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THE WORLD.**

**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH — SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

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WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

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

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM – 12NOON – 1:00PM – 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON – 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM – 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15–6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

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

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

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

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Closed On Fridays

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	AUG. 31	\$ 25,283
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	AUG. 31	\$ 13,449
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	SEPT. 7	\$ 14,099
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	SEPT. 7	\$ 17,974
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,118,675

The Parish Finance Council has completed its review of the annual financial statements for FY 2024-2025 and approved these at their August 21, 2025 meeting. The FY 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statements and the FY 2025-2026 Budget for both St. Mary Help of Christians Parish and School are available for review on the church website. Hard copies may be requested at the Parish office.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

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

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886. The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Hours: Sundays 9:00AM – 1:00PM and the first weekend of every month after Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 1:00PM Masses as well as regular hours.

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

SEEKING: DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As most of you know, Mary Ellen Jackson, our Director of Religious Education is retiring in December after many years of service to our parish. Accordingly, we are currently seeking a qualified, faith-filled individual to serve as our next **Director of Religious Education (DRE)**. This is a vital leadership role in our parish, responsible for overseeing the formation of children and adults in the Catholic faith.

The Director of Religious Education will coordinate our religious education programs, including sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, as well as faith formation for children not enrolled in Catholic schools. The DRE also supports adult faith formation and collaborates with our clergy, staff, and volunteer catechists to ensure that all members of our parish are growing in their knowledge and love of Christ and His Church.

We are looking for someone who is:

- A **practicing Catholic in good standing** with the Church
- Passionate about sharing the faith with people of all ages
- Experienced in catechetical ministry and program development
- Organized, reliable, and able to work collaboratively with others
- Familiar with Church teaching and open to ongoing formation

This is a **paid position**, and we invite both experienced educators and those with strong pastoral gifts and leadership skills to apply. A degree or certificate in theology, religious education, or a related field is preferred, but not required.

If you – or someone you know – may be interested in this opportunity, please contact the parish office for more information or to request a full job description. Resumes and letters of interest may be submitted by email or in person.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to the right person to fill this critical role in our parish.

"I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church; for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

Altar flowers for Sunday, September 14th were donated by Babs and Joe DePalermo in loving memory of Babs' mother, Flo Massey.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Want to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?
"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"
Mk. 14:37

Try sharing your time with Jesus in a weekly holy hour, and you'll understand why 400 fellow parishioners have one or more hours every week! To find your hour, please visit: <https://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact the appropriate Divisional Leader:

12 MDNT.- 6:00AM	Tom Henry	803.642.6893
6:00AM -12 NOON	Ken Boucher	803.226.4639
12 NOON - 6:00PM	Janice Suhrer	803.645.6105
6:00PM - 12 MDNT.	Joan Pate	803.226.0263

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starts this Tuesday, September 16. The group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation.

Meetings are held Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE).

Sept. 16 – Loss of Spouse. **Sept. 23 –** The regular 13-week GriefShare program begins.

Nov. 18 – Surviving the Holidays. A one time class. Workbook fee is \$20. Register in person at St. Mary parish office or at www.griefshare.org/findagroup. Contact Karen at vanderen@charlestondiocese.org.
"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows" Jer. 31:13

A TEACHING MASS

The Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you wondered about all those gestures the priest makes at Mass? Or about the vestments he wears? Fr. Wilson will explain the Mass in the talk *A Teaching Mass*, to be held in Old St. Mary on Saturday, **September 20th at 11:0AM**. Mark your calendars! It is sure to be enlightening.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council 3684 of Aiken, SC, is inviting 8th to 12th grade students from St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Gerard, and Our Lady of the Valley to enter an essay contest. Prizes for each grade are \$50 for 1st place, \$25 for 2nd place, and \$25 for 3rd place. Deadline for submission is Friday 10 October 2025 by

5:00PM For more details contact Bob Anzuoni at robert.p.anzuoni@gmail.com or visit

www.aikenkofc3684.org

READINGS FOR September 14 – 21, 2025

Sunday, Sept 14 readings begin on [page 1164](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9	Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11	Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8	Ps 28:2, 7-9
or Lk 2:33-35	Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13	Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6
Lk 7:11-17	
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16	Ps 111:1-6
Lk 7:31-35	
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16	Ps 111:7-10
Lk 7:36-50	
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12	Ps 49:6-10, 17-20
Lk 8:1-3	
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16	Ps 100:1b-5
	Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7	Ps 113:1-2, 4-8
1 Tm 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 14

8:30AM Paul Strycharz
11:00AM Anne Flanagan
1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Sept. 15

5:30PM Fr. Michael
Ghattas (L)

Tuesday, Sept. 16

5:30PM Linda Carr

Wednesday, Sept. 17

8:20AM Willingness to
Forgive
7:00PM Jose Luis Estrada
Perez

Thursday, Sept. 18

5:30PM Donna Swann

Friday, Sept. 19

5:30PM Marguerite Bien

Saturday, Sept. 20

8:00AM Mary Drachenberg
5:00PM Kathleen Wallis

Carol Reeve

Helen Werner

Lou Ann Ainsworth

Roger Heath

All the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Sept. 21

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM Sophie

Vanderbeck

1:00PM Nestor Romero

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

August 29 Joan G. McGinty

September 2 Cynthia Rice

September 6 Thomas Victor Malinowski

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food
Wednesdays at 6:00PM – in Mother Teresa Hall

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, September 21, 2025 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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

For more information about First Holy Communion contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at 615.638.7137 or hdickason@charlestandioocese.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.

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

October 4 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield St.

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

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? This coming Tuesday we will discuss Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 – 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are invited! For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON
HDICKASON@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG
615.638.7137

FORMATION

Please sign up for our Confirmation Program on the parish website by selecting "Confirmation" under the Formation tab.

September 14 – First Day of Second Year Confirmation Classes

September 16 – First Day of First Year Confirmation Classes

YOUTH MINISTRY

September 14 – Youth Group Kick-off

September 21 – Youth Night

September 28 – Youth Night

CCD 4K–GRADE 6

CCD starts today – don't be late! Classes for grades 4K – 6th grade will be held in St. Mary's School classrooms on Sundays at 9:45-10:45AM. We look forward to seeing you then!

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR (KERMES)

Come! Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods!

TODAY! SEPT. 14 12–3PM

in St. Angela Hall

Cost depends on food selected.

Please join us!

All proceeds support the parish.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 14

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, September 15

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith
11:45AM	Lunch & Learn Book Club	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Tuesday, September 16

3:30PM	GriefShare	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, September 17

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Hm. School Co-op	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary

Thursday, September 18

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	CWA Opening Dinner	Mother Teresa

Friday, September 19

6:30AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Saturday, September 20

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
11:00AM	Teaching Mass	Old St. Mary
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, September 21

8:30AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Baptism Prep. Class	Smith
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

40 DAYS FOR LIFE COLUMBIA KICKOFF RALLY

Please join Father Wilson and the Aiken Life Runners at the Columbia Planned Parenthood (2712 Middleburg Dr. Columbia, SC 29204) for prayer on Friday, September 26 at 7:00PM to kickoff the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign. For more information call 803.634.3171

PARISH PERKS!

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

PARISH RECEPTIONIST - FULL TIME

Must be proficient in MS Office 365 and have a strong working knowledge of Canva and Publisher. Performs all secretarial duties related to the efficient functioning of the parish office including but not limited to: create the weekly bulletin; create all sacramental certificates and insure that sacraments received are recorded accurately in the sacramental register; print ordos (worship aides) as needed; receive all new parishioner registration forms and enter them in the parish data system; order offering envelopes for new parishioners; enter event/activity reservation requests into the data base as requested; support our priests with routine secretarial/clerical requests; assist paid staff and ministries; answer phones and redirect calls to appropriate staff; and respond to walk-in requests. Must be a self-starter and function independently in the fulfillment of duties in the parish office.

This individual works under the direct supervision of the Pastor and Parish Administrator. Bilingual is preferred but not required.

Contact Patrick Wray at 803.649.4777 ext. 112.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parish is in need of a servant's heart for our Director of Religious Education position to continue the vital responsibility of educating the community in the Faith. This includes being the CCD Director, Adult Formation Coordinator, and OCIA Director.

POSITION SUMMARY: The DRE is a full-time position responsible for the growth and management of the religious education program within the community. The successful candidate will have: experience with maintaining and organizing student records as they move through the program; experience with development and implementation of curriculum across multiple ages; and the ability to find guest speakers, organize retreats, penance services and volunteer opportunities. Offering resources to foster religious education and practices within the home is also very important. Moreover, the candidate will need to exude joy in their faith to foster an environment that families want to be part of at St. Mary Help of Christians parish. For more details call the parish office, 803.649.4777 Ext. 103 or visit

<https://charlestandiocese.org/job/director-of-religious-education/>



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL
118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

Office Hours: 7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday–Friday
(when school is in session)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FULL-TIME 3K-8TH GRADE STEM TEACHER

- Special consideration will be given to applicants with the following areas of expertise: project-based learning, robotics, coding, engineering, information technology, 3D printing, physical science, and natural science.
- Must be able to manage students of all ages in a hands-on environment, and collaborate with other teachers.
- Responsible for preparing and disassembling labs, and seeking grant opportunities.

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING



As we began a new school year, Fr. Ghattas offered us a special blessing for our campus, students, and staff. He walked through the entire school, sprinkling holy water in the classrooms, hallways, and gathering spaces for all who will learn and grow here this year.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR THOSE GRIEVING A PREGNANCY LOSS

St. Mary on the Hill Parish is hosting a one day retreat for anyone who has experienced a pregnancy loss. **September 20, 8:00AM–4:30PM, St. Mary on the Hill Parish Hall – \$30/per person (includes lunch).**

Contact Theresa Christie at 706.399.2670 or tlcsouth@me.com or Susan McArthur at 706.231.7003 or mcarthurofs2015@gmail.com

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We meet on Wednesday, September 17 at 1:00PM in Old St. Mary's. If you have not signed up for Flocknote, please do so, and join the Millions of Monicas group to receive a monthly reminder of our prayer meeting.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) FALL KICK-OFF DINNER!

All women of the parish are invited to attend our annual Fall Kick-Off Dinner on **Thursday, September 18, in Mother Teresa Hall**. Doors open at 5:30PM, with dinner being served after Mass.

Dinner will be catered by *What's Cookin'* with your choice of: Shepard's Pie or Chicken Florentine. Green salad and dinner roll. Desserts will be provided by the ladies of CWA. Please bring a dessert to share.

New this year, all of our General Meetings will feature a Marian presentation on the theme, *"Do you know Mary, like I know Mary?"* Please join us for a very special presentation on **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, by our very own inspirational speaker, Kathy Monahan. On display will be a third-class relic image of Our Lady, that has been touched to the tilma in Mexico City, and which also has a small amount of the soil from Tepeyac Hill, where Our Lady appeared.

Please RSVP to Kathy Newland at kathynewland77@gmail.com, or 803.646.4976, with your dinner choice, by Monday, September 15. There is no cost for the dinner, but donations will be greatly appreciated.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are studying Pope Francis' final encyclical: *"Dilexit Nos: On the Human and Divine Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus"*. We meet on Wednesday's, 9:30–11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. All are welcome. Contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473. Come early to socialize before the class begins!

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Are you separated or divorced? Journey of Hope Divorced Catholic Program. All are invited to attend. The group starts on Wednesday October 1st in St. Michael Hall at 6:00–7:30PM. All are welcome. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer. 29:11) Please join this encouraging program of strength and hope. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or sign up here: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2764513>

PRAY & PLAY

Families with young children! Join us and other families for a monthly First Friday Family Dinner. **October 3rd at 5:00PM**. For more details, text Grace Przywara: 706.993.8004

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

SE BUSCA: DIRECTOR/A DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Como muchos de ustedes saben, Mary Ellen Jackson, nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, se jubilará en diciembre después de muchos años de servicio a nuestra parroquia. Por lo tanto, estamos buscando actualmente a una persona calificada y llena de fe para desempeñarse como nuestra próxima Directora o Director de Educación Religiosa (DRE). Este es un rol de liderazgo vital en nuestra parroquia, responsable de supervisar la formación de niños y adultos en la fe católica.

El/la Director/a de Educación Religiosa coordinará nuestros programas de educación religiosa, incluyendo la preparación sacramental para la Primera Reconciliación, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación, así como la formación en la fe para niños que no están inscritos en escuelas católicas. El/la DRE también apoya la formación en la fe de adultos y colabora con nuestro clero, personal y catequistas voluntarios para asegurar que todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia crezcan en su conocimiento y amor por Cristo y Su Iglesia.

Estamos buscando a alguien que sea:

- Un católico practicante en buena relación con la Iglesia
- Apasionado por compartir la fe con personas de todas las edades
- Con experiencia en el ministerio catequético y desarrollo de programas
- Organizado, confiable y capaz de trabajar en colaboración con otros
- Familiarizado con la enseñanza de la Iglesia y abierto a la formación continua

Este es un puesto remunerado, y animamos tanto a educadores con experiencia como a personas con dones pastorales y habilidades de liderazgo a postularse. Se prefiere tener un título o certificado en teología, educación religiosa o un campo relacionado, aunque no es obligatorio.

Si usted –o alguien que conoce– está interesado en esta oportunidad, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para obtener más información o solicitar una descripción completa del puesto. Los currículos y cartas de interés pueden enviarse por correo electrónico o entregarse en persona.

Por favor, oren para que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe hacia la persona adecuada para ocupar este papel tan importante en nuestra parroquia.

"Iré pacíficamente y con firmeza a la Iglesia Católica; porque si la Fe es tan importante para nuestra salvación, la buscaré donde la verdadera Fe comenzó, la buscaré entre aquellos que la recibieron de Dios mismo." – Santa Isabel Ana Seton

Con todo mi afecto... en Cristo,

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 14 de septiembre al 21 de septiembre, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 14 de septiembre comienzan en la **pagina 1165** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Nm 21, 4-9	Sal 77, 1-2. 34-38
	Flp 2, 6-11	Jn 3, 13-17
Lunes:	1 Tim 2, 1-8	Sal 27, 2. 7. 8-9
	Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35	
Martes:	1 Tim 3, 1-13	Sal 100, 1-3. 5-6
	Lc 7, 11-17	
Miércoles:	1 Tim 3, 14-16	Sal 110, 1-6
	Lc 7, 31-35	
Jueves:	1 Tim 4, 12-16	Sal 110, 7-10
	Lc 7, 36-50	
Viernes:	1 Tim 6, 2-12	Sal 48, 6-10. 17-20
	Lc 8, 1-3	
Sábado:	1 Tim 6, 13-16	Sal 99, 1-5 Lc 8, 4-15
Domingo siguiente:	Am 8, 4-7	Sal 112, 1-2. 4-8
	1 Tim 2, 1-8	Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13

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¡LEVÁNTATE Y ANDA ES TIEMPO DE ESPERANZA!

Te invitamos a la Conferencia Diocesana del Ministerio Hispano, un evento lleno de esperanza y alegría en el marco del Año del Jubileo.

Este año sagrado nos invita a reflexionar y renovar nuestra fe. A través de este encuentro, buscamos fortalecer a la comunidad, ofreciendo una jornada de formación, oración y confraternidad.

La conferencia se realizará el 11 de octubre de 8:30AM a 6:00PM en el Centro de Eventos "Plaza Rodeo" en Gaffney, SC.

Las boletas tienen un costo de \$10 por persona y puedes adquirirlas a través de tu parroquia.

KERMES

¡Hoy! - DOMINGO 14 de Septiembre
de 12:00 del mediodía hasta las 3:00PM
Salón Santa Angela

El costo depende de la comida seleccionada.
¡Te esperamos!



SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!
Para bautizar en Sta. María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir a Misa y estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de pedir fecha. Ambos padres deben tomar clases pre-bautismales. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes.

Próxima clase:
2 y 9 de noviembre 2025

Registro requerido.

Contacto: Reyna Salas - 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

¡Los Sacramentos fortalecen nuestra fe!
Padres y niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María y asistir fielmente a Misa.
Niños fuera de la escuela católica deben completar al menos dos años de formación cristiana y cumplir con la asistencia.

Para más información sobre la Primera Comunión, contactarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.649.4777 ext. 103 o a mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a hdickason@charlestandioocese.org.

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.

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

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.

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO EN ESPAÑOL

11 de octubre 2025 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield

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

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 803.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA) LOS MARTES A LAS 7:00PM

Todos están invitados a las Clases de RICA. Nos reunimos los martes en el Salón Smith Hall a las 7:00PM. Para más información, contacte a Omar o Mercedith Cardona 706.231.5253. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad.

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

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September 16 – First Day of First Year Confirmation Classes

YOUTH MINISTRY

September 14 – Youth Group Kick-off

September 21 – Youth Night

September 28 – Youth Night

CCD

Comienzan las Clases de Catecismo el 14 de septiembre de 9:45 a 10:45 las clases se llevarán a cabo en los salones de la escuela católica.

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7:00PM

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(cuando la escuela está en sesión)

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO - MAESTRO/A STEM (TIEMPO COMPLETO) DE 3K A 8.º GRADO

- Se considerará especialmente a los/las solicitantes con experiencia en las siguientes áreas: aprendizaje basado en proyectos, robótica, programación, ingeniería, tecnología de la información, impresión 3D, ciencias físicas y ciencias naturales.
- Debe ser capaz de gestionar a estudiantes de todas las edades en un entorno práctico y colaborar con otros docentes.
- Será responsable de la preparación y el desmontaje de laboratorios y de la búsqueda de oportunidades de becas.

Los/las solicitantes calificados/as deben enviar su carta de presentación y currículum vitae a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.



BENDICIÓN DE REGRESO A CLASES

Al comenzar un nuevo año escolar, el Padre Ghattas ofreció una bendición especial para nuestro campus, estudiantes y personal.

Recorrió toda la escuela, rociando agua bendita en las aulas, pasillos y espacios de reunión para todos los que aprenderán y crecerán aquí este año.

¡UNIDOS EN ORACIÓN!

Te invitamos a ser parte del Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los **jueves** a las **7:00PM** en la **Iglesia Antigua**.

Este es un espacio especial donde nos unimos como comunidad para orar, reflexionar y fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios.

- Ven con un corazón dispuesto a recibir bendiciones.
- No importa si es tu primera vez, todos son bienvenidos.
- Un momento para la paz y la esperanza.

¡Te esperamos con los brazos abiertos!

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 14 de septiembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para el Bautismo	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	San Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 15 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 16 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	RICA	Smith
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 17 de septiembre

8:20AM	Misa escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Formación Católica	Smith

Jueves, 18 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 19 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua

Sábado, 20 de septiembre

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

Domingo, 21 de septiembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

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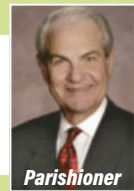
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