

# St. Mary Catholic Church - St. Joseph Catholic Mission

## August 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**  
 Parish Fax - 936-894-3613  
 Email: info@smsj.org  
 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 the 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

Deb Waters 281.701.4177

#### ACTS Retreat

Mike Fortunato

#### Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Betty Hollas 713.419.6106

#### Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281.467.0217

#### Annulments

Cindy Olivieri 713.206.0621

#### Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936.894.2223

#### Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

#### CCE / RE

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### St. Mary - Extraordinary Ministers -

#### Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713.824.8599

#### Gabriel Project

Amy Schnell 904.556.3486

#### GriefShare Ministry

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

#### Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

#### Homebound Ministry

Bobby Williams 832.540.2250

#### Lectors

Richard Prokop 936.827.1125

#### Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

#### Marriage Preparation

Dcn. Anthony Olivieri 936.522.8146

Cindy Olivieri 713.206.0621

*For Spanish speaking prep, call:*

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### Music/Wedding Director

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936.894.2512

#### RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281.813.5355

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

#### Widows & Widowers

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

#### St. Joseph - Altar Society

Marcy Pavlock 936.661.6662

#### St. Joseph - Cemetery

Justin Mock 979.777.4993

#### St. Mary - Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713.344.6001

#### St. Joseph - Altar Society

Marcy Pavlock 936.661.6662

#### St. Mary - Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

#### St. Mary - Corner Shoppe

Lora Cox 254.216.3316

#### St. Mary - 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

#### Young Catholic Married Couples (YCMC)

Michael Tann 346.373.0369

#### Youth Confirmation

smsjcc@gmail.com 936.894.2223

..... If you 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 ...



You'll notice that we have returned to our original monthly bulletin. When we entered into conversation and made the decision to go with a new format of communicating with you, our parishioners, we were clear that ours was a monthly bulletin and it was critical that it be received by the end of the previous month so you, the parishioner, would be able to plan your busy schedules around the many activities of the parish. Unfortunately, the company has not been able to deliver the bulletin as promised. I have also heard so many complaints that (many have never received the magazine or get it after missing events they would have attended, missed Masses they offered for loved ones and miss the ease of reading of the original bulletin. All that said, I am pleased that we are returning to our monthly bulletin which is more reflective of our parish and in our ability to get into your hands in time so you can plan your month.

I don't need to remind you that St. Mary's Annual Bazaar is happening Sunday, September 1st. If you're new to the parish of St. Mary, the history of the Bazaar is interesting. The parish was founded September 1894 on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary celebrated on September 8th. A parish picnic would have been celebrated on that day [September 8th] each year. Coincidentally, on June 28, 1894 President Grover Cleveland declared the first Monday of September, Labor Day, a national holiday. From various old-timers, I have deduced that it didn't take off here in the country till after WWII. It was after WWII that the picnic was moved to the national holiday. It was still considered a celebration of the parish Feast of the Nativity of Mary but more convenient to celebrate that day.

Today, St. Mary's Bazaar has become the social event of the season for Grimes and Montgomery counties. It draws people from as far away as Austin and Dallas and relatives from out-of-state. We're known for the on-the-grounds cooked best Bar-B-Que ever, a phenomenal, outstanding auction, absolutely kid friendly, entertainment for everyone to enjoy and, most importantly, a parish family who planned and *are working together, putting on a feast for all to enjoy*. That's the hallmark of the Bazaar: An all-hands-on-deck, total parishioner involvement and welcoming outstretched arms and smiles. I hear the amazement and envy of so many who come, commenting on the Christ-like atmosphere that they feel the moment they drive in, are parked, shuttled to the grounds, encounter the welcome table and spend a day surrounded by a family witnessing to the joy of working together for the honor and glory of God. And, yes, trying to guess how much money is being made...lol.

If you're new to the parish, working the Bazaar is THE opportunity to get connected and know better your fellow parishioners. And, incidentally, you are absolutely **WANTED and NEEDED**. New hands, new energy, new ideas and new smiles make each Bazaar special and successful. If you've been here for a while and not been involved, why? I wouldn't ask you to do what I wouldn't do. I'm doing my part also. I'm working the crowd and letting our visitors know how much we appreciate their coming. It's hard work...lol. [Sometimes I feel like my Father walking around, chatting with customers in our family grocery store. It's kinda scary... ]. Looking forward to our working together this Bazaar 2024.

A last, quick word about our upcoming year of Religious Education for our children and youth. We'll be beginning the year mid-September. It's part of our responsibility to pass on the Faith. The family unit is the primary teachers, but as a parish family we must be committed to assist and help form our children and youth in the Faith...the Catholic Faith. **Call the office and see how you can help keep our children CATHOLIC.** The Family Life Center is being renovated and updated. Wait till you see the result!!! We also have a great team coordinating the program this year, building on the strong foundation of our retired CCE director of 25+years, Cheryl Schratwieser. It's a legacy we treasure, indebted to her.

**We are a blessed Family!**

The Parish office will be **closed** on Thursday, August 15, in observance of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

## THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



### **Pope's Intention:** For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

## Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Bill Austin, MaryAnn Benitz, Lisa "Roahde" Bohack, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Charlie Burzinski, Jr., Gary Carmouche, Jay Creighton, Jeff Faughn, Liliana Fredo, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Jamie Hafla, Kenneth Harris, Briana Herzog Burns, Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Hiltraud "Hillie" Keller, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy Kubezcka, Shirley Kuzma, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, Chris Lobue, Kayla Reneé Luck, Patti Lott Stafford, Kelly Mason, Natalie Mattern, Kerri McLeod, Mike Meador & Janie Houser Meador, Hailey Minor, Aleen Mock, Chad Mock, Niels Nielsen, Fred O'Connor, CeCe Ray, Lisa Seigle, Josephine Shannon, John Simmons, Fred Smith, John Snyder, Brian Stehling, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Pat Walker, Clara Walkoviak, Joy Walkoviak



*We need your help to clean up our prayer list. Please get in touch with the office if there is anyone we can remove from the prayer list, if there is a loved one you would like to remain on the list, or if you would like to add someone to the list. Contact at [info@smsj.org](mailto:info@smsj.org) or 936-894-2223*

## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard on  
**Wednesday**  
**August 7 & 21**  
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](tel:936-894-2223).

## **Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly**

**Wednesday, August 7**  
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## **First Friday Mass**

**August 2 at 9:00am**

***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.**

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

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions August 2024

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                                              | <u>Requested by</u>                                     |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Aug. 4  | 7:30am      | Wm & Frances Tomkivits<br>Sylvester & Lillie Pavlock           | Charles Burzynski Jr. & Fam<br>Robert & Patricia Kimich |
| Sun., Aug. 11 | 7:30am      | Shirley Bailey<br>Barbara Fougeron                             | Mildred Rosenberg<br>Late Leland Fougeron               |
| Sun., Aug. 18 | 7:30am      | Ellie M. Imhoff<br>& Peter Joseph Imhoff                       | Imhoff Family                                           |
| Sun., Aug. 25 | 7:30am      | Helen Phillips Garsee<br>Amy Eisterhold<br>Grady M. Drawdy III | Debbie Nugent<br>Late Leland Fougeron<br>Sandra D. Rios |

### *Mission Appeal - September 14 & 15*

#### CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

5384 Wilson Mills Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Tel: (440) 442-6311

Fax: (440) 442-4752

Email: [ssscommunications@blessedsacrament.com](mailto:ssscommunications@blessedsacrament.com)

Website: [www.blessedsacrament.com](http://www.blessedsacrament.com)



**Fr. Joseph Van Doan will be giving the mission appeal at St. Mary on September 14-15.**

### *Please visit:*

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

### *For August's Liturgical Readings*



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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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| <b>Date:</b>   | <b>Time:</b> | <b>Intention:</b>                      | <b>Requested by:</b>         |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Thur., Aug. 1  | 9:00am       | Jeanette Rose Purcell                  | ---                          |
| Fri., Aug. 2   | 9:00am       | Carolyn Dobyanski                      | Anonymous                    |
| Sat., Aug. 3   | 5:00pm       | Pauline Filippone Padgett              | Susan Riedle                 |
| Sun., Aug. 4   | 7:00am       | Diane Maguire                          | ---                          |
| Sun., Aug. 4   | 8:30am       | Grady M. Drawdy III                    | Sandra D. Rios               |
|                |              | Terry M. Rhodes                        | George & Ella Pospisil       |
| Sun., Aug. 4   | 10:00am      | Janie Amort                            | Eddie & Dianne Delgado       |
|                |              | Josefa Lacayo &<br>Guillermina Delgado |                              |
| Sun., Aug. 4   | 11:30am      | Marilyn Mahoney                        | Paul & Kathy Magliolo        |
| Mon., Aug. 5   | 9:00am       | Ted Baker                              | ---                          |
| Tues., Aug. 6  | 9:00am       | (Carol Fowler)                         | The Fowlers                  |
| Wed., Aug. 7   | 9:00am       | Bill Malek                             | Laveta Malek                 |
| Thur., Aug. 8  | 9:00am       | Linda Massingill                       | Dianne Stanley               |
| Sat., Aug. 10  | 5:00pm       | Elizabeth Swonke<br>& Floyd Swonke     | Charles & Rita Swonke        |
| Sun., Aug. 11  | 7:00am       | Neil Rosenberg                         | ---                          |
|                |              | Manny Bustillo                         | ---                          |
| Sun., Aug. 11  | 8:30am       | Annie & Oscar Demny                    | Pat Feldman                  |
| Sun., Aug. 11  | 10:00am      | Bob Reidle                             | Mary & Susan Reidle          |
| Sun., Aug. 11  | 11:30am      | Jack Moser                             | G & M LeBlanc/Dubose Family  |
| Mon., Aug. 12  | 9:00am       | Robert Paul Guilbault                  | Corrine & Ron Ness           |
| Tues., Aug. 13 | 9:00am       | Thomas Martin                          | Janet Martin                 |
|                |              | Sammy Blair                            | The Blair Family             |
| Wed., Aug. 14  | 9:00am       | Cherry Smock                           | Jeanne S & Francisco Cabrera |
| Thur., Aug. 15 | 9:00am       | Ray Poole                              | ---                          |
| Sat., Aug. 17  | 5:00pm       | Leon Miller                            | Anthony & Tena Alvarez       |
|                |              | Dolores Hoffart                        | Betty Lott & Family          |
| Sun., Aug. 18  | 7:00am       | Tommy Hoffpauir                        | Linette Mock                 |
| Sun., Aug. 18  | 8:30am       | Beth Ramsberg                          | Mike & Melinda Donnellan     |
| Sun., Aug. 18  | 10:00am      | John Moser                             | Holly Moser                  |
|                |              | Robert Kadlubar                        | Mary Kadlubar                |
| Sun., Aug. 18  | 11:30am      | Florine Hock                           | Sharon Hock                  |
|                |              | Phillip Pelligrino                     | P & K Magliolo               |
| Mon., Aug. 19  | 9:00am       | Jean Rousseau                          | Debbie Galka                 |
| Tues., Aug. 20 | 9:00am       | Grady M. Drawdy III                    | Sandra D. Rios               |
| Wed., Aug. 21  | 9:00am       | Amber Hoffart                          | ---                          |
| Thur., Aug. 22 | 9:00am       | Robert Lowrey                          | ---                          |
| Sat., Aug. 24  | 5:00pm       | Charles Mock                           | Aleen Mock                   |
|                |              | Frank Mock                             | Linette Mock                 |
| Sun., Aug. 25  | 7:00am       | Kasia Szledewski                       | Lester & Edyta Szledewski    |
| Sun., Aug. 25  | 8:30am       | Jacob Diehl                            | Beatrice Diehl               |
|                |              | Terry Diehl                            | Rhodes Family                |
| Sun., Aug. 25  | 10:00am      | Barbara Carroll                        | Ron Carroll                  |
| Sun., Aug. 25  | 11:30am      | Robert & Dorothy Kelly                 | Joan Thompson                |
| Mon., Aug. 26  | 9:00am       | Ted Stephen                            | Arlene Stephen               |
| Tues., Aug. 27 | 9:00am       | Sean Schratwieser                      | Schratwieser Family          |
| Wed., Aug. 28  | 9:00am       | Galka Family                           | Galka Family                 |
| Thur., Aug. 29 | 9:00am       | For the People                         | ---                          |
| Sat., Aug. 31  | 5:00pm       | John & Agnes Ubnoski                   | Pat Feldman                  |

## ST. MARY BAZAAR DAY (B-Day) SUNDAY, September 1, 2024



INGREDIENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

1350+ Families Each doing their part

AN EASY BAZAAR RECIPIE 2024

### Necessary Ingredients:

**\*\*\*Selling your Raffle Tickets is critical\*\*\*:**

Then,

- 1 Auction Item [*Something that will knock their socks off*]
- 1 Toy
- 1 Bag of Groceries
- 1 Craft Item or homemade canned/baked item  
**[our country store depends on this!]**  
**[It's what makes our bazaar 'country']**
- 1 Hunting/Fishing/Sport Item
- 2 Cakes or Pies on Friday or Saturday before B-Day.**
- 1 Restaurant Gift Certificate
- 2 Helping Hands
- 1 Positive Attitude and Welcoming Smile

**Bring these necessary ingredients and place on the tables provided in the hall.**

Tag your item for its specific booth. [If you need help unloading, please call ahead 936-894-2223.]

### **St. Mary Bazaar Raffle Tickets**

Raffle Tickets will be available after all Masses at Bazaar Central.

Pick up a ticket envelope to sell to family, friends and co-workers.

Tickets will also be available at the Parish office.

**\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

***Let's make this year's raffle better than it has ever been!!!!!!***

### **ALL HANDS ON DECK**

We always need help with:

**Bazaar set-up: Saturday, August 31**

**&**

**Take-down Monday, September 2**

Sign up for works days at Bazaar Central or on SIGNUP GENIUS

## Save the Date!

# St. Mary's Bazaar is quickly approaching!



Labor Day Sunday, September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Come join us on this festive occasion where we have an old-fashioned country barbecue, games, live auction, silent auction, raffle and a heaping dose of fellowship.

Are you going to be out of town Bazaar Day?

Are you unable to work Bazaar Day?

Consider being a Sponsor for one of the following items:

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Hunting/Fishing Booth | 2 x \$500 |
| Kid's Zone            | 2 x \$500 |
| Plant Booth           | \$500     |
| Restaurant Card Booth | \$300     |
| Grocery Booth         | \$500     |

If you would like to be a sponsor of all or part of any of the above booths or items, please give your contribution to Bazaar Central or contact the church office at 936-894-2223.

Sponsor signs are displayed at the booth if requested.

# **ST. MARY'S BAZAAR 2024**

## **TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!**

Use your time and talent by signing up to work a shift or two.  
Scan the QR code to find your perfect spot.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094FADA82EA02-49523314-stmarys#/>

**Are you unable to volunteer on the day of BAZAAR?  
Please help with donations of items for  
SPINNING WHEEL BOOTHS:**

**Hunting/Fishing**

**Grocery**

**Restaurant Gift Cards**

**Toys**

**Handmade, homemade items for the Country Store**

**A WOW! Auction item – silent or live**

**Sponsorship Donations also accepted  
to help offset costs.**



# AUCTION UPDATE

We invite you to play a vital role in our success by donating an item for our live and silent auctions. This year, our goal is ambitious, but with your support, we know we can reach it.

We are seeking unique items and experiences, gift certificates, handmade items, and your contributions can make a significant difference! Please ensure that all donations are dropped off at the church by Sunday, August 18th.

## Our bidders LOVE gift baskets!

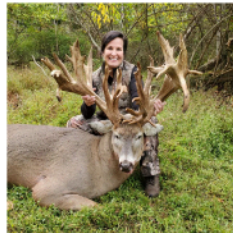
Every year we look forward to the wonderful gift baskets donated by our generous parishioners!

Create your own unique gift basket for the auction. Popular themes are home decor, spa, cooking, children's activities, car enthusiasts, gardening, pool fun, college, sports teams or holidays.

**Your 2024 Auction Committee is busy planning this years event and we already have some exciting offerings!  
We can't wait to share more about our Live and Silent Auctions so stay tuned for more information.**



**25th Anniversary  
Celebration for  
Father Ed**  
for 50 people  
Includes dinner, drinks,  
and live music



**Big Cove White  
Tail Trophy Hunt**  
in Big Cove Tannery,  
Pennsylvania  
includes three to four  
days of hunting, guide,  
capping, lodging, meals,  
and drinks.



**1.5 Carat  
Diamond Cross  
Necklace**

Donated by  
Montelongo's  
Fine Jewelry



**HUNTING &  
FISHING  
BOOTH**  
\$15-\$20 NEW items  
Lures ~ fishing rods ~  
camo items ~  
pocket knives...etc.

## Restaurant Booth



This popular booth is in need of restaurant gift cards \$10-\$25 in value. Stop by your favorite restaurant and pick one up or ask for a donation.

## CAKES! CAKES! CAKES!

Cakes needed for the **DINNER LINE** as well as for the **CAKE BOOTH**. Bake ahead and freeze and bring on Saturday before the Bazaar. Sheet cakes and cupcakes work best for the dinner line.



## KOLACHE BOOTH

Kolache Pans with recipe are available at Bazaar Central. Bake at home and bring back day of Bazaar. One of our most popular booths!

## LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP

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 on Friday, Aug. 9.



## St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast Sunday, August 25

Please make plans to donate.  
If you are unable to, please  
encourage a friend to do so.



## Volunteers Needed

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.

## GriefShare Ministry

If you would like to talk with someone or want more information about the GriefShare program, please call Mary at 281.356.2497

## St. Mary's S.A.L.T. Ministry

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

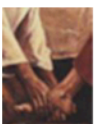
Single Addults Living Truth,

Every Monday 10-12 Mats for the Homeless at the Malek Home. We work on the mats, no special skill needed on the prep. work. All are welcome to join us. Bring a snack to share. We are looking for folks to help us in the Crocheting area. For more information contact Mary(281-356-2497)

Thursday August 22 at 11:30 Lunch at Vernon's Kountry Katfish Restaurant located at 5901 W. Davis St. Conroe, Tx 77304 936-760-3386. RSVP to come Kim at 832-707-5095(text or call) by 8/19. Hope you can join us!.

*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*



## ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

At the Men's Club meeting in August, we will have a guest speaker. Mr. Bobby Williams, Athletic Director for Sam Houston State University, will be speaking on his duties as the Athletic Director. This should be a very informative presentation. We invite all men of St. Mary's to come spend the evening with the Men's club, have a great dinner, and listen to Mr. Williams. See you there on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Since Utilities, Rent, and Food have substantially increased in price over the past couple of years, more and more families are struggling to make ends meet. Also, the cost of maintaining vehicles is becoming more expensive. Many times, the cost of repair to a vehicle is more than the vehicle is worth. Friends end up losing transportation, which leads to losing jobs. There is no public transportation in our area of Grimes County which makes it very difficult for our St Vincent de Paul Conference to find solutions to help them. If anyone has an extra vehicle they would be willing to donate to help these friends, please call Bob Daves.



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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**



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:

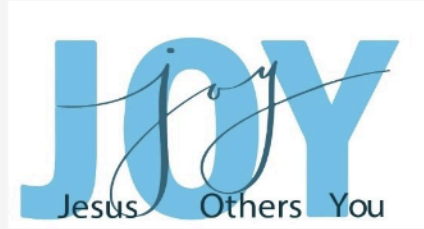
- Maternity clothing
- Baby & Infant clothing from size 0 thru 2T
- Diapers/wipes/toiletries
- Crib/car seat/toys/other baby needs

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 Amy Schnell 904.556.3486 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.

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 Amy Schnell or Karen Smith for assistance.

## JOIN ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY



Graphic by Margaret Saca

All ladies of St. Mary's are invited to become a member of the Altar Society. We support our Parish with various ministries and activities. There are a variety of opportunities in which you can be involved such as caring for the church altar, volunteering in The Corner Shoppe, helping to prepare meals for funerals or Sunday hospitality, sewing special prayer blankets or visiting nursing homes and retired priests. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, September – May, and dues are \$10.00.

Our theme for the 2024-2025 year is JOY: JESUS, OTHERS, YOURSELF.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 10:00am in the Church Hall.

We will be having brunch at the first meeting, so please RSVP to Betty Hollas

(bethollas@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend, meet ladies in the Parish, and find out more about what we do!

**COME FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN!**



**The Montgomery County Women's Center** is an outreach of the St. Mary's Altar Society. The Center offers support to women and families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence. If you would like to donate, the shelter needs the following items:

Paper plates    Bowls    Forks    Spoons  
Cups    Paper towels    Toilet paper    Kleenex

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

Thank You from the Women's Center for all of your donations.

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

### UPCOMING SECOND/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

August 11: Infirm Priests

September 1: Catholic University  
of America/University of St.

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# Rummage News



Thank you for all of your wonderful donations thus far. We will be open all Wednesdays and carts will be under the pavilion through the end of September. Rummage Barn will be closed the week before and after the bazaar so that we can help make our bazaar a huge success.

Our barn is rapidly filling up as we prepare for the big Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

## All parishioners are asked to help us in three ways:

1. Saturday, Oct 26 Big Push 8 am-noon - move the entire barn contents to the parish grounds. We work fast but need lots of help.
2. Help us display items from Oct 28 to Nov 1. We hang clothes, arrange items to sell, and prepare for the big sale day.
3. Volunteer to work a cash register or the parking lot on Nov 2. This only works because of the generosity of our parish family. Please mark your calendars and plan to help us again this year.

If you need a pickup or would like to volunteer to work on Wednesdays, please contact Lauren Twining at 281-813-5355

## St. Mary's Cemetery Association

The Cemetery Association is researching ways to reinforce or relevel the bases for the monuments to prevent them from falling over. In the history of our cemetery, this is the first time we have had stone monuments fall over due to the shifting of the ground. We are also in the process of replacing some of the real old metal and wood crosses in the original part of the cemetery. If anyone has any questions, please call Bob Daves or Rita Swonke.

## Invitation to FALL BIBLE STUDY

Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God with Dr. Tim Gray

Dates: Thursdays: September 19 – October 6

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

Cost: \$10.00 for Participant Guide –

Payment by check or cash on the first day of class.

To REGISTER Contact:

Pam Milek : [pemmil@aoj.com](mailto:pemmil@aoj.com) (281)686-7552

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

Registration begins September 9<sup>th</sup>

Facilitators: Pam Milek (morning) and Bob Rose (evening)



# 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 CORNER SHOPPE

## THE CORNER SHOPPE HOURS:

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



## AA MEETINGS:

**Every Monday evening @ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's FLC Kitchen.**



## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting in the parish hall

**No Meeting in August**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 6  
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.

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## Infant Baptism Information

Interested in infant baptism at St. Mary? Join us for information regarding the requirements, parent and godparent roles and responsibilities, the Rite, and Q&A.

At least one parent is required to attend an Informative Session, and godparents are encouraged to attend. 2024 Informative Session Dates will be held at 1 pm in the Family Life Center on the following Sundays:

August 4  
October 6  
November 3



We look forward to serving you and your family in preparation for this blessed sacrament.  
Contact: [smsjbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

## *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 CCE at [smsjcece@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcece@gmail.com) for information.

The CCE Program is always in need of new volunteers.

We still have several openings for classroom aides on Sundays. If you would like to help please [copy the link below](#) to fill out a Volunteer Form.

<https://smsj.wufoo.com/forms/volunteer-form/>

Online registration for CCE begins on August 1st. Visit the parish website for the link to the forms.

<https://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>

Please fill out the Family Registration Card and a Student Card for each child.

**Calling all ADULT Catholics (18 years of age or older) who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but somehow missed Confirmation!**

**St. Mary/ St. Joseph Adult Confirmation Preparation Sessions have been scheduled!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Kick-Off Retreat**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**WHAT are my responsibilities and expectations for these preparation sessions?**

- ◆ Meet with Dr. Sharon Skeans on/or before September 15 to discern your faith journey.
- ◆ Submit an updated baptismal certificate.
- ◆ Select a sponsor who is a "fully initiated Catholic" as prescribed by Canon Law.
- ◆ Attend the September 28 Retreat at the home of Sharon Skeans.
- ◆ Prepare for and participate in 5-6 sessions with team catechists (Diane Pasket, Elizabeth Plessala, Debbie & Bobby Williams, and Sharon Skeans).
- ◆ Continue to attend weekly Mass & increase your daily prayer life.
- ◆ Celebrate the "joy" of the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit at a regional site presided by the cardinal or bishop.

If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2025, preparation sessions begin on **September 28, 2024**, and will conclude by Christmas. For more information, email Sharon Skeans at [skeans@consolidated.net](mailto:skeans@consolidated.net).



# August 2024

| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)<br>Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)<br>7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)   |  |   |   |  |                                  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Sunday  | Monday                                 | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                           | Saturday   |
| SUNDAY CCE BEGINS<br>SEPTEMBER 15 <sup>TH</sup> .<br>WEDNESDAY CCE BEGINS<br>SEPTEMBER 18 <sup>TH</sup> .<br>MAKE SURE TO REGISTER                          |  |   |   | 1<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>CCE Registration Begins<br><br>REGISTRATION FOR<br>CCE IS OPEN! | 2<br>9:00 am - First Friday Mass | 3<br>5:00 pm - Mass  |
| 4<br>Regular Mass Schedule<br>1:00 pm Baptism Meeting –<br>FLC Rm 201   | 5<br>9:00 am – Mass                    | 6<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>11:00 am – Domino Club   | 7<br>9:00 am – Anointing Mass<br>10 – noon & 5 – 6 pm – Con-<br>fessions<br>8:00 am – Noon – Rummage<br>Barn Open<br>9:30 am Stitchin' Sisters - SJ<br>Hall | 8<br>9:00 am – Mass  | 9<br>NO MASS                     | 10<br>5:00 pm – Mass<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Infirm<br>Priests |
| 11<br>Regular Mass Schedule<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Infirm<br>Priests   | 12<br>9:00 am – Mass                   | 13<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>11:00 am – Domino Club  | 14<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>8:00 am – Noon – Rummage<br>Barn Open<br>9:30 am Stitchin' Sisters – SJ<br>Hall<br>8:00 am – Noon – Rummage<br>Barn Open            | 15<br>9:00 am - Mass<br>Assumption of the Blessed<br>Virgin Mary<br><br>Office Closed  | 16<br>NO MASS                    | 17<br>5:00 pm – Mass   |
| 18<br>Regular Mass Schedule   | 19<br>9:00 am – Mass                   | 20<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>6:00 pm – Men's Club Dinner<br>& Meeting – SM Hall                      | 21<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>10 – noon & 5 – 6 pm – Con-<br>fessions<br>8:00 am – Noon – Rummage<br>Barn<br>9:30 am Stitchin' Sisters – SJ<br>Hall               | 22<br>9:00 am – Mass   | 23<br>NO MASS                    | 24<br>5:00 pm – Mass<br>No Rummage drop-off under<br>the pavilion      |
| 25<br>Regular Mass Schedule<br>Bazaar Preparations – No<br>Meetings in FLC, SM Hall for<br>the next two weeks.<br>No Rummage drop-off under<br>the pavilion | 26<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>6:00 pm – YCMC | 27<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>10:00 am – St. Vincent de Paul<br>Meeting – in the church after<br>Mass | 28<br>9:00 am – Mass<br>Rummage Barn is CLOSED<br>9:30 am Stitchin' Sisters – SJ<br>Hall  | 29<br>9:00 am – Mass   | 30<br>NO MASS                    | 31<br>All Hands-on Deck<br>Bazaar Set-Up<br>5:00 pm - Mass             |