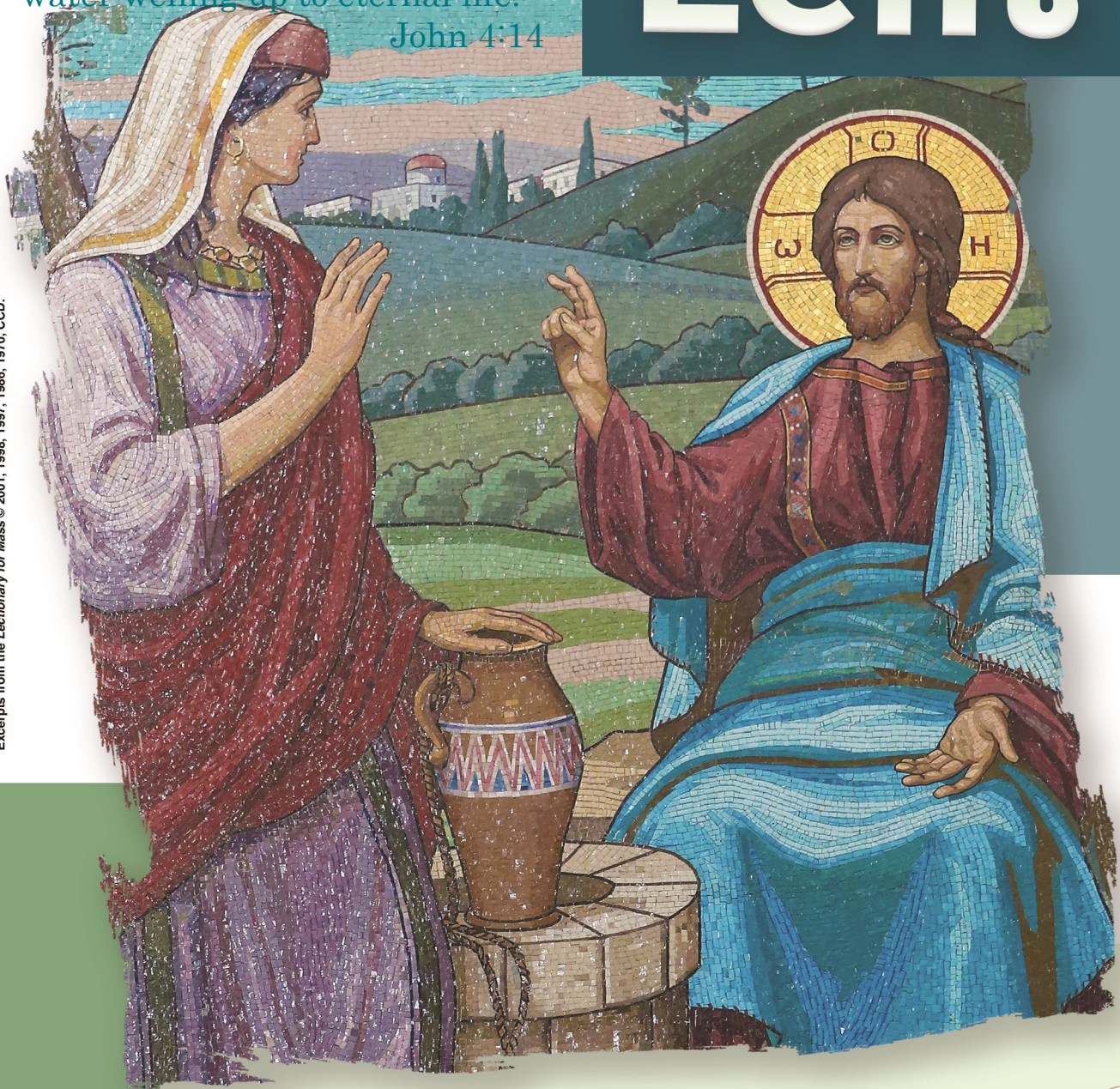


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THIRD SUNDAY OF Lent



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Our Lady
Star of the Sea
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Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission

FOLKSTON, GA



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WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays	No Daily Mass
Tuesdays	5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration, 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays	4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays	10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions	
Saturday	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
1st Fridays	8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Saturdays	10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays	6:00 pm Daily Mass
Sundays	8:30 am Mass
Confessions	30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at religiously@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Parish Office 912-882-4718

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 11, 2022 ~ May 14th, 2023, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religiously@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, It has grown to support refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more info Contact; Tom Jenkins or Norberto Caez at KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming a usher, please contact parish office at 912-882-4718



THIRD SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 12, 2023

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THIRST

There is thirst, as we feel when we need a glass of water, and then there is the sort of thirst about which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation started on the level of the sort of thirst that is quenched by a soothing drink. Yet, the conversation between Jesus and the woman quickly became about a deeper sort of thirst, the yearning for spiritual nourishment. The Israelites fussed about being thirsty, yet their thirst also had a spiritual dimension. Was the Lord with them or not, they wondered? On this Third Sunday of Lent, the elect participate in the first of three scrutinies as they prepare for the living waters of baptism. We share their thirst and open our hearts to the living water that Jesus offers, the water of life, hope, and peace.

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; “hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 17:3–7
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9
Romans 5:1–2, 5–8
John 4:5–42 [5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42]

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, (\$10 or more) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

03/11/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of
Troy Llagan Luna*

03/12/23 - Second Sunday of lent

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the repose of the soul of Mary Jordan

03/13/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**

03/14/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Kornas

03/15/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass

03/15/23 - Wednesday: 6:00 PM Mass at St. Francis
in Folkston

03/16/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM

03/17/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM

03/18/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Tom Granahan

03/19/23 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the repose of the soul of Judith Garza

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Cathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartard, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna PethtelJennifer Moran, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avilles, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., Bruce Giegerich, David Bliton, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, "Skipper" Boone, Micky Nieves, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Mary Angela Morrissey, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Ianthe Brathwaite, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Barbara Trudeau, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Doris Adams, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

**To add a name to the prayer list please email
office@weareolss.org**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear-sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name.

The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than "naming the baby"; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like "Ephiphanus" for a child born on Epiphany, or "Fides" for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a "Christian name" before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name to a child.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual **Lenten Friday Fish Fry!** For only \$10 per person and \$40 for a family of 4 or more you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by the women of our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available !



Dates: March 17, 24, and 31

Time: 5-6:30

Place: Social Hall

If you were unable to get your picture taken for our directory, please provide the office with a picture so that you can be included. We will submit all pictures to the printer for inclusion.

If you have any group photographs of activities, events, etc. that would be appropriate for the directory, please send them to the office.



The Ladies Auxiliary is offering scholarships to deserving Catholic High School seniors from class of 2023. The scholarship is open to any catholic student residing in Camden or Charlton Counties and attending OLSS, St. Francis of Assisi, or Kings Bay Chapel. You can find the application on the church website or Camden County High School Website. You can also contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net for application.

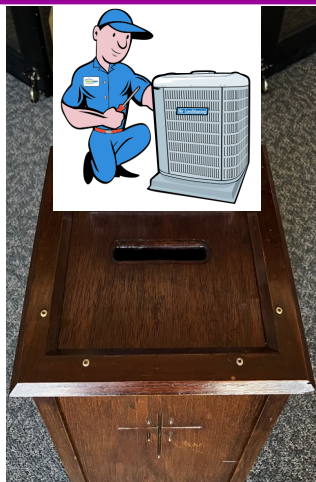


It's never too early to plan for next school year! We are currently looking for CCD teachers for our 2023-24 school year.

Please consider joining our team. Contact Bryant or Kristie Shepard for additional information.



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



OLSS

Target - \$32,858.00
Pledge - \$6,710.00
Paid on Pledge - \$925.00
Pledge Balance - \$5,785.00
One Time - \$20,049.40
Total Given - \$20,974.40
% of Target - 63.83
of Donors - 94
% Participation- 24.80



SFOA

Target - \$3,896.00
Pledge - \$0.00
Paid on Pledge - \$0.00
Pledge Balance - \$0.00
One Time - \$3,293.10
Total Given - \$3,293.10
% of Target - 84.53
of Donors - 40
% Participation- 32.50

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 5, 2023	MARCH 6, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 10,081.50 	COLLECTION - \$ 9,141.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 6,019.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 5,235.00

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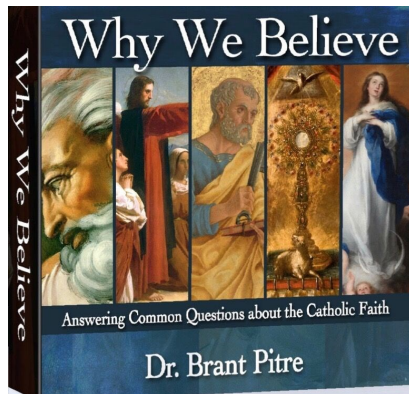
MARCH 5, 2023	MARCH 6, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 1,245.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 952.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,015.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 2,710.00

The English word "Lent" means "Spring Season", a time for new growth or renewed life and fresh beginnings. As Catholics, Lenten season is traditionally the time we promise to give up something that is meant as penance, that will deepen our faith while we grow closer to God. A regrowth or new beginning of sorts.....However do we have to give up something? How about we do something? Lent is a great time to deepen your faith experience and grow closer to Christ.

Join us Tuesday nights beginning February 7th after Mass at 6:30PM for our 8-week Lenten bible study

"Why We Believe" We will begin at the beginning with the existence of God and walk step by step through the foundations of faith. Along the way we will explain: Does God Exist? Is Jesus God? Did Jesus claim to be God? Peter and the Papacy? Did Jesus establish the Catholic Church? How Did We Get the Bible? Is the Eucharist Jesus' Real Presence? What does the Bible teach about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist? Why Confess to a Priest? Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead? Where is Purgatory in the Bible?

Make that promise to "Do" something for Lent, and bring new life into your Catholic faith. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00PM so don't worry about dinner then enjoy an evening of fellowship while you discover how just reasonable, biblical, and beautiful the Catholic faith really is.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer
Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to "show off" that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid. The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

—Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-Gonzalez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
FRIDAYS OF LENT**
OLSS - 6:30PM
SFOA - 6:00 PM

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Final Nominees for the OLSS Pastoral Council are Patty Annunziata, Carl Boria, Dominic DeLuca, Ray Meaux, Dante Russo, and Natalia Sepulveda. Voting for the three positions available will be conducted before and after Saturday and Sunday Masses, March 18th and Mar 19th. Ballot will be in the Narthex. Please, one ballot per Parishioner and make sure you sign and print your name on the ballot. Unsigned ballots and write-in nominations will not be counted.

**HELP
WANTED**
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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in St. Marys, GA is searching for a Music Director. The position is about 10 hours per week. We are blessed with a

beautiful Baldwin Baby Grand Piano and a Lowrey Majesty Organ. Both instruments are in excellent condition. The Music Director is responsible for providing organ or piano accompaniment for services on Saturday Evening and Sunday mornings and other special occasions, as well as forming and directing choir and leading one midweek choir rehearsal. Flexibility in musical style



(more traditional preferred). For more information and to apply for this position, please contact Fr. Marius at Pastor@weareolss.org



The OLSS Pastoral Council is sponsoring a **Parish Ministry Fair** after Saturday and Sunday Mass, March 18th and 19th. Representatives from the various

Parish Ministries will be present to answer any questions you may have about their mission and work. There will be a lite meal provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday and donuts and coffee after the Sunday Mass provided by the Hospitality Ministry. Lent is the perfect time to explore how each of us can do more to support the works of our church so please stop by and see if there is a home for you in one of our ministries.

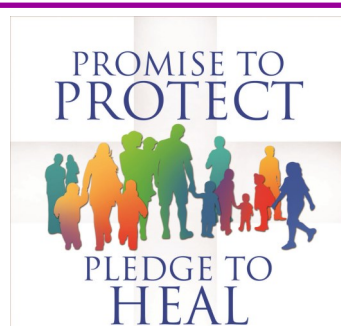
Need Help at home?

CYM will be having their annual service retreat on March 11, 2023. We'd love to come and help you with things around the house: yard work, cleaning, organizing, minor repairs, painting, pressure washing, putting things in the attic, etc. Please call (912) 552-7783 OR email your requests to ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com to get on the list for us to come to you home. We'd love to come help you and look forward to it. POC Chrissy Bundrick



8th grade – College Diocesan Youth Conference – DYC – April 21-23, 2023

Guest Speakers for the DYC this year include Fr. Agustino Torres and Mari Pablo. The conference is a great way to experience the joy of living our faith with other Catholic teens, listen to some great speakers and to get closer to Christ. ALL TEENS are encouraged to attend. Registration will be available at CYM meetings, 8th grade RE Class, or by contacting Chrissy Bundrick (912) 552-7783 or email ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah.

A session is scheduled via ZOOM Remote on March 14th – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Registration is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>

A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is required for registration.

You must confirm your registration by logging on to www.virtus.org with the user id and password that you create.



The Legion of Mary would like to invite our church community to support the Unborn. Every 3rd Saturday of the month, the Legion will be going to Planned Parenthood in Jacksonville to pray for the Unborn babies, Mothers, and Clinical providers. We are meeting in front of the Church at 9 am to carpool to Jacksonville. If you can't make it, we ask that you pray for us.



Come explore the Wilderness with St. John the Baptist! Student Registration is open online through our Church website. You can turn them in with payment during RE hours. Contact Veronica at 706-614-8757 for any questions

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