St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission September 2024



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. - Pastor

> Deacon David G. Garvis Deacon Anthony Olivieri

> > Parish Office

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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 the Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

St. Joseph - Cemetery

<u> Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's</u>

Church Organ
936.894.2223
281.701.4177
346.225.5105
<u>iritual Enrichment</u>
281.686.7552
281.467.0217
713.206.0621
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713.824.8599
904.556.3486

281.356.2497
Group
936.894.2223
832.540.2250
936.827.1125
936.597.6328
936.522.8146
713.206.0621
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936.894.2223
936.894.2223
936.894.2512
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936.894.2223
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281.813.5355

Justin Mock	979.777.4993
St. Mary - Altar Servers	
Steve Twining	936.306.9188
St. Mary - Altar Society	
Betty Hollas	713.419.6106
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
SM S.A.L.T. Ministry - Sin	gles, Divorced,
Widows & Widowers	
Mary Marshall	281.356.2497
Stitchin' Sisters	
Juli Murphy	936.206.0677
St. Vincent de Paul (for he	lp, 936.894.2362)
Bob Daves	832.205.2791
Wedding Director:	
TBD	936.894.2223
Young Catholic Married C	ouples (YCMC)
Michael Tann	346.373.0369
Youth Confirmation	
Email: youthconfirmation@stm	aryandjoseph.org

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.

936.661.6662

St. Joseph - Altar Society

Marcy Pavlock

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR pg. 1...

On the weekend of August 10th & 11th as part of the announcements for St. Mary's upcoming Bazaar, plans were laid out for the possibility and eventuality of building a new church. For some it may have come as a shock: a new church! For most of St. Mary's parishioners it was finally an affirmation of what has been speculated for quite a while. The real estate boom which we have been experiencing has prompted and fueled the

discussion of how to address a much different future for our area. The rural nature of Grimes County is changing quickly and drastically. Our neighbor, Montgomery County, has already undergone a transformation that is driving the influx of new neighborhoods in our area. We have realized that we must be prepared for opening our doors to welcome and accommodate all who come to worship and be part of our Faith Community. God's guiding hand is evident in our purchasing the 47 acres adjacent to the 10+ acres purchased in 1894 by Fr. Klein. We are indebted to the Klein family for making it possible.

When I first arrived 25 years ago, I made it a priority to develop a Master Plan for both communities: St. Mary and St. Joseph. Without a Master Plan, development becomes helter-skelter and results in a mess of a complex, without order or purpose. The Master Plan for the future development of St. Mary was revealed at all Masses that August weekend, with the site of a new church highlighted. Great care has been in developing the Master Plan to orchestrate the new church to compliment the present church of 1917 which is so dear to us all. Provision has also been made for what I call a 'venue', a hall-like facility which would accommodate activities of a larger congregation and also be available for weddings and other formal gatherings. Of course, our emphasis for the near future is definitely the church itself.

As in all I have done since my time here, we have been in conversation with the Archdiocese and the different offices involved in undertaking any building project. There is a detailed process involved, beginning to end, which we are committed to following. Even our presentation of the project to the congregation had to have the approval of the Archdiocese. They, too, are aware of our growth and the necessity to be proactive in embracing the future for our continued witnessing to our Catholic Faith in this area of our Archdiocesan and the Universal Church. We have also seen how surrounding parishes have also had to build new churches to accommodate larger congregations due to growth. There is also the added factor of the shortage of priests. I don't need to tell you how blessed we are to have Fr. Lockey as our rent-a-priest. I can't by-locate no matter how hard I try. Even though I could and have celebrated 4 Masses on a Sunday, I can tell you it really is exhausting. The new guidelines call for churches to hold 1200-1500 persons. The duplication of Masses can that way be avoided and lighten the load for the priest. We will take every precaution to keep the warmth and family atmosphere we are so blessed to have now.

The Master Plan, the Building Process and an idea of a new church at St. Mary is on display in the parish hall. Take a look if you haven't already done so. The rendering of a new church building is only an idea to reinforce that any new church would have to compliment our present church of 1917. It's only one concept by one architect. We'll be giving several architects the opportunity to design a new place of worship to continue celebrating the Faith handed down to us since 1894.

How long will this take? Good question!

As I laid out, there is an Archdiocesan process to follow. Of course, money is very much a part of that process. The Archdiocese has to be convinced that a parish is financially stable and capable of undertaking a building project. I am proud to report that through the years, thanks to your generosity and the guidance of our Parish Administrators and Finance Council, we are financially very stable and have been wise in stewardship. The Archdiocese is open and encouraging to our pursing the building of a new sanctuary of worship. This process will require all of us pulling together and sharing our ideas, talents, time and resources to make it happen in a timely manner. Let's face it: my clock is ticking! Actually, this may be additional adrenalin that spurs us on to pray and work harder. Making money to be making money to be put in a bank can be boring. But to work hard to make a new church a reality to last for generations is an exciting challenge.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR pg. 2..

Need-to-say, we still have a wonderful and beautiful facility to maintain in the here and now. Your generosity each weekend is still essential and what has made the miracle of St. Mary talked about all over the Archdiocese. We will soon have an open house so you can see what your stewardship has made possible in the updating of our Family Life Center. It'll knock your socks off. Again, I think we were wise to ditch the proposed addition to the FLC in favor of an updating. The cost had gotten out of hand and, frankly, couldn't be justified. The updated facility will continue to enable us to gather to pass on the Faith to our children and youth and be a meeting place for various organizations and activities.

This all leads to impress on us why St. Mary's Bazaar on this Sunday of the Labor Day weekend is so important. Now we have a definite goal in view: a new church to make possible the survival of our community of Faith for future generations. If we are going to survive and be a viable and active community, we have to demonstrate that we face the future committed, courageous, united and willing to work hard. I can personally testify that we've done that throughout my 25 years here. I can testify to the Archbishop himself that we're still that remarkable community of Faith that accomplished what we've done and more than capable and willing to take on and accomplish what needs to be done for the future.

With all this said.....

Let's make this the best Bazaar ever!!

I firmly believe God has opened this door for us. We're not afraid to walk through, sleeves rolled up for had work.





Meara O'Neill

Music Ministry Coordinator

Meara joined our staff in July to fill the "Director of Music Ministry" position. She is young, vibrant, and extremely talented. She has been a Cantor at St. Mary's for some time, has a beautiful voice, and is talented on the piano. Talent runs deep in her family as they are a big part of our choir. Fr. Ed has repeatedly mentioned he is excited and looks forward to training and working with her. Please congratulate her when you see her.

Staff

St. Mary's Bazaar is Next Sunday!

<u>Labor Day Sunday September 1, 2024</u> <u>Festivities Begin at 10:00 a.m.</u>

Join us on this festive occasion where we have an old-fashioned country barbecue, games, live & silent auctions, raffle and a heaping dose of fun & fellowship. Pre-Sale raffle and dinner tickets (\$15) are available at Bazaar Central and in the Parish Office. Cash and checks are accepted. Day of the Bazaar credit cards and cash will be accepted.

Y'all Come And Have A Great Time!



ALL HANDS ON DECK

We always need help with:

Bazaar set-up: Saturday, August 31st

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Take-down Monday, September 2nd

Come on out - lunch will be served both days!

The Parish office will be **closed** on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day and Tuesday, September 3rd



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



Pope's Intention: For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Jamie Hafla, Kenneth Harris, Briana Herzog Burns, Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Harlan Jochen, Alice Johnston, Hiltraud "Hillie" Keller, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy Kubeczka, 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, Josephine Shannon, John Simmons, Fred Smith, John Snyder, Brian Stehling, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Pat Walker, Clara 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 or 936-894-2223

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard on Wednesday
September 4 & 18
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 <u>936-894-2223.</u>



Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly Wednesday, September 4

<u>First Friday Mass</u> September 6 at 9:00am

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

St. Joseph Mass Intentions September 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	Requested by
Sun., Sep. 1	7:30am	Jimmy Tomkivits Barbara & Leland Fougeron	Kay Sechelski Tomkivits Anonymous
Sun., Sep. 8	7:30am	Wm & Frances Tomkivits Ron Michno	Charles Burzynski, Jr. & Fam Pauline Michno
Sun., Sep. 15	7:30am	Billy & Yvonne Wirzberg	Theresa Rausheck
Sun., Sep. 22	7:30am	Daisy Shubrick Anton Fridye	Nora Galik Clara Fridye Fam.
Sun., Sep. 29	7:30am	Edwin Shubrick Elizabeth Kuta	Nora Galik Genevieve Kuta

Please visit:

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

For September's Liturgical Readings



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone in need of Medical equipment. For equipment availability, and to set up a pick up time please contact the office at 936-894-2223.

We have walkers, bedside commodes, medical beds & other durable medical devices.



Mission Appeal - September 14 & 15

CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

5384 Wilson Mills Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44143

Tel: (440) 442-631 I Fax: (440) 442-4752

Email: ssscommunications@blessedsacrament.com

Website: www.blessedsacrament.com

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



St. Mary Mass Intentions for September 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Sun., 9/1	7:00am	Gilbert Ubnoski	Pat Feldman
Sun., 9/1	8:30am	Neil Rosenberg	Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky
Sun., 9/1	10:00am	Mary Barnette	P & K Magliolo
Sun., 9/1	11:30am	NO MASS	
Mon., 9/2	9:00am	NO MASS	
Tues., 9/3	9:00am	Gertrude Tepera	Charles & Elizabeth Schott
Wed., 9/4	9:00am	Bill Malek	Dan & Dianne Malek
Thur., 9/5	9:00am	For the People	
Fri., 9/6	9:00am	Tom Martin	
Sat., 9/7	5:00pm	Harold Lebeck	Martha & Jerry Vickery
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Sun., 9/8	7:00am	For the People	
Sun., 9/8	8:30am	Annie & Sylvester Demny	Denise Durel
Sun., 9/8	10:00am	Grady M. Drawdy III	Sandra Drawdy Rios
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Sun., 9/8	11:30am	Sharon Hatter	Hatter Family
Mon., 9/9	9:00am	(Carol Fowler)	Fowlers
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Tues., 9/10			Lester & Edyta Szledewski
Wed., 9/11 Thur., 9/12	9:00am	John Magee For the People	Nick & Olive Cannistra
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9:00am	Elizabeth Swonke & Joe Swonke	 Charles & Rita Swonke
Sat., 9/14	5:00pm 7:00am		Lorraine & Ron Ness
Sun., 9/15		Robert Paul Guilbault	
Sun., 9/15	8:30am	Jack Moser	Mary Jo Villa
Cup 0/15	10:00am	Joanne, Norman, & Robert Amort	Eddie & Dianne Delgado
Sun., 9/15	10:00am	Robert & Katherine Diehl	Timothy & Marie Diehl
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Sun., 9/15	11:30am 9:00am	For the People	
Mon., 9/16		For the People	
Tues., 9/17	9:00am	For the People	Yolanda Petro
Wed., 9/18	9:00am	Yolanda Vargas	
Thur., 9/19	9:00am	Anna Mae Smith	Dianne Stanley
Sat., 9/21	5:00pm	Annie & Oscar Demny	Pat Feldman
0	7.00	Charles A. Mock	Aleen Mock
Sun., 9/22	7:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Veronica Allen & Roby Whittaker
Sun., 9/22	8:30am	John & Agnes Ubanoski	Pat Feldman
Sun., 9/22	10:00am	Gary Irwin	Leah Irwin
Sun., 9/22	11:30am	For the People	Langua C & Francisca Cabusus
Mon., 9/23	9:00am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne S & Francisco Cabrera
Tues., 9/24	9:00am	Jack Demny	Denise Durel
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Wed., 9/25	9:00am	Jacob Diehl	Beatrice Diehl
Thur., 9/26	9:00am	Pauline Filippone Padgett	Susan Riedle
Sat., 9/28	5:00pm	Bob Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Sun., 9/29	7:00am	Lisa Siegle	Pct. 1 Recycle Ctr. Friends
Sun., 9/29	8:30am	Robert & Dorothy Kelly	Margaret Thompson
Sun., 9/29	10:00am	Joseph Johnson	Everette & Mary Jo Johnson
Sun., 9/29	11:30am	Ernesto Lucas	Martha Lucas/The Children & Grands
Mon., 9/30	9:00am	For the People	

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No Meeting in September

GAME DAY will be Tuesday, September 17 at 10am - 2pm in St. Mary's Hall. Entrée will be provided, please bring a side dish. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

The Domino Group will play 42 every Tuesday, except September 3rd in the Family Life Center Kitchen

Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone



The Corner Shoppe

St. Mary's Religious Articles Store

Stop in after all Weekend Masses to shop for:

Catholic Gifts * Catholic Devotional Items * Sacrament Gifts

Wedding and Anniversary Gifts * Greeting Cards * Rosaries



The Shoppe is also open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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. We always need helping hands!!

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

October 13: St. Vincent de Paul—Parish Outreach

October 20: World Mission Sunday



St. Mary's Catholic Church

The following summary of our Parish finances is representative of the generosity of you, our Parishioners. We were able to control our various expenses to insure a positive result at the end of the year. Our Finance Council as always did a fantastic job in preparing our annual budget. Our expenses were \$6,756.00 below the budget and our revenue was \$608,771.00 above the amount budgeted.

THANK YOU for your generosity and for all you do for our Parish.

Year 7-1-2023 thru 6-30-2024 Financial Summary

Income:	•
General Parish	\$1,750,573.00
Pastoral/Educational Ministries	\$49,932.00
Activities/Organizations	\$60,318.00
Special Operations	\$70,526.00
Fundraising	<u>\$620,923.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,552,272.00
Expenses	\$1,444,414.00
Capital improvements	<u>\$132,404.00</u>
Total expenses	\$1,576,818.00
Income	\$975,454.00
Future Development Reserve	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
Net	\$775,454.00

Included in the above:

2023 Annual Bazaar Net \$305,762.00 2023 Rummage Net \$65,006.00

WE GOTTA HAVE YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEW DIRECTORY!

We are still collecting the forms with your information for our new Pictorial Directory. If you haven't filled-one out and returned it in the box provided, please do so as soon as you can. The forms are available at the entrances to the church and in the hall. Also, be sure to sign the form. It's necessary to include your picture.

If you are new to the parish, this is not the parish registration form. You can register on line ... smsj.org ... or fill out the blue (SM) or yellow (SJ) registration form on the credenza at the main church entrance.

When will we be taking your picture? Mark your Calendar!

St. Mary	St. Joseph	
September 14 & 15		
September 21 & 22	September 22	
September 28 & 29		

The pictures will be taken after each Mass in the parish hall.

Casual attire, formal attire Your choice.

[Please no costumes . .lol. ...]

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY WE'RE NOT SELLING YOU ANYTHING ... COMPLETELY FREE .. IMPORTANT TOOL TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.



Graphic by Margaret Saca

JOIN ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

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. 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.

Brunch will be served 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 are so inclined the shelter needs the following items:

Liquid Detergent

Flip flops - women's sizes 7-10

Paper Plates

Cups

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Paper bowls

Forks

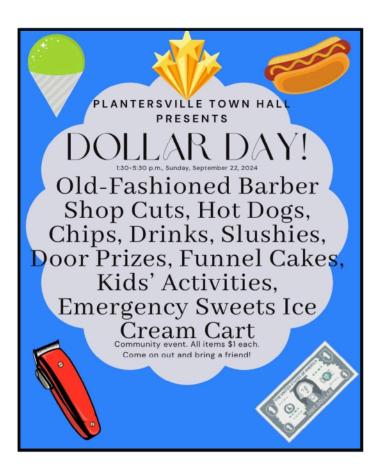
Spoons

Women's underwear all sizes

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



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, September 13.



St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast Sunday, October 27

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



SUNDAY FUNDAY

Children of all ages - join in the FUN during SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP in the corner of the HALL EVERY SUNDAY after every Mass. Fun things to PLAY with and FRIENDS to meet. Let's enjoy our CATHOLIC FAITH together!



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

In September the Men's Club will be electing its new officers. After two years as president, Bob Daves will be stepping down and taking on a Directors position. The following men have been nominated for the following positions.

Shanon Salsbury - President Eric Gensheimer - Vice President Bob Rose - Treasurer Dan Macholan - Secretary Charles Parada - Director

Please join us at the Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, September 17 for fellowship and election of officers. "It has been a great honor and privilege to lead the Men's Club these past two years. I have met many great men of St Mary's through the Men's Club and consider all of them my friends. If you haven't already, please join the Men's Club and experience this great friendship." Bob

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Everyone of us has felt the effects of inflation on our budgets. It has affected our "friends" even more, some having to make decisions to pay for their medication or pay a utility bill, skip a month's rent or skip car payments just trying to keep afloat. With limited resources available in Grimes and Montgomery Counties, these friends depend on organizations such as SVdP to assist them in making it through the month before having utilities shut off or receiving an eviction notice or having a vehicle repossessed. Not only do they need your financial support, they need your prayers as well. We also need your help. Please consider becoming a Vincentian and join us as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. "When you did it to the least of my brothers, you did to Me." For more information call Bob Dayes

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the

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



<u>The Gabriel Project</u> 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 o 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.

# **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

For the most part, the cemetery survived two major storms. Two sections of the fence were taken out when a tree fell on them during the last storm. We had typical branches and limbs down, but a little clean up will take care of that. Our biggest issue was the considerable damage to Fr. Kelley house from a tree falling on it. Our cemetery office is in the Kelley House and we have temporarily moved into the Saint Vincent de Paul Office to conduct our business. Should you have any questions or consider purchasing a plot or niche, please call Rita Swonke or me.

#### **Invitation to FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God with Dr. Tim Gray

Dates: Thursdays: September 19 – October 24 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@aol.com (281)686-7552

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

Sign up now!

Facilitators: Pam Milek (morning) and BobRose (evening)



#### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

#### Year 7-1-2023 thru 6-30-2024 Financial Summary

Income:

 General Parish
 \$99,180.00

 Pastoral/Educational
 \$586.00

 Activities/Organizations
 \$18,305.00

 Special Operations
 \$6,464.00

 Fundraising
 \$133,755.00

 Total Income
 \$258,290.00

Expenses \$187,187.00

Net Income \$71,103.00

Included in the total above:

2024 Annual Bazaar net \$95,986.00

# **GriefShare Ministry**

Join us for our Loss of a Spouse Seminar Saturday October 19 2-4:30pm

#### Some of the areas that will be discussed:

- Coping with life without my partner
- What to expect in my grief
- Why it won't always hurt this much
- Practical advice from experts

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a spouse in their life. Everything that is discussed or shared in our session are private and confidential. If you want to sign up for the session or have questions, about the GriefShare program, please call Mary @ 281-356-2497.

# 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 quilt 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 up a quilt 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 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.

# 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

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# AA MEETINGS:

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



# ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 3 6:30 pm - SJ Hall

All ladies of St. Joseph are invited to become members of the Altar Society. We support our Parish through various ministries and activities. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, September – May.

# Young Catholic Married Couples (YCMC)

Young Catholic Married Couples (ages 21-49) will be meeting in the St. Mary's Hall for dinner and social on Monday, September 30th, 2024. Join us 5:30-8 PM for food, drinks, and socializing. Childcare is provided.

Contact Michael Tann for any questions: 346-373-0369 or email

michaeli\_tann@hotmail.com.

We will feed you, we will feed your kids, and we will have a chance to form authentic Catholic friendships.

#### 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. Informative Session Dates are below and will be held at 1 pm in the Family Life Center:

October 6, 2024 November 3, 2024 January 5, 2025 February 2, 2025 March 2, 2025 April 6, 2025 May 4, 2025



We look forward to serving you and your family in preparation for this blessed sacrament.

Contact: baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org

# 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 <a href="https://smsj.org/baptism/">https://smsj.org/baptism/</a>

Please send all questions and inquiries to smsjbaptism@gmail.com

# Baptism for Ages over 6:

Please contact CCE at *smsjcce@gmail.com* for information.

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.

# ST. MARY'S GIGANTIC ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 - 7 AM-4 PM

\*\*\*CLOSED FROM 1:30—2:00PM FOR WORKERS' LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*
CHURCH GROUNDS, 8227 CR 205, PLANTERSVILLE, TX



Early Bird Shoppers: \$10.00 cash admission between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. No charge after 9:00 a.m.

# Bargains Galore - Something for Everyone!

Make your dollar stretch and join us for perhaps the largest Rummage Sale in Grimes Montgomery Counties. Over 1000 families contributed items during the past year. We have good clean clothing, shoes and handbags (even designer labels), linens, crafts, appliances, kitchenware, home decor, Christmas decor, furniture, electronics, toys, sporting goods, books, collectibles, jewelry, china, crystal, silver & much more.

Food & soft drinks can be purchased at our concession stand. CASH, LOCAL CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

For more info, call the office at 936-894-2223

# \*\* 2024/2025 CCE Calendar \*\*

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Wednesday 6:45 - 7:45 pm Sunday 10-11am \*\*\*Small Numbers by Date are the Lessons being Taught in that Class\*\*\*
\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT HIGH SCHOOL 1 & HIGH SCHOOL 2 CLASSES ONLY MEET ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\*\*
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| Easter Sunday                                                  |                           |                              |
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| Apr 20, 2025                                                   |                           |                              |
| Jan 20, 2025 Martin Luther King Day Apr 20, 2025 Easter Sunday | Mar 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday | Feb 17, 2025 Presidents' Day |
| Jan 20, 2025                                                   | Mar 5, 2025               | Feb 17, 2025                 |
| Thanksgiving Day                                               | Christmas Day             | New Year's Day               |
| Nov 28, 2024                                                   | Dec 25, 2024              | Jan 1, 2025                  |
| Labor Day                                                      | Columbus Day              | Veterans Day                 |
| Sep 2, 2024                                                    | Oct 14, 2024              | Nov 11, 2024                 |

# **Religious Education - CCE**

Sunday CCE classes begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am, and Wednesday CCE classes begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm.

If you were unable to register your student before September 1st, please email CCE@stmaryandjoseph.org.

The 2024-2025 calendar of classes can be found here in the bulletin and on our website.

#### September Classes

| Sunday | *Wednesday |
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| 15-Sep | 18-Sep     |
| 22-Sep | 25-Sep     |

#### **October Classes**

| Sunday | *Wednesday |
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| 6-Oct  | 9-Oct      |
| 13-Oct | 16-Oct     |
| 20-Oct | 23-Oct     |

<sup>\*</sup>Please note all high school classes will meet on Wednesdays.

## To our volunteers, thank you - without you, this program wouldn't be possible!

| Alexandria Mata   | Dave Waitz        | Maddie Holmes       |
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| Amy Tomkivits     | Dolores Harris    | Matt Fuller         |
| Angela Boudreaux  | Earlene Jones     | McKinlea Wells      |
| Ann Belongia      | Hannah Walkoviak  | Melissa Martinez    |
| Anthony Olivieri  | Jacob Martinez    | Michelle Holmes     |
| Ashley Hayden     | James Mahdek      | Nicci Potter        |
| Becky Johnson     | Jamie Williams    | Nick Haddad         |
| Bill Jones        | Jimmy Thompson    | Nikkie Mahdek       |
| Blanca Suarez     | Julie Walkoviak   | Samantha Althage    |
| Bo Poole          | Karl Waitz        | Samantha Burris     |
| Brandi Waitz      | Kathleen Schilhab | Sarah Brownfield    |
| Candace Hachtel   | Keaton Patrick    | Shay Christopherson |
| Christy Carter    | Kelley Sauer      | Steven Herzog       |
| Christy O'Brien   | Ken Hollar        | Susan Bell          |
| Cindy Olivieri    | Kimberly Guerra   | Sylvia McDonald     |
| Cristina Gonzalez | Kristin Herzog    | Tiffany Gausman     |
| Crystal Ponton    | Leslie Kocian     | Veronica Bazan      |
| Daniel Gazda      | Linda McClosky    |                     |

A very special thank you to the CCE Core Team who has worked diligently over the summer to ensure CCE would begin on time and have enough catechists, and helpers to teach our young ones. The team is as follows: Candace Hachtel, Melissa Martinez, Cindy Olivieri, Julie Walkoviak, and Amanda Ogorchock.

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| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)<br>Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)<br>7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)                    | n (SM)                                                                             |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                              | Septem                              | September 2024                                                                  |
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| Masses<br>SJ – 7:30am<br>SM -7:00, 8:30, 10:00am<br>*2nd Collection – Catholic<br>University of America/<br>University of St. Thomas | NO MASS<br>BAZAAR TEAR DOWN<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg. – SM<br>Hall                      | *9:00am – Mass<br>*6:30pm – SJ Altar Socie-<br>ty - SJ Hall                                                                  | *9:00am – Anointing<br>Mass<br>*10:00am-noon & 5-6pm –<br>Corfessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sis-<br>ters – SJ Hall                   | *9:00am - Mass                                                               | *1st Friday Mass                    | *5:00pm - Mass                                                                  |
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| 29                                                                                                                                   | 30                                                                                 |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                              |                                     |                                                                                 |
| Regular Mass Schedule *1:30pm – 5:30pm – Plantersville Town Hall Dollar Day – Community Event                                        | *9:00am – Mass<br>5:30-8:00pm – YCMC –<br>SM Hall<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg. – SM<br>FLC |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                              |                                     | Saturday, Nov. 2<br>Rummage Sale – See the<br>flyer in this month's bulletin.   |