

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

## October 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 936.827.1125

#### 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

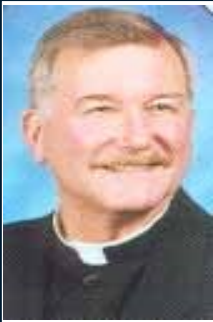
#### Write for Life

Bob Dean 936.582.6314

#### 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](http://www.smsj.org).



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

Fr. Ed is enjoying a well-earned post bazaar vacation, but if he were here, we know he would be thanking each and every one of you for your help and your support given to this year's annual bazaar. The weather thankfully "cooled off" a little, and the crowd seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The variety of food, games, entertainment, auction and the raffle were over the top. As usual Christ's presence was felt by all!

We will be posting the financial report as soon as it is available and Fr. Ed has the opportunity to review it. We are still receiving invoices and issuing reimbursements daily.

So, from Fr. Ed and Bridget a Huge Texas style "THANK YOU"!

Respectfully,

Parish Staff

---

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





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

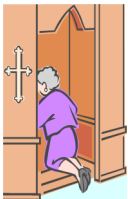
Pope's Intention: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### 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, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Catherine Hoffart, Lyle Hamm, Tommy & Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Jack Letobitz, 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, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Fred Smith, James Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Pat Walker, Clara Walkoviak



## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

**October 4<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**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**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**First Friday Mass**  
**October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 October 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Oct. 1	7:30am	William & Frances Tomkivits Bill Rios	Tommie Poogie & The late Jimmy Tomkivits Linda Ubanoski
Sun., Oct. 8	7:30am	Mackie Canes Theresa Smith	Wetuski Family Leonard Busa
Sun., Oct. 15	7:30am	Jacob Diehl Rufus & Billy Uilkie	William & Mary Gorney Natalie Uilkie
Sun., Oct. 22	7:30am	Thomas, Theresa, James, Cory, John Stepanski Barbara Fougeron	Mary Shollar/Rice/Stepanski  Leland Fougeron
Sun., Oct. 29	7:30am	Jeff Wetuski David & Dorothy Gast	The Wetuski Family Samantha Miller



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

**Joanne Hare**: who died on Tuesday, September 5, whose funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

**Thomas Martin**: husband of Janet, who died Wednesday, September 6, whose memorial mass will be Monday, October 9, at 1:00pm with interment to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Claire Jeanette Rigas**: who died Thursday, August 31, whose graveside committal was Friday, September 8 in the St. Mary's Cemetery at 10:30am.

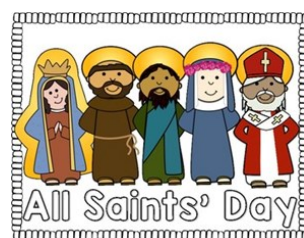
**Elline Katherine Giesinger "Dolly" Heintz**: mother of Stephanie Hill, who died Friday, August 25, whose funeral was September 1 at 10:30am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe, TX.

**Irene Kerr**: wife of Steve, who died Thursday, August 24, whose funeral was Tuesday, August 29 at 2:00pm at St. Mary with interment immediately following in St. Mary's Cemetery.

**Stephen John Rigas**: who died Wednesday, August 14, whose graveside committal was Thursday August 24 in the St. Mary's Cemetery at 2:30pm.

## **ALL SAINTS FESTIVAL K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Let's celebrate this wonderful feast with a night of fun, games, and food! Wednesday, Oct. 25 6:30-8pm St. Mary's Hall. Games & activities will be set up, and children from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade can participate along with their parents. Come dressed as your favorite saint! Hot dogs and fixings served.**





## St. Mary Mass Intentions for October 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun, Oct. 1	7:00am	Terry Gabriel	Frankie & Diane Jaster
Sun., Oct. 1	8:30am	For the People	-----
Sun., Oct. 1	10:00am	Jessie Ann Barber	Paul & Kathy Magliolo
Sun., Oct. 1	11:30am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne S & Francisco Cabrera
Mon, Oct. 2	9:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Gerald & Mary Schroeder
Tue., Oct. 3	9:00am	Jacob Diehl	Kubiak
Wed., Oct. 4	9:00am	Kathie Donnellan	Mike & Melinda Donnellan
Thur., Oct. 5	9:00am	Galka Family	Debra Galka
Fri., Oct. 6	9:00am	Simon Wagner	Holly & John Kolodczak
Sat., Oct. 7	5:00pm	Dcn. Ted Baker	The Wayne & Diane Blair Family
Sun., Oct. 8	7:00am	For the People	-----
Sun., Oct. 8	8:30am	Mildred "Millie" Whaley	Marcelle & Bryant Chapman
Sun., Oct. 8	10:00am	Cindy Smith	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Oct. 8	11:30am	Robert & Annie Pfertner	Patrick & Ann Pfertner
Mon., Oct. 9	9:00am	Pat Cavanaugh Mock	Tootsie Mock
Sat., Oct. 14	5:00pm	Pauline Swonke & Floyd Swonke	Charles & Rita Swonke
Sun., Oct 15	7:00am	Daisy & Edwin Shubrick Gerard Galik	Nora Galik
Sun., Oct. 15	8:30am	Mary E. Adotta	Dr. L. A. Walker
Sun., Oct. 15	10:00am	For the People	-----
Sun., Oct. 15	11:30am	Aaron Galka	Debra Galka
Wed., Oct. 18	9:00am	Patty Jones	Bill Jones
Thur., Oct. 19	9:00am	Jacqui Tierney	David & Bonnie Fezatte
Sat., Oct 21	5:00pm	Martin "Buster" Klein	Holly & John Kolodczak
Sun., Oct. 22	7:00am	Janie Legge	John Mock
Sun., Oct. 22	8:30am	For the People	-----
Sun., Oct. 22	10:00am	Robert Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Sun., Oct. 22	11:30am	Frank Tarselli, Jr.	Betty Lott
Mon., Oct. 23	9:00am	Bob & Shirley Stucky	Mary Ann Flannery
Tues., Oct. 24	9:00am	Decsd Mbrs: John Lebeck Fam	Dorothy Pasket
Sat., Oct. 28	5:00pm	Neil Rosenberg	Ellen & Steve Schlader
Sun., Oct. 29	7:00am	Manny Bustillo	Cheryl Williams
Sun., Oct. 29	8:30am	Bill Malek	Laveta Malek
Sun., Oct. 29	10:00am	Tom Martin	Pat & David Sydlik
Sun., Oct. 29	11:30am	For the People	-----

## THE GABRIEL PROJECT BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Look for the bassinet or basket at the entrances of church throughout the month of October to return your baby bottles filled with change or a check (made out to St. Mary). These monies will be used for our parish Gabriel Project which assists pregnant moms and their families. Our outreach consists of our parish 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.

## LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP

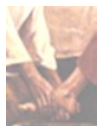


Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us this month in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am.

Friday, Oct. 13  
Friday, Oct. 27

*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 Mary's 2023 Bazaar Raffle Prizes and Winners

- 1) \$10,000 Gift Card
- 2) \$5,000 Home & Ranch Shopping Spree at Turner Pierce Fultz
- 3) John Deere Zero Turn Mower
- 4) Margaritaville Resort Getaway Gift Package
- 5) Pit Boss Pro 1600 Elite 1598 -Sq In Stainless Steel Pellet Grill
- 6) Gift from the Holy Land
- 7) iPad Pro 11-in 256 GB, Apple Pencil, AirPods Pro2
- 8) Diamond Moving Infinity Pendant
- 9) Cutco Knife Set
- 10) Handcrafted Cedar Swing with A-Frame
- 11) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 12) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 13) \$500 HEB Gift Card
- 14) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 15) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 16) \$500 Gift Certificate to B & T Tactical
- 17) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 18) \$500 Academy Gift Card
- 19) \$500 Kroger Gift Card
- 20) \$500 Kroger Gift Card
- 21) Custom Fire Pit
- 22) 2 Leisure Line Rocking Chairs
- 23) \$400 Visa Gift Card
- 24) Handcrafted Metal See Saw
- 25) \$300 Visa Gift Card
- 26) \$300 Visa Gift Card
- 27) \$300 Visa Gift Card
- 28) \$250 Visa Gift Card
- 29) \$250 Visa Gift Card
- 30) Husqvarna Electric Pressure Washer
- 31) \$200 Visa Gift Card
- 32) \$200 Visa Gift Card
- 33) \$200 Gift Certificate to B & T Tactical
- 34) Igloo 75-Qt Rugged Performance Cooler
- 35) \$150 Visa Gift Card
- 36) \$100 Visa Gift Card

Jessica Johnson  
Bob Rose  
Jim Glynn (LG)  
Jackson Stroud  
Robert Daves  
Charles Laine  
Kevin Doris  
Suann Hereford  
Norman Podraza  
Bridget Young  
Bret Bartholet  
Aga McClosky  
Betty Hollas  
Timothy Gardner  
Dennis Alexander  
Kimberly Stahl  
Micky Hueske  
Jenny Noto  
Evangelina Bozeman  
Anna Mode  
Esteban Lucas  
Jenna Wright  
Louis Skrobarczyk  
Cassie Rollinger  
Brian Jones  
Gay Cook  
Summer Hvasta  
Deacon David Garvis  
Jake Adams  
Teri Czachowski  
Laveta Malek  
Edmond McGee  
Sharon Tuttle  
Fred Jones  
Catlett  
Jennifer Montgomery

*Thank you to all that participated &  
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS!!*



# Rummage News

Rummage Sale will take place Saturday, Nov 4th 7am-4pm.  
There is lots of news to share as we prepare for the big day.

Donations will end Oct 11th. This is the final Wednesday to get donations in before the big day! Carts will be under the pavilions until Oct 11th and then removed until March 2024.

*We are always in need of workers on Wednesday mornings 8am-noon. We have a great, welcoming team that needs you. Make plans to join us.*

**Oct 28th, BIG PUSH SATURDAY 8am-noon. Bring your trucks and trailers and be ready to go. Everything in the rummage barn gets moved to the pavilions in just a few hours.**

**PLEASE BE THERE TO HELP US. WE NEED YOU!**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Check out the QR code to volunteer to work on November 4th. This parish consistently shows up and makes it happen. We need you again this year.



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

**St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive & Breakfast  
Sunday, October 29**





*Montgomery & Conroe Comprehensive Dental Centers*  
*Dr. Timothy E. Gardner, D.D.S.*

ARMED WITH OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS,  
WE ARE OUT TO CHANGE LIVES BY OFFERING  
FREE DENTISTRY TO THE VETERANS OF MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY FOR OUR  
12TH ANNUAL DENTISTRY FOR VETERANS EVENT.

*Dentistry*  *for Veterans*

WHEN:  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

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

PRE-SCREENING IS REQUIRED.

BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2023.  
PLEASE CALL 936-585-4353 OR 936-539-3636  
TO MAKE A PRE-SCREENING RESERVATION  
AT EITHER OF OUR OFFICES.

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

PROCEDURES INCLUDE: CLEANINGS, INFECTION-RELIEF OF PAIN,  
FILLINGS, ROOT CANALS, CROWNS AND EXTRACTIONS.

Halloween items will be sold after all  
Masses at St. Maru's on  
Sunday, October 8th



There will be costumes, Halloween décor  
and much more.

## FORMED.ORG

Be sure to sign up for [formed.org](https://formed.org), a premier Catholic Faith online platform filled with over 4000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, e-books, and even cartoons for children! It is free to each member of our Parish. Watch it anywhere, anytime on your computer, TV, or phone. Signing up is easy.

- ⇒ Go to [formed.org](https://formed.org).
- ⇒ Enter your Name, Email, and our Parish Zip Code 77363. That's it! No password to remember!

Sacred Heart  
Catholic School's  
40th Annual

Saturday, October 21st

# Oktoberfest

Fun for the Whole Family

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

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

Family Festival 11am - 4pm

BINGO!

LIVE MUSIC & Entertainment

SHCS Campus: 615 McDade Street in Conroe

For More Information, please contact the school at 936.756.3848 or Mrs. Istre at [bistre@shcstx.org](mailto:bistre@shcstx.org)

### UPCOMING SECOND/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 8: St. Vincent de  
Paul Society (Parish Outreach Facility)

October 22: World Mission Sunday





The Parish office will be **closed** on Wednesday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day.



### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

Thank you members who came out in force to help set up, cook, serve, assist in the booths, and then take down on Labor Day (did it in record time). Your hard work did not go unnoticed. If you haven't joined yet, now is the time.

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 17.

Social at 6:00 pm, followed by Dinner at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

We ask that you continue to bring non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. Our October meeting is at 3:30 in the parish hall on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 5:00pm.

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor" The second collection on October 7 & 8 will be for SVdP that is used here in our community. Please be as generous as possible. The request for help has increased substantially this past year.

Thank you.

Come and join us as we serve those in our community who cry out for help.

*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

\*\*\*\*\*  
Please note: you can find the bulletin on our website [www.smsj.org](http://www.smsj.org)  
\*\*\*\*\*

**Saint Vincent de Paul  
St Mary/ St Joseph Conference Financial Statement  
October 2022 through August 2023**

**Beginning Balance** (End of Sept. 2022) **19,460.09**

**Income**

Parish Donations and Member Donations	39,049.11
Special Funds                      Quilt Raffle	12,365.00
Other Restricted Funds (Mid-South, Exxon Mobile)	8,500.00

**Total Income** **\$59, 914.11**

**Expenses**

Direct Aid – Food, Rent, Clothing, Day Care, Housing, Temporary Lodging, Medical, Gas, Transportation (Car Repairs), House Repairs Propane, Appliances, Utilities (Electric & Water)	56,141.05
---	-----------

Domestic Twinning (Assistance to other Conferences)	3,500.00
--	----------

Christmas Program                      (Parishioners donated \$13,395 to offset this)	6,943.32
--	----------

Dues to Diocese	293.00
-----------------	--------

Operating Expenses (Office Supplies, Phones)	973.85
---	--------

Only 2% of total donations are used for operating expenses.

**Total Expenses** **\$67,851.22**

**In-Direct Aid**

Food Donations by Parishioners	11,612.27
Donated Clothing	550.00
Donated Furniture	250.00
Other In-Kind Services	2,615.00

**Total In-Kind Services & Goods** **\$ 15,028.00**

**Conference Members**

**Total Service Hours 2,549**

**Total Miles Driven 38,645**

The below services helped our friends. Our Vincentian Members assisted our friends in obtaining these services to help pay their electric bills and propane bills.

Brazos Valley Community Action Program	\$110,000
Power to Care Program from Entergy	\$ 24,000

Total Help provided to our neighbors	\$ 216,878
--------------------------------------	------------

Our friends thank you for the generous donations you give to SVdP. Please pray for our friends and we ask that you continue to give generously to help our friends.

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

Altar Society Meeting in the parish hall

**Tuesday, October 3  
6:30 pm - SJ Hall**

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

### **ALTAR CARE:**

**Nance Shaw**

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

Oct. 1: Anne Mannina & Jane Urbanosky  
Oct. 8: Nadine Morris & Christina Fortunado  
Oct. 15: Marcy Pavlock  
Oct. 22: Shawna Grant & Jessica Alvarez  
Oct. 29: Theresa Rauschek

**Saturday, October 7, 3pm at St. Joseph's Church Coast to Coast Rosary.** All over the United States of America Catholics will be praying the Glorious Rosary at the same time (storming heaven) for our country.

## **St. Mary's Cemetery Association**

If you have any questions about burial requirements in our cemetery, please call Rita Swonke or Bob Daves. May family and friends buried in our cemetery through the Mercy of our Lord, rest in peace.

## **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.**



***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.**



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

**Meeting: No meeting in October.  
Next meeting is November 7, 10am - 11am, FLC Rm 201**

\*\*\*\*\*

**BINGO:** Tuesday, October 17 at 10am - 2pm in St. Mary's Hall.  
Entrée will be provided, please bring a side dish.  
Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

\*\*\*\*\*

**The Domino Group will play every Tuesday in the Family Life Center Kitchen.**  
*Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone*

## **ACTS**

All ACTS sisters and brothers are hosting a **Bake Sale Fundraiser** after masses Oct 14-15 at St. Mary's. All ACTS sisters and brothers are asked to please consider baking and/helping sell the treats after masses. We need items such as: cakes, pies, fudge, rice Krispie treats, cupcakes, cookies, and peanut brittle.

Bake sale items can be dropped off between 12 - 5 pm on Oct 14th at the Family Life Center. To help with setup and/or work after mass - please contact Stella Yorek at 936-218-8801 or Brian Ruda at 214-529-0383. Volunteers are needed at both exits after each mass.

We greatly appreciate your support towards future ACTS retreats.

### ***UPCOMING RETREATS:***

#### **WOMEN'S:**

January 18-21, 2024

Women's Retreat Director:  
Denise Waszak  
240.315.4575

#### **MEN'S:**

February 6-9, 2025



## **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 October's Liturgical Readings***





## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society:

**Tuesday, October 10th**  
**at 6:00 pm in SM Hall**

**All ladies of the parish are welcome!**

### **Meeting hostesses:**

**Terice Richards, Karen Ruffner,  
Devoni Wardlow**

### **ALTAR CARE:**

**Kim Kleimann & Janice Pasket**

## **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:**

Sweat pants – sizes small through extra large  
T-Shirts – sizes small through extra large in long sleeve and short sleeve  
Socks -- any type to fit shoe sizes up to size 11  
Bra's sizes small, medium, large and extra large  
Under wear sizes small, medium, large and extra large

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>



## **The Corner Shoppe**

October is the month of the Rosary, and October 7 is celebrated as Our Lady of the Rosary.



**ALL Rosaries will be 20% off during the month of October!**

**ON SALE NOW!**

**EVEN MORE SALE ITEMS!**

All Willow Tree Products and Saint Statues

**-20% off**

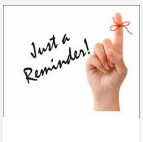


**Important**

## **CONFIRMATION IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

The Corner Shoppe has many items that would make wonderful gifts for confirmation. In addition, there are many new items arriving in The Shoppe. Stop by!

The Corner Shoppe is open on Wednesdays from 10:00-2:00 and after every weekend Mass.



## **Rowan's Prayer**

*One day God will Bring us back together, United with your child, you'll cry no more.*

*Till then, may we draw strength from each other, knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.*

If you have or you know of someone who just experienced a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss or you know someone with a neonatal diagnosis.

Contact Bonnie Haytcher: by calling 941-302-6310,  
or emailing [haytcherb@gmail.com](mailto:haytcherb@gmail.com)



## Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



### October Events

**Wednesday Classes** are on October 11th and 18th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

**Sunday Classes** are on October 15th and 22nd, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

**Confirmation Mass**— October 14th 10am

**High School Night**-October 21st 6pm

**Festival of Saints**-October 25th 6:30pm

If you have any questions 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

### Baptism for Ages over 6:

Please contact Cheryl Schratwieser at [smsjcece@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcece@gmail.com) for information.

## GriefShare Ministry

*Day by Day, may the light of your memories heal your sorrow and bring you peace.*



### **Our GriefShare Session is on,**

Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 pm

At the Kelly House

Please come join us anytime

*Come join us to get ready for the Holidays,*

### **Surviving the Holiday Seminar**

November 11 Saturday 2-4:30 pm

At the Kelly House

*This seminar will share information with you on how to deal with all the emotions that the holidays bring when in dealing with a loss of a loved along with other tips & suggestions.*

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. Everything that is discussed or shared in our session are private and confidential. 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 the knowledge to help you move forward.

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics. To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)

## **S.A.L.T. Ministry** Single Aadults Living Truth

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

*Our Fall schedule will be full of Outreach & Social events. We are finalizing these events and will announce them through Flocknotes and emails. So, keep a watch out for them & hopefully you can come and enjoy them with us.*

Mark your calendars to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Jingle Mingle Christmas Party & Market**, on **Saturday December 2** in the Parish Hall. This year we will be having a market along with our dinner. It ought to be a fun time shopping, eating & mingling with everyone during this “*Wonderful Time of the Year*” event. More details to come!

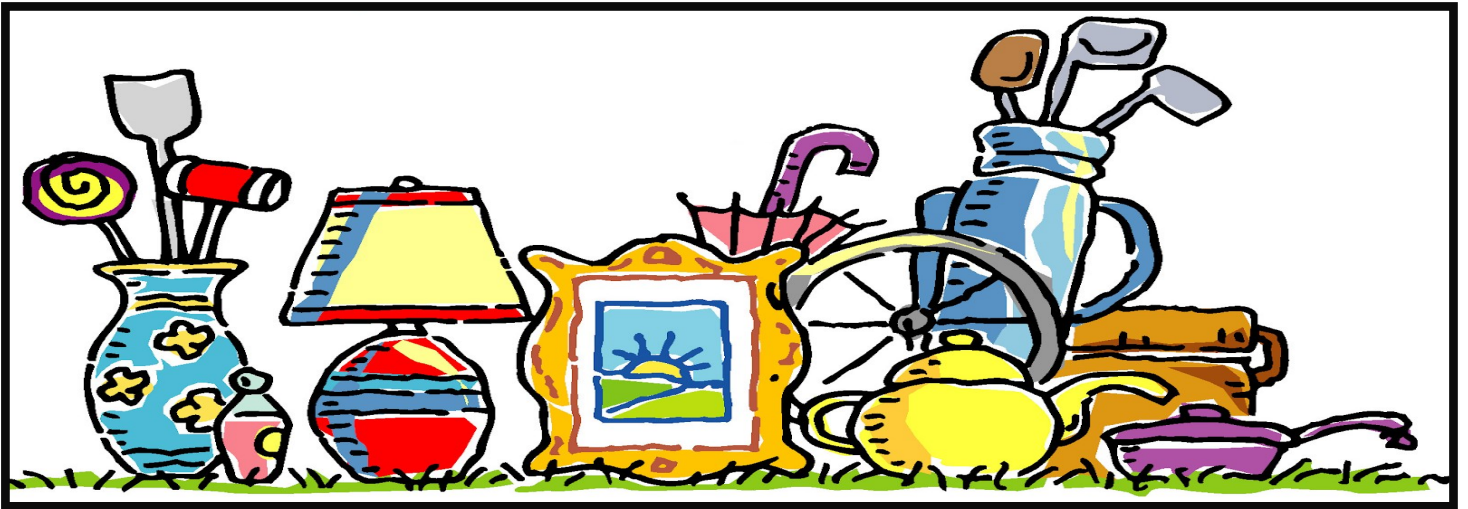
S.A.L.T. has a **Facebook Page** by the name, **S.A.L.T. Ministry**. If you are on Facebook find us & join the group. Send a comment or ask a question, we will be happy to respond.

# ST. MARY'S GIGANTIC ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 7 AM-4 PM**

**\*\*\*CLOSED FROM 1:30—2:00PM FOR WORKERS' LUNCH BREAK\*\*\***

**CHURCH GROUNDS, 8227 CR 205, PLANTERSVILLE, TX**



**Early Bird Shoppers: \$10.00 cash admission between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.  
No Charge after 9:00 a.m.**

***Bargains Galore—Something for Everyone!***

Make your dollar stretch and join us for perhaps the largest Rummage Sale in Grimes & Montgomery Counties. Over 1000 families contributed items during the past year. We have good clean clothing, shoes and handbags (even designer labels), linens, crafts, appliances, kitchenware, home decor, Christmas decor, furniture, electronics, toys, sporting goods, books, collectibles, jewelry, china, crystal, silver & much more.

***Food & soft drinks can be purchased at our concession stand.***  
**CASH, LOCAL CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**

**For more info, call the office at 936-894-2223**

# 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

## *Florist*

**Bride and Bloom**  
Alisa McCorquodale  
936.597.4626

## *Food*

**Old Oak Taphouse**  
17527 Highway 105 E  
Plantersville  
Dog & Family Friendly  
440.281.0354

## *Interior Design*

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

## *Misc. Services*

**ACT SEPTIC SOLUTIONS, LLC**  
Septic Installation & Maintenance  
Services for Home or Business  
Austin & Keri Tucker,  
Owners/Operators  
832.922.2666

**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 & Art**  
Facepainting by  
Sherry  
(936)524-3879  
Metal Work by Frank  
(936)524-7999

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

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

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

## *Plumbing Services*

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

## *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

## *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

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



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

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Regular Mass Schedule	2 *9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg.	3 *9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *6:30pm - SJ Altar Society - SJ Hall	4 *9:00am-Anointing Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall *10am - noon & 5pm - 6pm - Confessions 10:00am - GriefShare	5 *9:00am - Mass *Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm - SM Hall	6 *9:00am - 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass	7 *3:00pm - Coast to Coast Rosary - SJ *5:00pm - Mass *St. Vincent de Paul Collection - Parish Collection
8 *Regular Mass Schedule *St. Vincent de Paul Collection - Parish Collection *Halloween Sale - after masses in SM Hall	9 *9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg.	10 *9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *6:00pm - SM Altar Society - SM Hall	11 *No Mass *9:00am-Anointing Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall 10:00am - GriefShare *7:00pm - CCE	12 *No Mass *Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm - SM Hall	13 *No Mass *9:00am - Little Lambs - SM Hall	14 *5:00pm - Mass *ACTS Bake Sale - After Mass
15 *Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am - CCE *ACTS Bake Sale - After Masses	16 *No Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg.	17 *No Mass *10:00am - BINGO *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *6:00pm - SM Men's Club - SM Hall	18 *9:00am - Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall *10am - noon & 5pm - 6pm - Confessions *7:00pm - CCE	19 *9:00am - Mass *Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm - SM Hall	20 *No Mass	21 *5:00pm - Mass *World Mission Collection
22 *Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am - CCE *World Mission Collection	23 *9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg. *Fr. Ed's Birthday	24 *9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *3:30pm - SVdP - SM Hall	25 *9:00am - Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall *6:30 - 8:00 pm - K-5 All Saints Festival - SM Hall	26 *9:00am - Mass *Bible Study 10-noon & 7-9pm - SM Hall	27 *No Mass *9:00am - Little Lambs - SM Hall	28 *5:00pm - Mass *8:00am - Rummage Workday
29 *Regular Mass Schedule *Men's Club Blood Drive and Breakfast	30 *9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg.	31 *9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC				