English 7:00PM in Spanish and Mondays at 11:00AM in English

UPCOMING LECTOR TRAINING

Saturday, March 9th

8:00AM Mass in Old St. Mary Church

Meeting will begin immediately after Mass In St. Michael Hall

ALL LECTORS (OLD AND NEW) MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING.

If you have questions contact Betty Ryberg at 803.270.6403

NO Flowers During Lent

Another Beautiful fasting practice of the church during Lent is abstaining from the placement of flowers on altars, shrines and statues. Thank you for **NOT** placing flowers around the church campus. Altar flower donations will return after Easter.

Readings for February 25 – March 3

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 25
8:30AM Lily Zionkowski
11:00AM Marion E. Thelen
1:00PM Maria Castro **(L)**
5:00PM For All the People of the Parish

Monday, February 26
5:30PM Grace Crea

Tuesday, February 27
5:30PM William Herrman

Wednesday, February 28
8:20AM Earl Connell
7:00PM Gabriella Cossich

Thursday, February 29
5:30PM Carol Reeve

(L) Denotes Living

Friday, March 1
5:30PM Kathryn Sefchick

Saturday, March 2
8:00AM Linda Calhoun
5:00PM Larry Smith
Flor Cordero, Jr.
Carol Reeve
Larry Smith
Edward Swann, Jr.
Joanna Grabowski

Sunday, March 3
8:30AM Anna Hewitt
11:00AM Mary E. & Edward J. Walsh
1:00PM For All the People of the Parish

Baptisms/Bautismos: February 10
Itzayana Gonzalez Garcia daughter of Jose F. Gonzalez Colocho & Columba Garcia Ortiz
Jadiel Juvenal Sanchez Servin, son of Juvenal Sanchez Reyes & Diana I. Servin Real

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Sacramental Information

Holy Baptism

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:00AM in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

Holy Communion & Confirmation

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestondiocese.org.

Holy Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

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

Next Scheduled Baptism Date (English)

March 2, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA meets Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St. SE). For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Feb. 25–Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM
6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM
Feb. 25–Middle School service night
Feb. 27 – Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6-7:00PM
High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco
Mar. 3–Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM
6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM
Mar. 3– Life Night
Mar. 5– Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6:00-7:00PM
High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco
Mar. 10 -Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM
6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM
Mar.10–No Life Teen – Teens are attending the Diocesan Youth Conference
Mar. 12–Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6:00-7:00PM
High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco

The Eucharistic Revival

The 40 days of Lent are an image of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, praying and fasting to prepare for the mission he had received from his Father. During Lent we too enter into a spiritual desert, with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that we may be purified and enter more deeply into communion with God. Another important element of our Lenten journey should be the communion we experience with Jesus in the Eucharist. The practice of attending Mass more frequently during Lent is a powerful way to experience the grace of this holy season, because it brings us directly into the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. Daily prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a sure way to experience the closeness and the sacrificial love of our Savior.

[Bishop Folda of Fargo]

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 25		
8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
Monday, February 26		
9:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall Down
11:00AM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
Tuesday, February 27		
6:30AM	Rosary	Old St. Mary's
7:00AM	Men's Prayer Group	Smith Hall Down
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	RCIA-English	Mother Teresa
Wednesday, February 28		
8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:30PM	Lenten Talk w/Fr. Francisco	Mother Teresa
6:30PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's
Thursday, February 29		
11:15AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Exodus 90 Men's Group	St. Michael Hall
Friday, March 1		
6:00AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Stations in Spanish	Old St. Mary's
Saturday, March 2		
8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
Sunday, March 3		
8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Parish Perks!

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

Altar Server Training

Mar. 17 Apr.14
2:30 – 4:00PM in the church
Contact: Greg Hightower, at 803.292.2457 or
Email: jghightower@bellsouth.net

A Leper Begs for a Cure

You won't want to miss this talk! Fr. Francisco is returning for the evening this **Wednesday, February 28th**. He will speak on "A Leper Begs for a Cure". **Mother Teresa Hall at 5:30PM**. Plan to come early to socialize and enjoy light (Lenten) snacks.

Columbus Club Fish Dinner

$15/person $75 for families of 6 or more.
Reservations $15/person
Help support our Columbus Club Projects
Drive-through service is available for pick-up orders
Admittance by ticket only
Fridays, March 8 & 22, 2024
RSVPs accepted until, March 6 & 20
* * * Walk-ins MAY NOT be accepted! * * *

Open 5:00PM Serving 5:30 to 7:30PM
Columbus Club 1037 Spaulding Dr. Aiken, SC

Fish (baked or fried), Fries, Dinner Roll & Coleslaw
One (1) FREE draft beer for ages 21+ (dine-in only)
or One (1) soda per ticket
Cash bar (dine in only)

Make checks payable to the Columbus Club.

For tickets or reservations please call:

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

St. Mary's Annual Campground Meeting

Thursday, February 29th, 6:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall. St. Mary's campground is open to all active parishioners and is on Lake Thurmond. The campground has a swimming area, camping spots (RV and tent), bath house and a boat ramp. If interested in learning more about the campground, contact smhoccamp@gmail.com or Scott Williams at 803.226.9221 or come to the meeting.

St. Mary's Parish School

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Mrs. Laura Webster, Principal
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

Office Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30am–3:30pm

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for 2024-2025 is underway. Submit your application online at stmaryschoolaiken.com or in person at the school office. Financial aid is available and parishioners are eligible for discounted tuition. Tours are open to all prospective families Call 803.649.2071 for more information.

Employment Opportunity

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking a full-time elementary school teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants should be certified and/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.

SMS Golf Tournament and Dinner

The Eve of Gold Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, April 26 at 6:00pm and the 4th Annual SMS Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 27. Additional details will be available on the SMS website and in the church bulletin soon!

Thank you for supporting our Catholic School.

Come, Join the Parish Choir!

As a Lenten discipline, please consider singing the hymns and liturgical music with the choir. We need singers! Ability to read music is very helpful. What's involved? Coming 45 minutes before the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses to rehearse. If we get enough interested people we may add the Vigil Mass. For more information please contact our Parish Musician, Frank Deese at fdeese@charlestondiocese.org.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Join other parishioners at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on **Saturday, April 6**. There is no charge for the event, but a ticket is required for entry. Sign up for your ticket(s) by going to:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-46572990-diocese#/

See you there!

This is your last week to get tickets – extra tickets will be returned to the Diocese on March 4th.

Grief Support Group

Begins February 20th

3:30 - 5:00pm, Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street, SE.

Feb. 20 – Loss of Spouse *(This segment is for people who have experienced the death of a spouse).*

Feb. 27 - The regular 13-week GriefShare program begins.

The workbook is $20 (scholarships are available). The registration form is available at the Parish Office. For more information contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows. (Jeremiah 31:13)

Wednesday Bible Study

Come view and discuss "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist" which focuses on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. 9:30-11:00am, Wednesdays in St. Michael Hall. Contact Martha at 865.599.8473

Thursday Bible Study

Join us Thursdays as we continue reading the Gospel of John. Thursdays at 11:15am in Smith Hall. All are welcome! Just bring your Bible. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org.

Friday Book Club

Join us this Friday as we read *Saintly Women of Modern Times* by Joan Carroll Cruz. This book has short biographies of women from around the world. All are welcome. We meet **Fridays at 10:00am** in St. Michael Hall. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676.

Unexpected pregnancy?

You are not alone! Free help resources:

Respect Life Ministry 803.634.3171
Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center
803.648.9890 https://pregnancyaiken.com
Birthright Columbia 803.765.0165
24/7 Helpline 1.800.550.4900 or
https://birthright.org

AA Meeting

AA open meeting at 7:00am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

At St. Mary's since 1996!

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

We invite you to try a weekly holy hour to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as a part of your regular prayer life.

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
Mt. 11:28

In Most Need:

Tues. 11 pm
Fri. 8 pm
Sun. 2 am (Sat. night)
Sun. 12 Noon
Sun. 3 pm

Hours in Need:

MON: 2 am; 3 am
TUES: 12 midnt; 3 am; 12 Noon; **11 pm**
WED: 1 am; 2 am; 1 pm
THU: 12 mdnt; 1 am; 2 am
FRI: 2 am; 6 am; 7 pm; **8 pm**
SAT: 1 am; 2 am; 4 pm; 5 pm; 6 pm; **9 pm**; 10 pm
SUN: **2 am**; 3 am; 4 am; **12 Noon**; 1 pm; **3 pm**; 5 pm

Sign up for an hour of your choice either by Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com or 860-919-5674; going to the website, http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration; or by filling out the form below and dropping it in the collection basket.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to:

___ sign up for the following hour and day: _____ _____

___ help by being a substitute. Time restrictions, if any: _____

St. Mary's Church and Aiken Shepeard Blood Center
Will host a Blood Drive at:
Hitchcock Place
353 Fabian Drive

Shepeard has made changes in counting donors between each drive

Their first campaign will start January 1st - February 29th
Shepeard will have a 2-month campaign starting in 2024
Every two months they will start to count
the number of donors from St. Mary's

January/February	**March/April**	**May/June**
July/August	**September/October**	**November/December**

Please note, you can call the center and set up your time to donate as you have done in the past. This has not changed

If you donated at the center on December 16th - December 23, 2023. You can call the Aiken center and donate- Feb.17th thru 24th.

Shepeard will still count St Mary's donors from the last day of the previous drive to the last day of the present drive every 56 days.

To expedite your time at the center we recommend the following:
Call 803-643-7996 for an appointment.
Fill out your health questionnaire the day of the drive.

All registration is now being completed electronically at the center. Sign-up sheets are no longer being used. Please tell the center and the phlebotomist that you are donating for St. Mary's of Aiken.

There is someone in our local hospital
that needs your help.
Be that person - Donate Blood.
Thank You.
Vince Ingrasciotta

Please choose to donate blood it can save someone's life

Every blood donor is a hero to someone

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Leamos durante la Cuaresma!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Como saben, el tiempo penitencial de Cuaresma es mucho más que simplemente renunciar a algo, como el café, el chocolate o el postre. Incrementar nuestra lectura de las Sagradas Escrituras y meditar en ellas es una práctica increíble para agregar a nuestras vidas durante la Cuaresma. Además, la mayoría de nosotros, incluido yo, nos beneficiaríamos enormemente de pasar menos tiempo frente a la pantalla (ya sea el teléfono inteligente, el iPad, la computadora o la "tele") y más tiempo leyendo buenos libros. Muchos católicos no se dedican a leer libros buenos y edificantes. Debemos ser intencionales si queremos agregar más lecturas de calidad a nuestra vida. La Cuaresma es un buen momento para cambiar nuestras costumbres y agregar lecturas de calidad a nuestras vidas. En consecuencia, me gustaría ofrecer algunas sugerencias para lecturas especiales durante la temporada de Cuaresma.

Primero comenzaré con *La Fuerza Del Silencio: Frente A La Dictadura Del Ruido*, de Robert Cardinal Sarah que pueden encontrar publicado en español. Como sociedad, estamos completamente abrumados por el ruido y las distracciones, visuales y audibles. Es casi imposible escuchar la "voz apacible y delicada de Dios". Puedo recordar que mientras discernía mí llamado al sacerdocio, tuve que bajar el ritmo a mi vida, y buscar un poco de silencio para escuchar la voz de Dios. El cardenal Sarah escribe sobre la necesidad crítica del silencio en nuestras vidas. Piénsalo... ¿cuánto silencio real tuviste la semana pasada?

A continuación, *Credo: Compendio De La Fe Católica*, por el obispo Athanasius Schneider (solamente publicado en inglés). Este es el libro que elegí leer/revisar durante la Cuaresma. Es un resumen completo de la doctrina cristiana escrito en formato de catecismo: preguntas y luego respuestas claras y concisas. En *Credo*, el obispo Schneider expone las riquezas de nuestra fe católica al tiempo que aborda cuestiones contemporáneas. Hay un índice muy útil. ¿Quieres una comprensión más profunda de nuestra fe? Este es el libro para ti.

¡Que Dios te bendiga ricamente mientras lees, oras y reflexionas sobre tu vida en Cristo en esta Cuaresma!

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURA del 25 de febrero al 4 de marzo 2024

Domingo: Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18 Sal 115, 10. 15-19 Rom 8, 31-34 Mc 9, 2-10
Lunes: Dn 9, 4-10 Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13 Lc 6, 36-38
Martes: Is 1, 10. 16-20 Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23 Mt 23, 1-12
Miércoles: Jr 18, 18-20 Sal 30, 5-6. 14-16 Mt 20, 17-28
Jueves: Jr 17, 5-10 Sal 1, 1-4 y 6 Lc 16, 19-31
Viernes: Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28 Sal 104, 16-21 Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46
Sábado: Miq 7, 14-15. 18-20 Sal 102, 1-4. 9-12 Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32
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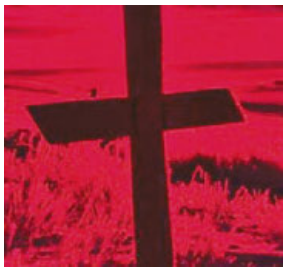
Las intenciones para las Misas diarias se encuentran en la pagina dos (2)

Vía Crucis

Cada viernes durante la Cuaresma a las 7:00pm a partir del 16 de febrero En la Iglesia Antigua.

MISIÓN CUARESMAL



Cuaresma: Tiempo propicio para encontrarnos con Dios Padre Misericordioso. Los días 11, 12 y 13 de marzo, 2024. En la Iglesia Santa María Antigua, a las 7:00pm. Dios tiene preparado un encuentro Personal contigo. ¡No faltes!

Un Leproso Pide Sanación

¡No querrás perderte esta charla!
P. Francisco regresa para la noche de
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Hablará sobre *Un leproso pide sanación.*
Salón Madre Teresa a las 17.30 horas.
Planee llegar temprano para socializar y disfrutar de refrigerios ligeros (Cuaresma).

No habrá flores durante la Cuaresma

Gracias por no colocar flores alrededor del campus de la iglesia. Las donaciones de flores de altar volverán después de Semana Santa.

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

Santo Bautismo

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 3 y 10 de marzo.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

Sagrada Comunión y Confirmación

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta*: los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestondiocese.org o 803.215.7040.

Santo Matrimonio

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370 o con la Hna. Ana Gema 803.989.9440

Unción de Enfermos

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

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

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo (Español)

9 de marzo 2024 a las 11:00AM
en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

El programa de formación para adultos que requieren los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación, son los martes de 7:00 a 9:00PM en el Smith Hall. Para información puede acudir con las hermanas Ana Gema a 803.989.9440 or Martha a 803.645.3666 o el equipo de RICA.

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118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Sra. Laura Webster, Principal
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Horario de Oficina: lunes-viernes 7:30AM - 3:30PM

Inscripción Abierta

Inscripciónes para el año escolar 2024-2025 ha comenzado. Envíe su solicitud en línea en stmaryschoolaiken.com o en persona en la oficina de la escuela. Hay ayuda financiera disponible y los feligreses son elegibles para matrícula con descuento. Se ofrecen tours de la escuela a todas las familias que están considerando ingresar a St. Mary's. 803.649.2071 para más información.

Oportunidad de Empleo

Estamos buscando un maestro de escuela primaria de tiempo completo para el año escolar 2024-2025. Los solicitantes deben estar certificados y/o ser elegibles para la certificación SC. El solicitante calificado debe enviar su currículum y carta de presentación a la oficina principal por correo, en persona o electrónicamente a

office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

Torneo de Golf SMS y Cena

¡Reserva la fecha! La Cena y Subasta de la Víspera de Golf se llevará a cabo el viernes 26 de abril a las 6:00PM y el 4to Torneo Anual de Golf SMS se llevará a cabo el sábado 27 de abril. ¡Pronto habrá detalles adicionales disponibles en el sitio web de SMS y en el boletín de la iglesia!
Gracias por apoyar nuestra escuela católica.

Formación Católica para Jóvenes y Ministerio Juvenil

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

Feb. 25–Domingo por la mañana CCD de 9:45 a 10:45am
Feb. 25–Escuela intermedia - Noche de servicio
Feb. 27 – Clase de formación para grados 6-8, 6-7pm Clase de recuperación de la escuela secundaria 7:15-8pm Bosco
Mar. 3–Domingo por la mañana CCD de 9:45 a 10:45am
6-8 Clase de Formación en Bosco 9:45-10:45am
Mar. 3– Life Night
Mar. 5– Clase de formación para grados 6-8, 6-7pm Clase de recuperación de la escuela secundaria 7:15-8pm Bosco
Mar. 10 -Domingo por la mañana CCD de 9:45 a 10:45am
6-8 Clase de Formación en Bosco 9:45-10:45am
Mar.10–No hay Life Teen - Asisten a la Conferencia diocesana de Jóvenes
Mar. 12–Clase de formación para grados 6-8, 6-7pm Clase de recuperación de la escuela secundaria 7:15-8pm Bosco

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl

Para alimentos o asistencia financiera, llame al 803.642.3211. Abierto de lunes a jueves de 9:00am a 1:00pm. Cerrado los viernes

Ese Hombre Eres Tú

Este espacio es para ti VARÓN, casado o soltero, te invitamos a unirte a nuestro grupo para reflexionar y compartir acerca de nuestra vida y aporte en la familia y en la Iglesia. Nos reunimos todos los martes de 7:00 a 8:30pm, en el salón San Miguel. Te esperamos.

Campamento

La reunión anual para el campamento de St. Mary será el jueves 29 de febrero de 2024 en el Salón Madre Teresa a las 6:30 p.m. El campamento de St. Mary está disponible para todos los feligreses activos y se encuentra en el lago Thurmond. El campamento cuenta con área para nadar, lugares para acampar (casa rodante y tiendas de campaña), casa de baños y una rampa para botes. Si está interesado en obtener más información sobre el campamento, comuníquese con smhoccamp@gmail.com o con Scott Williams al 803.226.9221 o asista a la reunión.

Eventos para la proxima semana

Domingo, 25 de febrero		
8:30am	Misa	Iglesia
11:00am	Misa	Iglesia
11:00am	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00pm	Misa	Iglesia
Lunes, 26 de febrero		
4:45pm	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:45pm	Legión de María	Smith
7:00pm	Pequeña Communidad	Santa Teresa
Martes, 27 de febrero		
4:45pm	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	RICA	Smith
7:00pm	Este Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel
Miércoles, 28 de febrero		
8:20am	Misa	Iglesia
6:30pm	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
Jueves, 29 de febrero		
4:45pm	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua
Viernes, 1 de marzo		
4:45pm	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:15pm	Vía Crucis en inglés	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	Vía Crucis	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith
Sábado, 2 de marzo		
8:00am	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00pm	Misa Vigilia	Iglesia
Domingo, 3 de marzo		
8:30am	Misa	Iglesia
11:00am	Misa	Iglesia
11:00am	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00pm	Misa	Iglesia

Secunda semana de Cuaresma

Rezo del Santo Rosario

Todos los Domingos, a las 12:30PM, antes de la Misa en Español, está invitado a saludar a la Santísima Virgen con la oración del Santo Rosario. Si gustas participar dirigiendo esta oración, comunícate con Carlos Fierros y Nancy Rubio al 803.645.9169.

SEAMOS UNO.

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El fin de semana pasado, nuestra parroquia llevó a cabo el Domingo de las Promesas para la **Colecta Católica de Carolina del Sur 2024**. Gracias a todos los que ya se han comprometido a apoyar la Colecta de este año. Si aún no ha tenido la oportunidad, ¡no es demasiado tarde para comprometerse! ¡Por favor, utilice el **formulario de donación** de abajo para hacer su contribución o **escanee el código QR** para visitar y hacer su promesa de forma segura en línea!

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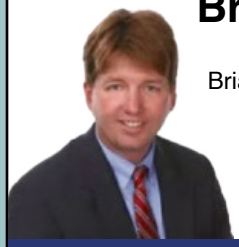

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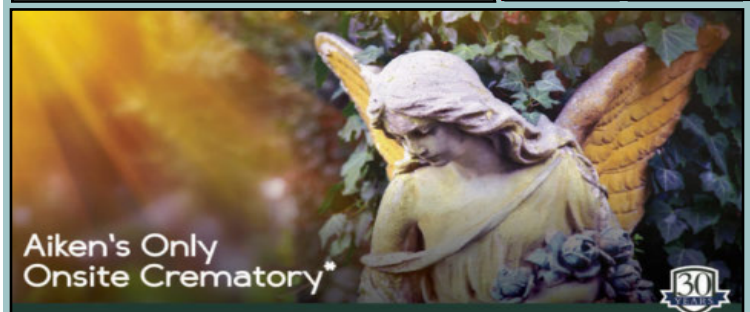

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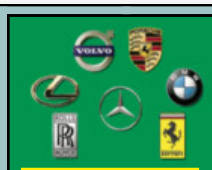

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