



*Two Parishes,
One Family*



PARISH STAFF

Pastor:
The Very Rev.
Stephen Vrazel

Deacon:
Mark Thompson

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Corinne Cuffle

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Millie Dixon

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Anna Summersell

Music Director:
Dr. Collin Lowery

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

**Bulletin & Website
Coordinator:**
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
106 Providence St. | Mobile, AL 36604
251-432-8678

SCHOOL OFFICE:

Open M–F 8:00AM–3:00PM
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Deacon:
Douglas McEnery

Organists:
Richard Jones,
MaryAnne Cieutat

Secretary:
Lynn Anderson

RECONCILIATION:

3:30-3:55 pm Saturday and by appt.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 10/2/23–10/8/23
Offertory: \$2,003.00
On-Line \$31.40

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 10/2/23–10/8/23

Sunday 10/8/23: \$2,579.00
Mailed in: \$2,295.00
Online: \$5,161.50
Total: \$10,035.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Propagation of the Faith – Oct. 24



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.

October 15, 2023 | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

| DAY | DATE | WHERE | WHEN | INTENTIONS |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Sat., | Oct 14 | St. Joan | 4:00pm | Geraldine England (d) |
| Sun., | Oct 15 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Kossik Family (l & d) |
| | | St. Joan | 8:30am | Beth johnson (d) |
| | | St. Mary's | 9:30am | Parishioners of St. Mary's |
| | | St. Mary's | 11:30am | Danny Martin |
| Mon., | Oct 16 | NO MASS | | |
| Tues., | Oct 17 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Kossik Family (l&d) |
| Wed., | Oct 18 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Msgr. Cordell J. Lang (d) |
| Thurs., | Oct 19 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Deacon John Cretaro (d) |
| Fri., | Oct 20 | St. Mary's | 6:00am | Kilday Family (l & d) |



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, 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, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Maken, John Rathle, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, the Long Family, John Johnson



PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Deceased*

Eleanor Crane
Skinner, Arthur "Art"
Brethart Crooker,

Christopher Roberts

NOW HIRING

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

is seeking a full-time caregiver for the children ranging in ages from 6 weeks to 2 years. Please contact our principal, Corinne Cuffle, at ccuffle@stmarymobile.org for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Liam Joseph Loeffler

Lena Hayes Loeffler

Stephen Christopher Dolan, III



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED



Mr. & Mrs. Warren Phillips

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass welcomes children ages 3-8. They 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 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., November 9** 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, November 4.**

GET INVOLVED!

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR LAWN PARTY will be on **October 15th from 10-4.** Join us for fun for the whole family! We'll have games, food, and lots of festivities.

EVENTS

STEVE THOMPSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT! Friday, Oct. 20th, at Springhill College Golf Course.

Registration & Lunch: 11 a.m.
Scramble & Shotgun Start: 12 p.m.

Scan the QR Code to sponsor!



ST. MARY'S TRIVIA NIGHT PRESENTS "GAMES PEOPLE PLAY"! Thursday, Oct. 26th, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Ollis Pavilion

\$400 for a team of 8 or \$50 per person. Includes a great meal, entertainment, a chance to bid on a priest to help you answer the questions, limited silent and live auctions, and more! Have your team dress in the event theme and decorate your table, with prizes awarded for the best costumes and table, and a trophy and prize for winning Trivia Team! Scan the QR Code to sign up your team, or contact Marcelle Naman in the development office at (251) 432-8678 for team sign-ups and sponsorships.



ST. MARY'S TRUNK OR TREAT! Sunday, October 29th, 2-4 pm

Come enjoy an afternoon of fun in your best Halloween costume. Bring Cash for Kona Ice and other Treats!



ALSO, We need your Trunk!! Your decorated vehicle trunk and treats is what makes this event so fun for the little ones!

Sign up to host a trunk with Jamie Piper at juliette2561@gmail.com or by text 334-328-5219.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 20** Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament
11:00AM Springhill College Golf Course
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- Oct. 26** St. Mary's Trivia Night presents "Games People Play!"
5:30pm Ollis Pavilion
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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
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- Jan. 24** Marriage Night
6:00pm SOM Building
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- Mar. 18** Marriage Night
6:00pm SOM Building
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- May 1** Marriage Night
6:00pm SOM Building

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view

is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir



SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the brunch reception last Sunday—it was a huge success! All are welcome to join us for brunch in the Hall of Angels following the Sunday Mass. If you are interested in joining the rotation, please call Helena Smith or the office.

Schedule:

10/15: Betty Gonzales, Maureen Shirah, Paula Stadther, Jane Radka

10/22: Melanie Winter, Caroline Hassell, Jenna Strickland, Lauren Dempsey

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday! Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oct 2 – Caroline Hassell

Oct 8 – Betty Beatty

Oct 23 – Michael Provost

Oct 27 – Sally Teague

Oct 31 – Ann Doyle

BOXES OF JOY

Boxes of Joy are now available in the Church vestibule as well as the Hall of Angels. If you wish to bless a child, please fill the box and return it no later than noon on November 1st.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

is now open!

Open to any St. Mary's Catholic School students or St. Mary's Parish CCD students Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Fee: \$135.00

Registration Deadline: October 20th, 2023
Practices start after October 30th

Sign up online at stmarymobile.org.