

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

August 2023



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



Parish Office
 PO Box 388, Plantersville, TX 77363
 936-894-2223
 Parish Fax ~ 936-894-3613

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm
 Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary ~ Plantersville

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

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. &

Sunday ~ 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph ~ Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning
 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

ACTS Retreat

Karen Coffman 281.773.6081

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Betty Hollas 713.419.6106

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281.467.0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Rita Swonke 713.557.5817

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

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

Extraordinary Ministers -

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713.824.8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

GriefShare Ministry

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936.228.9742

Lectors

Richard Prokop 936.597.8688

Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936.597.6328

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936.777.9720

Music/Wedding Director

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

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

S.A.L.T. Ministry – Singles, Divorced,

Widows & Widowers

Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

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 936.760.9565

St. Mary's Men's Club

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936.206.0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help, 936.894.2362)

Bob Daves 832.205.2791

Write for Life

Bob Dean 936.582.6314

Coordinator Youth Confirmation

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

St. Mary's Bazaar is fast approaching. Both of our Communities' bazaars are highlights of the year and opportunities of our witnessing to the unity of the Church and the unity of our churches, supporting each other's efforts.

As St. Mary's Bazaar is looming on the horizon, I think it's important to reflect on the distinction St. Mary has as a painted church in our Archdiocese and an example of what a rural parish can accomplish.

Of all the Catholic painted churches of Texas [and there are quite a number, particularly around the Schulenburg area and the few in our Archdiocese] St. Mary's has the distinction of being the fastest growing and the most active. We have now at this writing 1350+ parishioners, a plethora of active ministries, a score of activities for all age groups and 47 acres for expansion in anticipation of the imminent tsunami of growth heading our way. [With the 10+ original acres, we now sit on 57+ acres, half the size of the Vatican...lol...]. Throughout the Archdiocese, St. Mary has the reputation of being one of the friendliest and welcoming parishes, with a lively Sunday celebration.

St. Mary's Bazaar has also grown through the years. From its beginning with the first church picnics, then homecomings and now the social event of the season of Grimes and Montgomery Counties, the bazaar has been the vehicle of bringing together the members of the parish to work shoulder-to-shoulder for a common goal. When the parish was first founded by the nearby families, everyone knew each other and were probably related...ha. As time has zoomed to the present 1350+ parishioners, that is just not the case. Our fellowship in the hall after the Sunday Masses has been a great catalyst to bringing us together around the hospitality of food. Yet it's difficult to experience the whole parish. There's a 5pm crowd, a 7am crowd, an 8:30am crowd, a 10am crowd and an 11:30am crowd. In addition, there are always new faces in each crowd. How to integrate each segment into the whole has always been challenging. I have discovered through the years that the Bazaar is the primary opportunity even for me, the Pastor, to personally interact with the whole parish. I see faces, recognize faces, acknowledge faces but during the Bazaar we work together planning, setting up and working the day together.

If you've been around a while but haven't participated in the Bazaar or are a newcomer to the parish, volunteering in any of the many aspects of the Bazaar is the best way to get connected and know your fellow parishioners. Think about it...pray over it. Yeah, September Labor Day is usually warm if not downright hot. Yep, a lot of sacrifice and sweat is what family life is all about and we're family. There's a way to look up and sign up online for the different areas of Bazaar activity or sign-up at Bazaar Central on Sundays prior to Bazaar or just call the office and we'll joyfully find the perfect place for you. I'm hoping all you old-timers and newcomers, young and not-so-young, experienced, and inexperienced are reading this and making recommitment or committing to making this Bazaar the best ever. I'm going to be there sweating with you. One of my mentors, Elaine Rendler, who is a renowned liturgist, composer, musician etc., said to us priests at a NPM convention: "Father, don't ask me to do what you aren't doing or willing to do." I'm in the planning, will be there setting up and working the crowd during the day right there with you.

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Heads Up!

Young Married Couples ... 21 to 49

Ever thought about how nice it would be to have a social group for young married couples practicing their Catholic faith for fun, fellowship, spiritual growth and support the beauty of Catholic family life? One is being formed.

More to come in next month's bulletin! Till then, we're all focusing on Bazaar, Bazaar, Bazaar!!

Save the Date!

St. Mary's Bazaar is quickly approaching!



****Labor Day Sunday, September 3, 2023****

11:00 a.m. until ??

Come join us on this festive occasion where we have an old-fashioned country barbecue, games, live auction, silent auction, raffle and a heaping dose of fellowship.

Y'ALL COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!

Volunteers are needed to make our St. Mary's Bazaar 2023 a grand success.

Yes, that means you and your family – all ages welcome!



Check out the QR code for access to the SIGNUP GENIUS, check the weekly Flocknotes to get the link to the SIGNUP GENIUS, or drop by BAZAAR CENTRAL before and after EVERY Mass until Bazaar time to sign up for a spot.



On the weekends of July 29/30 through Aug. 26/27, BAZAAR CENTRAL will be set up in the HALL for your convenience. You can drop off DONATIONS, drop off & pick up RAFFLE TICKETS and find the best spot TO SERVE.

TOGETHER we can do GREAT THINGS!

ALL HANDS ON DECK

We always need help with:

Bazaar set-up: Saturday, September 2nd

&

Take-down Monday, September 4th

Sign up for works days at Bazaar Central or on SIGNUP GENIUS

St. Mary Bazaar Raffle Tickets

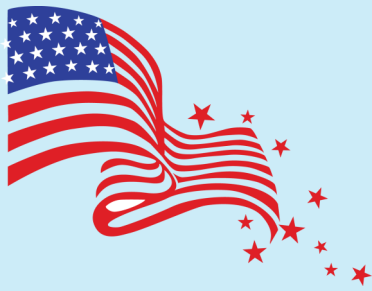
Raffle Tickets will be available after all Masses at Bazaar Central.

Pick up a ticket envelope to sell to family, friends and co-workers.

Tickets will also be available at the Parish office.

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Let's make this years raffle better than it has ever been!!!!!!



ST. MARY BAZAAR DAY (B-Day) SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

INGREDIENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

1350+ Families

Each doing their part

AN EASY BAZAAR RECIPIE 2023

Necessary Ingredients:

*****Selling your Raffle Tickets is critical***:**

Then,

- 1 Auction Item [*Something that will knock their socks off*]
- 1 Toy
- 1 Bag of Groceries
- 1 Craft Item or homemade canned/baked item
[our country store depends on this!]
[It's what makes our bazaar 'country']
- 1 Hunting/Fishing/Sport Item
- 2 Cakes or Pies on Friday or Saturday before B-Day.**
- 1 Restaurant Gift Certificate
- 2 Helping Hands
- 1 Positive Attitude and Welcoming Smile

**Bring these necessary ingredients and place on the
tables provided in the hall.**

Tag your item for its specific booth. [If you need help
unloading, please call ahead 936-894-2223.]

AUCTION UPDATE

Your 2023 Auction Committee is busy planning this year's event, and we already have some exciting new offerings including a cruise, white tail trophy hunting trip, and fun new group dinners and parties!

We can't wait to share more about our Live and Silent Auctions so stay tuned for more information!

We invite you to play a part in helping us reach our goal this year by donating an item for our Live and Silent Auctions.

We are always looking for unique items and experiences, gift certificates, handmade items and gift baskets.

Contact Eric Gensheimer at (713) 416-5280 for more information.

Our bidders love gift baskets!

Every year we look forward to the wonderful gift baskets donated by our parishioners.

Create your own unique gift basket for the auction. Popular themes are home decor, spa, cooking, children's activities, car enthusiasts, pool fun, college, sports team, or holiday.

Please drop your donations off at the church office or auction donation table no later than Sunday, August 20th.

Are you going to be out of town Bazaar Day?

Are you unable to work Bazaar Day?

Consider being a Sponsor for one of the following items:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Hunting/Fishing Booth | 2 x \$500 |
| Kid's Zone | 2 x \$500 |
| Plant Booth | \$500 |
| Restaurant Card Booth | \$300 |
| Grocery Booth | \$500 |

If you would like to be a sponsor of all or part of any of the above booths or items, please give your contribution to Bazaar Central or contact the church office at 936-894-2223.

Sponsor signs are displayed at the booth if requested.



HUNTING & FISHING BOOTH

\$15-\$20 NEW items
Lures ~ fishing rods ~
camo items ~
pocket knives...etc.



COUNTRY STORE

Canned jams, pickles, relishes, etc.
Crafts, sewing, etc.
Cookies, breads, etc.
Let's stock the store with great items for everyone to buy!



KOLACHE BOOTH

Kolache Pans with recipe are available at Bazaar Central. Bake at home and bring back day of Bazaar. One of our most popular booths!



Restaurant Booth


This popular booth is in need of restaurant gift cards \$10-\$25 in value. Stop by your favorite restaurant and pick one up or ask for a donation.

**RAFFLE
RAFFLE
TICKETS
TICKETS**

**SELL ~ SELL ~ SELL
AND SELL SOME MORE!**

CAKES! CAKES! CAKES!

Cakes needed for the **DINNER LINE** as well as for the **CAKE BOOTH**. Bake ahead and freeze and bring on Saturday before the Bazaar. Sheet cakes and cupcakes work best for the dinner line.



LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

A few of the larger auction items we are looking for are weekend getaways, travel points for airline tickets, a jewelry item, and hunting/fishing trip related items.
No item is too large or too small for our Auction!!



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

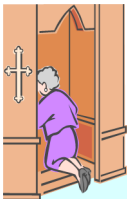
Pope's Intention: For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:



MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Nettie Carmouche, Nicholas Decker, Clara Fridye, Jeff Faughn, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Joanne Hare, Catherine Hoffart, Tommy & Irene Hoffpaur, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Chris Lobue, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Cleave Parks, Wendy Pitchford, Verena Podraza, CeCe Ray, Mary Riedle, Susan Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Fred Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Clara Walkoviak



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

August 2nd
10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

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

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

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

August 2nd at 9:00am

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First Friday Mass
August 4th at 9:00am



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. Joseph Mass Intentions August 2023

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--|--|
| Sun, Aug. 6 | 7:30am | William & Frances Tomkivits Randy Nicholson | Bobby & Shirley Morris The Wetuski Family |
| Sun., Aug. 13 | 7:30am | Barbara Fougeron Thomas, Theresa, James Cory John Stepanski & Sherry Rice | Bill & Judy Noski Mary Sholler, Rice & Stepanski Families |
| Sun., Aug. 20 | 7:30am | Frank Tepera David & Dorothy Gast Peter Joseph Imhoff & Ellie M. Imhoff | Charlie, Helen, Matt Burzynski Samantha Miller Imhoff Family |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 7:30am | Jimmy Tomkivits Louis Posinski, Jr. | Carolyn Tomkivits Mary Posinski |



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

Ron Lousberg: who died June 22, whose Mass of Christian Burial was on July 24th in Boulder, CO.

John Joseph Logan: husband of Lynn, who died June 28, whose Funeral Mass and interment was on July 17th at St. Mary.

John Adrian Mock: father of Jenny Wallace, who died on July 16, 2023, whose Funeral Mass and interment was on July 29th at St. Mary.

ACTS

UPCOMING RETREATS:

WOMEN'S:

January 18-21, 20**24**

Women's Retreat Director:
Denise Waszak
240.315.4575

MEN'S:

February 6-9, 20**25**

St. Mary Mass Intentions for August 2023

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Tues., Aug. 1 | 9:00am | Katie Smith | Diana Floyd |
| Wed., Aug. 2 | 9:00am | Janine Amort | Eddie & Dianne Delgado |
| Thur., Aug. 3 | 9:00am | John Logan | SM Altar Society |
| Fri., Aug. 4 | 9:00am | Hayden O'Brien | Leo Wick |
| Sat., Aug. 5 | 5:00pm | Judith Coles | Lynn & the late John Logan |
| Sun., Aug. 6 | 7:00am | Janie Legge | John Mock |
| Sun., Aug. 6 | 8:30am | Decd Mbrs of the Lebeck Fam | Dorothy Pasket |
| | | Peggy Westerfield | Harry & Nita Leschinger |
| Sun., Aug. 6 | 10:00am | Patty Jones | Bill Jones |
| Sun., Aug. 6 | 11:30am | Cherry Smock | Jeanne S. & Francisco Cabrera |
| Sat., Aug. 12 | 5:00pm | Elizabeth Swonke/Floyd Swonke | Charles & Rita Swonke |
| | | Barbara Swonke | |
| Sun., Aug. 13 | 7:00am | (Elnora Lewandowski) | Mary Maduzia |
| Sun., Aug. 13 | 8:30am | Regina & A. J. Jozwiak | Beatrice Diehl |
| Sun., Aug. 13 | 10:00am | Chuck Masson & Gail Forest | Kerry & Janel Masson |
| Sun., Aug. 13 | 11:30am | Sammy Blair | Blair Family |
| | | Robert Riedle | Mary & Susan Riedle |
| Mon., Aug. 14 | 9:00am | Thomas, Sr. & Sport Diehl | Sonny Diehl |
| | | Marcy Ellis Diehl/Ronnie Canatella | |
| Tues., Aug. 15 | 9:00am | Msgt. 1 st Class Charle Eric Taeguard | Harry & Nita Leschinger |
| Wed., Aug. 16 | 9:00am | Mildred "Millie" Whaley | Marcella & Bryant Chapman |
| Thur., Aug. 17 | 9:00am | Beth Ramsberg | Mike & Melinda Donnellan |
| Sat., Aug. 19 | 5:00pm | Terry Gabriel | Bill & Gloria Boehm |
| Sun., Aug. 20 | 7:00am | For the People | ----- |
| Sun., Aug. 20 | 8:30am | Amber Hoffart | Laveta Malek |
| Sun., Aug. 20 | 10:00am | Raymond Pasket | Pasket Family |
| Sun., Aug. 20 | 11:30am | Florine Hock | Sharon Hock |
| Mon., Aug. 21 | 9:00am | Pat Holt | Pamela Herzog |
| Tues., Aug. 22 | 9:00am | Dolores Hoffart | The late John D. Herzog |
| Wed., Aug. 23 | 9:00am | Katie Smith | Diana Floyd |
| Thurs., Aug. 24 | 9:00am | Esther Lee & Joe Sicinski | Sharon Sicinski Skeans |
| Sat., Aug. 26 | 5:00pm | Joe Lebeck & Cindy Smith | Martha & Jerry Vickery |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 7:00am | Robert E. Tarbett | James Tarbett |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 8:30am | Jacob Diehl | Beatrice Diehl |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 10:00am | Brian Patrick Murphy | Pattie & Jeff Gehring |
| Sun., Aug. 27 | 11:30am | For the People | ----- |
| Mon., Aug. 28 | 9:00am | Neil Rosenberg | Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky |
| Tues., Aug. 29 | 9:00am | (Verena Podraza) | Laveta Malek |
| Wed., Aug. 30 | 9:00am | Bill Malek | Laveta Malk |
| Thur., Aug. 31 | 9:00am | For the People | ----- |

| St. Joseph's Bazaar Report 2023 | | | | Past Bazaar Net Cash | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Expenses | Donations | Year | Net Profit |
| Auction | \$48,647.00 | \$8,532.92 | \$5,750.00 | 2014 | \$88,913.10 |
| Auction Square Proceeds | \$6,899.47 | | | 2015 | \$77,248.72 |
| Beer Booth | \$3,157.00 | | | 2016 | \$86,265.03 |
| Cake Booth | \$1,470.00 | | | 2017 | \$85,780.07 |
| Toy Booth | \$1,526.00 | | | 2018 | \$94,266.47 |
| Dinner | \$11,189.00 | \$6,995.65 | | 2019 | \$111,561.07 |
| Dominos | \$1,400.00 | | \$438.00 | 2020 | \$85,774.26 |
| Freezer Calf | \$5,000.00 | | | 2021 | \$125,508.91 |
| Sno Cones | \$432.00 | | | 2022 | \$110,276.73 |
| Fruit Booth | \$2,908.25 | \$133.40 | | 2023 | \$101,231.48 |
| Grocery Booth | \$3,098.00 | | | | |
| Raffle | \$15,729.00 | \$2,627.00 | \$1,130.00 | | |
| Kids Booth | \$275.00 | | | | |
| Meat to Go | \$1,911.00 | | | | |
| Ham & Sausage Booth | \$4,920.64 | | | | |
| Card Game | \$1,690.00 | | | | |
| Flower Booth | \$3,490.50 | | | | |
| Face Painting | \$360.00 | | | | |
| Band | \$200.00 | \$600.00 | | | |
| Snacks | \$734.00 | \$107.04 | | | |
| Bazaar Overall | \$0.00 | \$2,627.37 | \$500.00 | | |
| Start up cash | -\$5,500.00 | | | | |
| Returned start up cash | \$5,500.00 | | | | |
| Total | \$115,036.86 | \$21,623.38 | \$7,818.00 | | |
| Total Revenue | \$122,854.86 | | | | |
| Expense Total | \$21,623.38 | | | | |
| Net | \$101,231.48 | | | | |



Are YOU a fully initiated Catholic?

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

Calling all **ADULT** Catholics (18 years of age or older) who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but somehow missed Confirmation! St. Mary/St. Joseph's Adult Confirmation fall preparation sessions have been scheduled!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, October 7, 2023 – Sunday, November 12, 2023

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



Rummage News

The Rummage Sale team continues to accept your gently used donations on Wednesday mornings 8am-noon at the Rummage Barn or see unmanned carts located under the small pavilion, available after every Mass. If you need to schedule a pick up, please contact **Lauren Twining 281-813-5355**. Someone is always available to open the barn if you cannot drop off on Wednesdays, just give us a call.

Thank you to the communities that support us each month. We greatly appreciate you!!

Pick up schedule for AUGUST:

August 2 - We will be in **Bentwater** at the parking lot of the North Shore church at 9am. If you need a larger item picked up call Lauren Twining and we will pick up later that morning.

PLEASE NOTE: The rummage barn will be closed the last week in August and the first week in September so our workers can work their other jobs at the bazaar. **CARTS WILL NOT BE UNDER THE PAVILION those weeks. DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS UNDER THE PAVILION those 2 weeks.** The Pavilion is used for the bazaar and rummage workers are not available to manage donations. Help us by holding your donations while the bazaar is happening.

If you would like to join a great group of people who are dedicated to serving our parish, our community, and those in need, please come on Wednesday mornings or contact Lauren Twining for more information. You won't regret it. We would love to see you join us. Also, join St. Mary's Porch on Facebook for weekly deals, special sales, and a sneak peak at what the Rummage Sale Team is doing.

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



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

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



UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

August 13: The Infirm Priest Collection



Tuesday, August 15th: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this great feast day, the Church commemorates the Happy departure from mortal life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Her translation into the kingdom of Her Son, where He crowned Her with immortal glory and enthroned Her above all the other Saints and heavenly spirits.



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INTRODUCING FORMED.ORG

Our Parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, talks, and even categories for children. FORMED has content from over 60 Catholic experts that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism.

Best of all, the material is **free to you!**

You can enjoy the content on your computer, phone, tablet, or TV.

To gain access to FORMED's content, follow these steps:

- ◆ Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- ◆ Enter our Parish zip code 77363
- ◆ Register with your name and email address.

That's it! No Password to remember! FORMED is designed to help adults and families grow in our Catholic faith.



The Parish office will be **closed** on Tuesday August 15th in observance of the Feast of Assumption

ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15.

Social at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm with meeting to follow.

One of the best ways to meet your fellow parishioners is to become a member of the St. Mary's Men Club. We have so much to share with one another. Hope to see you at our meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We ask that you continue to bring non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. Our July meeting is at 3:30 in the parish hall on Tuesday, August 22 with Mass at 5:00pm.



We are called to be Christ Like. I invite anyone who has an interest in serving the poor in our community, to call Bob Daves and discuss this wonderful ministry. Any one of us could get down in our luck, and need the help of our neighbors. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in becoming a Vincentian. Don't turn away from the cry of the poor.

If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President: Bob Daves at 832.205.2791.

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



LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP

We are taking a break for the rest of the summer. Look in the September bulletin for the twice-a-month Friday play dates. Can't wait? Then stop by every Sunday in the parish hall following all the Masses for the SUNDAY FUNDAY activities!

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting

NO AUGUST MEETING

ALTAR CARE:

Donna Burzynski & Kathy Burzynski

COFFEE SERVERS:

Aug. 6: Dianne Phillips

Aug. 13: Sharon Kroll

Aug. 20: Debra Meekins & Julie Coombs

Aug. 27: Michele Wetuski

AA MEETINGS:

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



Book Signing Event

August 12 & 13

Please join us on August 12 & 13, after all masses, in the hall for a book signing with parishioner John Duffy for the sale of his novel "Secrets for a Lifelong Love".

If your deepest heart's desire is developing and maintaining a lifelong love in marriage or friendship, "Secrets for a Lifelong Love" is a must read for you.

The cost of the book is \$10.00.

St. Mary's Cemetery Association

Many parishioners love to place flowers and other decorations on the graves of their loved ones. We ask that if you notice the flowers or decorations getting faded and dingy please remove them and dispose of them in the dumpster behind the Fr. Kelley House. We try hard to keep the cemetery looking good.

Thank you - Cemetery Association

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.



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 NOT having a meeting in August.

NO GAME DAY OR BINGO THIS MONTH

***The Domino Group will play Tuesday August 1, 8, and 22
in the Family Life Center***

Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone

* **Please note: you can find the bulletin on our website www.smsj.org** *

FALL BIBLE STUDY



EUCCHARIST

“The Lamb of God,” “The Bread of Life,” “The Body and Blood of Christ” ... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? This is a timely topic as we are amid a national Eucharistic Revival, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery.



DATES: Thursdays: September 14 – November 30

TIME: 10:00am - Noon or 7:00pm - 9:00pm

COST: \$10.00 for Participant Guide

TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Betty Hollas

bethollas@hotmail.com (713) 419-6106

or

The Parish Office

info@smsj.org (936) 894-2223

Please register by September 6

Payment by check or cash on first day of class



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.

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.

Please visit:

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

For August's Liturgical Readings



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Tuesday, August 8th
at 6:00 pm in SM Hall

AUGUST ALTAR CARE:

Sharon Hock, Faith Rose, Rita Swonke

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.

The shelter is in need of the following items:

School supplies for the children currently living in the shelter.

Binders
Colored folders
Notebook paper
Spiral notebooks

Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the church and the hall.

Thank You from the Women's Center for all your donations.

For more information about the Women's Center go to <https://mcwctx.org>



Happy Anniversary to The Corner Shoppe

ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the month of August, not only do we celebrate many different Saints, but we observe the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 and her Queenship on August 22. You are invited to The Corner Shoppe discover the books and other Catholic items that will deepen your awareness of the great Saints of this month and Mary's unique role in Salvation history.



SHOPPE HOURS

The Corner Shoppe is open after all weekend Masses every Wednesday from 10:00am – 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



The CCE Program is always in need of new volunteers.

We will have several openings for catechists and aides this coming fall for both our Wednesday night and Sunday classes. If you would like to help please copy the link below to fill out a Volunteer Form.

<https://smsj.wufoo.com/forms/volunteer-form/>

Online registration for CCE begins on August 1st. Visit the parish website for the link to the forms.

If you have any questions about volunteering you can contact us by email: smsjcece@gmail.com

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

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 or 936-697-0195



Baptism ~ Infants to Age 6



Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and usually occur on Saturday mornings. Available dates will be provided upon completion of all requirements.

Parents must take a preparation course (if they have not previously completed one within the past 3 years). Godparents are asked to complete one as well. We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Further information and a link to the registration form can be found on our Web page at <https://smsj.org/baptism/>

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

Baptism for Ages over 6:

Please contact Cheryl Schratwieser at smsjcece@gmail.com for information.

GriefShare Ministry

In Our times of deepest need, the tenderness and grace of Christ is a refuge like no other. He alone understands our sorrows and draws near in Love to wipe away Our tears. What a Wonderful God we have, who so wonderfully comforts & strengthen us in Our hardships and trails. II Corinthians 1:3,4



***Thank You to all that attended the Loss Spouse seminar. The video and discussions offered a lot of suggestions to help adjust to the new journey ahead. If you missed this session, we will be offering it again in the Spring 2024**.**

Make Plans to Join Us,

Our Fall GriefShare session:

September 6 – December 6, 2023

Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 pm

At the Kelly House

Please make plans to join us!

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. The foundation for the program is based on *Community, Understanding, Support and Encouragement*. Our Facilitators understand and have experienced what you are currently going through. They are here to offer comfort and encouragement during this difficult time while sharing knowledge to help you move forward. GriefShare teachings are biblically based on grief and recovery topics.

For more information call the Church office 936-894-2223

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

To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to www.griefshare.org

S.A.L.T. Ministry Single Adults Living Truth

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

Ongoing & Upcoming Events:

***Clean up of St. Mary's Flower Garden**, is an ongoing effort. With the hot summer months here, we will discontinue this work until September.

***August 4th Lunch in Downtown Navasota. Please come join us!** More information to come through Flocknotes & email.

***August 17 Afternoon or evening classes, Bride & Bloom Floristry & Farm** in Montgomery (which is owned by a parishioner, Alisa McCorquodale) She is offering 2 classes to our Singles.

***Flower Pounding class**, the flowers colors & patterns are transferred on to fabric, cost is \$30.00 (on bags, towels or shirts, cost might be less if we purchase our own items.) Class needs to be after 4pm.

***Succulents, information & arranging**, cost depends on plants (\$4-9.00) plus the cost of the pot. Please contact, Sharon (713-962-6630 or text) for more information or to let her know if you want to attend. **We need you to RSVP by August 10.** *Please invite a friend.* Updates to come through Emails & Flocknotes.

***Sleeping Mats for the Homeless**, We, have a great bunch of folks that are interested & enthusiastic about helping the needy in our community. **We are looking for Crocheter's to help us assemble the mats.** For more information contact Mary (281-356-2497) Dates on future work sessions will be announced through Flocknotes & Emails.

S.A.L.T. has a Facebook Page by the name of, S.A.L.T. Ministry. If you are on Facebook find us & join the group. Send a comment or ask a question, we will be happy to respond.

We will update or inform you of any other upcoming activities through Flocknotes & through the newsletter. For more information on the S.A.L.T. Ministry or activities please contact **Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)**

| New Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday: 5:00pm (SM) Sunday: 7:30am (SJ) 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM) | | <h1>August 2023</h1> | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| | | *9:00am – Mass *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *Registration for CCE opens | *9:00am – Anointing Mass *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters–SJ Hall *10am – noon & 5-6pm Confessions | *9:00am – Mass | *1 st Friday Mass *S.A.L.T. – Lunch in Navasota – watch for more info in Flocknotes | *5:00pm – Mass | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | |
| *Regular Mass Schedule | *NO MASS *8:00pm – AA Mtg. | *NO MASS *11:00am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *6:00pm – SM Altar Society – SM Hall | *NO MASS *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters- SJ Hall | *NO MASS | *NO MASS | *5:00pm – Mass *Second Collection - Infirm Priests Collection | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | |
| *Regular Mass Schedule *Second Collection - Infirm Priests Collection | *9:00am – Mass *8:00pm – AA Mtg. | *9:00am – Mass – Feast Day – Assumption of the Virgin Mary *NO DOMINO CLUB *6:00pm – Men’s Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall *PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | *9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters–SJ Hall NO CONFESSIONS | *9:00am – Mass *S.A.L.T. – Bride & Bloom Floristry Class – watch for more info in Flocknotes | *NO MASS | *5:00pm – Mass | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | | |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| *Regular Mass Schedule *St. Mary Men’s Club Blood Drive & Breakfast | *9:00am – Mass *8:00pm – AA Mtg. | *9:00am – Mass *NO DOMINO CLUB | *9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitchin’ Sis- ters | *9:00am – Mass | | CCE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13 TH . MAKE SURE TO REGISTER! | | |