



*Two Parishes,  
One Family*



**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor:**  
The Very Rev.  
Stephen Vrazel

**Deacon:**  
Mark Thompson

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**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  
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**Organists:**  
Richard Jones,  
MaryAnne Cieutat

**Secretary:**  
Lynn Anderson

**RECONCILIATION:**

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 9/18/23-9/24/23  
Offertory: \$3,293.00  
On-Line \$31.40

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Week of 9/25/23-10/1/23**

Sunday 10/1/23: \$3,041.02  
Mailed in: \$2,730.00  
Online: \$7,292.14  
**Total: \$13,063.16**

**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 8, 2023 | 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Oct 7	St. Joan	4:00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun.,	Oct 8	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Edward Carstens (D)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Carlos Henderson
Mon.,	Oct 9	NO MASS		
Tues.,	Oct 10	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kossik Family (I&d)
Wed.,	Oct 11	St. Mary's	6:00am	Special Intention
Thurs.,	Oct 12	St. Mary's	6:00am	Carol Twoney (d)
Fri.,	Oct 13	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (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

## PARISH MISSION

### ST. MARY'S FEAST OF ARCHANGELS NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH MISSION A SUCCESS!

Our St. Mary's Mission Team spread the good news of our parish on Sat., Sept. 30 to nearly 2,000 of our neighbors within our parish boundaries! We thank our leaders, Deacon Mark and Ashley Thompson, Fran and Taylor Pecci, and Chris and Mary Carroll and 40 volunteers who participated. We also appreciate those who prayed the Archangels Novena with us for this day of blessings!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

  
*Charlotte Grace Judice*

## ANNUAL WHITE MASS

Mobile Catholic Physicians invite all healthcare workers and their families and friends to come worship with us at the Annual White Mass. Join Monsignor Skoneki and your colleagues as we thank God for the gifts and opportunity He gives us to serve our fellow man. Mass is **Saturday, October 14, at 4:30PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Please wear white lab coats or uniform.

If you have a bulletin submission or suggestion please email Lindsey Binion at lbinion@stmarymobile.org two weeks prior to the desired publish date.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat, October 7.**

## 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!

## EVENTS

**STEVE THOMPSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!** Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

THANK YOU to Loren Barbour for donating Cold Snap ice cream to our Marriage Night in September! It was a delicious treat!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 12** 8:30am WOSM Prayer Group  
SOM Building
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- 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** 6:00pm Marriage Night  
SOM Building
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- Nov. 14** 6–8pm Alumni After Hours!  
Pavilion
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- Nov. 27, 28, 29** Parish Advent  
Mission  
7:00pm St. Joan of Arc
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- Dec. 5** 6:00pm **First Reconciliation**  
Church
- 
- Dec. 6** St. Mary's Lighting Up  
Midtown  
Details TBA
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- Jan. 24** 6:00pm Marriage Night  
SOM Building
- 
- Mar. 18** 6:00pm Marriage Night  
SOM Building



### CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

*is now open!*

Open to any St. Mary's Catholic School students  
or St. Mary's Parish CCD students  
Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fee: \$135.00  
Registration Deadline: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Practices start after October 30<sup>th</sup>

Sign up online at [stmarymobile.org](http://stmarymobile.org).

## October 8, 2023 | 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter

as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— *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:

10/8: Kathleen Gerard, BJ Robertson  
10/15: Betty Gonzales, Maureen Shirah, Paula Stadther, Jane Radka

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We are so happy to have Lane & Rachel Otto join our St. Joan of Arc Parish Family. They will be welcoming their first baby in January. Also new to St. Joan of Arc is Sophia Rucker and her children Elaine & Leroy.

#### 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.

#### PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

To sign up or add names of deceased loved ones to the book: [catholicinmobile@gmail.com](mailto:catholicinmobile@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:ccuffle@stmarymobile.org) for more information.