

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

September 2022



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor
Deacon David G. Garvis

Parish Office ~ 936-894-2223

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm

Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Parish Fax ~ 936-894-3613

Website: www.smsj.org

General E-Mail: info@smsj.org



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary—Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday—9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday—7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

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

Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936-894-2223

AA

Leland Fougeron 936-870-5102

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Jim & Mary Barnette 936-851-0155

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281-467-0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Kim Kleimann 936-788-3520

Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936-661-6662

Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713-344-6001

Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936-894-2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

Extraordinary Ministers —

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713-824-8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

GriefShare/S.A.L.T. Ministry

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

Nancy Schlottman 936-525-0007

Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936-228-9742

Lectors

Richard Prokop 936-597-8688

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936-777-9720

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Music/Wedding Director

Sue Langston 979-268-6886

Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936-894-2512

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Don Picard 936-697-0195

Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281-813-5355

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Justin Mock 979-777-4993

St. Mary's Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713-557-5817

St. Mary's Corner Shoppe

Ethel Barbossa 936-588-4053

St. Mary's Men's Club

Greg Houston 713-898-4172

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936-206-0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help. 936-894-2362)

Suzanne Hill 713-724-2589

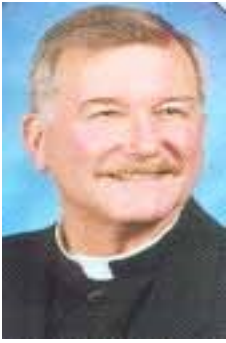
Write for Life

Bob Dean 936-582-6314

Youth Ministry

Susan Horne 281-536-0810

**If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call the office or pick up a registration form in back of the church.
A registration can be completed online at www.smsj.org.**



AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

I'm writing this on the eve of yet another Bazaar, the 128th St. Mary's annual homecoming feast. In my 23 years here, each Bazaar has had its obstacles, its roster of hard workers, its humorous incidents, its unforgettable memories and, of course, its bottom line \$. As each year comes-and-goes and time for another Bazaar dawns, it's easy to say "Oh no, another Bazaar." That's how it is when we take for granted what becomes repetitive or commonplace. Sunday of Labor Day weekend: St. Mary's Bazaar; Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, St. Joseph's Bazaar. 'Another Bazaar'.

There's a story about a twenty-two-year-old woman who had been blind since birth. But through the skill of a brilliant surgeon, she was given the gift of sight. When her bandages were removed and she opened her eyes, what she saw was too marvelous. She shut her eyes immediately and refused to open them for two weeks! When she finally had the courage to open them again, she could only repeat over-and-over, "Oh, God, how beautiful, how beautiful."

Our greatest gifts are those which, at this very moment, we are unaware that we possess. Our most precious gifts are so common that we take them for granted until sickness, accident or old age suddenly awakens us to recognize the treasure that we've had but haven't appreciated. It is often only by their absence that we become fully aware of their value and importance in our lives. The litany of such overlooked gifts is a long one: sight, hearing, taste, smell, good health, the use of hands and feet, even the ability to have a good night's sleep. I would add the gift of a parish family planning and working together to put on a holiday feast for others to enjoy, a Bazaar that identifies them as unique among the plethora of parish communities in the area. It's a gift we might not recognize, appreciate or even think of as gift. But it is and we shouldn't forget how important it is in forging us as a family of faith working for the honor and glory of God for others to witness.

The admonition "Don't forget" can be expressed positively by saying, "Be forever grateful". Constant gratitude for common things is uncommon. We take so much for granted. We all know that. We've been given a treasure: a faith family in this out-of-the-way (well, for now) slice of Texas. Our gratitude to the Lord in bringing us together is demonstrated visually when we are seen as His workers in the vineyard He has given us. He delights in the receiver (us) appreciating and enjoying His gift.

I see the Bazaar as a wonderful *Prayer of Thanksgiving* sung with gusto. The paradox is that unless we take time to evaluate and appreciate what is a 'gift' (not just wrapped up presents) we fail to be truly thankful to the Giver of gifts.

Prayer is the great eye opener that holds the magic of making us mystics. A mystic is simply one who experiences God poured forth in every moment. When ending our formal prayer time and when the Bazaar ends at end-of-day, we should open our eyes with the same wonder as that twenty-two-year-old woman. If we do, we will be stunned at what we see, at the marvel of the everyday beauty that surrounds us and the marvel of, yes, another successful Bazaar. Then, the fitting "Amen" to our prayers and the end of Bazaar day would echo the young woman, "Oh, God, how beautiful, how beautiful!"

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT...Knowing the need for rain in our area and in so many areas of the world here is a prayer for rain.

O God,
In You we live and move and have our being.
Please grant us sufficient rain,
So that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life,
We may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen...I am forever grateful, O God. How beautiful, how beautiful, You are!

St. Mary's Bazaar is quickly approaching!

Labor Day Sunday September 4, 2022

Festivities Begin at 11:00 a.m.

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

Y'ALL COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!



ALL HANDS ON DECK

We always need help with:

Bazaar set-up: Saturday, September 3rd

&

Take-down Monday, September 5th

Come on out-lunch will be served both days!

Bazaar 2022 Heads Up

We will be doing a couple of things a little differently at the bazaar this year. The spin booths, beer booth, wine toss booth, plant booth, kid zone booths, KC concessions, etc. will require a ticket to play or purchase. The tickets are valued at \$1.00 each. Each booth will be furnished with a ticket drop box; the tickets will be counted to determine the amount of sales from each booth.

The raffle tickets, dinner tickets, country store and the meat to-go window will all be able to take cash or credit cards. Additionally, the "Ticket Sales" stations for the various booths will also accept cash or credit cards.

There will be "Ticket Sales" stations in the following locations:

Kid Zone (1),

Sidewalk between the Hall and the Rectory (1)

Large pavilion (2)

****We will not have a check cashing booth this year.****

All of this will allow for tighter security and helps to expedite the money counting process.



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Pope's Intention: For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PRECEDED US IN DEATH. KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

***Anton Mattern:** brother of Patrick Mattern, who passed away on Tuesday, July 19th, whose memorial mass, was on Saturday, August 6th @ 2:00pm at St. Mary.

***Diane Maguire:** wife of Richard, who passed away on Wednesday, July 27th, whose funeral mass was on Tuesday, August 9th @ 10:30am at St. Mary.

***Margaret Ann Fogarty:** mother of Patricia Harper, who passed away on Tuesday, August 9th, whose funeral mass was on Tuesday, August 16th @ 10:30am at St. Mary.

***Ray Solcher:** husband of Karen Solcher, who passed away on Wednesday, August 3rd. The date of his funeral mass is yet to be determined.

***Diana Spencer:** daughter of Dian Kieffer, who passed away on Wednesday, July 20th, whose memorial service was on Saturday, July 30th @ 1:00pm at Forest Park, The Woodlands, TX.



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday
September 21st
10:00am-noon
&
5:00-6:00pm

Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would
be happy to hear confessions
after daily Mass.

Call the office for an appointment
at 936-894-2223.

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

No Anointing Mass in September

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First Friday Mass - September 2nd



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 complete list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up.



**St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive  
Sunday, October 16th.**

*We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other feet but ours, no other mouth but ours. Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."*

~~~*Blessed Mother Theresa*



St. Joseph Mass Intentions for September, 2022

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---|--|
| Sun., Sep. 4 | 7:30am | Deceased Lebecks
Buster Bowers | Dorothy Pasket
Paulette Traylor & Family |
| Sun., Sep. 11 | 7:30am | Frank Imhoff & Virginia Carver | Joette Jochen & Jacade Isbell |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 7:30am | Frank Tepera
Agnes Pavlock | Tepera Family
Sandy Wade Thompson |
| Sun., Sep. 25 | 7:30am | Peter Joseph Imhoff
David & Dorothy Gast | Joette Jochen & Jacade Isbell
Samantha Miller |

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Jeffrey Anderson, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Holly Gilstrap, Barbara Hyde, Angeline Kotch, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak

*Names on the prayer list will be removed after two months.
If you want a loved one to remain on the list please contact the parish office.*



Israel Trip with Fr. Ed

**Come see the SCRIPTURES
COME TO LIFE !!!
The trip is set for
Feb. 4-14, 2023**

There is room for a few more.

Please email Cecilia Maddox to be put on the list or with any questions at Maddoxrc5@gmail.com. You may also call or text at (210) 383-8079.

St. Mary Mass Intentions for September, 2022

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
|----------------|-------------|--|---|
| Thur., Sep. 1 | 9:00am | Jack Siersma | Kathy Wallace |
| Fri., Sep. 2 | 9:00am | (Charles & Lucy Mascarella Family) | Jackie & Neils Nielsen |
| Sat., Sep. 3 | 5:00pm | Dolores Hoffart & Eldon Farmer | Charlie Burzynski, Jr. Family |
| Sun., Sep. 4 | 7:30am | Janie Legge | Johnny Mock |
| Sun., Sep. 4 | 8:45am | Thomas Sr. & Sport Diehl
Marcy Diehl Ellis & Ronnie Canatella | Jacob & Beatrice Diehl |
| Sun., Sep 4 | 10:00am | John D. Herzog
Blaise Riedlinger | Tootsie Mock
Claudia Riedlinger |
| Sat., Sep. 10 | 5:00pm | Anna Smith | Stanley, Diane, Linda, Susie
Massengill Family |
| | | Frank Mock | Linnette "Tootsie" Mock |
| Sun., Sep. 11 | 7:30am | John Magee | Nick & Olive Cannistra |
| Sun., Sep. 11 | 8:45am | Patty Jones | Jim & Katie Schwartz |
| Sun., Sep. 11 | 10:00am | Josephine Swonke | Mike & Charylann Naski |
| Sun., Sep. 11 | 11:30am | Robert & Katherine Diehl
Edward Tedo & Katie Smith | Timothy & Marie Diehl
Thomas Smith |
| Sat., Sep. 17 | 5:00pm | Elizabeth Swonke & Joe Swonke
Joanne Amort & Josefa Lacayo | Charles & Rita Swonke
Eddie & Dianne Delgado |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 7:30am | Anna Mae Smith | The Late Anna Smith |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 8:45am | Yolanda Vargas | Yolanda Trivino Petro |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 10:00am | Neil Rosenberg | Diane Stephens |
| Sun., Sep. 18 | 11:30am | Albert Wayne Young
Mary Ellen Lundquist | Steve & Mary Long
Mary Lynch |
| Mon., Sep. 19 | 9:00am | Jacob Diehl | William & Mary Gorney |
| Tues., Sep. 20 | 9:00am | Gerry Mattern | Patricia Bruce |
| Wed., Sep. 21 | 9:00am | Bill Malek
Ernesto Lucas | Dan & Dianne Malek
Martha Lucas |
| Thur., Sep. 22 | 9:00am | Joe Gaetz | Linda Gaetz & Carl Brown |
| Sat., Sep. 24 | 5:00pm | Jack Demny
Beth Ramsberg | Denise Durel
Melinda & Mike Donnellan |
| Sun., Sep. 25 | 7:30am | Bill Mahoney | Marilyn Mahoney |
| Sun., Sep. 25 | 8:45am | Joseph Schromofsky | Janet & Tom Martin |
| Sun., Sep. 25 | 10:00am | Louis Lebeck
Mary Ann Daliege | Jerry & Martha Vickery
Darlene Georges |
| Sun., Sep. 25 | 11:30am | Bob Riedle | Riedle Family |
| Mon., Sep. 26 | 9:00am | Christine Demny | Her Family |
| Tues., Sep. 27 | 9:00am | Harold Lebeck | Jerry & Martha Vickery |
| Wed., Sep. 28 | 9:00am | Tom Schwartz
Amber Hoffart | Ann Schwartz
Laveta Malek |
| Thur., Sep 29 | 9:00am | Ernesto Lucas
& Connie Elizondo | Martha Lucas & Family |

Altar Servers Needed!

We're looking for dedicated
Young parishioners to be
Altar Servers.

Note: All Altar Servers must have
received First Communion.
Please contact Steve Twining at
stevetwining88@gmail.com or at
713-344-6001 for more information



Please visit:

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

**For September's
Liturgical
Readings**



The Empty Tomb,
Church of The Holy Sepulchre

You are invited to join
Fr. Paul Lockey on an 11-day



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

December 5-15, 2022

The itinerary includes visits to
Akko, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth,
Magdala, Mt. Tabor, Jericho,
Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem,
and Emmaus. Pilgrims will have
the opportunity to worship God
in holy places providing graces
to return home transformed!

Peter's Way Tours

To request a brochure
call 516-605-1551
or email peter@petersway.com
(Ask for tour code 9791)

**UPCOMING SECOND/
SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**

September 4
The Catholic
University of America



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

St. Mary's Catholic Church

The following summary of our Parish finances is representative of the generosity of you, our Parishioners. We were able to control our various expenses to insure a positive result at the end of the year. Our Finance Council as always did a fantastic job in preparing our annual budget. Our expenses were \$217,836.00 below the budget and our revenue was \$37,364.00 above the amount budgeted. Thank you for your generosity and for all you do for our Parish.

Year ending 6-30-2022

Financial Summary

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Total weekly collections | \$1,437,456.00 |
| Special Donations | \$40,839.00 |
| Ignite Rebate | \$26,619.00 |
| DSF Rebate | \$76,450.00 |
| Interest Income | \$16,875.00 |
| Cash Gifts | \$52,832.00 |
| Bazaar Net | \$226,209.00 |
| Rummage sale Net | <u>\$55,085.00</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$1,932,365.00 |
| Expenses | \$859,380.00 |
| Capital improvements | \$161,366.00 |
| Future Development Reserve | <u>\$350,000.00</u> |
| Revenue over expenses | \$561,619.00 |

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-Blessed Mother Theresa

Adult Bible Study

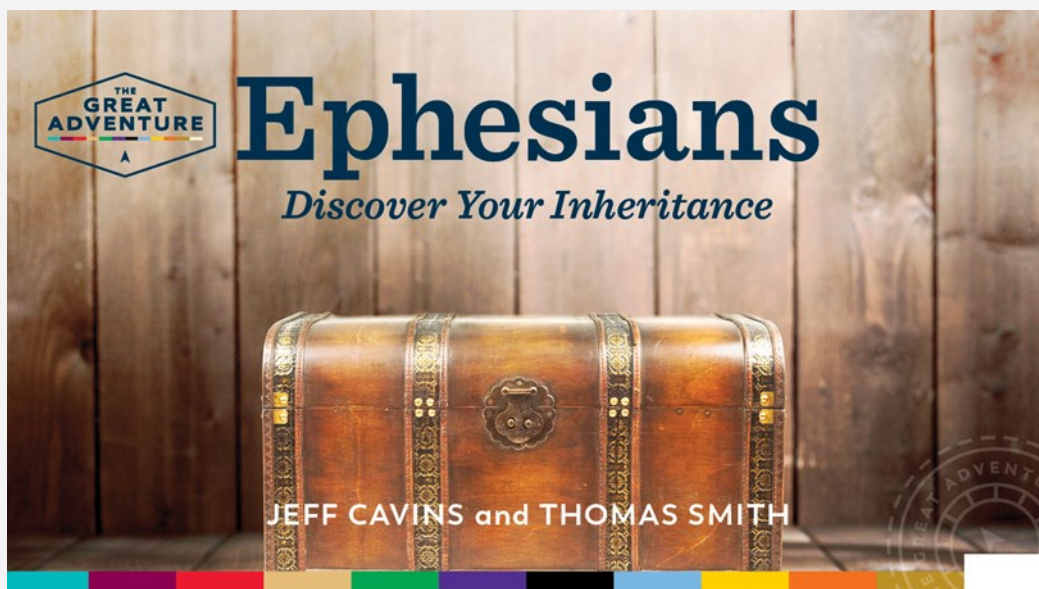
Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance

Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride, and an army. Come and discover your Inheritance as a Child of God.

Fall Bible Study:

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|---------------------|---|
| Start Date: | September 22, 2022 |
| End Date: | November 17, 2022 |
| Time of Session: | Morning Class 10am to Noon
Evening Class 7pm to 9pm |
| Place of Session: | St. Mary's Hall |
| Cost per person: | \$30 for workbook and 1 year on-line video access |
| To Register: | E-mail james.barnette49@outlook.com
Phone 936-851-0155 |
| Information Needed: | Name of people registering
AM or PM Session
Number of books |
| Payment: | Collected on first day of class |

If you have any questions, please call Jim or Mary at 936-851-0155.





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's Adult Confirmation Preparation Sessions have been scheduled!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for

Saturday, October 8, 2022

WHY should I be confirmed? Let's learn from our Archdiocese's *Catechetical Curriculum for Lifelong Faith Formation* promulgated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo on January 6, 2014:

- ♦ Learning Target 2.2.12 - The Sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation** and **Eucharist** together constitute the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, whose unity must be safeguarded. The Sacrament of **Confirmation** is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.
[*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1285]
- ♦ Learning Target 2.2.22 - **Confirmation** perfects baptismal grace; it is the sacrament in which the Holy Spirit roots one more deeply in divine filiation, incorporates one more firmly into Christ, strengthens one's bond with the Church, associates one more closely with her mission, and helps one bear witness to the Christian faith in words, accompanied by deeds.
[*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1316]

WHAT are my responsibilities and expectations for these preparation sessions?

- ♦ Submit an updated baptismal certificate
- ♦ Select a sponsor who is a "fully initiated Catholic" as prescribed by Canon Law
- ♦ Attend the October 8 Retreat at the home of Sharon Skeans
- ♦ Prepare for and participate in SIX 2-hour sessions with team catechists
- ♦ Continue to attend weekly Mass & increase your daily prayer life
- ♦ Celebrate the "joy" of the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit at a regional site presided by the bishop

If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2023, preparation sessions begin on October 8, 2022, and will conclude by Christmas.

For more information, email Sharon Skeans at skeans@consolidated.net.



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting - Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30pm

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

SEPTEMBER ALTAR CARE:

Kinsey Stutts & Meribeth Shimshack

COFFEE SERVERS:

Sep. 4: Cecie Kobza

Sep. 11: JoAnn Kutac & Shelley Sauers

Sep. 18: Debbie Williams & Barbara Fugeron

Sep. 25: Meribeth Shimshack & Kinsey Stutts

ALL THINGS RUMMAGE

Rummage News

The rummage **barn will be closed from August 20-September 9th** while volunteers work at the bazaar. **Carts will not be available** under the pavilion and the barn will be closed on Wednesdays.

Rummage barn workers will return on Wednesday, September 14th. Please consider saving your donations until then.

Special arrangements can be made if needed, by appointment only:
Please call Lauren Twining
281-813-5355

BENTWATER FAMILIES:

Donation drop off is located at North Shore Church the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00am to 10:00 am. The next drop off date is **September 14th**, please text Bob Daves at 832.205.2791 so the team will know how much transportation is required and if assistance is needed for heavy items.



The Parish office will be
closed Monday,
September 5th and
Tuesday September 6th
in observance of
Labor Day

AA MEETINGS:

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



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone who is in need of medical equipment.

For equipment availability, contact the office at 936-894-2223.

**We have walkers, bedside commodes,
& various other items available.**



ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

The Guardian Angels is having a meeting on **Tuesday, September 13th at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Family Life Center**. We're meeting on this date due to the clean-up after the Bazaar.

There will be installation of the following Officers; V. President - Earline Jones and Secretary, Treasurer - Sue Underwood. We do not have a President at this time. Please plan to attend. **All Senior ladies & spouses of the Parish are invited to attend the meeting and join our organization.**

Game Day will be Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The entre' will be provided by the Guardian Angels. Please bring a side dish to share.

The Domino Group will resume play on Tuesday, September 13th in the Family Life Center

Remember to bring a dish to share with everyone



St. Vincent de Paul Society

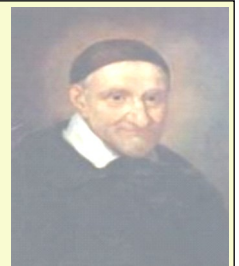
NEXT MEETINGS:

September 2nd after First Friday Mass

Regular Meeting, September 27th at 3:30pm in the SM Hall

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference welcomes new members.

*If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian,
please call our President: Suzanne Hill at 713-724-2589.*



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*Reflection: "The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them."*

*-St. Vincent de Paul*



**For assistance, call:  
(936) 894-2362**



## St. Mary's Guardian Angels Senior Group

### SAN ANTONIO TRIP

The Guardian Angels is sponsoring a 3-day, 2 night trip to San Antonio from **Nov. 29 - Dec. 1**. The Christmas lights & decorations will be out at this time, so it'll be beautiful!

**The cost is \$269pp double occupancy & \$329 for single occupancy.** This covers transportation from St. Mary's, hotel and most meals. **There is still time to turn in your \$75 pp deposit.** If you have already made your deposit, **final payment is due by September 22nd.** **Make checks out to St. Mary Guardian Angels and mail it to Nancy Schlottman at 22149 Stone Creek Ln, Montgomery, TX 77316.** You can also purchase trip insurance if you choose. It's only \$38 that is paid for separately.

All participants are required to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Liability. This form needs to be signed and mailed along with your deposit. There will be flyers, COVID forms and insurance forms available in St. Mary's Hall and at the church office.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Schlottman at 936-525-0007.

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Year ending 6-30-2022  
Financial Summary

Total weekly collections	\$110,129.00
Special donation	\$1,989.00
DSF rebate	\$3,105.00
Ignite Rebate	\$1,975.00
Interest Income	\$1,011.00
Bazaar Net	<u>\$156,893.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$275,102.00
Expenses	\$118,510.00
Revenue over Expenses	\$156,592.00
Less Capital Improvements	<u>\$96,613.00</u>
Total Net	\$59,979.00

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## JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS

Are you interested in bringing back a lost art?  
Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilt for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put up a quilt on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

**We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the St. Joseph Hall. Bring your own lunch.**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**For more info, Juli Murphy: at 936-206-0677 or email julimurphy1988@gmail.com.**



## It's that time of year for the BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!

We give you an empty bottle and you return it filled with change or a check (made out to St. Mary). The bottles will be given out the last weekend in September. These monies will be used for our parish Gabriel Project which assists pregnant moms and their families. Our outreach consists of our parish of St. Mary/St. Joseph and the surrounding counties as well as extending our help to other parishes throughout the Archdiocese as the need arises. Bless you for your generosity. The bottles can be returned throughout the month of October.



*The Gabriel Project*

**THE GABRIEL PROJECT** is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need.

Our St. Mary's Gabriel Angels are trained to provide some of the following:

- \*\* Be a resource to answer questions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting
- \*\* Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- \*\* Help with items for a new baby
- \*\* Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs

Pregnant and need maternity clothes? We have a large supply of items.  
Please phone to set up a time to come and pick out what you need.

**Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful! Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.**

***Don't wait until the last minute . . .***

**Get your cemetery plots & niches at St. Mary's as soon as possible.**

**Prices on each are:**

**PARISHIONER—\$1,200; NON-PARISHIONER—\$4,000**

**Urn prices are: Brass Box \$100; Brushed Brass Vase \$140.**





YES, we will still have 40 Days for Life. Wait, didn't we already do this? Abortions are now illegal in Texas, aren't they? YES, but they are only illegal until. Laws that are on the books now can be overturned, so it behooves us to be vigilant, to keep praying, to keep sharing our Pro-Life stories, to continue being "Pro-Life Out Loud."

40 Days for Life Fall 2022 begins on Wednesday, September 28th and will conclude on Sunday, November 6.

Pray hard, fast however you choose, put out a Yard Sign (if you can), wear your Baby Feet pin. And watch the flocknotes for more activities to be Pro-Life Out Loud.

### **ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB**

The St. Mary Men's Club will be holding their regular meeting in the hall at St. Mary's on **September 20th at 7:00 pm.**

Social period is ahead of the meeting with **dinner served at 6:30pm.**  
All parish men are members of the Men's Club and are encouraged to participate in our monthly fellowship.

## ***RCIA***

### ***Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults***

**Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to be a Baptized Catholic?  
Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?  
Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith?  
Or have you been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?**

RCIA "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process of educational formation and spiritual formation by which adults become full members in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

We invite all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in other faiths and those baptized in the catholic faith that would like to increase their knowledge in Catholicism.

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A Picard Jr at [dpicard0710@gmail.com](mailto:dpicard0710@gmail.com) or 936-697-0195



## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society for our  
September meeting on:

**Tuesday, September 13th**  
**at 12pm in SM Hall**

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Meeting hostesses: Kim Kleimann & Liz Torres

### SEPTEMBER ALTAR CARE:

Diane Floyd, Carmen Troyo, Neen Haydel

## **THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**WOMEN'S CENTER** is a parish supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women/families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

To support the urgent needs of Montgomery County Women's Center, the Altar Society has placed a basket in the hall and in the church. At this time, the most needed items are women's t-shirts & leggings sizes large and extra-large, and women's flip-flops.

They are always in need of tennis shoes sizes 9, 10, 11, and underwear.

Thank you for your donations. The Women's Center and the families they care for are greatly appreciative of your support.



## The Corner Shoppe

*Confirmation is October 1*

*Come to The Corner Shoppe after Mass on the weekend or on Wednesdays from 10:00am -2:00pm to take advantage of cards and gifts for Confirmation.*



### **PICTORIAL CHURCH TOUR GUIDE**

*Brand new 65-page 2022 updated pictorial church tour guides are available for purchase in The Corner Shoppe. These make treasured gifts for family, friends, and visitors to our parish. You might want a copy for yourself as well. Stop by and look.*

*The Corner Shoppe is now open on Wednesdays from 10:00am until 2:00pm.*



## **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





*Faith Formation  
&  
Children's Sacraments*



***CCE begins this month!!!***

**CCE Calendar**

September 14    Wednesday CCE  
7:00—8:00 pm

September 18    Sunday CCE  
10:00—11:00 am

September 21    Wednesday CCE  
7:00—8:00 pm

Visit the Religious Education website page:  
<http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>  
Contact the Religious Education Office-  
by phone: 936-894-2223

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

Don't worry: St. Mary's Adult Confirmation  
Team is here to help you become a fully  
initiated Catholic.

If you are interested in celebrating the  
Sacrament of Confirmation in  
January 2023, preparation  
sessions begin in October  
2022 and will conclude by  
Christmas.

For more information,  
email Sharon Skeans at  
[Skeans@consolidated.net](mailto:Skeans@consolidated.net).



**Baptisms:**



**Infant baptism through age 6.**

Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and are usually on Saturday mornings.

Parents must take a preparation class beforehand. Our program currently consists of an online course followed by one in-person session. Godparents are asked to attend this session as well.

Information and a link to the registration form can be found on our webpage at this address:  
<http://smsj.org/baptism/> once you have completed the online course please forward your certificate of completion.

We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate. This may be uploaded to the registration form in the spot provided. You may also send it as an attachment to this email address: [smsjbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

**Age 6 and over:**

The preparation for these children is facilitated through the CCE program. For registration information visit the CCE webpage: <https://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>  
For more information contact: Cheryl Schratwieser – [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE**

**C.C.E.:** The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com).

## GriefShare Ministry



Our Fall session will begin on:

September 7 - December 7, 2022

Wednesday 10-12 am

At the Kelly House

For more information or to register for St Mary's Fall session,

Call 936-894-2223 or stop by the Church office

If you need/want to talk to someone please call, Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

For Grief resources please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics

Hopefully you can join us!



## S.A.L.T. Ministry

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

**Single Adult Living Truth**

**Our Vision: Provide opportunities for adults (single, widows, widowers and divorced) in our parish and surrounding communities to come together to share and grow in God's Love. Providing the light to our fellow members**

**Our Mission: To Build a community for all single, widowed and divorced individuals that will enable them to build fellowship, new friendships and gain knowledge and wisdom. The ministry will be focusing on, Spirituality, Educational, Outreach & Networking**

**Our Values: Faith, Integrity, Authenticity & Passion. By creating an atmosphere that is respectful to all the individuals participating in the programs.**

**Mark your calendar for September Activities:**

**September 17th Saturday; Deacon Ted Spirituality Discussion 2-4 pm in the Family Life Center in the gathering/kitchen area**

**September 30 Friday; Lunch at KoKo's Star of Texas  
4507 Hwy 90 Navasota 77868 at 11:30**

**More information about these events will be sent out through our email distribution list in early September.**

**If you would like to be on the email distribution list, please contact  
Mary Marshall at 281-356-2497**

# Support Your Local Parishioners

## *Auto Repair Services*

**ToyoMasters Auto Repair**  
Toyota/ Lexus Expert  
Mark Strong  
Phone: (936)701-5236

**Poton Automotive**  
Gary Ponton  
Phone: (936)894-3409

## *Bakery/ Sweets*

**Sonia's Sweet Side**  
Decorated Sugar Cookies  
Sonia Drabek  
Phone: (979)739-4551

## *Dental Services*

**Montgomery & Conroe**  
Comprehensive Dental Centers  
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner  
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or  
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

## *Interior Design*

**Designed Interiors**  
by Terri  
Terri Furce  
(936)718-5002



## *Misc. Services*

**Saddle Fitting by Denise**  
Dressage, Jumping,  
and Polo Saddles  
Denise Waszak  
Phone: (240)315-4575

**KWM Services**  
Roll-off Dumpster Rental  
& Pasture Mowing  
Kenny & Suzie Mock  
Phone: (936)232-3757  
or (936)760-5379

**Moon Light Venue**  
(Max 200 People)  
Brenda Martinez  
(936)777-9720

**Rafter R Ranch**  
Services and Barn  
Building  
Rusty & James  
Maddox  
(210)844-3844

**Rocky Creek Metal**  
and Art  
Facepainting by  
Sherry  
(936)524-3879  
Metal Work by Frank  
(936)524-7999

**Medicare Specialist**  
Broker  
Russell Ross  
(214)458-6027

## *Plumbing Services*

**Willburn Plumbing**  
Robert Willburn  
Master Plumber  
Phone: (832)294-3399

## *Veterinarians & Boarding Services*

**Animal Hospital of Montgomery & The Lodge Luxury Boarding Retreat**  
Veterinary Hospital & Pet Boarding,  
Grooming & Day Care Facility  
Joey L. Romero D.V.M. and Mandy Romero  
Phone: (936)582-1555

## *Real Estate*

**BCS Properties**  
Barbara Shrader (Broker)  
Phone: (936)443-6320

**Carswell Real Estate Co. Inc.**  
Joann Kaminski Kutac  
Phone: (281)799-6019

**Strong Real Estate Co.**  
Tracy Strong  
Phone: (936)718-8766

**Realty Associates**  
Sherry Henderson, GRI  
Broker Associate  
(713)306-4719

**Tametric Realty**  
Eric Gensheimer (Broker)  
Tammy Gensheimer (Agent)  
Phone: (713)416-5280  
or (281)844-2534

**Tailored by Design Realty**  
Team by United RE  
Cecilia Maddox  
(210)383-8079

**Texas Patriot Realty**  
Todd Ubanoski  
(713)304-8827

**The Bric Group**  
Brittany Gutierrez  
(469)371-9478

## *Roofing Services*

**Territo Roofing**  
Paul Territo  
Phone: (281)356-5124

**South Central Veterinary Services**  
Veterinary and Boarding Services  
John L. Walla, DVM  
(936)870-4033

**Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)**  
**Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)**  
 (SM) 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 *9am - Mass	2 *1st Friday Mass *St. Vincent de Paul Mtg Immediately after Mass	3 *BAZAAR WORKDAY *5:00pm - Mass *2nd Collection- University of St. Thomas Collection
4 *SM BAZAAR -11:00am *No SM 11:30am Mass *2nd Collection- University of St. Thomas Collection	5 *NO MASS *OFFICE CLOSED *BAZAAR CLEAN UP *8pm – AA Meeting-The Kelly House	6 *OFFICE CLOSED *No Mass *No Domino Club *6:30pm – SJ Altar Socie- ty Mtg – SJ Hall	7 *No Anointing Mass *No Confessions *10am - 1st GriefShare - Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall	8 *No Mass	9 *No Mass	10 *5:00pm - Mass
11 *Regular Mass Schedule	12 *No Mass *8pm – AA Meeting-The Kelly House	13 No Mass *10am- Guardian Angels Mtg – FLC (upstairs) *11am-Domino Club – FLC *Noon – Altar Society Mtg – SM Hall	14 *No Mass *10am - GriefShare Mtg – Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall *CCE-1st Class	15 *No Mass	16 *No Mass	17 *5:00pm – Mass *2:4pm – S.A.L.T. – Dea- con Ted - Spirituality Discussion – The Kelly House
18 *Regular Mass Schedule *10am-11am-CCE-FLC	19 *9am – Mass *8pm – AA Meeting-The Kelly House	20 *9am – Mass *10am -Game Day-FLC *6:30pm-St. Mary Men’s Club Dinner & Mtg-SM Hall	21 *9am – Mass *10:00am & 5:00pm - Confessions *10am – GriefShare -Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters	22 *9am – Mass *10am & 7pm-Adult Bible Study-SM Hall	23 *No Mass	24 *5:00pm - Mass
25 *Regular Mass Schedule	26 *9am – Mass *8pm – AA Meeting-The Kelly House	27 *9am – Mass *11am-Domino Club -FLC *3:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg – SM Hall	28 *9am – Mass *10am-GriefShare-Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sis- ters	29 *9am – Mass *10am & 7pm-Adult Bible Study-SM Hall	30 *No Mass *11:30am – S.A.L.T. – Lunch at KoKo’s Star of Texas	