

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

## October 2025



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
 Archbishop Joe S. Vasquez  
 Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor  
 Fr. Paul Lockey - Visiting Priest  
 Deacon David G. Garvis  
 Deacon Anthony Olivieri  
 Deacon Frank Ashley



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 936-894-2223  
 Parish Fax - 936-894-3613  
 Email: info@stmaryandjoseph.org  
 Website: 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: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.  
 (Subject to change)

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

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

#### AA

Deb Waters 281.701.4177

#### ACTS Retreat

Diane Pasket 936.232.0864

#### Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Pam Milek 281.686.7552

#### 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: baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org

#### CCE / RE

Nicci Potter 936.894.2223

Email: cce@stmaryandjoseph.org

#### Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### Gabriel Project

Amy Schnell 904.556.3486

#### Guardian Angels Senior Group

Teresa Swonke 979.450.2907

#### 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

#### Music Coordinator

Meara O'Neill 936.894.2223

#### OCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Thomas Johnson 936.697.2821

#### Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936.894.2512

#### Quinceanera Coordinator:

Martha Lucas 512.608.3519

#### Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281.813.5355

#### St. Joseph - Altar Society

Marcy Pavlock 936.661.6662

#### St. Joseph - Cemetery

Justin Mock 979.777.4993

#### St. Joseph - Men's Club

Donovan Pavlock

#### 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

Devoni Wardlow 281.468.8784

#### St. Mary - Extraordinary Ministers -

#### Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713.824.8599

#### St. Mary - Men's Club

Shanon Salsbury 936.444.5988

#### Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936.206.0677

#### St. Vincent de Paul (for help, 936.894.2362)

Everrette Johnson 713.204.3016

#### Wedding Coordinator:

Martha Lucas 512.608.3519

#### Young Catholic Married Couples (YCMC)

Michael Tann 346.373.0369

#### Youth Confirmation

Email: youthconfirmation@stmaryandjoseph.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.....



## AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

October is traditionally one of the months of the year dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The other month is May. May celebrates her as the Queen of heaven. October celebrates her under the title 'Our Lady of the Rosary'.

The origin of the rosary is rooted in the early Church, particularly in the hermits living solitary lives in the desert of the East. They would spend hours in meditation and prayer, praying particularly the 150 psalms. Often, they would keep count of each psalm by knotting a rope, marking each psalm. In fact, many cultures and religions use knotted ropes or beads in such a fashion.

Gradually as the hermits united their solitary lives into monastic communities, praying the 150 psalms together throughout the day in common. It became part of their prayer life. Again, knots or beads became the way of keeping track of the number prayed.

You can imagine how the laity envied the monks praying together at certain times of the day. They would have also envied the monks ability to read the psalms. Most were illiterate and needed illustrations like the leaded windows in churches to tell the Bible stories or memorized prayers to enrich their spiritual growth. As time went on, the popular prayer of the Hail Mary, invoking Mary, the mother of Jesus, came to be substituted for each psalm prayed by the monks they heard as, perhaps they were toiling in the fields. Gradually decades (10) Hail Marys were grouped together with a meditation on the life of Jesus. Praying 15 decades of Hail Marys completed the mirroring of the monks chanting the 150 psalms in the monastery. As time went on, the Our Father and the Glory Be prayers were added between the decades with set meditations prescribed for each decade.

St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order of Preachers in the 13th Century, is often attributed as having received the rosary from the Blessed Mother herself. It is probably more accurate that his devotion to her and praying the devotion already in use was her special revelation to him to popularize more widely what is now know as the rosary. The word 'rosary' is actually derived from the Latin: a rose garden or ,rose garland. Each Hail Mary is like offering a rose to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in gratitude for giving birth to our Savior.

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I think we all have to admit St. Dominic did a good job. The rosary has become one of the most popular devotions of our Roman Catholic faith. However, it's important to remember that the richness of our Catholic faith is that there are a plethora of devotions to help us grow spiritually. The rosary remains the most popular and revered.

Growing up, we tried to pray the rosary once a week together as a family in October. Sometimes it was so late we all almost fell asleep but we did it ..lol. In those days, we took it seriously that **A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER**. It's a saying that still has a lot of relevance today.

Try it. It works.

### On another note...

St. Joseph's and St. Mary's bazaars are both now behind us. We can all be proud of how we have once again come together, two communities, supporting each other's efforts. Both communities make me very proud. We have become noted in the Archdiocese for our bazaars: St. Joseph as a quintessential country bazaar and St. Mary as a bazaar, rooted in the country-spirit, and rivaling a world's fair. What a legacy! What a testimony to Christ in our area of Texas entrusted to us! How blessed we are and how we have blessed those who came.

*Fr. Ed, best wishes on your birthday, October 23rd.*



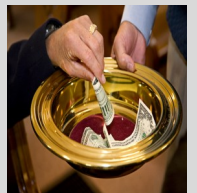
### SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 5: Archdiocese for Military Services

October 12: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Collection

October 18: World Mission Sunday

November 2: All Souls Day



## Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Carol Anderson, MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Charlie Burzinski, Jr., Francis "Frank" Bushey, Gary Carmouche, Carol Clary, Florence Corolla, Jay Creighton, Melissa Duffy, Don Faughn, Jeff Faughn, Liliana Fredo, Patricia Gehring, Melody Gensheimer, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Frances Griffith, Cassy Guillory, Jamie Hafla, Hudson Hall, Briana Herzog Burns, Timothy & Catherine Hoffart, Irene Hoffpauir, Barbara Hyde, Michele Imhoff, Alice Johnston, Will Kaus, Jason Keasling, Hiltraud "Hillie" Keller, Deborah Kennamore, Jerome & Ruth Kolek, Jimmy Kubeczka, Shirley Kuzma, Greta La Fluer, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, Tina Lewandowski, Chris Lobue, Kayla Reneé Luck, Patti Lott Stafford, Laveta Malek, Fritz Manuel, Amanda Martinez, Natalie Mattern, Frankie McIntosh, Kerri McLeod, Mike Meador & Janie Houser Meador, Linda Merdian, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Fred O'Connor, Tammy Rabun, CeCe Ray, Josephine Shannon, David Shrader, John Simmons, Fred Smith, Brian Stehling, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Dr. Linda Ann 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](mailto:info@smsj.org) or 936-894-2223*

## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard on

Wednesday, October 15

10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

(Subject to change)



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  
October 1**

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**First Friday Mass  
October 3**

## **AA MEETINGS:**

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



## **Mass times for All Saints Day and All Souls Day**

**All Saints Day:**

**Friday, Oct. 31st:** 5:00 pm @ SM Church

**All Souls Day:**

**Saturday, Nov. 1st:** 5:00pm @ SM Church

**Sunday, Nov. 2nd:** Regular Mass Schedule

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions October 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Oct 5	7:30am	Joe M. Phillips Family Leon Vasek	Family James & Julie Miller
Sun., Oct. 12	7:30am	Vernon Hord Harold Wisnoski	Morgan & Shirley Cook Kathy & Dan Busa
Sun., Oct. 19	7:30am	Jacob Diehl Leland & Barbara Fougeron	William & Mary Gorney Richard & Lisa Atkinson
Sun., Oct. 26	7:30am	Jeff Wetuski Ginny Lampasas	Family Morgan & Shirley Cook

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

**Pope's Intention:** For collaboration between different religious traditions  
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



### **Please visit:**

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

For today'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.



### **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!



## St. Mary Mass Intentions for October 2025

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Wed., Oct. 1	9:00am	Amber Hoffart	Family
Thur., Oct. 2	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Fri., Oct. 3	9:00am	Denise Lundquist	---
Sat., Oct. 4	5:00pm	Pauline & Floyd Swonke Cindy Smith	Charles & Rita Swonke Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Oct. 5	7:00am	Norman Algert Ricky Katkoski	Debbie Hoffart & Barbara Faughn Greg & Joy Walkoviak
	8:30am	Bob Brownlee	Joyce Adams
	10:00am	For the People	---
	11:30am	Grady M. Drawdy, III	Sandra Rios
Mon., Oct. 6	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Tue., Oct. 7	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Wed., Oct. 8	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Thur., Oct. 9	9:00am	Dcsd Mbrs of the Szymczak Fam	Marcus Reaves
Sat., Oct. 11	5:00pm	Dolores Hoffart John Pearson	Mahon, Dancy, & Romero Families Christy Ellwanger
Sun., Oct. 12	7:00am	Bobby Garcia Lisa Seigle	Greg & Joy Walkoviak Pct 1 Recycle Ctr. Friends
	8:30am	Louis Bohack	Pat Feldman
	10:00am	Helen Alice Mock	Juanita Klovenski
	11:30am	Bob Riedle Sharon Hatter	Mary & Susan Riedle Hatter Family
Mon., Oct. 13	9:00am	Theresa Smith	---
Tue., Oct. 14	9:00am	Jack, Ruby, Frances, Thomas, Jacob Philip, Christy, & Theresa Diehl	Martin Diehl
Wed., Oct. 15	9:00am	Roseanne Brown	JD & JoAnne Verdina
Thur., Oct. 16	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Sat., Oct. 18	5:00pm	Peggy, Dempsey, & Steven Stinson	Margaret Stinson
Sun., Oct. 19	7:00am	Dale Fain	Colleen Gebhard
	8:30am	Jack Moser	Mary Jo Villa
	10:00am	Mrs. Holt	Kathy & Don
	11:30am	For the People	---
Mon., Oct. 20	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Tue., Oct. 21	9:00am	Pauline Herzog	---
Wed., Oct. 22	9:00am	Bill Malek	Laveta Malek
Thur., Oct. 23	9:00am	Niels Nielsen	Jackie Nielsen
Sat., Oct. 25	5:00pm	Louis Lebeck Anthony Malfitano	Jerry & Martha Vickery ---
Sun., Oct. 26	7:00am	For the People	---
	8:30am	Jacob Diehl Terry Michael Rhodes	Beatrice Diehl Jeanette Rhodes & Fam
	10:00am	Frank Mock	Linette Tootsie Mock
	11:30am	Patty Jones	Bill Jones
Mon., Oct. 27	9:00am	Joseph Pavelka	---
Tue., Oct. 28	9:00am	Bill Rios	Linda Ubanoski
Wed., Oct. 29	9:00am	Jim Kubasta	Family
Thur., Oct. 30	9:00am	Lyle Hamm	Family
Fri., Oct. 31	9:00am	Neil Rosenberg & Manny Bustillo	Family



Next weekend, October 4 & 5, we welcome Rev. Bernard Robert Bonnot who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries.

To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

## REV. BOB BONNOT

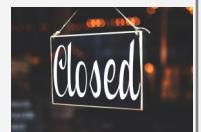
*“Working with Unbound will make real my desire to do work with the poor in a global dimension.”*



As a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, Father Bonnot served as an associate pastor, senior pastor, high school teacher, and as diocesan director of communication services. He also directed satellite communication efforts for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Interfaith efforts and served as a chaplain for the Army National Guard in Ohio, New York, and Maryland. His faith journey was strengthened through seeing the world. He visited a

fellow Youngstown priest in El Salvador, traveled to Maryknoll Missions in Panama, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Brazil and worked alongside the bishop of Ngong, Kenya. Now retired, Father Bonnot enjoys reading, writing, golf, and travel. He sees Unbound as a way to express his Christian concern for the human race while reaching out to the margins with his talent, treasure and person.

*There are no planned closures of the office in October.*



Limited Seating. No ticket sales at the door.

# Oktoberfest

Beer Music Food

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

5:00PM TO 11:00PM

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an evening of fun!

Traditional German Food



Beer & Wine



Grand March with Father Ed



Dance to music by

Texas Sound Czech Band

**\$50**  
PER PERSON  
BANQUET  
SEATING

**RESERVED**  
VIP TABLE  
FOR 10  
\$1500



For ticket information call Eric Gensheimer at (713) 416-5280

★ Tickets on sale in hall after Sunday Masses. ★  
Purchase tickets before price increase on October 6th.

# ST. MARY'S GIGANTIC ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 - 7 AM-4 PM**

**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

St. Mary's Plantersville

NOVEMBER 7TH  
6PM-10:30PM

# FAMILY DANCE!

**\$5 PER KID OR \$20 A FAMILY!**

**BRING YOUR BOOTS AND A SNACK  
TO SHARE!**

For any questions please reach out  
to Alexis Ostigin @936-306-3723!

8227 CR 205  
PLANTERSVILLE TX  
77363

**RSVP**

[@SAINTMARYSDANCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:@SAINTMARYSDANCE@GMAIL.COM)

You can find the bulletin on our website  
[www.smsj.org/bulletins](http://www.smsj.org/bulletins)

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



**FAITH & BLUE**

Faith and Blue is an intentional event hosted by the  
Montgomery Police Department and is designed to foster  
*POSITIVE INTERACTIONS* between the community and the police  
officers that serve them.

**OCTOBER 7 | 6:00-8:00PM  
DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY**

**FREE  
FOOD | GAMES | PRIZES**

**f CONNECT WITH US  
FACEBOOK.COM/MONTGOMERYPDTX**

# Rummage News

Every year, we rely on the parishioners of St. Mary's to make our Rummage Sale a success.



## What we need:

**Saturday, Oct 25th:** 8-noon is our BIG PUSH. We need strong men with trucks to help us move boxes from the rummage barn to the tents. We need all hands available. We work fast, and your participation makes all the difference. PLEASE SHOW UP TO HELP if even for an hour or two.

**The week of Oct 27th-Oct 30th** is set up week. Please come out from 8-noon every day to help unbox and display items. We need you! Lunch provided every day at noon.

Please sign up at our sign up genius to take a shift working the cash registers, parking, or as a furniture mover on the day of the big sale, Nov 1.



For many years, everyone in the parish has come out to help put on this huge event that supports our parish financially, helps our neighbors buy goods at a reasonable price, and serves our neighbors. Help us keep this tradition going by volunteering. We need you!!

## St. Mary's Cemetery News

Once again, we would like to highlight our beautiful flag poles, both of which were donated by generous parishioners. The flagpole in the 'older' section was donated many years ago by the Kenneth Diehl family. Tyler Hayden, wanting to earn his Eagle badge, approached us about a project. We immediately directed him to the flagpole, and he proceeded to give us designs to improve that area. Pictured is Tyler and our cemetery extraordinaire, Bob Haese, with the finished project, including a bench. The flagpole in our 'newer' section, donated by the Sellmeyer family, now has tributes to Bill Sellmeyer and Sammy Blair. Both families came together to make this beautiful project happen. Pictured is Carolyn Sellmeyer, along with Danilo Mendoza, along with his helper, of Lone Star Countertops in Conroe, who engraved, and installed, the granite at no cost. The cemetery feels truly blessed by all these wonderful people.



*The Corner Shoppe*  
*St. Mary's Religious Articles Store*

Stop in after all Weekend Masses and **also on Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to shop for:**

*Catholic Devotional Items \* Sacrament Gifts \**

*Wedding and Anniversary Gifts \* Greeting Cards \* Rosaries*

**If you are interested in volunteering to work in the Corner Shoppe please leave your name and phone number with one of the volunteers in the Shoppe.**



**Are YOU a fully initiated Catholic?**

Have you celebrated ALL THREE of the  
Sacraments of Initiation  
(Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist)?

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's Adult Confirmation fall preparation sessions have been scheduled!

For more information, contact Dr. Sharon Skeans: (281) 467-0217

**Young Catholic Married Couples (YCMC)**

Young Catholic Married Couples (ages 21-49) will be meeting at Ransom's in Montgomery for dinner and social on Monday, October 27, 2025. Join us 5:30-8 PM for food, drinks, and socializing. Childcare is provided.

Contact Michael Tann with any questions: 936-306-2342 or email michaelj\_tann@hotmail.com.

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

# Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments

## Welcome Back!

It has been a joy to see our students back in the building!

## October Class Schedule

**Sundays: October 5, 19, 26**

**Wednesdays: October 1, 8, 22, 29**

We are still in need of classroom aides—if you're able to help, we'd love to have you join us!


For questions or to volunteer, please email: [cce@stmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:cce@stmaryandjoseph.org)




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\* ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY \*  
\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! \*  
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\* Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00am \*  
\* In the Parish Hall. \*  
\* Come and check us out! \*  
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**ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR SOCIETY**  
Meeting in the parish hall on  
**October 7 at 6:30pm**  
Anyone who is not currently a member of the  
Altar Society, but would like to be, please plan  
on attending.

**St. Mary's Men's Club**  
**Blood Drive & Breakfast, Sunday, November 9**  
Please make plans to donate. If you are unable to, please encourage a friend or family member to do so.



**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.



The current needs are:

- Boys underwear 2t to size 8
- Detergent
- Wash clothes
- Women's leggings all sizes
- Women's shirts all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Diapers size 5 to 6

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>

*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

### 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 9-11am on Friday, October 10.



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

Next meeting on Tuesday, October 7 @ 10:00am in the FLC Rm 201

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Game Day is scheduled for October 21 @ 10:00am in SM parish hall.  
Please bring a dish to share.

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The Domino Club will play 42 on Tuesdays in the Family Life Center Kitchen.  
We are looking for more players. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

### 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 a 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.



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 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, car seats, infant toys, etc.). Drop off on the porch of THE GABRIEL STORAGE ROOM or contact Amy Schnell for assistance.

## ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB

We want to thank everyone who helped with the Bazaar, we couldn't do what we do without you. We also want to say "Thank You" to everyone who came out and supported the Bazaar and enjoyed the awesome fellowship. It is humbling to see all the support we receive from everyone.

Come out and join us for our **monthly meeting** on **Tuesday, October 21**, at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. We welcome all visitors.

## Infant Baptism Information

Interested in infant baptism at St. Mary? Join us for an in-person information session where we will discuss requirements, parent and godparent roles and responsibilities, the Rite, and Q&A.



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

October 5, 2025

November 2, 2025

We look forward to serving you and your family in preparation for this blessed sacrament. Please send us an email if you plan on attending - [baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org](mailto:baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org)

## **St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Well, it is unbelievable how fast three years go by. My term as President of the St. Mary/St Joseph SVdP Conference comes to an end on October 1. I want to take this time to thank everyone for their support and generosity in helping our conference assist those who call asking for help. As a Conference, we are truly blessed to have this generous parish supporting the works of the SVdP Society. Even when we had challenging times helping our brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit was leading us on this most important ministry. As our new President, Everette Johnson takes over on October 1, I ask that you support him and pray for him as he takes on this leadership role. Thank you and may our Lord Bless You and keep you in His care. Bob



"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ..."

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 am in the parish hall.**

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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**



## **St. Vincent de Paul Vehicle Donations Needs**

In the area which we serve, the lack of dependable transportation is one of the major issues of concern we face. Because of this, many of those we serve are significantly limited in their ability to find and keep jobs sufficient to support their families.

As there is no public transportation in our area, our SVDP Conference is embarking on a mission to try to address this issue. Accordingly, we have formed a transportation committee with the task of accepting donated vehicles, no matter their condition, and gifting them to eligible families for work purposes.

Once a vehicle is offered for donation the committee will:

- \*Have any mechanical work done to make sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition.
- \*Provide the donor with any documentation needed for a tax deduction.
- \*After a sufficient vetting process, of the friends we serve as SVDP, we will find an acceptable recipient for the vehicle.

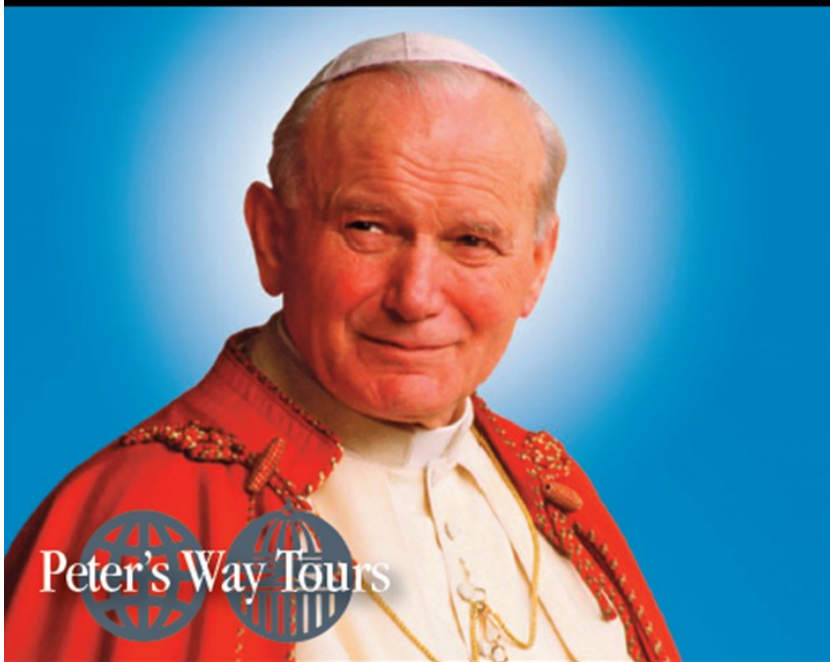
The SVDP Conference will cover all expenses for any repair needed and all of the title and registration expenses and fees.

Several of our parishioners and their friends might be contemplating transitioning to a single vehicle family and thus may seek to dispose of one of their current vehicles. If you or anyone you know is in this position, please ask them to consider supporting SVDP with this transportation issue for those in our area.

You are invited to join a 10-day pilgrimage to Poland & Prague

# HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II LED BY FR. PAUL LOCKEY

KRAKOW ZAKOPANE CZESTOCHOWA WADOWICE PRAGUE



April 13–22, 2026

Detailed brochures available at the parish!

## 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](mailto:haytcherb@gmail.com)



### Exciting News:

#### Women's Retreat & Director Announced!

We are thrilled to share that the **2026 Women's Retreat** will take place from  
**February 26 to March 1, 2026!**

**Teresa Wommack-Neal** has answered the call to serve as the **Retreat Director**,  
and she has invited **Debbie Williams, Kathy Magliolo, and Nadine Morris** to  
serve alongside her as the leadership team.

Let us be in prayer for these faithful women as they begin planning and forming  
their retreat team. May God guide and bless their preparations as they lead us  
toward a meaningful and Spirit-filled retreat.

**Save the date** and stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Teresa at:

[teresawommack@gmail.com](mailto:teresawommack@gmail.com).

# Dentistry for Veterans

Montgomery & Conroe Comprehensive Dental Centers

Dr. Timothy E. Gardner, D.D.S.

ARMED WITH OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, WE ARE OUT TO CHANGE LIVES BY OFFERING FREE DENTISTRY TO THE VETERANS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR OUR 11TH ANNUAL DENTISTRY FOR VETERANS EVENT.

**WHEN:**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

**WHERE:**  
MONTGOMERY COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CENTER  
951 LONE STAR PARKWAY IN MONTGOMERY.

PRE-SCREENING IS REQUIRED.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST,  
PLEASE CALL 936-585-4353 OR 936-539-3636  
TO MAKE A PRE-SCREENING RESERVATION  
AT EITHER OF OUR OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THOSE WHO SHOW PROOF OF  
MILITARY SERVICE.

WE TRY TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICES THE VETERANS MAY NEED.



## NOV Global Energy Services, Thank You!

Our neighbor to the west has continued to graciously donate the large trailer-mounted generators and air conditioning equipment that cool off the large food tent. If you know someone who works there please give them a **HUGE THANK YOU** from all of us at St. Mary. NOV Global Energy has truly proven to be a good neighbor.

*Staff*

## 2025 St Mary's Bazaar Raffle Winners

*Thank you to all who came out to make this a successful year!!*

*Congratulations to our winners!!!*

*Thank you to our raffle sponsors!!*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Winner</u>
\$10,000	Lester Underwood
\$5,000	Gaby Tryon
\$5,000	Silversage - Brenham
John Deere Zero Turn Mower	Patty Moody
\$2,300	Thelma Miller
\$1,500	Gay Cook
\$1,000 Visa	Isabella Diorio
\$800 Visa	Mike Balcerek
\$500 Visa	Cole Pospisil
\$500 Visa	Mike Aguilar
\$500 Visa	Debbie Hoffart
\$500 Visa	Anthony Olivieri
\$500 Visa	Erin Franklin
\$500 Visa	Gabriel Gunn
\$500 Visa	Denise Janak
\$500 Academy	Diane Daves

## Quinceañera

The celebration of a young lady's transition from childhood to adolescence. It begins with the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of life and asking for a blessing from God for the coming years. It is an opportunity for family and friends to share in this important celebration. It usually ends with a dinner and/or dance. **Those who are considering having a Quinceañera in the upcoming year are asked to attend an informational meeting.** The meetings are planned for each January and June before the date of the celebration. Please contact Martha Lucas at (512) 608-3519 or [emslucas@yahoo.com](mailto:emslucas@yahoo.com) for more

Sacred Heart Catholic School's  
42nd Annual  
Saturday, October 18th

# Oktoberfest

Fun for the Whole Family

- **SHOPPING** - Vendor Market - Crafts, Food, Decor, Jewelry and more!
- **Games, Prizes, Face Painting**
- **Corn Hole Tournament**
- **Bounce Houses, Pumpkin Patch**
- **Cake Walk and Sweet Treats**

**SHOPPING 11am -4pm | Tons of Food and FUN!**

Family Festival 11am - 4pm    **BINGO!**    **LIVE MUSIC & Entertainment**

SHCS Campus: 615 McDade Street in Conroe  
For More Information, please contact the school at 936.756.3848 or Mrs. Istre at [bistre@shcatx.org](mailto:bistre@shcatx.org)

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

# 71st Homecoming & Bazaar

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

1511 Highway 90 South  
Anderson, TX  
10 AM Mass  
Festivities to follow in parish hall.

- BBQ Lunch
- Babusha's Porch
- Homemade Goodies
- Spin to win Booths
- Beer
- 1 PM Live Auction
- Live Polish Music w/ Brian Marshall Band
- Kid's Games & Bounce Houses
- Viewing of historic church

**AND MUCH MORE!**

A PREVIEW OF OUR NEW CHURCH

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL  
*Annual* **BAZAAR**

**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

HEMPSTEAD COLUMBUS CLUB  
22892 MACK WASHINGTON LANE  
HEMPSTEAD, TX

JOIN US FOR SOME MUSIC, FOOD, SILENT & LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE, GAMES, AND MUCH MORE!

**WEEKEND MASS**

Saturday  
• 5:00PM ENG  
• 7:00PM SP

Sunday  
• 8:30AM ENG  
• 10:30AM SP

- BAZAAR EVENT BEGINS AT 11AM
- LIVE AUCTION START AT 1PM
- SILENT AUCTION CLOSE AT 4PM
- RAFFLE DRAW AT 5PM

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# October 2025

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Saturday: 5:00 (SM) Sunday: 7:30 (SJ) 7:00, 8:30, 10:00am & 11:30am (SM)						
			1	2	3	4
			*9:00am – Anointing Mass *10:00 – 10:45am – Confessions 8:00am – noon -Rummage Barn *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:45pm – CCE – FLC SM	NO MASS	*9:00am – First Friday Mass	*5:00pm – Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Archdiocese for Military Services <b>UNBOUND Ministries</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Regular Mass Schedule 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – Archdiocese for Military Services <b>UNBOUND Ministries</b> *10:00am – CCE – FLC SM *10:00am – OCIA – FLC Kitchen *1:00pm – Baptism Info. Session - FLC SM	NO MASS *8:00pm – AA Meeting – FLC SM	NO MASS *10:00am - Guardian Angels Mtg. – FLC Rm 201 11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *6:30pm – SJ Altar Society – SJ Hall	NO MASS *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:45pm – CCE – FLC SM	-9:00am – Mass *10:00am – Noon – Bible Study – SM Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	NO MASS *9:00am - 11:00am - Little Lambs—SM Hall	*5:00pm – Mass *2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – St. Vincent de Paul Parish Collection
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Regular Mass Schedule *2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – St. Vincent de Paul Parish Collection *10:00am – OCIA – FLC Kitchen	*9:00am – Mass *8:00pm – AA Meeting – FLC SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – SM Altar Society – SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen	*9:00am – Mass *10:00 – Noon & 5:00pm – 6:00pm – Confessions *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall	NO MASS *10:00am – Noon – Bible Study – SM Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	NO MASS *5:00pm – Oktoberfest – SM Hall	*5:00pm – Mass *2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Mission Sunday
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Regular Mass Schedule *2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Mission Sunday *10:00am – CCE – FLC SM *10:00am – OCIA – FLC Kitchen	NO MASS *8:00pm – AA Meeting – FLC SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – Game Day – SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *6:00pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Mtg – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:45pm – CCE – FLC SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – Noon – Bible Study – SM Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	NO MASS	*5:00pm – Mass *8:00am – Noon – <b>RUMMAGE MOVING DAY</b>
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov. 1
Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am – CCE – FLC SM *10:00am – OCIA – FLC Kitchen	*9:00am – Mass <b>8:00am – noon RUMMAGE SET UP</b> *5:30 – YCMC – Ransom's - Montgomery *8:00pm – AA Meeting – FLC SM	*9:00am – Mass <b>8:00am – noon RUMMAGE SET UP</b> *10:00am – SVdP Meeting – SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen	*9:00am – Mass <b>8:00am – noon RUMMAGE SET UP</b> *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:45pm – CCE – FLC SM	*9:00am – Mass <b>8:00am – noon RUMMAGE SET UP</b> *10:00am – Noon – Bible Study – SM Hall 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	<b>8:00am – noon RUMMAGE SET UP</b> *5:00pm – All Saints Day Vigil Mass	Nov. 1 <b>7:00am – 4:00PM RUMMAGE SALE</b> *5:00pm - Mass