

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

January 2026



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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 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.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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.

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Email: baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org

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Martha Lucas 512.608.3519

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St. Joseph - Cemetery

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St. Joseph - Men's Club

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St. Mary - Altar Servers

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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 - 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)

Everette 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.



(Part 3 of my travels)

My last installment of the adventures of my recent travels recounted our leaving Petrovac, Montenegro for Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

We thoroughly enjoy our stay in Petrovac, a seaside, medium-sized town in Montenegro. Like Herceg Novi and Budva in Montenegro, Petrovac is concentrated on the Adriatic Sea, catering to tourists, mainly from Europe. There were few American tourists. We were definitely in the minority, though English was the language of commerce...lol.

We were fortunate in finding a small hotel located right on the beach in the middle of the seaside's busy restaurants, shops and hotels. I am very particular about the room I'll be staying in. I especially like a balcony (if the hotel has some) that has a view. I have been known to turn down at least two rooms shown before taking one that appealed to me. The room in Petrovac met my standards ... had a balcony and a great view of the sea and beach. Restaurants and bars were handily close.

When the day for our leaving arrived and we were packed, we had to carry our luggage through the street up to the level of the town's street where cars were permitted. The operative word is 'up'. Hauling luggage through and then 'up' to that street was a workout. (Don't ask 'how much luggage?'. Too much!). When we reached a spot where we could bring the car, we stationed the luggage on the sidewalk. I guarded the luggage while Aaron, my travel bud, went for the car. We loaded the luggage and headed out to our next destination: Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a five (5) hour drive.

The drive through Montenegro to Bosnia is really beautiful. It's mountainous with great views across green valleys. Passage through the border crossings was interesting and demonstrated the difference between the two countries. Montenegro is a very western oriented country: efficient, hard-working, friendly. Our first experience of Bosnian efficiency, work ethic and friendliness wasn't too positive. We waited at the border for about 45 minutes in line with numerous cars and trucks only to discover that the border personnel were at lunch for another 2 hours. Needless-to-say, that didn't sit too well with these Americans. We googled another border crossing (an hour away) and prayed it would be open. Thankfully it was. When the guard saw we were Americans, he didn't even ask for any papers, passports, just waved us through without even a smile. Not a very warm welcome to Bosnia.

I visited Mostar back in the 1990's during one of my pilgrimages to Medjugorja, which is a very renowned and special place of prayer for pilgrims throughout the world. Our Blessed Mother appeared to several youngsters from there, revealing to them her message for peace and prayer.

I remember that one day I felt I needed a rest and a change of scenery. I asked someone what would be a nearby town to visit for the day. Mostar was suggested as being nearby and a very historic town about an hour and a half away by bus. I found the bus and thoroughly enjoyed my stay. I wanted to re-visit the town and see if it lived up to my memories of so long ago.

When we finally arrived in Mostar and navigated our way through very narrow streets to our small hotel smack in the middle of the ancient part of the town, we were greeted by a very nice hostess and owner. She showed us our room. We started unpacking our luggage, bringing each piece into the room. It was then that we noticed that one piece was missing. It was the piece that we had consolidated our stuff. We realized we had brought too much stuff we really didn't need. That piece was missing. Of course, the question was 'how did it happen?' or, more pointedly, 'whose fault was it?'. I still claim to-this-day that it was definitely NOT my fault. I was in charge of the lighter/smaller pieces, and he was in charge of the larger/heavier pieces. The piece missing was among the heavier pieces of luggage. He claimed it was sitting right by me, and he presumed I would put it in the car. We went through the 'I can't believe you didn't' ... 'why on earth would you get in the car with a piece of luggage sitting there' ... 'it wasn't sitting there' Our hostess returned and asked politely if she could help.

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At that point, we both accepted the fact that it was gone/lost. We'd left Petrovac more than 5-6 hours ago. However, she was determined to try to see if we might find it. She called the hotel where we had stayed. That hotel called a hotel close to where we loaded the car. That hotel went out to the sidewalk close to their front door. There was the piece of luggage, sitting on the spot where it was left. They brought it into the hotel, contacted the other hotel, who contacted our hostess that it was found. The three organized the return by bus from Petrovac to Mostar in the next 48 hours. The bus didn't run every day. You can only imagine how grateful we were to our hostess and the team at Petrovac. She admitted that it was a shot in the dark, but she would do everything she could for her guests. A definite re-evaluation of the Bosnian people by both of us. To demonstrate our new appreciation of the people of both Montenegro and Bosnia, we went out and had a couple of beers.

Our lost luggage did arrive within the 48 hours they predicted and was totally intact. The bus driver, who spoke no English, knew exactly who we were when we met him at the station. He just smiled and shook his head. 'Dumb Americans' We tipped him generously.

We have still not resolved who was responsible for the horrible oversight of leaving the luggage there on the sidewalk. I still maintain my innocence. I do give thanks to St. Anthony for it being found. I did say an 'Act of Contrition' for yelling at him. And I am still waiting for his admission of his part in the fiasco. The Second Coming may come first ...lol.

Now to get back to Mostar, a fascinating and historic city.

(to be continued ...)

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



PLANNING STUDY JANUARY 2026 BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

We want and need to hear from you!

This month, St. Mary Catholic Church will launch a critical parish-wide survey as part of our planning study for a new sanctuary. Your voice is essential. The decisions we make about our parish's future will be shaped directly by the feedback we receive from you.

The planning study will play a decisive role in forming a strong strategy for this major fundraising effort, identifying campaign leaders, and setting a realistic, achievable goal. The Steier Group, a trusted Catholic development firm, will carefully analyze all responses and present their findings to our parish leadership. Your participation will directly influence these next steps.

In the coming weeks, you will receive more information—both at Mass and through mailings to your home. Please watch for these communications and respond as soon as possible.

This is a pivotal moment for St. Mary Catholic Church. Every parish family's input is urgently needed as we discern how God is calling us to build our future together. Thank you for giving this process your utmost attention.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Carol Anderson, MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, Blanca Bradley, James & Meredith Buck, Charlie Burzinski, Jr., Francis "Frank" Bushey, Gary Carmouche, Carol Clary, Florence Corolla, Jay Creighton, Melissa Duffy, Don Faughn, Jeff Faughn, Beckham Fox, Liliana Fredo, Carol Fryman, 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, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy Kubeczka, Shirley Kuzma, Greta La Fluer, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, Chris Lobue, Kayla Reneé Luck, Laveta Malek, Fritz Manuel, Amanda Martinez, Natalie Mattern, Frankie McIntosh, Kerri McLeod, Mike Meador & Janie Houser Meador, Linda Merdian, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, John M. 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, Jessica Weisenbach



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, January 21
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
January 14**

No First Friday Mass

News Years Eve & New Years Day Masses

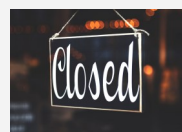
Wednesday 12/31 - 4:00pm @ SM

Thursday 01/01 - 10:30am @ SM

**Happy
New Year!**

*The Office will be closed on New Year's
Day, Thursday, January 1.*

*We will also be closed on
Monday, January 19 in observance of
Martin Luther King's Birthday.*



St. Joseph Mass Intentions January 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Jan. 4	7:30am	Andrew Wichkoski Matthew Wishkoski	Wetuski Family Carol & Harold Wishkoski
Sun., Jan. 11	7:30am	Laura Imhoff Tom Kobza	Joette & the late Harlan Jochen Wetuski Family
Sun., Jan. 18	7:30am	Amelia & Valeria Imhoff & Frances Langley King	Joette & the late Harlan Jochen
Sun., Jan. 25	7:30am	Ron Micho Randy Nicholson Ginny Lampasas	Pauline Micho Family Morgan & Shirley Cook

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pope's Intention: For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

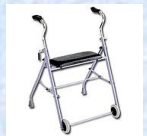


Please pray for all of our
men & women in
the military.

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,
& 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!



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!!

St. Mary Mass Intentions for January 2026

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Thur., Jan. 1	10:30am	Bill Malek	Laveta Malek
Sat., Jan. 3	5:00pm	Mike Poli	Rom & Barb Michels
Sun., Jan. 4	7:00am	Lena Upton	Upton Family
	8:30am	Preston Smith	PJ/Marlene & Family
		Beth Ramsberg	Mike & Melinda Donnellan
	10:00am	Betty Wischnewsky & Rob Lowery	Deborah Pruitt
	11:30am	For the People	---
Mon., Jan. 5	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Tue., Jan. 6	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Wed., Jan. 7	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Thur., Jan. 8	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Sat., Jan. 10	5:00am	Patti Lott Stafford	Thomas Francis Kowis
Sun., Jan. 11	7:00am	Fred O'Connor	Barbara Faughn & Debbie Hoffart
	8:30am	Carrol Colegan	Dennis & Jan Alexander
	10:00am	For the People	---
	11:30am	Grady M. Drady III	Sandra Rios
Mon., Jan. 12	9:00am	Mark Novakosky	---
Tue., Jan. 13	9:00am	Theresa Smith	John Galla
Wed., Jan. 14	9:00am	Jacob L. Diehl	Beatrice Diehl
Thur., Jan. 15	9:00am	Charles & Dorothy Smith	Robert & Patricia Kimich
Sat., Jan. 17	5:00pm	William Bailey	Catherine Rudel & Mildred Rosenberg
Sun., Jan. 18	7:00am	Willie Mae Kubiak	Rick & Lisa Atkinson
		Lisa Seigle	Family
	8:30am	George Bachmeyer	PJ/Marlene & Family
	10:00am	Rose Calhoun	Carol & Harold Wishkoski
	11:30am	Sharon Hatter	Hatter Family
Mon., Jan. 19	9:00am	Larry Sechelski, Sr.	Steven Husfeld
Tue., Jan. 20	9:00am	Ann Swonke	---
Wed., Jan. 21	9:00am	Barbara Fougeron	Kathy & Don Busa
Thur., Jan. 22	9:00am	Joe Barbossa	---
Sat., Jan. 24	5:00pm	Frank Mock	Linette Mock
Sun., Jan. 25	7:00am	For the People	---
	8:30am	Theresa Killen	Carol & Harold Wishkoski
	10:00am	Leland Fougeron	Nicholas Grupa
	11:30am	Helen "Alice" Mock	Steve & Diana Floyd
Mon., Jan. 26	9:00am	Jack, Ruby, Frances, Thomas, Jacob Philip, Christy & Theresa Diehl	Martin Diehl
Tue., Jan. 27	9:00am	Connie Greiner	---
Wed., Jan. 28	9:00am	Joe & Verna Kaminski	Theresa Rausheck
Thur., Jan. 29	9:00am	Loris Abshire	---
Sat., Jan. 31	5:00pm	Ray Solcher & Joseph Foa	---

A Family Blessing of the Home & Marking of the Home's Lintel Epiphany, 2026

It is an ancient and venerable custom to mark the entrance lintel of one's home during the Christmas Season, especially on the Feast of the Epiphany. The marking is done in this way:

Over the Lintel [the crossbeam of the door] one marks:

20 + C + M + B + 26

[Century] + [Caspar] + [Melchior] + [Baltasar] + [Year]

The 'C' 'M' 'B' are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Wise Men or the beginning letter of each word in the phrase

Christus Mansionem Benedicat

[May Christ Bless This House]

It's that simple. A prayer may be added as the family gathers for God to bless the New Year and all those who live in and come to visit this home.

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

We bless Your name, O Lord, for sending Your own Incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as He lived His life, He would experience our worries and our joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our family this year of 2026 so that in the strength of Your grace we may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in our home, bear witness in this world to Your glory. May all who visit here find a warm welcome and feel the presence of God alive in these walls and in our hearts.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. [All] Amen.

***Blessed chalk will be available on the Feast of the Epiphany,
January 4***

Æ BLESSED, JOY FILLED & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 1: Solemnity of Mary

January 25: Bishop's Fund for Latin America



Music Ministry Announcements

Adult Choir

As we enter the season of Ordinary Time following the joy of Christmas and Epiphany, you're invited to continue (or begin!) your journey with our Adult Choir. We'll be preparing inspiring sacred music to enhance our Sunday liturgies and any special celebrations. In addition to our regular choral repertoire, there are opportunities for solos and participation in special ensembles for those interested in featured roles. Rehearsals remain on **Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00pm**. We typically sing at **8:30am and 10:00am Sunday Masses**. Anyone **15 and older** with a passion for sacred music is welcome—no audition required! Come share your voice in our welcoming choir family.



Cantors

Do you feel called to lead our parish family in sung prayer? We always welcome new cantors to this vital ministry! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:00–6:30pm, with flexibility to choose the Masses you serve. Quarterly workshops follow choir rehearsal to build your skills and confidence. Whether you're experienced or just starting out, explore this rewarding way to serve through music.

Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir continues to bring joyful young voices to our parish! Open to singers **ages 6–15**, rehearsals are **Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30pm** (conveniently before CCE). The choir typically sings at **11:30am Mass** and special celebrations, such as Benedictions. On major feasts, they join the Adult Choir for a beautiful, united expression of our community in song. New members are always welcome—let your child discover the fun of singing for the Lord!

Music ministry is a wonderful way to grow in faith and community throughout the new year. Contact the music director for more information or to join!

St. Mary's Cemetery News

As the landscaping around the Columbaria was getting out of hand, we came to the conclusion that we needed a professional landscaping company to come in and clean up the area. We will then have them return on a regular basis to maintain the area. As you can see by the pictures, Navasota Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC did a great job. Another area of concern is the northernmost area of our older cemetery by the exit road. Erosion is an ongoing issue. In the spring, that area will be addressed by the landscaping company.



You can find the bulletin on our website www.smsj.org/bulletins

St. Vincent de Paul Society:



Lord, we, the Vincentians of St Mary’s / St Joseph’s St Vincent de Paul Conference, come to you with humble hearts, asking for Your provision in the year ahead. We trust that You will supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory. Help us to be good stewards of the resources You have entrusted us with.

On behalf of our entire SVDP Conference, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your overwhelming generosity. Our pantry is very well stocked, and your financial donations have made it possible for us to fund our 2025 Christmas for Friends Program. Your acts of kindness and support have made a significant difference in our community for this Holiday season. Thank you for all you have done – may you and your loved ones be truly blessed in this New Year.

Everette Johnson

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 27 at 10:00 am in the parish hall.

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call: (936) 894-2362

ST. MARY’S MEN’S CLUB

Happy New Year! The Men’s Club at St. Mary would like to wish everyone a blessed and prosperous 2026. We would like to invite all adult men out to attend our Men’s Club meetings, we meet on the Third Tuesday at 6:15pm in the Church Hall. Look forward to seeing you in 2026!

Monthly dinner & meeting on Tuesday, January 20,
at 6:15pm in St. Mary’s Parish Hall.

**St. Mary’s Men’s Club
Blood Drive & Breakfast
Sunday, January 11
8:00am - 1:30pm**

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

SM Parish Hall

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 contact any of our volunteers.

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.

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.



AA MEETINGS:

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



Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments

We hope your Christmas break has been filled with joyful time with family, Christmas carols, and plenty of hot cocoa! ☕ 🎵



✨ CCE Schedule ✨

Wednesdays: January 14, 21, 28

Sundays: January 11, 18, 25

We're also excited to share that this month includes a special Benediction with Father Ed for all of our CCE families. More details coming soon - we can't wait to celebrate together!

 * ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY *
 * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! *
 * Tuesday, January 13 at 10:00am *
 * In the parish hall. *
 * Come and check us out! *



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR SOCIETY
 Meeting in the parish hall on
January 6 at 6:30pm
 Anyone who is not currently a member of the
 Altar Society, but would like to be, please
 plan on attending.

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:

- Warm Clothes for Adults**
- Warm Clothes for Children**
- Jackets and Coats for Adults**
- Jackets and Coats for Children**

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, January 9



ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 6 @ 10:00am in the Fr. Kelly House (KH)

Game Day Tuesday, January 20 @ 10:00am to 2:00pm in SM parish hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

The Domino Club will play 42 on Tuesdays in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

(Except Jan. 6) We are looking for more players. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Come join the Guardian Angels for a Bus Trip to Naskila Casino in Livingston:

Wednesday, January 14th

The Naskila Bus Schedule, Route 4 Conroe:

Pick up Conroe at 9:35 am

Play Time 11 am- 4 pm

Arrive Conroe at 5:30 pm

Reserve your seat at Naskilaexpress.com

\$10 cash each when boarding the bus and receive \$25 free play on your Naskila players card.

No card? The service desk will add it to your new card.

Save the Date: Guardian Angels Annual Sweetheart Dance is February 13th.

Advanced tickets will be sold after all masses for 3 weekends

(January 24 - February 8th)





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.



Women's ACTS Retreat – February 26-March 1, 2026

Registration Now Open! Scan QR Code to Register

Step away from the busyness of life and spend a weekend encountering Christ in a personal and powerful way. Grow in faith, prayer, and fellowship with other women of the parish.

Read how a parishioner experienced God's love and transformation during her ACTS retreat:

"Be Not Afraid" – Nadine Morris

I grew up a cradle Catholic, but for many years my faith felt routine. I went through the motions at Mass, rarely opened Scripture, and struggled to believe that God's love or forgiveness truly applied to me.

When my dad invited me to an ACTS retreat, I went mostly to support my family. I didn't expect much — but God had something far greater planned. That weekend opened my heart in ways I never imagined. In prayer and quiet moments, I experienced deep healing and discovered that God truly loves me, sin and all. For the first time, Scripture began to speak to me, and I started to hear God's gentle voice guiding me.

One of the greatest gifts of ACTS was the community of women I met. They have become lifelong sisters in Christ — women who pray with me, support me, and walk with me through every season of life. Their friendship continues to strengthen my faith.

ACTS also transformed my prayer life. Church is no longer a ritual; it is an encounter with Christ. I am still a work in progress, but now I trust more deeply in God's strength and try to live each day for His glory.

Looking back, I see how far God has brought me — from simply sitting in the pews to truly desiring Scripture, prayer, and discipleship. ACTS gave me the courage to trust, to surrender, and to believe that holiness is possible in everyday life.

RUMMAGE NEWS:



If you have furniture that needs to be picked up, let Lauren Twining know. We will be picking up furniture all year. Just furniture.

The barn will be closed until next March. Keep an eye on the bulletin for our re-opening date.

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

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:

February 1, 2026
March 1, 2026
April 5, 2026
May 3, 2026
August 2, 2026
October 4, 2026
November 1, 2026



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 -

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BIBLE STUDY

10 WEEK CLASS –THURSDAYS JANUARY 22 – MARCH 26



JOIN US FOR THIS INTENSE PROGRAM, PRESENTED BY THOMAS SMITH, AS HE EXAMINES WHO THE PROPHETS WERE, THEIR ROLE, AND HOW THEIR MESSAGE STILL APPLIES TODAY, DRAWING US CLOSER TO GOD

CLASS COST \$25

BOOK: *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

includes Study Topics, Question Responses, Bible Timeline Chart, and opportunities for optional additional weekly study

WEEKLY SESSIONS: feature a video presentation followed by engaging small group discussion and question and answer sessions

Thursday Morning Sessions

10am – 12n – SM HALL

Thursday Evening Sessions

7pm – 9pm – SM HALL

PLEASE REGISTER BY DECEMBER 31, 2025

TO REGISTER OR ASK QUESTIONS – PLEASE CONTACT:

SUIKI BOARDMAN - 713-254-6943 OR EMAIL: suikisb@aol.com

Please indicate names of participants and number of books needed



**3RD ANNUAL
CZARNINA
COOKOFF**

3rd Annual St. Joseph's Men's Club Czarnina Cookoff

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026

Time: 3PM

Location: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Stoneham, TX

\$15 per person for all you can eat Czarnina, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, and other cold weather foods.

If interested in having a team, please contact Donovan Pavlock @ 936-900-4903.

January 2026

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 (SM)

Sunday: 7:30 (SJ)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				*10:30am – New Year's Day – Mass Special Collection – Solemnity of Mary Parish Office Closed Happy New Year!	*No Mass	*5:00 pm - Mass
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Regular Mass Schedule	*No Mass *8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH - SM	*No Mass *10:00am – Guardian Angels (GA) Mtg - KH *6:30pm – SJ Altar Society – SJ Hall	*No Mass *No Confessions *9:30am – Stitches' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm – Choir Practice	*No Mass	*No Mass *9:00am -11:00am – Little Lambs – SM Hall	*5:00 pm - Mass
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am – CCE – FLC *8am-1:30pm - SM Men's Club Blood Drive – Parish Hall	*9:00am – Mass *8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH - SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – SM Altar Society – SM Hall	*9:00am – Anointing Mass *9:30am- Stitches' Sisters – SJ Hall *9:35am – Guardian Angels Casino Trip – see details inside *6:30pm – Choir Practice *6:45pm – CCE - FLC	*9:00am – Mass	*No Mass	*3:00pm – 3 rd Annual Czarina Cookoff – SJ Hall *5:00 pm - Mass
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
*Regular Mass Schedule 10:00am – CCE - FLC	*9:00am – No Mass *8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH – SM Parish Office Closed MLK Day	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GA Game Day -SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *6:15pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitches' Sisters – SJ Hall *10am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm – Confessions *6:30pm – Choir Practice *6:45pm – CCE - FLC	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm – Adult Bible Study	*No Mass	*5:00 pm – Mass Second Collection – Bishops' Fund for Latin America
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am – CCE – FLC Second Collection – Bishops' Fund for Latin America	*9:00am – Mass *5:30pm – YCMC - SM Hall *8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH – SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitches' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm – Choir Practice *6:45pm – CCE - FLC	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm – Adult Bible Study	*No Mass	*5:00 pm - Mass