

Requisitos Para Inscribirse Para Clases De Catecismo



Pronto en nuestro salón Sherlock empezaremos la inscripción para las clases de Catecismo, del primero hasta el colegio. No podemos acomodar chicos del kínder. Las clases mismas empiezan el 6 de Septiembre. Los chicos que estarán preparándose a recibir este año el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o de La Confirmación deben presentar una copia del acta del bautismo el 6 de septiembre. Si se le hace falta ahora, aproveche este mes a conseguirlo para tenerla en mano por el 6 de septiembre. Los estudiantes que asistieron a las clases el año pasado deben reinscribirse de nuevo.

Los requisitos para matricularse incluyen los siguientes (1) que los padres y sus niños hagan el compromiso asistir regularmente a una de las Misas del fin de semana acá en Santa María a través del año (2) que la familia se comprometa a practicar la corresponsabilidad (de su tiempo, talento y tesoro) a su parroquia de Santa María. (3) que la familia está registrada en nuestra parroquia de Santa María. Si no está inscrito, tome ahora un formulario de inscripción del fondo de la iglesia, llenarlo completamente y ponerlo en el cesto durante la colecta en la misa o póngalo en el buzón de la oficina parroquial.

Para más información, favor comuníquese con el Coordinador del programa religioso Ron Akerman.: 229-942-1653 o por correo electrónico: ronakerman@mediacombb.net

Corresponsabilidad: 13 de agosto, Domingo 19avo.



Elías no reconoció la voz de Dios en el viento fuerte y poderoso, ni en el terremoto ni en el fuego, sino en el pequeño sonido de un susurro. Que nosotros encontremos la suficiente quietud en nuestro mundo clamoroso para escuchar Su voz y discernir lo que El nos está diciendo que hagamos y seamos.

Celebramos la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia el sábado el 9 de Septiembre después de la misa. Como en años anteriores, tendremos juegos, comida y bebidas (gratis); se toma lugar en el parqueo y se dura hasta las ocho de la noche. Todos están invitados. Van a servir las comidas en Sherlock Hall. Las mujeres de PCCW van a pedir ayuda en llevar comidas a compartir. Si se podría ayuda favor llame la Sra. Carolyn Campbell: 229-942-2801.



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Fray Pedro de Corpa Curso ha empezado ya de nuevo. Es tiempo a inscribirse. Este programa diocesano tiene un serie de cursos sobre la biblia, la doctrina, los sacramentos, lo moral, etc. El estudiante adulto puede decidir tomar solo algunos de ellos o todos. El horario de clases será lo mismo: martes por la noche de 7 a 9, una semana si, una semana no. Los profesores serán sacerdotes. Las clases están en nuestro salón Sherlock. Las clases están para cualquier adultos (los de 18 años por arriba) interesados en aprender mas de su fe. La cobertura es diez dólares. Para registrarse favor hable con Sra. Sara Yanez que sirva como Registrar, o enviarle un correo electrónico :sara rued@windstream.net.



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El día de la Asunción de la Virgen María, este martes el 15 de Agosto es día de obligación para Católicas. Por lo tanto tendremos dos misas: (1) al mediodía en ingles en la capilla y (2) a las 7 en la tarde en la iglesia (bilingüe).



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August 13th, 2017 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat

and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night,

he came toward them walking on the sea." (Matt. 14)



Nuestra Misión: Nosotros, los feligreses de la Iglesia Católica Santa María en Americus, Georgia, compartimos nuestra diversidad mientras abarcando nuestro Bautismo común adorando a Dios, celebrando la Eucaristía, honrando María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

Mission: We, the parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church in Americus, Georgia, share our diversity while embracing our common Baptism by worshiping God, celebrating the Eucharist, honoring Mary, spreading the Word, and serving others.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame la oficina parroquial para registrarse por las platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo.

Clases de Preparación de Matrimonio - Las parejas necesitan comunicarse con el Padre por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Sacramento de la Unción de un Enfermo - Si alguien está enfermo, llame el párroco para recibir este sacramento (favor, no esperar al ultimo momento).

Confesión/Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el párroco por una cita particular.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptismal Preparation Class - Contact the pastor by phone /email to register for a pre-Baptism class at least a month ahead of a Baptismal date.

Marriage Preparation - Contact the pastor at least 6 months before expected wedding date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Those quite ill, hospitalized, or facing surgery who wish the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the pastor sooner rather than later.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm or call Fr. Fran for an appointment.

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (Ingles)

Domingo: 9:30 (Ingles); 11:30 (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 (ingles) en la capilla

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

Sunday: 9:30 (English); 11:30 (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel (English)

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

Are you Safe Environment trained?



VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nation wide to train adults, clergy included, on promoting safe environment for children and youth. Virtus training of adults is required for any adult who will come into

contact with children or youth as part of their ministry. Virtus training It must be completed before they begin ministry (a listing of those ministries is at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>).

On Saturday, August 26, our parish VIRTUS coordinator, Ron Akerman, will offer a training session for parishioners 18 years of age and older. Adult parishioners who are not currently volunteers are encouraged to attend this training to inform themselves of dangers in our society to children and youth and to provide themselves with tools they can use to help keep safe children and youth. Please note one must enroll on line before attending the session (https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0&theOrgID=17973). Please contact Ron for further information: 229-942-1653 or by email at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net

Save The Date for Parish Fest:



Our parish celebration of Mary's birth will be on Saturday, September 9, after the Evening Mass. As in past years it will take place in the parking lot behind the church and go until 8

PM. There will be entertainment for venture-some children of all ages, e.g., The Bounce House, Water Slide and Dunking Booth. Hamburgers, hot dog dinners plus a feast day cake will be served and again this year the meal will be in gnat free Sherlock Hall. All are welcome so mark your calendars now for our annual feast day celebration.



If you can help them please contact Ron Akerman at 229- 942-1653 or Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801.

Is Jesus Calling You To Pass On The Faith?



Jesus first called disciples, instructed them, and

afterwards sent them to pass on the faith. Jesus is ever calling persons from the pews (catechists) to do the same, especially for our children and youth. Thus, looking ahead to this year's staffing our Faith Formation classes, know we are in need of one or two regular teachers, substitute teachers, and classroom assistants. If interested please contact either the pastor Fr. Fran or Ron Akerman (229-942-1653 or at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net).

"The Guide For Catechists" (Vatican) lists the following as some key attributes of a catechist (adapted):

- + faith that manifests itself in daily life (including weekly Mass attendance at their parish);
- + love for the Church; in union with their pastors;
- + an apostolic spirit... love for their brothers and sisters and a willingness to serve;
- + sufficient education (e.g. can follow lesson plan);
- + the respect of their parish community;
- + human, moral and basic skills, energetic and good relations with others;
- + openness to the Word, to God, to the Church, and a "missionary openness" to the world.

Notice The New Weekly Budget Figure?



Our new fiscal year weekly budget figure for our parish's weekend offertory collections averages \$3,026 as compared to \$2,588 for the FY just ended 6/30/17. The weekly increase of \$438 over last year FY is

due in great part to the needed hiring of a reliable person with expertise for book-keeping and the long overdue painting of the exterior of the church and hall (\$8,700). The relatively small \$438 figure would have been higher were it not for successful measures taken last year and before to decrease the cost of utilities (\$7,000), household expenses (\$7,000), and office expenses (\$2,800). For more info contact the Finance Council Chair Bernie Bosse (229-815-0189 or bcbosse@mchsi.com)

Clarifying Notes About An Annulment

"There is always some confusion and misunderstandings regarding the annulment process of the Roman Catholic Church.



It is sometimes incorrectly assumed that the marriages of baptized non-Catholics are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid unions. These marriages are in fact recognized by the Catholic Church, and declaration of nullity ("Annulment") is necessary before a divorced non-Catholic may be free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Another source of confusion regarding the work of the (Church) tribunal is the fact that there are several different types of processes for the investigation of marriages. A valid Catholic marriage results from different elements:

- (1) the spouses are free to marry;
- (2) they freely exchange their consent;
- (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; they intend the good of each other; and
- (4) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Priest or Deacon. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

The defectiveness of any of these elements could be related to a different type of process of marriage annulment." (Source: Tribunal Newsletter, Diocese of Savannah, August 2015)

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)



Our next PCCW meeting will be Monday, August 14 at 6:00 PM in classroom #1. All ladies of the parish are invited.

The agenda for the upcoming year will be discussed and plans for our Morning of Reflection Saturday, September 16, 2017. Please contact PCCW president Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: carolynrdc@att.net.

Mark Your Calendars



A Morning of Reflection will be held in Sherlock Hall Saturday, September 16th on the theme: "A Journey in Faith with Mary: From the Annunciation to the Assumption". Presenters will be Trinitarian Sisters Christine Wiltrakis and

Therese Francis. All are invited— women, men (including high school students). For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: carolynrdc@att.net

Stewardship Thought, August 13, 19th



Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus expects us to be committed to him by helping build up the Church he founded. An exemplary way of doing this is by practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Masses for Feast of the Assumption Of



Mary To Heaven
The feast of the Assumption, which is this Tuesday, the 15th of August, is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

The two Masses are: (1) at noon in the chapel in English and (2) at 7 PM in the Church and it is bilingual.