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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:**

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week of 1/15/24–1/21/24  
Offertory: \$ 2,558.00



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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Week of 1/15/24–1/21/24**

Sunday 1/21/24: \$2,221.21  
Mailed in: \$3,652.86  
Online: \$7,729.90  
**Total: \$13,603.97**

**TODAY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL SUNDAY!**

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January 28, 2024 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Jan 27	St. Joan	4:00pm	George Burns (d)
Sun.,	Jan 28	St. Mary's	6:00am	
		St. Joan	8:30am	Cora Blanchette (I)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	
Mon.,	Jan 29	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Jan 30	St. Mary's	6:00am	Chrissy Dolan Middleton (d)
Wed.,	Jan 31	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kossik Family (I&d)
Thurs.,	Feb 1	St. Mary's	6:00am	Joyce Dyas d)
Fri.,	Feb 2	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 Maken, Jean Rathle, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angela Nagle, Judy Daly, Denise Smith, Geri Barnett, Adele Kearns, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, James LeGrone, Coach Phillips Murphy, Nancy Anderson, Fr. Warren Wall

### PRAYER GROUP

### 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., February 3.**

### WAYS TO SERVE

### BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR!

We are always in need of new lectors and Eucharistic ministers to serve on the altar, and if they are interested to contact Laurel Wallace in the parish office at [lwallace@stmarymobile.org](mailto:lwallace@stmarymobile.org) or 251-432-8678.



### 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/parental education, and baby essentials.

To learn more about our ministry please visit [catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women](http://catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women) or follow us at [facebook.com/2BChoices](https://facebook.com/2BChoices)

## 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](mailto: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, Jan. 3, 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.

### 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.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** is looking for dedicated employees to support the Little Sisters' mission of loving service to the elderly poor here at Sacred Heart Residence. Below are the available positions:

- Business Office Coordinator – Full Time
  - Receptionist – Every other Weekend
- Our Human Resources Director, Kathleen Nolan, can be reached at [hmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:hmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org) or by calling the Home at 251-476-633.

### EVENTS



Please join us for Marriage Night on January 24th from 6PM-8PM in the home of Tim and Mary Keese Finnorn, 8 N. Monterrey St. \$30 suggested donation, and please bring a bottle of wine to share! Contact Laurel Wallace at [lwallace@stmarymobile.org](mailto:lwallace@stmarymobile.org) or 251.380.8772 to make your reservation.

### 50 PLUS VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

St. Mary's 8th grade class invites all St. Mary's and St. Joan of Arc family members and friends over the age of 50 to join them on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:00pm for great food, fellowship, and fun in the Sisters of Mercy Building!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Annette Stehling Quint  
Landen Lee Adams



### Registration IS NOW OPEN!



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Jan. 24</b> 6:00pm	<b>Marriage Night</b> 8 N. Monterrey St.
<b>Feb. 3</b> 8:30am	<b>WOSM Rosary Group</b> Chapel
<b>Feb. 7</b> 12:00pm	<b>50+ Valentine's Luncheon</b> SOM Building
<b>Feb. 13</b> Ashes distributed at: 6:00am, 8:10am Mass 5:30pm (Vespers—not a Mass)	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Mar. 18</b> 6:00pm	<b>Marriage Night</b> SOM Building
<b>Mar. 19</b> 5:30pm	<b>St. Joseph's Altar &amp;</b> Pasta Dinner, school gym
<b>Sun. Mar 24</b> 6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>Thurs. Mar 28</b> 7:00pm	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Fri. Mar 29</b> 3:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Passion Liturgy Stations of the Cross Tenebrae
<b>Sat. Mar 30</b> 9:00am 3:00pm 8:00pm	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Tenebrae Confessions Easter Vigil
<b>Sun. Mar 31</b> 6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses 10:30am	<b>Easter Sunday!</b> Easter Egg Hunt
<b>April 21–27</b>	<b>Steak Out Weekend!</b>
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
<b>May 1</b> 6:00pm	<b>Marriage Night</b> SOM Building

## January 28, 2024 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPi)

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the

demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it? — *Father John Muir*



### SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for brunch 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:

1/28/24: Elizabeth Blanchette, Mary Jane Blanchette, Stephanie Gapud

2/4/24: Gayle Conner, Ann Olsen, Cynthia Parham, Lane Otto

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Anyone can request for a Mass to be offered for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Infinite graces flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Please call the office if you would like information on Mass Intentions. A small stipend is customary.

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THE ADVENTURE AWAITS.

## MOSJ OUTBACK

FRI., MAR 1-SUN., MAR 3

The Men of St. Joseph Outback Weekend is about building, restoring, and strengthening relationships. A spirit-filled, adventurous weekend retreat designed to give parents and teens, husband and wives, and

engaged couples a practical strategy for daily living, focused on their relationship with God, their family, friends, the Church, and community. Includes the celebration of Mass, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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