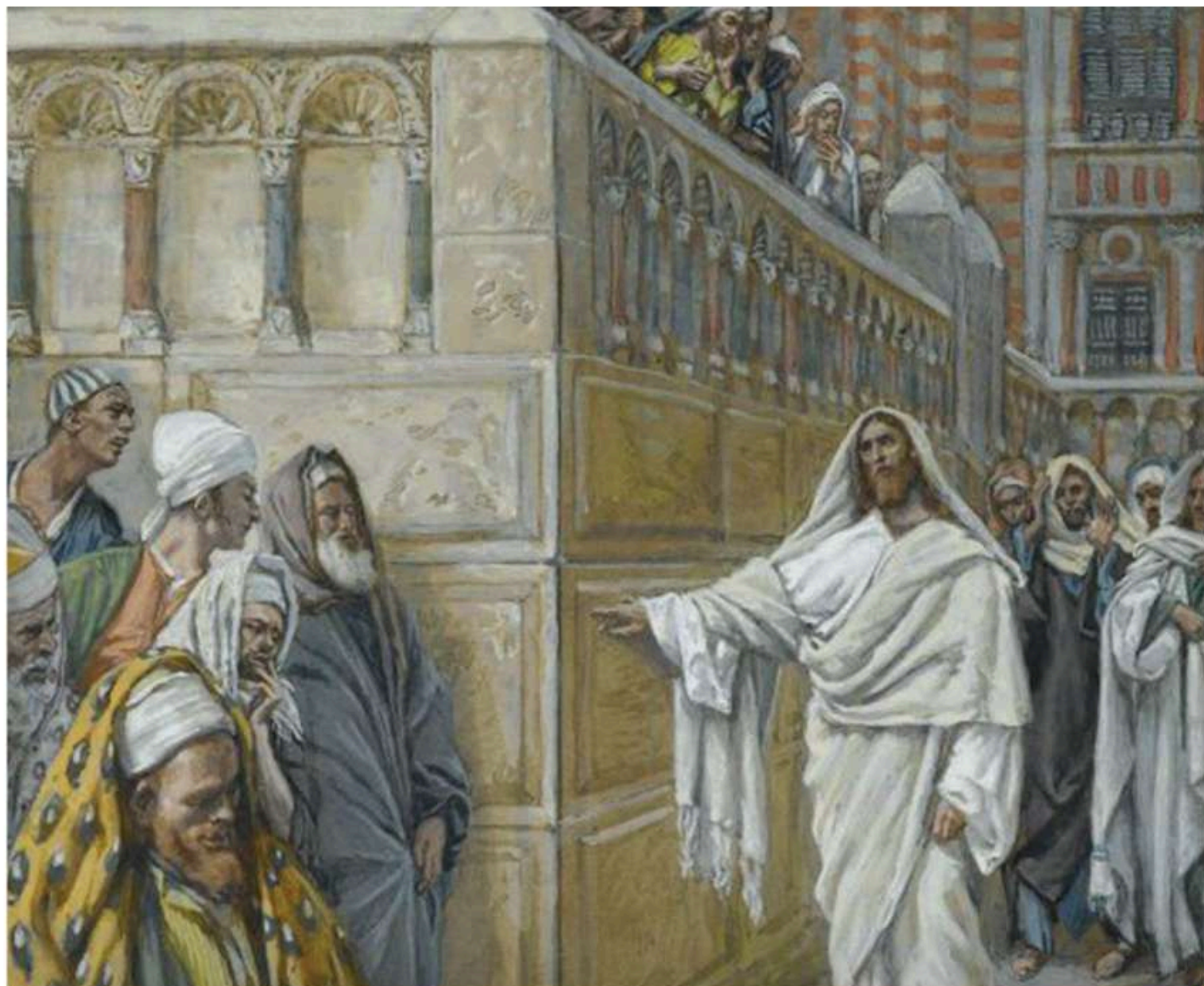




ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

**WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
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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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

Parish Office:

203 Park Avenue SE, Aiken, SC 29801

803.649.4777

parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org

Website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

Locations

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield Street 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

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 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 8:30am - Church

Miércoles 7:00pm - Iglesia Antigua

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

Perpetual Adoration - St. Claire Chapel

Rosary - Before Daily Mass

Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday 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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AA OPEN MEETING

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

or visit their website at Svdpaiken.org

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Closed On Fridays

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27

Offertory	Sep. 27	\$ 23,644
Online Offertory	Sep. 27	\$ 16,202
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,191,505

YEAR-END REPORTS AND 2027 BUDGET

The Parish Year-end reports are now on the parish website under the giving tab. You can also find the budget for the 2027 fiscal year under the giving tab on the parish website.

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 at — www.stmarys-aiken.org

1. Click on “GIVING”, then “SUNDAY OFFERTORY”

2. Make your selections

3. Special collection choices can be made online

Contribute 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 - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace. We celebrate St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, and his jubilee year – see our Francis display of books, statues, and artwork.

Wednesday we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Stop by the Gift Shop open Saturday 5:00PM Vigil Mass; Sunday 9:00AM – 1:00PM and following the Spanish Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are again planning to assist those who are less fortunate by providing a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested please email or call Joe Tillman at jtill11@verizon.net (410)371-5746 or Jane Phillips-Tillman at tillman3js@live.com (410)241-0647 to receive a family name, size and details. The basket should be dropped off at the rear parking lot of Saint Angela Hall on Saturday, November 21 from 8:00am to 9:30 am. If you cannot shop, monetary donations are always appreciated.

PASTOR'S CORNER

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What Kind of Vine Growers Are We?

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus explains the history of salvation for the third time in a row to the priests and Pharisees: a story of God's infinite love for his people and their stubborn unfaithfulness. Christ uses a parable to write an autobiography of his death and resurrection.

The owner of the vineyard sent his own Son to the tenants with the hope that they would at least respect and receive him. Yet, the temptation was irresistible: “Let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.” Two thousand years ago they did just that when they killed the Son of God. They couldn't put up with him, and they believed that they could silence forever his extremely inconvenient words by killing him. They believed that if they could succeed in silencing him then they could live in peace and enjoy a privileged status. However, they were mistaken, for “the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.”

God continues sending messengers who call for action. The Pope, the bishops, priests, deacons, religious and the committed lay faithful are the conscience of the world through the testimony of their lives. They are salt, light and leaven. Nonetheless, they are often rejected and ignored because they don't go well with a materialistic or secular way of life.

The “good men” of Israel were those who outwardly fulfilled the Covenant by going to the synagogue and saying their prayers, but who neither fulfilled the spirit of the law nor accepted Christ. And what about us? The greatest scandal of our times is Christians who live mediocre and comfortable lives. They are the real enemy of the faith and the Church, since they undermine it from within its own ranks.

My friends, this parable was written for us! Is our behavior anything like that of the murderous tenants? Are we neglectful, unfaithful, barren workers who thwart the plans of God? Do we truly believe in Jesus Christ, accepting and making his ways our own? In the Eucharist, we celebrate the life of the Risen Christ, the “True Vine” that bore much fruit for his Father. May we fervently receive Him in Holy Communion and may our lives be changed.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Needing Peace in Your Heart?
Jesus offers it! Be not Afraid!

Sat. 1 am (Fri. night) and Wed. 12 Noon are urgent hours in need! To sign up for this or another weekly holy hour,

please visit the Adoration webpage at

<https://www.stmarys-//aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact a Divisional Leader:

12 Midnight-6am: Tom Henry 803-618-9086

6am-12 Noon: Ken Boucher 803-226-4639

12 Noon-6pm: Janice Suhrer 803-645-6105

6pm-12 Midnight: Joan Pate 908-447-9715

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY IS NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

SATURDAYS AT 7AM SMITH HALL

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com and contact Jenny T (916) 612-0337 with questions.

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We are in need of additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30 Sunday Mass at the New Church on Fairfield Street. Volunteers would rotate with others once every three weeks or so.

Wheelchair Express is available for anyone needing wheelchair assistance into the sanctuary and back to their vehicles after Mass on Sundays. Volunteers are present 30 minutes before each of the Masses.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Bobbie or George Sich at 740-981-2961

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR SEASON FOR GOOD WORKS!!

CWA Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, October 20

Rosary: 11:30 in New Church

Potluck Lunch: Noon in Mother Teresa Hall

Sign-up information and more details to come!

FUNERAL MASSES & LITURGIES

For all funeral Masses & Liturgies celebrated at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, a licensed funeral home must be involved in coordinating the care and transportation of the deceased and in assisting with the funeral arrangements. It is necessary that families select the funeral home they wish to use.

READINGS FOR OCT. 04- OCT. 11, 2026

Sunday, Oct. 4 readings begin on **page 390** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Is 5:1-7	Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9	Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12	Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c
Lk 10:25-37	
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24	Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15
Lk 10:38-42	
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14	Ps 117:1bc, 2
Lk 11:1-4	
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5	Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Lk 11:5-13	
Friday: Gal 3:7-14	Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 11:15-26	
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29	Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 11:27-28	
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20	Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-1

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Oct. 04

8:30am Lois Gniadzowski

11:00am Pro Populo

1:00pm Gulpiano Esparza

Monday Oct. 05

5:30pm Grace & Michael Reich

Tuesday Oct. 06

5:30pm James R. Hunter

Wednesday Oct. 07

8:30am Cynthia A. Corcoran

7:00pm Emmanuel Robles

Thursday Oct. 08

10:00am Sarah Bursey

5:30pm Sarah Kuzmezkus (L)

Friday Oct. 09

5:30pm Jay Carey

Saturday Oct. 10

8:00am William V. Hegedusich

5:00pm John & Nancy Hartigan

Fr. Edward Lodge Curran

John Caldwell

Daniel Dikun

Michael Miller

Sunday Oct. 11

8:30am Frank Conklin

11:00am Mike & Sally

Anaclerio

1:00pm Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS

Sep. 19 - Patrick Flavin

Sep. 20 - Vince Ingrassciotta

LIFE CHAIN TODAY!

Please join us for one hour of quiet prayer for the sanctity of human life along the 118 Bypass Rudy Mason Parkway. Meet at 2:15 at Christ's Way Christian Church, 183 Old Wagener Road for instructions, sign selections and a dedication prayer. Bring a chair, water, umbrella, etc., as needed. Families with children are welcome. Held rain or shine. Questions? Contact Debbie Baer at (803) 295-7897.

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, November 15, 2026** 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 class 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 AND 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. Two years of Faith Formation classes are required to satisfy the attendance policy. The 2 year process for First Communion begins in 1st grade, and the 2 year process for Confirmation begins in 7th grade. Catholic children registered at St. Mary's school are automatically enrolled in the sacramental program through the school. You can register and pay the fee at the parish office; registration forms can be found at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

If you have further questions, contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.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.

ANOIDING 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)

Next Baptism is November 7 at 11:00am in New St. Mary Church on Park Avenue.

- 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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or are you an adult missing your sacrament of confirmation? OCIA classes have now begun for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. We are meeting at Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St SE at 6pm weekly. For questions, contact our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason

hdickason@charlestdiocese.org

615.638.7137

For more details about Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and our full calendar of events, please visit our website or contact Hannah Dickason.

YOUTH MINISTRY

October 11 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 12 - Youth Group: Fellowship Night

October 14 - Young Disciples

October 18 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 19 - Youth Group: Night of Prayer (Adoration and Confession)

October 21 - Young Disciples

October 25 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 26 - Youth Group: Theology of the Body

October 28 - Young Disciples

St. Bruno of Cologne, born in 1030, founded the Carthusian order in 1084 after leaving church leadership to seek solitude and prayer. Called briefly to aid Pope Urban II, he later returned to monastic life in Calabria. Known for asceticism, poverty, and devotion, he died Oct. 6, 1101.

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

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Oct. 04

8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Cafe	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, Oct. 05

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Tuesday, Oct. 06

3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Wednesday, Oct. 07

8:30am Mass	Church
9:30am Wednesday Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, Oct. 08

11:15am Thursday Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Friday, Oct. 09

4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

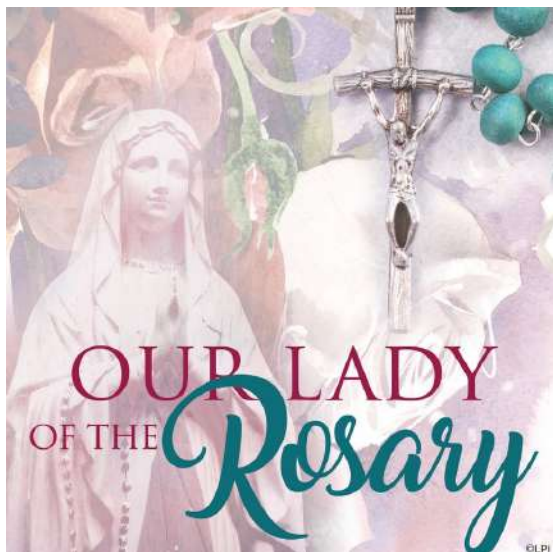
Saturday, Oct. 10

8:00am Mass	Old Church
3:30pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, Oct. 11

8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Cafe	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

OCTOBER IS MONTH OF THE ROSARY



PARISH PERKS!

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

ROSARY MAKERS

The Rosary Maker group has been participating in the World Rosary Group's initiative to create 75,000 handmade rosaries worldwide for the Beatification of Archbishop Sheen on September 24 in St. Louis. Our parish rosary makers have contributed 337 rosaries, which have been sent to be blessed before the ceremony.

This special rosary, designed by Archbishop Sheen 75 years ago, consists of red, blue, green, yellow, and white decades. Each color represents an area where missionaries continue to spread the Good News of Jesus.

If you are interested in joining our group to make rosaries for the church, chapel, nursing homes, and overseas missions, please contact Doug McGuinness at dpmcg871@gmail.com or Sue Bursey at sbchamois@gmail.com. We meet every third Monday of the month in Mother Teresa Hall at 1:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us, Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in St. Michael Hall. We are studying Hebrews. Contact Martha: whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:

The Thursday Bible Study started back for the fall! We are reading the very short Gospel of Mark, followed by the very deep Gospel of John. Come join us in Smith Hall Thursdays 11:15 - 12:15. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mep.graigue@gmail.com

PRIEST RETREAT

From **Monday October 26** through **Thursday October 29**, we will have no priests available. There will be no daily Mass during this time.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Kairos is a 3 1/2 day nondenominational short course in Christianity that will take place in Broad River State Prison for men on October 8 - 12. The Kairos Team distributes cookies to over 1,000 residents during each of these days to show them Christ's love.

Please donate store-bought cookies sealed in their original packaging (the prison is no longer accepting homemade cookies). We will have a box in the Church Office for your donations. Please drop off all donations of cookies or money no later than 4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 6th. Call Don Trapp at 803-979-0966 for information. Thank you!



St. Mary's Parish School

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC29801
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)

SMS CAMPUS CLOSED FOR FALL BREAK

St. Mary's School campus and office will be closed for Fall Break from Monday, October 5 to Friday, October 9. School will resume on Monday, October 12.

SAVE THE DATE FOR #IGIVECATHOLIC

St. Mary's School will once again be participating in #iGiveCatholic the Nation-Wide Day of Giving on Giving Tuesday which falls on Tuesday, Dec. 1 this year. Thank you for your continued support!

CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER

There are just a few days left to shop! The St. Mary's School PTO will receive up to 40% back from purchases made! There are tons of high-quality items to choose from plus wrapping paper! Scan the QR Code or go to <https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=19478>. Shop today to support our Saints! Online sales end Wednesday, Oct. 7.



COLUMBUS CLUB OKTOBERFEST

Your \$15 donation supports our Columbus Club Projects
Saturday October 17, 2026

5:30-10:30pm

Columbus Club

1037 Spaulding Drive Aiken, SC

Meal consists of: Brats, Homemade German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, & Dessert. Oktoberfest Craft Beer available!

One (1) draft beer for ages 21+ (dine-in only)

Or

One (1) soda included with each meal ticket.

Cash Bar includes: beer, wine, mixed drinks or soda

Bar Opens at 5pm

Entertainment: DJ with great music for dancing!

Make Checks payable to the Columbus Club

Tickets available from:

Craig Burgess—803-439-0468

Dennis Fraser—803-507-0066

Mark Szymanski—803-645-1405

John Kvartek—803-226-1597

St. Mary's Office—803-649-477

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"Spiritual joy arises from purity of the heart and perseverance in prayer."

The Secular Franciscans meet the 3rd Monday @6:15PM in St. Michael's Hall.

JOB OPENING: ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO PASTOR

We are looking to hire someone to work as the Administrative Assistant to the Pastor in the Parish Office. Responsibilities of that position include: assisting Father Wilson with his calendar, meetings and appointments; assisting with marriage preparation, initial paperwork, coordinating marriage preparation; coordinating funerals, working with the families of the deceased; assisting couples with Decrees of Nullity; coordinating special events for the Pastor; and other duties as assigned. This will be a forty hour per week position. We welcome applicants who are organized, dependable, compassionate, and able to work professionally and confidentially in a parish setting. Job applications are available at the Parish Office. Please submit your resume along with your job application.

JOURNEY OF HOPE DIVORCED CATHOLIC PROGRAM

All are invited to attend – Wednesday's 10/7-12/16, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." 2

Corinthians 4:8-9

This passage encourages perseverance and hope, reminding individuals that they are not alone in their struggles.

PLEASE JOIN THIS ENCOURAGING PROGRAM OF STRENGTH & HOPE

<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2764513>

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or Confirmation sponsor? Please join with other Catholic women who, like St. Monica, pray together for our children 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 will meet on Wednesday, October 21st at 1:00 pm 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.

PRO-LIFE BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Receive a FREE PASS to the Western Carolina State Fair and FREE PARKING when you volunteer to staff the Aiken County Citizens For Life booth. No experience needed. Booth set-up is Thurs. 10/15, 10-3; booth take-down is Mon. 10/26, 10-3. Booth hours during the fair are Mon-Fri 5-7 and 7-9, and Sat-Sun 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8. Allow 15 minutes to park and pass security. Clear bags/purses only. Address: Western Carolina State Fair, 561 May Royal Drive, Aiken. Call Debbie Baer at (803) 295-7897 to sign up.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¿Qué clase de viñadores somos?

Queridos feligreses:

Jesús explica por tercera vez consecutiva a los sacerdotes y fariseos la historia de la salvación: una historia del amor infinito de Dios por su pueblo y de la obstinada infidelidad de este. Cristo utiliza una parábola para narrar una autobiografía de su muerte y resurrección.

El dueño de la viña envió a su propio Hijo a los viñadores con la esperanza de que al menos lo respetaran y lo recibieran. Sin embargo, la tentación fue irresistible: «Matémoslo y quedémonos con su herencia.» Hace dos mil años hicieron precisamente eso cuando dieron muerte al Hijo de Dios. No pudieron soportarlo y creyeron que podían silenciar para siempre sus palabras tan incómodas matándolo. Pensaron que, si lograban hacerlo callar, podrían vivir tranquilos y disfrutar de una posición privilegiada. Pero estaban equivocados, porque «la piedra que desecharon los constructores ha llegado a ser la piedra angular.»

Dios sigue enviando mensajeros que llaman a la conversión y a la acción. El Papa, los obispos, los sacerdotes, los diáconos, los religiosos y los fieles laicos comprometidos son la conciencia del mundo mediante el testimonio de sus vidas. Son sal, luz y levadura. Sin embargo, con frecuencia son rechazados e ignorados porque su mensaje no encaja con una forma de vida materialista o secular.

Los “hombres buenos” de Israel eran aquellos que externamente cumplían la Alianza asistiendo a la sinagoga y pronunciando sus oraciones, pero que no cumplían el espíritu de la ley ni aceptaban a Cristo. ¿Y qué hay de nosotros? El mayor escándalo de nuestro tiempo son los cristianos que viven vidas mediocres y cómodas. Ellos son el verdadero enemigo de la fe y de la Iglesia, porque la debilitan desde dentro de sus propias filas.

Mis amigos, esta parábola fue escrita para nosotros. ¿Se parece nuestro comportamiento al de aquellos viñadores homicidas? ¿Somos trabajadores descuidados, infieles y estériles que obstaculizan los planes de Dios? ¿Creemos verdaderamente en Jesucristo, aceptando sus enseñanzas y haciendo nuestros sus caminos? En la Eucaristía celebramos la vida de Cristo Resucitado, la “Vid Verdadera” que dio mucho fruto para su Padre. Que lo recibamos con fervor en la Sagrada Comunión y que nuestras vidas sean transformadas por Él.

Que Dios los bendiga
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 4 DE OCTUBRE AL 11 DE OCTUBRE, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 4 de octubre comienzan en la **pagina 391** en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Is 5, 1-7	Sal 79, 9 y 12-16. 19-20
Flp 4, 6-9	Mt 21, 33-43
Lunes: Gal 1, 6-12	Sal 110, 1-2. 7-8. 9 y 10
Lc 10, 25-37	
Martes: Gal 1, 13-24	Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15
Lc 10, 38-42	
Miércoles: Gal 2, 1-2. 7-14	Sal 116, 1. 2
Lc 11, 1-4	
Jueves: Gal 3, 1-5	Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75
Lc 11, 5-13	
Viernes: Gal 3, 7-14	Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6
Lc 11, 15-26	
Sábado: Gal 3, 22-29	Sal 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7
Lc 11, 27-28	
Domingo siguiente: Is 25, 6-10	Sal 22, 1-3. 3-6
Flp 4, 12-14. 19-20	Mt 22, 1-14 o 22, 1-10

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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias
se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

¡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.

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¡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: **8 de Noviembre 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles sacramentos nos alimentan y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como «la luz del mundo» (San Mateo 5:14).

Importante: Los padres y los hijos deben estar inscritos en la parroquia de St. Mary's y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa los domingos y en los Días Santos de Precepto.

Se requieren dos años de clases de Formación en la Fe para cumplir con la política de asistencia.

- El proceso de dos años para la Primera Comunión comienza en 1.º grado.
- El proceso de dos años para la Confirmación comienza en 7.º grado.

Los niños católicos inscritos en la escuela St. Mary's son inscritos automáticamente en el programa sacramental a través de la escuela.

Puede inscribirse y pagar la cuota en la oficina parroquial. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en:

Para más información sobre contactarse con

Derrick Huestis 803-716-8451 o

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¿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. 100

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

10 de Octubre 2026 a las 11:00am en la iglesia Nueva.

- 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 Adriana Galvan al 803.649.4777 x 100

¿INTERESADO EN CONVERTIRSE EN CATÓLICO?

¿Está interesado en convertirse en católico, o es un adulto que aún no ha recibido el sacramento de la confirmación? Las clases de RICA comenzarán en agosto para aquellas personas que desean convertirse en católicas y recibir los sacramentos de iniciación.

Favor de Contactar a

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Ministerio Juvenil Católico

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason

Correo electrónico:

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Para más información sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, visite nuestro sitio web o comuníquese con Hannah Dickason.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

11 de octubre – Fraternus y Fidelis
12 de octubre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de convivencia
14 de octubre – Jóvenes Discípulos
18 de octubre – Fraternus y Fidelis
19 de octubre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de oración (Adoración y Confesión)
21 de octubre – Jóvenes Discípulos
25 de octubre – Fraternus y Fidelis
26 de octubre – Grupo Juvenil: Teología del Cuerpo
28 de octubre – Jóvenes Discípulos

Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará a cabo el **18 de Octubre y 25 de Octubre** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con **María Hernández 803-522-3988.**



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La Escuela St. Mary's está buscando una persona detallista, organizada y confiable para el puesto de Contador/a Escolar de Medio Tiempo. Esta persona será responsable de apoyar las operaciones financieras de la escuela, incluyendo la contabilidad, nómina, registro y control de pagos de matrícula, elaboración de informes financieros y apoyo en la preparación del presupuesto. Trabjará en estrecha colaboración con el Director de la Escuela y el Gerente de Finanzas de la Parroquia. Los requisitos del puesto incluyen experiencia en contabilidad o administración contable, excelentes habilidades de organización, profesionalismo y compromiso con la misión de la educación católica. La descripción completa del puesto, los requisitos y la información para solicitar están disponibles en nuestro sitio web: stmaryschoolaiken.com/about/employment-opportunities.cfm

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Pide un formulario al equipo de hospitalidad y tráelo el próximo domingo, o si prefieres, puedes registrarte en línea desde nuestra página web.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 4 de Octubre

8:00am Misa en inglés	Iglesia
11:00am Misa en inglés	Iglesia
1:00pm Misa español	Iglesia

Lunes, 5 de Octubre

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

Martes, 6 de Octubre

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

Miércoles, 7 de Octubre

8:30am Misa	Iglesia
6:15pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 8 de Octubre

4:45pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm RICA	Salón Madre Teresa

Viernes, 9 de Octubre

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

Sábado, 10 de Octubre

8:00am Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 11 de Octubre

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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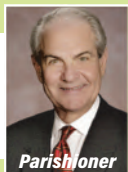
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