



St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

March 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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 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.

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.

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

Parish Administrator

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AA

Deb Waters 281.701.4177

ACTS Retreat

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Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Suiki Boardman 713.254.6943

Adult Confirmation

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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

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Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Gabriel Project

Amy Schnell 904.556.3486

GriefShare

Pam Milek 281.686.7552

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

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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 936.900.4903

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 - 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)

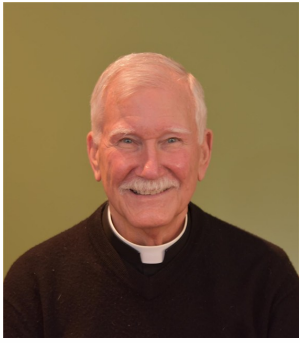
Michael Tann 346.373.0369

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.....

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...



I'm writing this the Monday after the weekend presentation to parishioners of the conceptual renderings of what the proposed new church would look like and its location in relation to the present church which we all love. The presentation was made during all Masses and everyone who hadn't received a survey or participated in an interview were given the opportunity to express their opinion and desires by a survey in the pew. Many responded and thereby helped in discerning the way forward in the planning of a new sanctuary and the future of St. Mary.

The focus of the presentation was to assure parishioners that we were following all the guidelines of the Archdiocese and had entered the process by an official meeting with the Archdiocesan Building Commission to review what was being proposed. We met with a favorable reception of what was being proposed and would be awaiting the final approval to go forward with the Archbishop's blessing.

The presentation to the parish on the weekend of February 14-15 basically reassured that the proposed new church would be in character with the present church, meaning relating to it in structure and feeling of sacredness and warmth. It would be like 'a second or third cousin' to the present church we all hold so dear... not a replica (impossible) but with the same feel that has drawn so many to be part of the family of St. Mary.

Assurance was given that, by the very proposed location of the new church, the present St. Mary would not be forgotten or pushed aside. There would be a piazza uniting the two churches, a garden as it were, blending in and giving the same 'country' feeling we have now.

Nothing would be removed from the present church, preserving it historically and ensuring that its purpose would be much the same as now: daily Mass, the celebration of weddings, funerals, baptisms, quinceaneras... even confessions. The new church would primarily be for the Sunday celebrations and those celebrations that the larger church would accommodate.

The overall response I received between Masses was relief that the present church would not be forgotten or left to deteriorate and that the new structure would strive to preserve the sacredness and warmth of the present church. Color was definitely often mentioned... lol. The architect is seriously on board with the desire of the Community for a warm, inviting and serene sense of the presence of God. The blue ceiling, so typical of St. Mary and so many churches of this period and of Europe, will be incorporated... theologically opening the roof to be flooded with all the universe, pouring in and becoming part of each celebration. Other features of the present St. Mary will be reflected and mirrored in the new... again, not replicated but mirrored, hinted making for that same 'faith home' embrace.

Many also remarked on certain features: The porte-cochere, the covered drop-off, for protection from inclement weather and the handicapped (or just lazy...lol). Families with children commented on the area in the foyer with a few places for 'families with children'. Some read that as a 'cry room'. Could not be farther from what's intended. I am firmly committed to all children being within the assembly during Mass. Behavior at Mass is a learned behavior. Only when the child is 'having a bad day' or needs attention (change of diaper, nursing, a talk) would the parent move to the area in the foyer reserved for that purpose. The glass wall separating the foyer from the nave would still enable participation until the child's needs are taken care of and parent and child return to their places in the assembly.

The conceptual renderings will remain in the hall for all to continue to inspect and study. I hope everyone continues to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue to discern what the Lord wants us to do to meet the needs of the generations who will follow after us.

There will be additional opportunities when we will gather together to be briefed on the progress of such an important undertaking, always open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

We are all committed to whatever we decide and do it for the honor and glory of God.

*Congratulations, Guardian Angels,
For a Stunningly Successful
Sweetheart Valentine's Dance!*

If you missed the Guardian Angels' Sweetheart Valentine's Dance, you missed one of the social events of the season of Grimes and Montgomery counties.

Our Guardian Angels of St. Mary/St. Joseph put on a fabulous evening of dancing, eating and socializing. Bill Mock and his Hwy 105 Band played their hearts out and the crowd responded by flooding the dance floor. The food was spread across 3 food stations, something for everyone. The beverages flowed throughout the evening. The Angels were easily identified: bright pink shirts for the gals... the guys in regular dress to not outshine the ladies. All played a part in making the evening a grand success. Rumor has it that a 91-year-old sat taking the entry tickets... an 82-year-old was the official photo taker... just saying....

If you're not aware, the Guardian Angels are our senior group. Some of the group meets for Dominos every Tuesday morning from 11am-2pm in the Family Life Center (open to all), and on the 3rd Tuesday morning of the month 10am-2pm for Bingo or Game Day. Age to be a member? Well, it's just a number... let's say 40+.

The Guardian Angels thank everyone for their support. Special thanks to 'Cork This, Tap That' in Dobbin for supplying all the wine for the event. Please let them know how grateful we are when you go there for some great food and drink. The beer was courtesy of the Men's Club.

Be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. Be sure you're on the dance floor next year with your fellow parishioners and friends from near and far.

A Sweetheart Valentine's Dance Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to the teens and young adults who offered their time and talent for child care for the *Valentine's Dance*:

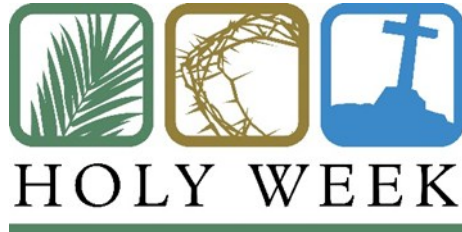
Katherine Waitz, Aileen O'Neill, Ian Bruner, Elizabeth Howard, Kilynn Leonard, Jacob Davis, Mason McMahan, and Gissel Perez.

12 families with 25 children were taken care of!

Thank you for your service - it couldn't have happened without you!

What a wonderful blessing!

St. Mary/Plantersville & St. Joseph/Stoneham



Palm Sunday, March 29

All St. Mary's Masses – Pavilion

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am

Mass time at St. Joseph

7:30 am

2026 TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

All St. Mary's Masses – Pavilion

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper: St. Mary – 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

St. Mary – 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: St. Joseph – 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil: St. Mary – 8:00 pm

-Reception in SM Hall following Mass honoring the newly received-

Easter Sunday, April 5

Mass Times:

St. Mary (pavilion)

6:30 am (Sunrise)

9:00 am

11:00 am

St. Joseph (in church)

7:30 am

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, John Duffy, Melissa Duffy, Don Faughn, Jeff Faughn, Beckham Fox, Liliana Fredo, Carol Fryman, Jeffery Gehring, Melody Gensheimer, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Frances Griffith, Cassy Guillory, Jamie Hafla, Hudson Hall, John Hannemann, , 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, 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, Tammy Rabun, CeCe Ray, James Riley, Josephine Shannon, David Shrader, John Simmons, Fred Smith, Brian Stehling, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Dr. Linda Ann Walker, Clara Walkoviak, Jessica Weisenbach, Ann Young



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

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Pope's Intention: For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard on

Wednesday, March 4 & 18

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
Wednesday, March 4

March 6
First Friday Mass

SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Mar. 1: St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Collection)

March 15: Catholic Relief Services Collection



St. Mary Mass Intentions for March 2026

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Sun., Mar. 1	7:00am	Annie Marie LaRue	LaRue Family
	8:30am	For the People	---
	10:00am	Neil Rosenberg & Manuel Bustillo	Mildred Rosenberg
	11:30am	Caroline & Anthony Grazino Anthony Grazino, Jr.	Carol & Harold Wishkoski
Mon., Mar. 2	9:00am	Nancy W. Smith	Mark & Maureen Dixon
Tue., Mar. 3	9:00am	Theresa Smith	Leonard Busa
Wed., Mar. 4	9:00am	Bill Malek	Laveta Malek
Thur., Mar. 5	9:00am	Edith Watson	---
Fri., Mar. 7	9:00am	Hayden O'Brien	Leo Wick
		Bob Card	Patty Card
Sat., Mar. 7	5:00pm	Roy Champagne	Marian Champagne
Sun., Mar. 8	7:00am	For the People	---
	8:30am	Rose Calhoun	Brenda & Margaret Wishkoski
	10:00am	Helen "Alice" Mock	Steve & Diana Floyd
	11:30am	Johnnie Rochen	---
Mon., Mar. 9	9:00am	Dan, Edna & Billy Heintz	Heintz Family
Tue., Mar. 10	9:00am	Lavail Lott	Family
Wed., Mar. 11	9:00am	Regina Jozwiak	Beatrice Diehl
Thur., Mar. 12	9:00am	Jack, Ruby, Frances, Thomas, Jacob, Phillip, Christy & Theresa Diehl	Martin J. Diehl
Sat., Mar. 14	5:00pm	Joe Swonke & Barbara Swonke Willie Mae Kubiak	Charles & Rita Swonke Gene & Linda Lewis
Sun., Mar. 15	7:00am	James Keyser	---
	8:30am	Pat Holt	Jeannette Rains
	10:00am	Dianne Darling	Family
	11:30am	For the People	---
Mon., Mar. 16	9:00am	William "Bill" Hock & Denise Hock Laird	Sharon Hock
Tue., Mar. 17	9:00am	Grady M. Drawdy III	Sandra Rios
Wed., Mar. 18	9:00am	Jacob Diehl	Beatrice Diehl
Thur., Mar. 19	9:00am	Richard Sechelski	---
Sat., Mar. 21	5:00pm	Eddie Upton	Upton Family
		Patti Lott Stafford	Tootsie Mock
		Charles Mock	Aleen Mock
Sun., Mar. 22	7:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Family
	8:30am	For the People	---
	10:00am	Sylvester & Lillie Pavlock	Robert & Patricia Kimich
	11:30am	Bob Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Mon., Mar. 23	9:00am	NO MASS	---
Tue., Mar. 24	9:00am	Irene Kerr	---
Wed., Mar. 25	9:00am	Micki Kroeker	---
Thur., Mar. 26	9:00am	Makenzie Phillips	---
Sat., Mar. 28	9:00am	William Bailey	Catherine Rudel & Mildred Wagner
		Frank Mock	Linette Mock
Sun., Mar. 29	7:00am	Lisa Seigle	Family
	8:30am	Larry Erwin	Jeffrey & Sharlene Scott
	10:00am	For the People	---
	11:30am	Christopher Rigas	---
Mon., Mar. 30	9:00am	Daniel Phillips	---
Tue., Mar. 31	9:00am	William Springer	---

St. Joseph Mass Intentions March 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Mar. 1	7:30am	Dorothy Breaux Alfred & Joyce Smith	Tom & Kaky Wetuski Mary Posinski
Sun., Mar. 8	7:30am	Andrew Wichkoski JB Langley & Amelia Imhoff	Wetuski Family Imhoff Family
Sun, Mar. 15	7:30am	Jeff Wetuski Billy & Yvonne Wirzberg	Family Theresa Rausheck
Sun., Mar. 22	7:30am	Joe M. Phillips Family William Lebeck & Dec'd Members of J & M Lebeck Fam.	Wetuski Family Manuel & Barbara Lebeck
Sun., Mar. 31	7:30am	Leland Fougeron Tommy Smith	Nicholas Grupa Mary Posinski

DSF

This year's *DSF* theme, drawn from **Pope Leo XIV's motto *In Illo Uno Unum*** ("In the One, We are One"), reminds us that in Christ we find our peace, our strength, and our purpose. Your generosity to *DSF* is a living witness of the communion we share as His disciples. Together, we bring the Gospel and the compassion of Christ to those most in need.

You are invited to renew your support today and help ensure the Church remains a beacon of unity, faith, and love for all who turn to it.

Thank you for your faith, your love of the Church, and your generous support.

St. Mary's approved goal for 2026 is \$120,937.50.

St. Joseph's approved goal for 2026 is \$13,760.00.



2026 St. Mary Men's Club Scholarship

Scholarship applications for 2026 are now available in the parish office (see Karen Molina). The applicant must be an active member of the parish of St. Mary Plantersville Catholic Church or St. Joseph Stoneham Catholic Mission for a minimum of one full year and must also be a graduating high school senior.

This scholarship is awarded by the St. Mary Men's Club and is a two year scholarship. Students must be attending a state-accredited trade school, college or university full time (12 plus hours per semester). The scholarship is to be used for tuition, school fees, required class books and living expenses directly related to school.

Grades are not the major criteria in the award of this scholarship. Emphasis is placed on work ethic, attitude, and service. Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily.

Completed applications are to be returned to Karen Molina in the parish office by Wednesday April 22, 2026, no later than 4:00pm.

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications!

St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club

25th Annual Golf Benefit

Walden Golf Club

Monday April 27, 2026

Registration: 8:30 -9:45 AM – Shotgun Tee-off at 10:00 AM *Format: Scramble*


Entry Fees: \$175 per person

*******Limit: 120 Golfers *******

*******Ladies Welcome*******

Sponsorship: \$350 (Hole sign & dinner table advertisement)

Exhibitors: Sponsors will be eligible to get a spot on one of the tees, or in prominent, high-traffic location - at the Walden on Lake Conroe Golf Course during the event, an opportunity for you to interact with participants.

Includes:		Awards
Breakfast Tacos		1 st Place \$100 per person
Donuts & Coffee		2 nd Place \$75 per person
Range Balls		3 rd Place \$50 per person
Green Fees		
Drinks & Snacks		4 Closest To Hole - \$150 each
Cart		Silent Auction
Dinner & Awards		Hole in One on hole #6 \$10,000 worth of Dental work

All proceeds support the charity efforts of Saint Mary's Men's Club

Checks payable to: Saint Mary's Men's Club

Mail checks/entry forms to: Eric Gensheimer, 706 The Cliffs Ct. Montgomery, TX 77356

(ericg@tamericgroup.com, 713-416-5280)

For Inquiries - Call/Text/email : Charlie Parada @ 832-594-4603 or
(cparada68493@gmail.com)

March Music Ministry Announcements

Adult Choir

Deepen our Lenten journey with solemn sacred music as Holy Week approaches (Palm Sunday March 29). Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:30–8:00pm in the church. Sing at 8:30am & 10:00am Sunday Masses. Ages 15+, no audition—new voices welcome for this sacred season!



Cantors

Guide the assembly in Lenten prayer and psalms! Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:00–6:30pm in the church. Flexible Mass assignments. Help lead Holy Week liturgies—contact for extra training. All levels welcome—your voice supports our path to Easter!

Children's Choir

Fill our parish with joyful, prayerful young voices during Lent! Ages 6–15. Rehearsals: Wednesdays 5:30–6:30pm in the music room (before CCE). Sing at 11:30am Mass & events like Benedictions. New members encouraged—let your child contribute to our Lenten worship!

NEW: Resurrection Choir

Our new Resurrection Choir continues serving at parish funerals with hopeful hymns of eternal life. Flexible rehearsals/training provided. If you're called to minister through music in times of grief, join us—contact the music director!

Music ministry enriches our Lenten call to penance and hope as we near Holy Week and Easter. Contact the music director to join or learn more—your gifts are needed now!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENT 2026

As a Community, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent **each Friday at 7:00 pm and each Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass**. Stations on Wednesdays will be guided by Parish Members, and on Fridays by the groups indicated below. All Stations of the Cross will be at St. Mary Church with one exception, April 3rd, Good Friday. These Stations will be at St. Joseph, at 7:00 pm.

Station Guides will be provided for use in Church on Friday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Use your own Station Guides when you, your families and groups pray together in Church and at home. Our Corner Shoppe and shops in other parishes can show you a choice of Station Guides.

Every life has suffering, temptation, burial and resurrection. We pray and meditate at each Station, that Jesus may guide us to live our lives in His Service as He wills.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Feb. 27	7pm	Confirmation Class @ SM
March 6	7pm	St. Mary's Altar Society @ SM
March 13	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul @ SM
March 20	7pm	Choir @ SM
March 27	7pm	ACTS @ SM
April 3	7pm	St. Joseph's Catholic Church @ SJ



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!



FORMED: Dive into the treasures of the Church, from daily reflections to small group studies, all designed to nourish your faith journey. To sign up or sign in go to <https://formed.org/signup>

AA MEETINGS:

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



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's Cemetery News

Our next cemetery cleanup will be a couple of weeks before Easter. We will be removing all Christmas flowers and anything that is faded. If you want to recycle your flowers, please remove them before the last week of March. And remember, there should be no glass vases in the cemetery. We cannot take the chance of our mowing company hitting and breaking the vases and scattering glass shards in the cemetery. Also, if you are interested in becoming a member of our cemetery committee, please contact me, Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817, or Bob Haese at 936-788-3669. We would love to have you join us.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:



Dear Lord, as we continue our Lenten ways, we ask that you open our Vincentian eyes that we may see the deepest needs of men, women and children and move our hands that they may feed the hungry. Touch our hearts that it may bring warmth to those in despair and teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers.

Amen.

Embracing stewardship during Lent can be a transformative experience as we seek a deeper connection to Christ in preparation for His resurrection at Easter. It reminds us that our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from God, and it challenges us to use these gifts to serve others and glorify God. Keeping this in mind, I ask that you consider joining our St. Mary's / St. Joseph's St Vincent de Paul Conference. Joining the St Vincent de Paul Society offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community by helping those in need. As a member, you become part of a compassionate group dedicated to serving others through acts of kindness, generosity, and stewardship. Not only do you enrich the lives of others, but you also grow spiritually and personally as you embody the principles of love, empathy, and service that define the Vincentian tradition. Please come to our next meeting and find out what we are all about!

Your support throughout the year helps us continue to serve those in need.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Everette Johnson

[Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 24 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

The Men's Club will be praying that everyone has a blessed Lenten Season. If you are looking for something to add, we would like to invite you out for the Stations of the Cross. Dates and times will be in the bulletin. Also, any men in the parish who hasn't come to a Men's Club meeting we would love to invite you out on the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 6pm in the hall.

**Monthly dinner & meeting on Tuesday, March 17
at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall.**

St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast

Sunday, March 8 @ 8:00am - 1:30pm

SM Parish Hall

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



The GriefShare ministry will begin again on **Monday, March 2, 2026**. We will meet in the **Kelly House** for this 14-week program from **10am to noon**.

This is a Christ-centered support program to help people who are mourning the death of a loved one. It offers a safe, caring space where participants can understand their grief, share their experiences and find hope and healing.

We are prayerfully seeking volunteer facilitators to help lead and support this ministry.

Contact information: Pam Milek
Ph: 281-686-7552
Email: Pamela.Milek@aol.com

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



ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR SOCIETY

**Meeting in the parish hall on
March 3 at 6:00pm**

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

**Celebrating St. Joseph's
Feast Day**

**Thursday, March 19, 2026
@ 5:30pm**

**St. Joseph Catholic Mission,
Stoneham, TX**

**Fantastic Beef Stew, wonderful bread
& homemade pies**

**Supper will be served in the Parish Hall
after 5:00 pm Mass.**

**ADULTS - \$15.00
CHILDREN (12 & under) - \$5.00**



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:



- Detergent**
- Lysol**
- Baby monitors**
- Women's socks**
- Kids shoes 9-2**
- Washcloths**

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, March 13.



ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

Meeting on Tuesday, March 3 @ 10:00am upstairs in the Family Life Center

Bingo Tuesday, March 17 @ 10:00am to 2:00pm in SM parish hall.

Please bring a dish to share.

The Domino Club will play 42 on (March 3, 10, 17) Tuesdays in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

We are looking for more players. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) - Choose Catholic Schools

Starting in the 2026 school year, Texas will launch a brand-new Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program with up to \$1 billion in funding to help families cover educational expenses for students in PreK through 12th grade. Parishioners who have wanted to send their children to Catholic school but were concerned about costs can now do so with tuition funded by the State of Texas. Texas has approved school choice, and the deadline to receive \$10,000+ per child begins February 4. Inform your parishioners now.

Parents must apply during the February 4 - March 17 application period. Sign up to receive information on applying at www.choosecatholicschools.org/TEFA.

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.

Join us in the Hall on **March 22nd** for our **Gabriel Project Giveaway Sunday!**

After Mass, we invite you to stop by the table and take a look at the baby items available. Whether you're expecting, have a newborn, or know a family who could use a little extra support, we would love you to come by.

Our parish community is always so generous, this is a beautiful way to share those blessings and care for one another. We look forward to seeing you there!

Request for SVdP Food Pantry Donations

Lent is a season of prayer. It is a time for Catholics to prepare their hearts for Easter through increased prayer, penance, and charity. As we walk down our Lenten path, We invite you to join us in the spirit of compassion and generosity by donating non-perishable food items to our local St Vincent de Paul, food pantry. As stewards of God's love, your thoughtful gifts help to nourish and uplift our neighbors in need, reflecting the grace and kindness that faith inspires within us all.

Our most needed items include **canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, mac and cheese, hamburger helper and powdered milk.** Please ensure all donations are unopened and within their expiration dates, so that we may serve others with dignity and care. Donations may be dropped off in the back of the church.

We are grateful for your continuous donations of food; they have been a true blessing to our community.

Peace and grace to you,

The St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Team

RUMMAGE NEWS:

It's time to clean out your closets and garages! Exciting news: the Rummage Barn will be open all of March to accept your new or very gently used items for the 2026 Rummage Sale. We accept almost anything that is in good working condition.



Carts will be under the small pavilion for drop offs. And the Rummage Barn will be open on Wednesdays from 8am-noon. If you have a furniture pick up, please contact Lauren Twining at 281-813-5355 for scheduling.

We are already planning to have an amazing 2026.

Remember that there are some items we cannot accept: glass topped tables, broken or damaged furniture, large mirrors, broken toys. We accept very limited books: children's books and best sellers.

Please be mindful of your donation as items that we cannot use are disposed of at the expense of the parish. Thank you in advance.


Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments

March Schedule

Sundays: March 1 & 8

Wednesdays: March 4 & 11

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring break!

 **We have begun planning for the End of Year Festival, any parents/teens who can volunteer please email cce@stmaryandjoseph.org**



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:

March 1, 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 -

baptism@stmaryandjoseph.org

Young Catholic Married Couples (YCMC)

Young Catholic Married Couples (ages 21-49)

Meeting on Monday, March 23 @ 5:30pm in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

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

A Special Thank You to the Women's ACTS Retreat Team



ACTS Core would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Women's ACTS Retreat Team for their dedication and faithful service. We especially recognize the leadership of Teresa Wommack (Director), Kathy Magliolo (Co-Director), Debbie Williams (Co-Director), and Nadine Morris (Spiritual Companion).

For the past eight months, this team has prayerfully prepared for the retreat, meeting weekly over the last five months to ensure a meaningful and Spirit-filled experience for all who attended. Their commitment, sacrifice, and love for our Lord and parish community are truly appreciated.

We also offer a special thank you to the retreatants who participated. We pray that you continue to feel Christ working within you each day, inspiring you to grow as disciples and to remain active in the life and ministries of our parish.

Share Your ACTS Retreat Testimonial – Inspire Others

Have you attended an ACTS Retreat? We invite you to share your experience to help inspire fellow parishioners to consider attending a future retreat. Please email your testimonial to diane.pasket@yahoo.com or submit using the QR code. We kindly ask that submissions be brief so they may be included in parish communications and materials.



Soup Dinner Before Stations of the Cross – March 27th

Join us on March 27 for a meatless soup dinner hosted by the ACTS Ministry before we lead the Stations of the Cross. Come for fellowship, a simple Lenten meal, and the opportunity to serve.

If you are interested in helping with food preparation or volunteering for the Stations, please email gregpellegrino11@gmail.com.

We look forward to sharing this meaningful evening with you!

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.

St. Joseph's Mid-Year Financial Report (Revised)
July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
 (Our fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th)

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income:	\$129,961.98	\$ 75,345.98
Less Expenses:	\$129,961.68	\$121,451.02
Less Capital Improv:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net:	\$.30	(\$ 46,105.04)

We have no debt or loans

Total Cash as of 12-31-2025

Checking:	\$ 44,387.19
Main Savings:	\$432,789.98
Cemetery:	\$ 46,542.05
Total:	\$523,719.22
*Less Claims by other groups	
Other Groups:	\$ 57,433.36
Total Cash Available:	\$ 57,433.36

Note: St Joseph's bazaar on Memorial Day weekend is a large portion of St. Joseph's annual revenue. Bazaar revenue is recorded in May and is not included in the mid-year report.

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.

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



STEWARDSHIP BLESSED AND GENEROUS

MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE

God's generosity overflows to us in every breath, every talent, and every material blessing, and He invites us to mirror that generosity with the gifts He has entrusted to us. Scripture makes this call unmistakable: **"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your increase" (Prov 3:9)** and, in response to His goodness, **"How shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" (Ps 116:12)**. The Church teaches that the "first-fruits" are the initial portion of what we receive, offered as a sign of gratitude and as a concrete participation in God's providential plan. In grateful response, we must intentionally create a deliberate plan for our giving.

Best Practices

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Plan your giving annually
- Set up recurring giving where available
- Understand that tithing means to give 10% of your gross income. Suggested amounts: 5% to the local parish offertory and 5 percent to other Church needs and ministries



Offertory

Whether giving weekly, monthly or yearly, the offertory supports the parish's mission and ministries.



Diocesan Services Fund (Ministry)

Supports the immediate and urgent mission of the local Church, including ministries, parishes and schools.



Second Collections

Supports the priorities of the pope and bishops through specific national and worldwide ministries.



Parish Capital Campaigns

Provides the means for parishes to carry out specific projects.



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MY CATHOLIC GIVING GUIDE WORKSHEET

1. CALCULATE ANNUAL GROSS FAMILY INCOME:

My income	\$ _____
My spouse's income	\$ _____
Other income	\$ _____
Total income	\$ _____

2. DETERMINE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE TO GIVE:

Tithing (10%)	_____ %	
- or -		
Other	_____ %	

3. CALCULATE ANNUAL DOLLAR GIVING AMOUNT:

Total Annual Gross Family Income X Annual Giving Percentage = Annual Dollar Giving Amount			
\$ _____	X	_____ %	= \$ _____

4. DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

PARISH OFFERTORY	
Weekly \$ _____ (or) Monthly \$ _____	Annual \$ _____
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (if applicable)	
Annual \$ _____	Monthly Pledge \$ _____
SECOND COLLECTIONS	
Bishops' Fund for Latin America	\$ _____
Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection	\$ _____
Black and Indian Mission Collection	\$ _____
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$ _____
Basilica for the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	\$ _____
Holy Land Collection	\$ _____
Home Missions Collection	\$ _____
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ _____
St. Mary Seminary Collection	\$ _____
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ _____
St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag	\$ _____
Infirm Priests Collection	\$ _____
Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas	\$ _____
Collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services	\$ _____
World Mission Sunday	\$ _____
Retired Priests Collection	\$ _____
Campaign for Human Development	\$ _____
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	\$ _____
OTHER CHURCH NEEDS AND DSF MINISTRIES	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING	\$ _____

GIVING EXAMPLES		
1. Calculate annual gross family income:		
My income		\$45,000
Spouse's income		\$10,000
Other income		\$5,000
Total		\$60,000
2. Determine annual percentage to give:		
3%	- OR -	10%
3. Calculate annual dollar giving amount:		
\$60,000		\$60,000
x 3%		x 10%
\$1,800	- OR -	\$6,000
4. Determine amount for each giving opportunity:		
\$1,800	50% of annual giving	\$6,000
x 50%	to Parish Offertory:	x 50%
\$900		\$3,000
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 52	>> Weekly <<	÷ 52
\$17.30	□ - OR -	\$57.70
\$900		\$3,000
÷ 12	>> Monthly <<	÷ 12
\$75.00		\$250.00
\$20	Second Collections	\$50
x 20	(for 20 weeks)	x 20
\$400		\$1,000
\$200	DSF	\$600
<i>Other Ministries</i>		
\$200	School Fundraiser	\$800
\$60	Ministry 1	\$350
\$40	Ministry 2	\$250
\$300		\$1,400
\$1,800	TOTAL	\$6,000

According to the teaching of the Gospel, we are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess: these, then, are not to be considered as our exclusive possession, but means through which the Lord calls each one of us to act as a steward of His providence for our neighbor. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, material goods bear a social value, according to the principle of their universal destination (cf. n. 2404)
-Pope Benedict XVI



March 2026

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 (SM)
Sunday: 7:30 (SJ)
7:00, 8:30, 10:00am & 11:30am (SM)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am – CCE *1:00pm – Baptism Info Session – FLC – SM St. Vincent de Paul Parish Collection	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GriefShare - KH *8:00pm – AA Mtg. – KH - SM	*9:00am - Mass *10am – Guardian Angels Mtg. – FLC – SM *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen - SM *6:00pm – SJ – Altar Society – SJ Hall	*9:00am – Anointing Mass *After Mass Stations of the Cross - SM *10am-noon - Confessions *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters *5-6pm - Confessions *6:45pm - CCE	*9:00am - Mass *10:00am-noon – Bible Study-SM Hall *7:00pm-9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	*9:00am – First Friday Mass *6:00pm – Plantersville Town Hall Fish Fry – SM Hall *7:00pm – Stations of the Cross	*5:00 – Mass
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Regular Mass Schedule *8am – 1:30pm – SM Men’s Club Blood Drive – SM Hall *10:00am – CCE	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GriefShare - KH *8:00pm – AA Mtg. – KH - SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – SM Altar Society - SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen - SM	*9:00am – Mass *After Mass Stations of the Cross - SM *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters *6:45pm - CCE	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am-noon – Bible Study-SM Hall *7:00pm-9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	NO MASS *9am - 11am – Little Lambs Playgroup – SM Hall *7:00pm – Stations of the Cross	*5:00 – Mass Catholic Relief Services Collection
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Regular Mass Schedule Catholic Relief Services Collection	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GriefShare - KH *8:00pm – AA Mtg. – KH - SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GA BINGO – SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club- FLC *6:00pm – SM Men’s Club Mtg. - SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *After Mass Stations of the Cross - SM *10am-noon - Confessions *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters *5-6pm - Confessions	*9:00am - Mass *10:00am-noon – Bible Study - SM Hall *5:00pm – Mass @ SJ *5:30pm – SJ Stew Supper – SJ Hall *7:00pm-9:00pm – Bible Study – SM Hall	NO MASS *7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - SM	*5:00 – Mass
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Regular Mass Schedule After Masses Gabriel Project Giveaway Sunday – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GriefShare - KH *5:30pm – Young Catholic Married Couples – FLC - SM *8:00pm – AA Mtg. – KH – SM	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – SM Hall *NO DOMINO CLUB	*9:00am – Mass *After Mass Stations of the Cross - SM *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters	*9:00am - Mass *10:00am-noon – Bible Study Final Class-SM Hall *7:00pm-9:00pm – Bible Study Final Class – SM Hall	NO MASS *5:00pm – ACTS - Soup Supper – SM Hall *7:00pm – Stations of the Cross - SM	*5:00 – Mass -pavilion Palm Sunday Weekend
29	30	31				
Regular Mass Schedule All Masses @ St. Mary - pavilion Palm Sunday	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – GriefShare - KH *8:00pm – AA Mtg. – KH - SM	*9:00am – Mass *NO DOMINO CLUB				