

Misa de Confirmación con el Obispo



La Misa de Confirmación con el Obispo Hartmayer será el viernes 11 de Mayo a las 6:30 de la tarde. Nuestro Obispo dará el sacramento de confirmación a 13 estudiantes, inclusive 5 de la parroquia de Santa Teresa en Cordele. Todos estos estudiantes han terminado exitosamente su preparación para recibir el sacramento.

Todos los feligreses de la parroquia y sus familiares están invitados a celebrar esta misa con nosotros y nuestros estudiantes. Después de la Misa disfrutamos una torta y unas bebidas en el salón Sherlock ofrecida por el PCCW. Para mas información, por favor, póngase en contacto con Carolyn Campbell 229942-01801

Apunten sus calendarios. Todos invitados



El sábado 12 de mayo, hay una misa a las 10 de la mañana que nuestro párroco celebrará para la primera comunión de nuestros niños y algunos jóvenes.

LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cinco colectas y según las cifras diocesana de 3 de mayo ya logramos \$7,758 o 54% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$14,376. Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es seamos Discípulos Misioneros.

Corresponsabilidad: 6to domingo de Pascua

El mandamiento de Jesús es que sus discípulos se amen los unos a los otros, incluso hasta el punto de ofrecer sus vidas, si fuera necesario. ¿Qué dones de mi mismo-mis habilidades y talento, mi tiempo y recursos-

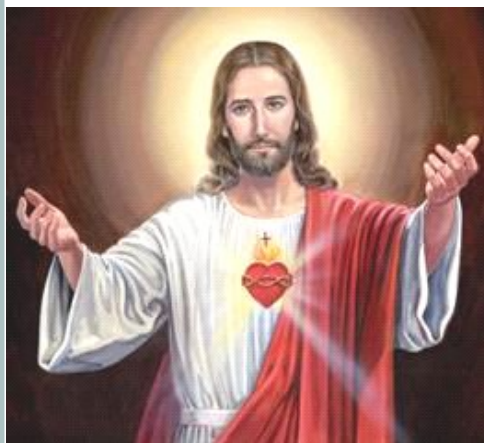


Ultima Cena Para Celebrar Fin de Clases



La última clase de religión fue el miércoles pasado. Este miércoles 9 de mayo, tendremos una comida "pot luck" para los alumnos, maestros, y familias de los alumnos. Por favor traigan un plato de comida para compartir. La cena empieza a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón.

Invitamos a chicas de 7 a 12 grado a embarcarse en una travesía siguiendo al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Tu aprenderás sobre la santidad, la gracia y métodos prácticos para entender tu relación con los demás y contigo misma. Charlas para jovencitas serán en inglés.



FECHA: el sábado 16 de junio 2018

HORA: 9:30 am -6:00 pm, inclusive una misa bilingue a las 5:00 pm. Esta misa sirve para la obligación

dominical por los participantes.

LUGAR: Lake Blackshear Resort, 2459 US-280, Cordele, GA 31015

Contribución: Becas son posibles, \$25 por jovencita o \$20 por familia. Si los padres participan en el taller para padres en español.

Almuerzo incluido

Para mas información o inscribirse: favor llame el diócesis: 912-201-4067; o por correo electrónico: hm@diosav.org



St. Mary Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

May 6, 2018 6th Sunday of Easter



"Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ... This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. ... This I command you: love one another." (John:15)

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. This Sacrament can be received more than once, periodically during the year.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 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



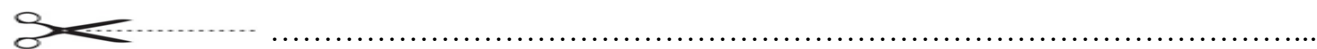
SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOMINATION FORM FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite nominations from registered parishioners for the annual elections for our parish's Pastoral Council (PC). There are three vacancies to be filled this rotation. The terms are for three years. Once a list of candidates is nominated, parishioners will vote; the three candidates with the highest tallies become elected. The member of our parish's Pastoral Council coordinating this year's nomination process in conjunction with the pastor is Carolyn Campbell. As listed in our parish bulletins for the past three years and as recently as last week, persons eligible for nomination, including self-nomination, need meet the requirements specified below. When submitting a person's name for nomination be sure to first obtain their consent to serve. Once nominated, Carolyn will present the list of nominees to the pastor for review and after that she will contact qualified nominees. The nomination process begins after Masses this weekend, continues after Masses on the following weekend and ends after the last Mass on May 20th at 1:15 PM. Voting on the final list of candidates occurs on the two weekends after that, May 26th and June 3rd. To observe the usual voting proprieties, (e.g., a registered parishioner, voting but once, etc.,) parishioner identification is needed to validate the ballot You may either write your name (it must be legible or write your parish envelope number. You may nominate up to 3 candidates or just one or two. Those currently serving on the Pastoral Council and thus ineligible for nomination are Rocio Aparicio, Patrick Calcutt, Carolyn Campbell, Lynn Ingle, Joan Miller, Bernie Bosse, Betsy Usry, Salvador Rodriguez.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church;
- * Be a registered parishioner of St. Mary for at least a year before election process starts (i.e. by 5/1/17);
- *Attend the Vigil or Sunday Mass most weekends of the month throughout the year (save vacations, holiday visiting, and such like). Not to so regularly attend, for whatever reason, renders one out of touch with a pivotal part of the parish and thus severely limited in the advisory PC role to the pastor;
- *Subscribe to the "Spirituality of Stewardship" involving the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure to our parish and to our Savannah Diocesan Church;
- * Able to attend 10 or 11 monthly meetings on Tuesday eve at 5:30 and willing to share in tasks and committees to meet council goals for parish;
- *Be interested in the overall spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish and be without an inordinate attachment to a group or personal agenda;
- *Endorse the mission statement of our parish;
- *Be 18 years of age and conversant in English;



Cut or fold along the dotted line and drop your nomination in the **Ballot Box** in the vestibule of the church or drop it in the pouch on the door of the parish office. You may nominate just 1 or 2 or up to 3 persons.

My Name (please print it) or Envelope # is: _____ and I nominate

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(If one prefers, one can cast their ballot by sending an email to carolynrdc@att.net)

One Parish; Two Theology Degrees



Last Saturday April 28 Bernie and Louise Bosse participated in the graduate degree commencement at St. Leo University outside of Tampa, Fla. During the commencement ceremony they each were awarded the Master of Art's

degree in Theology which they officially earned last August. Their program of studies extended over 4 years and was part of the Diaconate formation program for Bernie. Louise was the only wife in the diaconate cohort who participated in the degree portion of the academically demanding program.

St. Leo University has been designated by many dioceses, Savannah included, to provide the high level of education in theology desired for their diaconate candidates.

We congratulate Bernie Bosse MA and Louise Bosse MA and as a parish we look forward to attending one or another of their Saturday retreat days, or adult education talks, or multi-week Bible Study, as well as occasional attending their informative RCIA presentations on Sundays in the hall after the first Mass



Stewardship Thought

6th Sunday of Easter
 "In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts."
 (Sirach 35:7)

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women

(PCCW) meets this Monday, May 7th, at 6:00 PM in classroom B. All women of our parish are welcome to attend. We will discuss plans for the Confirmation Reception on Friday evening, May 11th whereby members will serve cake and refreshments. Also, please note, the PCCW will not have any meetings for the months of June or July. We will resume our monthly meetings again Monday August 6, 2018. For questions, please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801; or by her email: carolynrdc@att.net.



We were blessed with another successful year of Faith Formation classes for our children. We celebrate it with a pot luck "last supper" for the students, parents, teachers and helpers of our Faith Formation program.

Please bring a favorite dish at 6 PM to Sherlock Hall to share with everyone.

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA):

We are called to be Missionary Disciples is this year's theme. The BAA helps support such pastoral needs as: our 19 seminarians with the per man cost per year of c. \$40,000; spiritual formation of our children and youth; campus ministry, etc. Our parish's BAA data as of 4/20 is:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$14,376
Contributed as of 4/12	\$ 7,758
Percent of Goal now:	54 %
Amount yet to contribute	\$ 6,618
Pledges Outstanding Balance	(\$1,960)

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
April 1	\$4,536	\$2,925	\$1,611	Priests Retirm't \$1,449
April 8	\$2,696	\$2,925	(\$ 229)	BAA 11:30 Mass \$ 276
April 15	\$2,689	\$2,925	(\$ 236)	BAA 11:30 Mass \$ 316
April 22	\$2,470	\$2,925	(\$ 455)	BAA 11:30 Mass \$ 253
April 29	\$2,449	\$2,925	(\$476)	Home Missions \$ 712