



*Two Parishes,
One Family*



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
The Very Rev.
Stephen Vrazel

Deacon:
Mark Thompson

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Dr. Collin Lowery

Dir. of Religious Ed.:
Steve Dolan, Jr.

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Lindsey Binion

RECONCILIATION:

5:00-6:00pm Tues. and Thurs. or by appt.

MASS TIMES – HOLY DAYS:

Vigil–5:30pm; 6:00am, 8:15am (school year)
and 5:30pm

ADORATION:

6:30am-4:00pm Fridays in the Chapel

PARISH OFFICE:

Open M–F 8:00AM–3:00PM
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Organists:
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 9/3/23–9/10/23
Offertory \$2,357.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 9/4/23–9/10/23

Sunday 9/10/23: \$2,577.20
Mailed in: \$3,859.44
Online: \$3,809.66
Total: \$10,246.33

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic University – September 17



To visit our online donation page,
open your smart phone's camera
and aim it at the coded square.
Touch the link that pops up on
your phone.

Sept. 17, 2023 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sun.,	Sept 17	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Geraldine England (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Jenny Denise (I)
Mon.,	Sept 18	NO MASS		
Tues.,	Sept 19	St. Mary's	6:00am	Lynda Garstecki Bell (d)
Wed.,	Sept 20	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kossik Family (I & d)
Thurs.,	Sept 21	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Fri.,	Sept 22	St. Mary's	6:00am	Juanita Donaghey Duggan (d)
Sat.,	Sept 23	St. Joan	4:00pm	Betsy Hoffman



PLEASE PRAY FOR the Sick

Christy Blackmon, Hoagy

Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Karen Clark Andrews, Michael Newburn, Milton Days, Susan Sweeney, Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, Kathie Wall, Betsy McAleer, Daniel Lawrence, Ann Schillings, George Finkbohner, Anne Hall, Laura Cummings, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Preston Griffith, Karen Johnson, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Sandi Clark, Guillermo Herrera, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Bill Klein, Idella Lang, Claire Morrow, Richard Harrington, Carolyn Harrington, Jim Fibbe, Mary Davis Rutledge, Sr. Mary Agnes Nagle, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Maureen Byrne, Carolyn Simmons, Jean Rathle, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Art Crooker, Kate Myers, Wendy Maken, John Rathle, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, Karen Johnson, the Long Family

UPCOMING MISSION

FEAST OF ARCHANGELS DOOR TO DOOR PARISH MISSION

Below is the schedule for our Mission to take place on **SATURDAY, SEPT. 30.**

8AM–8:30AM: Breakfast and Briefing

8:30AM–12:00PM: Volunteers go out in 17 teams of two or more people to visit all homes in our parish boundaries.

12:00PM–1:30PM: Lunch and Wrap-up

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To sign up to be a volunteer, contact the parish development office at (251) 432-8678 or mrnaman@stmarymobile.org. Older children (middle school and high school) are allowed to participate but must be accompanied by their parent(s).

SCAN HERE
to volunteer!



SCAN HERE
to participate in praying the novena for the success of the mission!



Thank you to our Mission Leadership, Deacon Mark & Ashley Thompson, Fran & Taylor Peci, and Chris & Mary Carroll!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass has resumed again! Children ages 3-8 are welcome and will be led to the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word, to return to their pews after bringing up the gifts at the Offertory.

CCD CLASSES began on Sept. 10 and meet on Sundays from 10:30–11:20 in the St. Mary's School building. Please contact Steve Dolan at sdolan@stmarymobile.org for information or to register.

ST. MARY CONFIRMATION CLASS begins Wednesday, October 4th, at 7:00PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building.

RCIA CLASSES meet on Thursdays from 7PM–8PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building for any adults interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets in the Youth Building at 111 N. Lafayette St. from 12:30 to play a game and eat pizza together. At 1:30, the girls and boys separate for their own focus groups, led by Elizabeth Rafferty and Fr. Vrazel.

PRAYER GROUPS

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP
Join us at 8:30am on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Sisters of Mercy Building. This group is led by Rachel Rossi. Children are welcome, no need for a babysitter! For more information contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678. The next meeting is Thurs., October 12 at 8:30am.

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP
The WOSM Rosary Group meets twice each month in the Chapel, on the 1st Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is Sat, October 7.

EVENTS

MARRIAGE NIGHT
Please join us for Marriage Night on September 27th from 6PM–8PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building. \$30 suggested donation, and please bring a bottle of wine to share! Contact Laurel Wallace at llwallace@stmarymobile.org or 251.380.8772 to make your reservation.

MILESTONE WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

The Archdiocese would like to celebrate couples observing milestone marriage anniversaries in 2023. Couples celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th+ anniversaries are invited to any one of our special Milestone Wedding Anniversary Masses and Reception. The Mobile ceremony will take place at 10:00am on Saturday, September 23 at St. Mary's.

To register for the Mass, couples are asked to fill out a short form no later than August 27th at mobarch.org/milestone-anniversary

GET INVOLVED!

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR LAWN PARTY will be on October 15th from 10-4. We have slots during this time for booths but also before and after with set-up/break-down. Please email Millie Martorana at volmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org to sign up!

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

We are in need of voices for our Adult Choir! Practices will take place each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the church beginning September 6. If you are interested in the singing with the choir, please contact our Music Director, Dr. Collin Lowery at clowery@stmarymobile.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Knex Gaines Broussard

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep. 21** Novena begins for Feast of the Archangels Door to door Parish Mission
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- Sep. 27** Marriage Night 6:00pm SOM Building
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- Sep. 30** St. Mary Door to Door Parish Mission
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- Oct. 4** Confirmation Classes 7:00pm Begin, SOM Building
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- Oct. 7** WOSM Rosary Group 8:30am Chapel
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- Oct. 12** WOSM Prayer Group 8:30am SOM Building
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- Oct. 20** Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament Details TBA
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- Oct. 26** St. Mary's Trivia Night presents "Games People Play!" Details TBA
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- Oct. 29** St. Mary's Trunk or Treat TBA
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- Nov. 6–10** Meet the Mustangs Week! Open House for parents of prospective St. Mary's Students, Details TBA
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- Nov. 8** Marriage Night 6:00pm SOM Building
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- Nov. 14** Alumni After Hours! 6–8pm Pavilion
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- Nov. 27, 28, 29** Parish Advent Mission 7:00pm St. Joan of Arc
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- Dec. 5** First Reconciliation 6:00pm Church
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- Dec. 6** St. Mary's Lighting Up Midtown Details TBA

September 17, 2023 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION (eLPi)

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive

the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir



SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Please join us for Sunday Brunch following the 8:30 Sunday Mass. If you would like to join the rotation, please call the office. We will not have a brunch next Sunday due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Schedule:

9/17: Mary Jane Blanchette, Elizabeth Blanchette, Jane Radka, Stephanie Gapud

9/24: Rededication Mass – see sign up sheet (signupgenius.com/go/5080948ADA62CA1FE3-stained#/)

RENEWED AND RESTORED!

On September 24th we will have a special Mass to commemorate the renovation of our beautiful church, complete with the restoration of our stained glass windows. We are hoping to have in attendance descendants of those that the windows were originally dedicated to, as well as the Catholic community. Following Mass, we will have a reception in the Hall of Angels. Please contact Helena Smith or the office if you can help with this event.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

To sign up or add names of deceased loved ones to the book: catholicinmobile@gmail.com

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Sign up at: mjbsjacop@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

This week we welcome new parishioners Sara & Ryder Copeland along with their children Barrett and Kate Malone. Also a warm welcome to Esther Andrews. We are so happy to see our parish grow and hope you will all make them feel at home.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Frank Sofie, Lori Provost, Sister Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Ann Olsen



PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SUPPORT

Call us at 251-343-4636 for assistance

Pregnant? Parenting? 2B Choices for Women in Mobile can help! We are building a culture of encounter and accompaniment as we walk with moms and parents in need. 2B Choices for Women in Mobile provides free pregnancy testing, prenatal/parenting education, and baby essentials.

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