

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

January 2024



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
 Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
 Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor
 Deacon David G. Garvis
 Deacon Anthony Olivieri



Parish Office
 PO Box 388, Plantersville, TX 77363
936-894-2223
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Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm
 Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary - Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. &

Sunday - 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph - Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning
 Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936.894.2223

AA

Leland Fougeron 936.870.5102

ACTS Retreat

Karen Coffman 281.773.6081

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Betty Hollas 713.419.6106

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281.467.0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936.661.6662

Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713.344.6001

Annulments

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936.894.2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936.894.2223

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Extraordinary Ministers -

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713.824.8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

GriefShare Ministry

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936.228.9742

Lectors

Richard Prokop 936.827.1125

Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

Marriage Preparation

Dcn. Anthony Olivieri 936.522.8146

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936.777.9720

Music/Wedding Director

Michael Comeaux 936.894.2223

Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936.894.2512

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Don Picard 936.697.0195

Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281.813.5355

S.A.L.T. Ministry – Singles, Divorced,

Widows & Widowers

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Justin Mock 979.777.4993

St. Mary's Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

St. Mary's Corner Shoppe

Ethel Barbossa 936.760.9565

St. Mary's Men's Club

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936.206.0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help, 936.894.2362)

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Write for Life

Bob Dean 936.582.6314

Youth Confirmation

smsjccce@gmail.com 936.894.2223

If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please pick up a registration form in back of the church or complete online at www.smsj.org.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR ...



When you receive this bulletin, 2024 will be dawning or will have already dawned. I'm looking forward to this New Year and excited about the many possibilities we will have to continue being a shining light of faith not only in our area but for the Archdiocese. I wake up thankful every morning for being the shepherd of such a great group of Christians who enjoy each other's company and work so well together. On New Year's Day, I have a special feeling of being blessed to begin another year with such a great group.

This is going to be *our last in-house published monthly bulletin*. No, we're not going to a weekly bulletin. I consider that a waste of paper. Same stuff every week. As the years have gone by, the time and cost of putting together and printing the bulletin has become an issue we have had to address. We'll still have our monthly bulletin with all the activities and events (though some announcements tend to be overly wordy and repetitive). But we've discovered a Catholic company that has entered the market of helping parishes communicate with parishioners and even the possibility of reaching out to Catholics new to the community or a bit laxed in practicing.

The company is called *Decided Excellence Catholic Media*. One of our parishioners is a representative of the company and has alerted us to its existence and how it can be a solution to still providing our monthly bulletin with less time, effort, and cost. The bulletin itself will be more of a magazine-like format, mailed directly to your home. It will also contain many features that we just can't include in our present format: faith formation articles, puzzles for kids/adults, and more. We are also soliciting local businesses to help sponsor some of the cost. Your support of those businesses will be important in letting them know we support them and appreciate their support.

I am excited and looking forward to the first issue in February. This new endeavor will put a bit of a pressure on me to get my article in on the hard deadline the company must have to get the magazine out on time. That will go for all who need anything in that month.

This is just one change that's coming in 2024. What more the Lord has in store for the rest of this New Year we look to with trust and confidence in His will. Through Him, all good things come. It will be a great 2024!!!

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

January 28: Bishops' Fund for Latin America





THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pope's Intention: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:



MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Jay Creighton, Nicholas Decker, Don Faughn, Jeff Faughn, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Lyle Hamm, Catherine Hoffart, Karen Hoffart, Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, Chris Lobue, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Mike Meador & Janie Houser Meador, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Fred O'Connor, Matthew Oliver, Cleave Parks, Wendy Pitchford, Verena Podraza, CeCe Ray, Lisa Seigle, Bill Sellmeyer, Josephine Shannon, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Fred Smith, James Smith, Brian Stehling, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Leonard Treichel, Pat Walker, Clara Walkoviak



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

January 3 & 17
10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would be happy to hear confessions.

Call the office for an appointment at 936-894-2223

Anointing Mass for the

Sick and Elderly

Wednesday, January 3

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### **First Friday Mass**

**January 5 at 9:00am**

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions January 2024

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                               | <u>Requested by</u>                                       |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Jan. 7  | 7:30am      | William & Frances Tomkivits<br>Barbara Fougeron | Tommie Pogie & Jimmy Tomkivits<br>Richard & Lisa Atkinson |
| Sun., Jan. 14 | 7:30am      | Shirley Bailey<br>Larry Sechelski               | George & Janie Wishkoski<br>Steven Husfeld                |
| Sun., Jan. 21 | 7:30am      | Jimmy Tomkivits<br>Ron Michno                   | Kay Sechelski Studhalter<br>Pauline Michno                |
| Sun., Jan. 28 | 7:30am      | Randy Nicholson                                 | Susanne & Thomas Nicholson                                |



**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PRECEDED US IN DEATH.  
KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.**

**Mauricio Munoz**: who died Wednesday, November 22, whose funeral mass was held at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 16.

**Lena Ann Benoit**: who died Thursday, December 7, whose funeral service was Friday, December 15 in Houston.

**Bennie Joe Lewis**: who died Monday, December 11, whose funeral service was Monday, December 18 at Cashner Funeral Home.

**Mary Langdon**: who died Wednesday, November 15, whose funeral service was Tuesday, December 12 at St. Stanislaus.

**Janice James** who died Wednesday, November 15, whose funeral service was Tuesday, December 12 at St. Stanislaus.

***Don't wait until the last minute . . .***

**Get your cemetery plots & niches at St. Mary's as soon as possible.**

**Prices on each are:**

**PARISHIONER—\$1,200;**

**Urn prices are:**

**Brass Box \$100;**

**Brushed Brass Vase \$140.**



## St. Mary Mass Intentions for January 2024

| <u>Date:</u>   | <u>Time:</u> | <u>Intention:</u>                             | <u>Requested by:</u>                    |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Mon., Jan. 1   | 10:30am      | Busa/Phillips Family                          | Deborah Nugent                          |
| Tues., Jan. 2  | 9:00am       | Grady M. Drawdy III                           | Sandra Drawdy Rios                      |
| Wed., Jan. 3   | 9:00am       | Pat Cavanaugh<br>(Michael Frances)            | Tootsie Mock<br>Elvira Weiser           |
| Thur., Jan. 4  | 9:00am       | Beth Ramsberg                                 | Melinda & Mike Donnellan                |
| Fri., Jan. 5   | 9:00am       | Catherine Schromsky<br>JoAnn Hare             | Janet Martin<br>Richard Wismer, Jr.     |
| Sat., Jan. 6   | 5:00pm       | Robert E. Tarbett                             | James Tarbett                           |
| Sun., Jan. 7   | 7:00am       | Theresa Diehl                                 | Thomas & Frances Kowis                  |
| Sun., Jan. 7   | 8:30am       | Chris Crusta                                  | The Blair Family                        |
| Sun., Jan. 7   | 10:00am      | Tom Martin                                    | David & Pat Sydlik                      |
| Sun., Jan. 7   | 11:30am      | For the People                                | _____                                   |
| Mon., Jan. 8   | 9:00am       | Sean Houston                                  | SM Altar Society                        |
| Tues., Jan. 9  | 9:00am       | Terry Rhodes                                  | SM Altar Society                        |
| Sat., Jan. 11  | 5:00pm       | Lena Upton                                    | E. Joseph Upton                         |
| Sun., Jan. 14  | 7:00am       | For the People                                | _____                                   |
| Sun., Jan. 14  | 8:30am       | Grady Drawdy, III                             | Sandra Drawdy Rios<br>& Lori D. Holman  |
| Sun., Jan. 14  | 10:00am      | Josefa Lacayo<br>& Guillermina Delgado        | Eddie & Dianne Delgado                  |
| Sun., Jan. 14  | 11:30am      | Neil Rosenberg                                | Ellen & Steve Schlader                  |
| Wed., Jan. 17  | 9:00am       | Joe Barbossa                                  | _____                                   |
| Thur., Jan. 18 | 9:00am       | Mary Kucera Brandesky                         | _____                                   |
| Sat., Jan. 20  | 5:00pm       | Edmond Swonke<br>Rod McMahan                  | Suzie Bill<br>Jamice McMahan            |
| Sun., Jan. 21  | 7:00am       | Dolores Hoffart                               | Betty Lott & Family                     |
| Sun., Jan. 21  | 8:30am       | For the People                                | _____                                   |
| Sun., Jan. 21  | 10:00am      | Bill Malek<br>Robert Reidle                   | SM Altar Society<br>Mary & Susan Reidle |
| Sun., Jan. 21  | 11:30am      | Irene Hague                                   | John & Charlene Kraulis                 |
| Mon., Jan. 22  | 9:00am       | Manuel Bustillo                               | Cheryl Williams                         |
| Tues., Jan. 23 | 9:00am       | For the People                                | _____                                   |
| Wed., Jan. 24  | 9:00am       | Bill Robertson                                | SM Altar Society                        |
| Thur., Jan. 25 | 9:00am       | Jacob Diehl                                   | Virginia & Florence Jozwiak<br>Family   |
| Sat., Jan. 27  | 5:00pm       | Joe & Verna Kaminski                          | _____                                   |
| Sun., Jan. 28  | 7:00am       | For the People                                | _____                                   |
| Sun., Jan. 28  | 8:30am       | Deceased Mbrs Lebeck Family                   | Dorothy Pasket                          |
| Sun., Jan. 28  | 10:00am      | (John & Grace Newland & Family)               | Bradley & Megan Schaak                  |
| Sun., Jan. 28  | 11:30am      | Lorraine Pfertner Wagner<br>& Leonard Sumbera | Patrick & Ann Pfertner                  |
| Mon., Jan. 29  | 9:00am       | Alice Self                                    | _____                                   |
| Tues., Jan. 30 | 9:00am       | Loris Abshire                                 | _____                                   |
| Wed., Jan. 31  | 9:00am       | Michael Plessala                              | _____                                   |

### New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses

Sunday, 12/31 - 4pm @ SM

Monday, 01/01 - 10:30am @ SM

## LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROU



Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us this month in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am.

Friday, Jan. 12  
Friday, Jan. 26

### **St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast Sunday, January 14**



### **Annual Screening**

RightWay Imaging will be at St. Mary's January 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> to schedule appointments. Screening appointments will be set up for January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in St. Mary's Hall.

*Please pray for all of our  
men & women  
in the military.*



*We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other feet but ours, no other mouth but ours. Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."*

*~~~Blessed Mother Theresa*



The Parish office will be **closed** on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day Observance. Also, Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.



### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Club. The January meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 16**. Start time is 6:00 for Social, followed by Dinner at 6:30 and meeting to follow. This month we will have our speaker, Fire Chief Brian Edwards from MCESD #2 present the latest update on the Emergency Services provided for Bentwater, Walden, Dobbin, Montgomery and points in between. **Come join us!**

The first Blood Drive for 2024 is Sunday, January 14. Please give the gift of Life.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society: Meeting: January 26 @ 3:30pm

The St. Mary/St Joseph Conference would like to thank everyone for the most generous support in helping provide food and other services for our friends in Montgomery and Grimes Counties. We were able to provide a wonderful Christmas Food Basket along with WalMart Cards to 65 families. Also, the pantry has been replenished as we continue to receive calls for food and help with utility bills and rent.



Thank you and may our Lord Bless you.

*"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom... And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God...through him."*

(Adapted from Colossians 3:14-17)

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**If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call: (936) 894.2362**

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**Please note: you can find the bulletin on our website [www.smsj.org](http://www.smsj.org)**  
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St. Dominic Village

December 5 at 12:52 PM · 🌐

As a ministry of the [Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston](#) we are fortunate at St. Dominic Village to have volunteers from so many parishes. Volunteers from [@stmarysplantersville](#) made multiple trips and traveled the 65 miles to Houston to improve the landscape off our priests' wing in the Nursing Center. So, thank you to everyone in the archdiocese but today, thank you to the parishioners of [St. Mary Catholic Church](#).



### St. Mary's Cemetery Association

The Cemetery Association goes to great lengths to maintain and make our Cemetery a beautiful place for our loved ones to rest in peace until the final days when Christ comes to call his own. We still have memorial stones that are leaning, so if you receive a letter from the Cemetery Association, please have the stones straightened and supported to prevent further leaning. From the Association, we thank you and pray that our Heavenly Father blesses you beyond all measure. Happy New Year!

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone in need of medical equipment. For equipment availability, contact the office at 936-894-2223. We have wheel chairs, electric scooters, knee scooters, walkers



## ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

**Meeting: No Meeting in January**

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**Game Day:** Tuesday, January 16 at 10am - 2pm in St. Mary's Hall.  
An entrée will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a friend. The more the merrier.

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**The Domino Group will play on Tuesdays in the  
Family Life Center Kitchen.**

*Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone*

## The Catholic Parent

The Catholic Parent is a new video series on **FORMED.ORG** created *for* Catholic Parents *by* Catholic Parents. Each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. You will find solidarity and encouragement as you embrace your vital role in your children's faith. Find this series on [formed.org](http://formed.org). Your membership is free to all members of our parish. Signing up is easy and there is no password to remember.



## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our new study is the **MARY: THE BIBLE AND THE MOTHER OF GOD** led by Dr. Brandt Pitre

Who is Mary, the mother of Jesus? Why is she so important to Catholics and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? You will be surprised to learn what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church Fathers reveal about Mary.

**Dates of Study:** Thursdays, February 1, 2024 – March 21, 2024

**Times:** 10:00am – Noon or 7:00-9:00pm

**Cost:** \$10.00 for Participant Workbook (payable on first day of class)

**Where:** St. Mary's Parish Hall

**To Register:**

Contact: Betty Hollas [bethollas@hotmail.com](mailto:bethollas@hotmail.com) (713) 419-6106

or

The Parish Office [info@smsj.org](mailto:info@smsj.org) (936) 894-2223





## JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS

Are you interested in bringing back a lost art?  
Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilts for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put a quilt up on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

**We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the St. Joseph's Hall.**

**Bring your own lunch.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**For more info, Juli Murphy: at 936-206-0677 or email julimurphy1988@gmail.com.**



THE  
**GABRIEL**  
PROJECT

**The Gabriel Project** is the pro-life apostolate offering assistance to a woman and her family during and after her pregnancy. We offer the following to ALL parishioners and those in the surrounding community:



- Maternity clothing
- Baby & Infant clothing from size 0 thru 2T
- Diapers/wipes/toiletries
- Crib/car seat/toys/other baby needs

We have a **well-stocked storage room** of new and very gently used items **waiting to be gifted** to our parish families and those in the area who are pregnant or have little ones!

Contact Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328(phone) or Karen Smith 936-689-3618(text) to set up a time to pick up the items needed or to visit with us for any special needs.

While you're waiting for the RUMMAGE SALE to start collecting items, THE GABRIEL PROJECT will accept your BABY/TODDLER items (clothes, carseats, infant toys, etc.). Drop off on the porch of THE GABRIEL STORAGE ROOM or contact Wanda O'Brien or Karen Smith for assistance.



## ***Please visit:***

***<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>***

## ***For January's Liturgical Readings***



If you are new to our Parish or have been thinking about getting involved with one of our many Church Organizations or Ministries, please refer to the front page of the bulletin. You will find a list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up. If you don't see what you are looking for please ask.

## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

### Meeting

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
at Noon in SM Hall

### Meeting Hostesses:

Bonnie Frazette, Laurie Wesolick, Ann Young

### ALTAR CARE:

Mary Kloster & Margee Manning

## **THE CORNER SHOPPE**

**JANUARY IS INVENTORY MONTH AT THE CORNER SHOPPE. STOP BY TO CHECK OUT THE SALE!**

**SALE**

### **THE CORNER SHOPPE HOURS:**

**THE SHOPPE IS OPEN AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS AND ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM.**



## **Rowan's Prayer**

*One day God will Bring us back together, United with your child, you'll cry no more.*

*Till then, may we draw strength from each other, knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.*

If you have or you know of someone who just experienced a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss or you know someone with a neonatal diagnosis.

Contact Bonnie Haytcher: by calling 941-302-6310, or emailing haytcherb@gmail.com



### **THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**WOMEN'S CENTER** is a parish-supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women and families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

#### **The shelter is in need of the following items:**

**Warm clothing, pajamas, slippers, sweaters, jackets and coats of all sizes**

Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the church and the hall.

The Women's Center thanks you for all of your donations.

For more information about the Women's Center go to <https://mcwctx.org>



## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

Altar Society Meeting in the parish hall

**Tuesday, January 2**  
**6:30 pm - SJ Hall**

Anyone who is not currently a member of the Altar Society, but would like to be, please plan on attending.

### **AA MEETINGS:**

**Every Monday evening**  
**@ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's**  
**Kelly House.**



# Women's ACTS Retreat

## January 18-21, 2024

**Register Today!** Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spend time with **Jesus**.

### What is an ACTS retreat?

A parish-based event offering individuals the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This ACTS retreat is given by parishioners utilizing prayer, music, service, and teachings, allowing the individual to experience God personally and communally with other women of this fantastic faith community. St. Mary's St. Joseph's ACTS community invites any woman 21 or older to attend this upcoming 2024 event, regardless of parish location or religion.

### What is ACTS?

Four Pillars of ACTS apostolate:

**Adoration:** A response to God's love through prayer and worship

**Community:** Participating in the One Body of Christ as Church

**Theology:** Deepening our relationship with God to better fulfill his will

**Service:** Answering the call to discipleship by following the model He gave us

### Where is the retreat held?

St. Agnes Le Thi Thanh Retreat Center in Waller, Texas. Transportation is provided.

### What is the cost of the retreat?

\$250.00 (double occupancy room) or \$300.00 (single occupancy room). A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is requested to register which is applied to balance. Remaining balance due on or before retreat date. Partial finance assistance is available upon request.



St. Mary's St. Joseph's  
Catholic Church

**Register / Questions:**  
**Denise Waszak**  
**(240) 315 – 4575**  
**dwaszak@me.com**



*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men"*

- MARK 1:17 CPDV

## 2024 St. Mary Men's Club Scholarship

St. Mary's Men's Club scholarship applications for 2024 will be available in January through the parish office (see Karen Molina). Applicants must be active members of the parish of St. Mary, Plantersville/St. Joseph, Stoneham Catholic Church for a minimum of one year.

This scholarship is for enrollment at a state-accredited trade school, college or university and is to be used for tuition, school fees, required class books and living expenses directly related to school. Grades are not the major criteria in the award of this scholarship. Rather, emphasis is placed on work ethic, attitude, and need. Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily. Interviews will be in the Kelly House on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and applicants will be notified of their time. First come, first served.

Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Karen Molina by Thursday, April 25, 2024, by 4:00pm. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications!

Questions can be directed to either Karen Molina,

David Dobyanski (ddobyanski@gmail.com/mobile:979-571-5129) or

Ron Kloster (rklostercasa@gmail.com/mobile:281-723-2081).



*Faith Formation  
&  
Children's Sacraments*



**January Events**

**Wednesday Classes** are on January 10th and 17th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Sunday Classes** are on January 14th and 21st, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

**Confirmation Class** on January 28th at 10:00 am.

If you have any questions you can contact us by email: [smsjce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjce@gmail.com)

Visit the Religious Education website page:  
<http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>  
Contact the Religious Education Office-  
by phone: 936-894-2223  
or by email: [smsjce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjce@gmail.com)

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to be a Baptized Catholic? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith? Or have you been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?

RCIA "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process of educational formation and spiritual formation by which adults become full members in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

We invite all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in other faiths and those baptized in the catholic faith that would like to increase their knowledge in Catholicism.

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A Picard Jr at [dpicard0710@gmail.com](mailto:dpicard0710@gmail.com) or 936-697-0195



**Baptism ~ Infants to Age 6**



Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and usually occur on Saturday mornings. Available dates will be provided upon completion of all requirements.

Parents must take a preparation course (if they have not previously completed one within the past 3 years). Godparents are asked to complete one as well. We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Further information and a link to the registration form can be found on our Web page at <https://smsj.org/baptism/>

Please send all questions and inquiries to [smsjbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

**Baptism for Ages over 6:**

Please contact Cheryl Schratwieser at [smsjce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjce@gmail.com) for information.

# GriefShare

*Though He brings grief, He will show us compassion. So great is His unfailing love.*

*Lamentations 3:32*



**Our Fall GriefShare Session has been completed.**

Through the 13-week session the participants had the opportunity to experience & understand the stages of grief.

By sharing with others & the guidance of material the attendees have continued the healing process.

Thank you to all that attended this session.

We will be offering a Loss of Spouse seminar in late February and the GriefShare session will start in March. Dates and more information will be announced in the February bulletin.

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. Everything that is discussed or shared in our session is private and confidential. The foundation for the program is based on *Community, Understanding, Support and Encouragement*. Our Facilitators understand and have experienced what you are currently going through. They are here to offer comfort and encouragement during this difficult time while sharing the knowledge to help you move forward.

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics. To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall (281-356-2497)

## **S.A.L.T. Ministry** Single Adults Living Truth

**Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks**

**The Jingle Mingle, was truly a Successful event.** Thank you to the attendees and the vendors that joined in the festivities. We collected an abundance of food that was shared between St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society & Montgomery County Helping Hands. Both organizations were happy to receive the food items. We also received 33 toys which were donated to the Grimes Co. D.A. office to share with the children that are part of the sexual crimes program. Thank you for your generous heart in helping others this holiday season.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

**Mondays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mats for the Homeless**, all are welcome to join us, just come by. You do not have to have a talent to help us assemble the mats just a willing heart to help folks in need. The mats are used to help the homeless have a more comfortable and cleaner place to sleep. We completed 11 mats; Fr. Ed. blessed them, and they were distributed in Dec. to Conroe House of Prayer. Their mission is to provide a sanctuary for the homeless population where they can find a safe comfortable environment of support & worship. We have partnered with them to be the recipients of our mats. Thank you to all the folks that have donated the grocery bags, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are looking for crocheters to help assemble the mats, please contact Mary (281-356-2497) if you want to help or have any questions.

**Friday, Jan. 12, 1-3:30 Movie Afternoon**, at the Kelly house watching the Chosen season 1 episode 4-6 come join us for a relaxing afternoon.

**Thursday Jan. 25 Lunch, 12:30 Martha Bloomers** in Navasota. The facility has a nursery, gift shop and a wonderful restaurant. Please RSVP to Mary(281-356-2497) by 1/19.

**Please watch the Flocknotes and your Emails for more activities to be announced.**

# Support Your Local Parishioners

## *Auto Repair Services*

**ToyoMasters Auto Repair**  
Toyota/ Lexus Expert  
Mark Strong  
Phone: (936)701-5236

**Poton Automotive**  
Gary Ponton  
Phone: (936)894-3409

## *Dental Services*

**Montgomery & Conroe**  
Comprehensive Dental Centers  
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner  
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or  
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

## *Florist*

**Bride and Bloom**  
Alisa McCorquodale  
936.597.4626

## *Interior Design*

**Designed Interiors**  
by Terri  
Terri Furce  
(936)718-5002

## *Misc. Services*

**ACT SEPTIC SOLUTIONS, LLC**  
Septic Installation & Maintenance  
Services for Home or Business  
Austin & Keri Tucker,  
Owners/Operators  
832.922.2666

**Constance Marie Photographer**  
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Constance Hanak  
(713)751-9090

## *Misc. Services Contin.*

**KWM Services**  
Roll-off Dumpster Rental  
& Pasture Mowing  
Kenny & Suzie Mock  
Phone: (936)232-3757  
or (936)760-5379

**Moon Light Venue**  
(Max 200 People)  
Brenda Martinez  
(936)777-9720

**Rafter R Ranch**  
Services and Barn Building  
Rusty & James Maddox  
(210)844-3844

**Rocky Creek Metal & Art**  
Facepainting by  
Sherry Imhoff  
(936)524-3879  
Metal Work by Frank Imhoff  
(936)524-7999

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Broker  
Russell Ross  
(214)458-6027

**Saddle Fitting by Denise**  
Dressage, Jumping,  
and Polo Saddles  
Denise Waszak  
Phone: (240)315-4575

**Wood Waterworks**  
Pressure Washing Services  
Andy Wood  
Phone: (936)276-7843

## *Plumbing Services*

**Willburn Plumbing**  
Robert Willburn  
Master Plumber  
Phone: (832)294-3399

## *Real Estate*

**BCS Properties**  
Barbara Shrader (Broker)  
Phone:(936)443-6320

**Carswell Real Estate Co. Inc.**  
Joann Kaminski Kutac  
Phone: (281)799-6019

**Strong Real Estate Co.**  
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**Tailored by Design Realty**  
Team by United RE  
Cecilia Maddox  
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**Texas Patriot Realty**  
Todd Ubanoski  
(713)304-8827

## *Veterinarians & Boarding Services*

**South Central Veterinary Services**  
Veterinary and Boarding Services  
John L. Walla, DVM  
(936)870-4033

**Animal Hospital of Montgomery &  
The Lodge Luxury Boarding Retreat**  
Veterinary Hospital & Pet Boarding,  
Grooming & Day Care Facility  
Joey L. Romero D.V.M. and Mandy Romero  
Phone: (936)582-1555

# January 2024

## Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)

Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)

| Sunday                                                                       | Monday                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                              | Thursday                                                            | Friday                                                                                      | Saturday                                                              |
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|                                                                              | 1                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                                      | 4                                                                   | 5                                                                                           | 6                                                                     |
|                                                                              | *10:30am - Mass<br>*8:00pm - AA Mtg - KH<br>Special Collection:<br>Solemnity of Mary<br>Parish Office Closed<br>HAPPY NEW YEAR!! | *9:00am - Mass<br>*11:00am - Domino Club<br>- FLC<br>*6:30pm - SJ Altar<br>Society - SJH                                    | *9:00am - Anointing<br>Mass<br>*9:30am - Stitchin'<br>Sisters - SJH<br>*Confessions -<br>10am - noon & 5-6pm           | *9:00am - Mass                                                      | *9:00am - *1st Friday Mass                                                                  | *5:00pm - Mass                                                        |
| 7                                                                            | 8                                                                                                                                | 9                                                                                                                           | 10                                                                                                                     | 11                                                                  | 12                                                                                          | 13                                                                    |
| Regular Mass Schedule                                                        | *9:00am - Mass<br>*10:00am - Mats for the<br>Homeless - KH<br>*8:00pm - AA Mtg - KH                                              | *9:00am - Mass<br>*11:00am - Domino Club<br>- FLC<br>*Noon - SM Altar Society<br>- SMH                                      | *9:00am - Mass<br>*9:30am - Stitchin'<br>Sisters - SJH<br>*7:00pm - CCE - FLC                                          | No Mass                                                             | *9:00am - 11:00am -<br>Little Lambs - SMH<br>*1:00pm-3:30pm - Movie<br>Afternoon - SALT -KH | *5:00pm - Mass                                                        |
| 14                                                                           | 15                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                                          | 17                                                                                                                     | 18                                                                  | 19                                                                                          | 20                                                                    |
| Regular Mass Schedule<br>*10:00am - CCE - FLC                                | No Mass<br>*10:00am - Mats for the<br>Homeless - KH<br>*8:00pm - AA Mtg - KH<br>*Parish Office Closed<br>MLK Birthday            | No Mass<br>*10:00am - Game Day -<br>SMH<br>*11:00am - Domino Club<br>- FLC<br>*6:00pm - SM Men's Club<br>Dinner & Mtg - SMH | *9:00am - Mass<br>*9:30am - Stitchin'<br>Sisters - SJH<br>*Confessions -<br>10am - noon & 5-6pm<br>*7:00pm - CCE - FLC | *9:00am - Mass                                                      |                                                                                             | *5:00pm - Mass                                                        |
| 21                                                                           | 22                                                                                                                               | 23                                                                                                                          | 24                                                                                                                     | 25                                                                  | 26                                                                                          | 27                                                                    |
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| 28                                                                           | 29                                                                                                                               | 30                                                                                                                          | 31                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                             |                                                                       |
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**Building Abbreviation Key**  
 FLC - Family Life Center - SM  
 KH - The Kelly House - St.  
 Mary  
 SJH - St. Joseph's Parish Hall  
 SMH - St. Mary's Parish Hall