



*Two Parishes,
One Family*



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Vigil-5:30pm; 6:00am, 8:15am (school year)
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6:30am-4:00pm Fridays in the Chapel

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Ash Wednesday: \$519
Week of 2/12/24–2/18/24: \$2150.50
Black & Indian Mission: \$115



Scan this QR code to give to St. Joan of Arc Parishonline!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 2/12/24–2/18/24

Sunday 2/18/24: \$5,431.22
Mailed in: \$1,805.00
Online: \$6,761.66
Total: \$13,997.88

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Black & Indian Missions
Feb. 18, 2024 – \$249.22

February 25, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Feb 24	St. Joan	4:00pm	Claire Steadman (d)
Sun.,	Feb 25	St. Mary's	6:00am	
		St. Joan	8:30am	Yvette Leclere (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Jean Rathle (d)
Mon.,	Feb 26	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Feb 27	St. Mary's	6:00am	Ruth Anne Gaetz (d)
Wed.,	Feb 28	St. Mary's	6:00am	Adele Kearns (d)
Thurs.,	Feb 29	St. Mary's	6:00am	Houston Glass (d)
Fri.,	Mar 1	St. Mary's	6:00am	



PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Sick*

Christy Blackmon,
Hoagy

Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Karen Clark Andrews, 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, Sr. Mary Agnes Nagle, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Makiwn, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angelle Nagle, Judy Daly, Derise Smith, Geri Barnett, Adele Kearns, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, James LeGrone, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson



PLEASE PRAY FOR *the Deceased*

Jean Rathle and
Lori Provost

PRAYER GROUP

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., March 2.**



Registration IS NOW OPEN!



SCHOLARS
AND LEADERS
IN FAITH

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL focuses on the development of the whole child, meeting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional needs of our children. We provide a diverse yet richly Catholic learning experience for your child, from six weeks old all the way through 8th grade. Come see what St. Mary's has to offer!

Please contact St. Mary Catholic School Office at (251) 433-9904 for more information or visit stmarymobile.org to schedule a personal visit.

Scan here to learn more about St. Mary's and sign up for your tour!



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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@stmarymobile.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 meets next on Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 7:00PM in the Church. The Confirmation retreat is coming up on April 20, look for more details at the class meeting.

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

EVENTS

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Stephen Vrazel will be offering a Bible study from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Rectory during Lent, on Sundays: Feb. 25, March 3, 10 & 17. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Mark your calendar for St. Joan of Arc's St. Patrick's Day Dinner, on March 17th in the Hall of Angels from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The festive dinner will feature traditional a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, (Chicken Fingers for the kids), drinks and dessert. Watch the bulletin for more details, to include cost!

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! Join us on Fridays in lent at the SMS gym from 5:30-7:30 for a delicious fish fry dinner, sponsored by the St. Mary's Men's Group. Available: 3/1, 3/15, 3/22. (No Fish Fry on March 8!)

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

St. Joseph's Altar- Please consider a donation to the St. Joseph's Altar. We are looking for a large variety of baked goods (homemade or store bought), fruit and religious items for the altar. There are sign up sheets at each entrance along with a QR code if you prefer to sign up digitally. Please consider a donation so our altar will be overflowing in the spirit of thanksgiving shown so many centuries ago. For a description of St. Joseph's Altar please pick up a flier in the vestibule of the church.

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please contact Ashley Thompson at ashleyrthompson71@gmail.com or call 251-281-3147. Plan to join us for a **planning meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00PM** in the Sisters of Mercy Building.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION
Mobile Campaign

SPRING 2024 MIDWAY RALLY

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
ADULT ED ROOM
6300 MCKENNA DR.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
Haywood Robinson, M.D.
Director, Medical Affairs & Education, 40 Days for Life

4th March, 2024
8:00pm - Light Refreshments
8:30pm - Presentation w/ Q&A

Meet this physician and former abortion provider who now serves as the Medical Director for 40 Days for Life!

Contact Jennifer Rehm Parr, Director 40 Days for Life Mobile
director40dfm@yahoo.com
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Lucy Isabella Moore

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27 6:00pm	Planning meeting for St. Joseph's Altar, SOM building
Mar. 1 5:30pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church
5:30pm -7:30pm	Fish Fry! in the SMS gym
Mar. 6 7:00pm	Confirmation Class in the Church
Mar. 13 6:00pm	Marriage Night Location TBD
Mar. 15 5:30pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church
5:30pm -7:30pm	Fish Fry! in the SMS Gym
Mar. 17 6:00pm– 8:00pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner St. Joan of Arc Hall of Angels
Mar. 19 5:30pm	St. Joseph's Altar Pasta Dinner, school gym
Mar. 22 5:30pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church
5:30pm -7:30pm	Fish Fry! in the SMS Gym
Sun. Mar 24	Palm Sunday
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses	
Wed. Mar 27	SMS Living Stations of
6:00pm	the Cross, in the Church
Thurs. Mar 28	Holy Thursday
10:00am	SMS Living Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm– Midnight	Adoration at the Repository
Fri. Mar 29	Good Friday
3:00pm	Passion Liturgy
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00pm	Tenebrae
Sat. Mar 30	Holy Saturday
9:00am	Tenebrae
3:00pm	Confessions
8:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun. Mar 31	Easter Sunday!
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am	Masses
10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt
April 21–27	Steak Out Weekend!
Apr. 21	Spring Swing, 12:00pm
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 6:00pm	Marriage Night SOM Building
May 5	First Holy Communion

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ^(©LP)

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **"Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of**

Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.
— *Father John Muir*



SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship following the Sunday morning Mass. 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:

2/25: Samantha Anderson, Helena Smith, Savannah Browning, Elizabeth Hughes
3/3: Melanie Winter, Jenna Strickland, Lauren Dempsey, Caroline Hassell

ST. JOAN OF ARC - HEROINE OF THE CHURCH

Joan of Arc was just about to start her mission of saving France from the English. With a tiny escort of three men, she prepared to ride from Vaucouleurs to Chinon where she would meet the Dauphin. Her perilous route lay through English – watched territory.

Before she set out, a woman approached her and cried, "How can you make such a journey when on all sides are soldiers?" "I do not fear the soldiers, for my road is made open to me," Joan instantly replied. "And if the soldiers come, I have God, my Lord, who will know how to clear the route that leads to my lord the Dauphin. It was for this that I was born!" Joan was not boasting about her own bravery or empowerment—quite the opposite! She was humbly expressing her total confidence in God. She knew that she—an illiterate peasant girl—could not protect herself, let alone save her country.

God watched over and guided her, and that is why she had nothing to fear. He had entrusted her with the mission of saving France, and He would enable her to carry it out. This complete trust in God marked the whole of Joan's life, military action, and infamous trials.