



*Two Parishes,  
One Family*



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**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:**  
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 4/8/24–4/14/24: \$3,266.00



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**Week of 4/8/24–4/14/24**  
Sunday 4/14/24: \$1,692.00  
Mailed in: \$1,955.00  
Online: \$8,556.35  
**Total: \$12,203.35**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Communications – May 19

April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Apr 20	St. Joan	4:00pm	Gavin Kersten (d)
Sun.,	Apr 21	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Raymond Blanchette (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	
Mon.,	Apr 22	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Apr 23	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Wed.,	Apr 24	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Thurs.,	Apr 25	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri.,	Apr 26	St. Mary's	6:00am	



## PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Sick*

Christy Blackmon,  
Hoagy

Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Michael Newburn, Milton Days, Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, Daniel Lawrence, 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, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Angle Nagle, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Makiwn, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Judy Daly, Geri Barnett, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson, Jennifer Folman, Joe Byrne, Allison Simons Robinson, Jayee Thomas

## PRAYER GROUP

### WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets 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., April 6.**



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Benjamin Partridge Cummings III*  
*Milan Lillian-Marie Grove*  
*Sailor Lebaren-Darryl Grove*  
*Melanie Hazel-Marie Grove*  
*Jason Tre Grove*  
*Olanna Munachimso Ndubueke*



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ANNOUNCE A NEW  
PODCAST!



New episodes every Monday

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22:45 35:00



Search "Saints in the Parish" to watch or listen.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass welcomes children ages 3-8. They'll 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@stmarmobile.org for inquiries.

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

**ST. MARY CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
The Confirmation retreat is coming up on April 20, look for more details to come.

**RCIA CLASSES** meet on Thursdays from 7PM-8PM in the church 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Save these important dates!

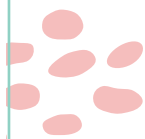
#### First Communion Interviews:

April 9-12, 16-19, *more details to come*

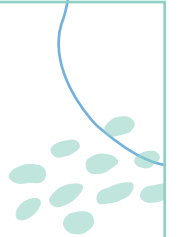
#### First Holy Communion:

May 5th, 3:00pm in the Church

Countdown to St. Mary's Catholic School's



# STEAKOUT 20 WEEKEND 24



**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!** Tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**, we won't have them for sale at the door, so scan below to grab yours now!

**MIX & mingle** Thurs., April 25  
6:30pm  
The Courtyard on Dauphin

Bring some friends for a girls' night out and crown the Mobile Area's Best Cocktail! Bars and restaurants from the region will submit their top craft cocktail recipes for you to enjoy and cast your vote for Ladies' Choice Award. We'll also have live music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and a silent art auction. It's the best ladies' night out you've had in a long time!

Tickets: \$50, must purchase in advance!

**KIDS playDAY** Sat., April 27  
9:00am-12:00pm  
McGill Field

Fun for the whole family! We'll have Inflatables, Touch-A-Truck, Food Trucks, Art Stations, Shopping, Lawn Games, Nerf Gun Wars, and more. Tell your friends from other parishes and neighborhoods too, all are welcome!

Tickets: FREE admission for all attendees!

**STEAK OUT** Saturday, April 27  
6:00pm  
St. Mary's School

Our seventh-annual steak-cooking competition and tasting, with drinks, live music, live auction and killer raffle prizes. This event is a favorite every year! Come eat delicious food and make your vote count. VIP tickets available as well, with fresh sushi, a private bar, and more!

Tickets: starting at \$75 each  
**must purchase in advance!**



**#Love Like Lillis** 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL WALK Sat., April 27  
8:00am  
McGill-Toolen Track

Join us at the McGill-Toolen Track at 8:00am to kick off the Love Like Lillis Memorial Walk, in honor of our beloved preschool teacher. The whole family is welcome!

Registration: \$10

[stmarysteakout.com](http://stmarysteakout.com) SCAN FOR TICKETS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 25–27 Steak Out Weekend!

April 25	Mix & Mingle, 6:30pm
April 27	Love Like Lillis Walk, 8:00am
April 27	Kids' PlayDay, 9:00am
April 27	Steak Out, 6:00pm

**May 1** **Marriage Night**  
6:00pm SOM Building

**May 4** **WOSM Rosary Group**  
8:30am St. Mary's Chapel

**May 5** **First Holy Communion**  
3:00pm in the Church

**May 9** **Confirmation Mass**  
6:00pm in the Church

**May 15** **St. Mary's Mustang Walk**  
11:00am Ollis Pavilion

**May 22** **St. Mary's 8th Grade**  
6:00pm Completion Mass

**May 24** **Last day of School!**  
11:30am Dismissal

## April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LP)

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my

friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us! — *Father John Muir*

## PLEDGE A MILE

### ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

St. Mary's Parish is taking two groups of youth to CAMP HIDDEN LAKE in Dahlonega, GA for LifeTeen-sponsored weeks of camp June 3-8th and July 8-13th.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT! Please consider pledging a mile or more to help us get there. Suggested donation \$25/mile. For more information, contact Laurel Wallace at 251-432-8678 or lwallace@stmarymobile.org. Donations can be made payable to St. Mary's Youth Group and sent to the parish office at 106 Providence St., Mobile, AL 36604. All donations are tax deductible. THANK YOU for your generosity!



### SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship following most Sunday morning Masses. Thank you to all who prepare this wonderful social. Please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

#### Schedule:

4/21: Melanie Winter, Jenna Strickland, Lauren Dempsey, Caroline Hassell  
4/28: Betty Gonzales, Paula Stadther, Maureen Shirah, Jane Radka

### CRS RICE BOWLS

Please turn in your CRS Rice Bowls as soon as possible so we can forward your donation to the proper ministry. Thank you to all who participated.

### PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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

### DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST

The month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Mary Conference is looking for St. Joan of Arc parishioners to join them in helping neighbors in need within our parish boundaries. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please call the office.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER

To sign up please email mjbsjacop@gmail.com

