



**Our Lady  
Star of the Sea**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saint Marys**

*Saint  
Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Mission*

**Folkston**

106 East Dillingham Street ~ Saint Marys, Georgia 31558 / 700 Kingsland Drive ~ Folkston, Georgia 31537

May 17, 2026

*Ascension*  
**OF THE LORD**

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## OLSS SUNDAY MASS

### SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:00 PM  
(except on Holy Saturday)  
Sunday ..... 11:00 AM

## OLSS DAILY MASS

### SCHEDULE

Monday ..... No Service  
Tuesday ..... 5:30 PM  
Wednesday - Friday ..... 8:00 AM

## SFOA SUNDAY MASS

### SCHEDULE

Sunday ..... 8:30 AM

## SFOA DAILY MASS

### SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

## OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

## SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass  
or by appointment

## Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior to Mass

## First Fridays Mass

8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

## Fridays Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



## COUNCILS

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## WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 5/18	OLSS Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - RE Double Room OLSS Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Tue 5/19	SFOA Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued - 6:00 PM Social Hall
Wed 5/20	SFOA Men's Cursillo - 9:00AM - Social Hall OLSS Legion of Mary - 5:30PM - RE Room #8
Thu 5/21	SFOA Hands in Hands - 1:00 PM - Folkston Nursing Home OLSS Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - RE Room #5 OLSS Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - RE Room #8
Fri 5/22	OLSS Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room #8
Sat. 5/23	
Sun. 5/24	OLSS Donut Social - 12:00 PM - Social Hall

## 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.

## 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.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

- 05/16/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass  
+ George Niksa
- 05/17/26 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)  
+ *Angie McDaniel*  
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
*Pro Populo / For the People*
- 05/18/26 - Monday: NO MASS
- 05/19/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass
- 05/20/26 - Wednesday:  
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
+ *John & Martha Livesey*  
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA  
+ *Bob Demeza*
- 05/21/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass  
+ *Matthew & Timothy Ford*
- 05/22/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass  
+ *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
- 05/23/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass  
+ Joe Majka
- 05/24/26 - PENTECOST SUNDAY  
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)  
*Pro Populo / For the People*  
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
+ *David Bliton*

## CATCH SOME AIR

When athletes in racing, basketball, or other sports leave the ground even for a few seconds, they are said to “catch air.” Especially when it comes to basketball, most of those players have a higher perspective than the rest of us who are only walking around! The euphoria of getting off your feet and into the air, however, lends an additional sensation not unlike our childhood dreams of flying. We feel somehow less materially bound, more than a mortal, if only for an instant.

Maybe folks who feel compelled to climb every mountain or walk a tightrope or do daredevil stunts in a skateboard park are answering that same wild urge to transcend mortal boundaries and catch some of that rarified air. Maybe it was a similar urge that drove Saint Peter to get out of a boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. Being human weights us down with cares and limitations, a sometimes-leaden past or a sense of our own futility. Don't we all feel a desire to be able to float up and away from everything that keeps us pinned to the ground and all of the “have-tos” of our existence?

Is there a way we are invited to ascend with Jesus on this feast? He asks his disciples to do just that in the 40 days Luke tells us he spoke with them after the Resurrection. After Jesus presents himself so improbably alive and glorified, he instructs them once more about the kingdom of God. Admittedly, he had a lot to say about God's reign before he was crucified, but it seems as if they were asleep at the time. Now they're wide awake, blasted open by the trauma and the magnificence of the Triduum events (are we?), better prepared to hear what he's been saying all along.

Yet still, what do they ask him when they have this wonderful opportunity? “Will you restore the kingdom of Israel now?” They have yet to ascend, these friends of Jesus. They're still fretting about temporal kingdoms and earthly authority. It's as if Jesus said to them, “My friends, come up higher!” and they persisted in responding, “But lower is so much more familiar and comfortable!”

We sympathize with these friends of Jesus because we, too, find ascension a challenging way to go. So much locks us down to Earth: the pursuit of a living, the need to pay bills, the obligation to care for children and elders, the politics demanded by our social contract, the fragility of bodies not built to last. When we are asked to lift our gaze and maybe even catch some air by adopting a Kingdom perspective, it can seem impractical and even implausible. If we remain Earthbound, though, most of what Jesus said won't make much sense.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

**Frank Willis Jr. Ludwika Glod,  
Maria Klikuszowian**

**Larry Mallard, Trish Danos Trahan**

**Helen Black, Kathryn McShane Potts**

**Braedon Horman**

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 05/16	Elisabeth Sepulveda Gene Niksa	Evanisto Gomez Samuel Dominici Joaquin Gomez	Saul Capulong Ron Logan Caroline Neff Darlene Logan
Sun 05/17	Karen Jenkins Greg Lockhart	John M. Hopkins Isaac Dominici Colton Wilkins Nathaniel Eddy	Keith Danos Colleen Danoc Mike Recore Robert Cappello
Tue 05/19	Karen Hill		
Wed 05/20	_____		
Thu 05/21	_____		
Fri 05/22	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 05/23	Bryant Shepard Lucia Feijo	Isaac Dominici Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Greg Glaz James Marcin Ken Sylvester Caroline Neff
Sun 05/24	Judy Buchanan Ray Meaux	John M. Hopkins Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Dean Sjostedt	Saul Capulong Carl Boria Mike Recore Clyde Miller

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE IN OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least **six months in advance** of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

## SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/17	Kathleen Rodgers Lynn Crews
Sunday 5/03	Butch Crews Jennifer Pfeffer

## COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 5/18	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Diana Schneider, Teresa David
Sunday 5/24	Dennis Conlon, Larry White, Kathy White, Mary Jane May



### THE BUS IS FILLING UP!

Our Seminarian, Jared Miller, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 6, in Savannah. We are now taking reservations for those who wish to take the bus. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your seat; it will be refunded when you board the bus. Those who do not show up will forfeit the deposit. Please keep Jared in your prayers.



**MAY 25, 2026**

Walk with Jesus. Pray for the nation. Follow the journey. The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It's a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time. As pilgrims on this route, we walk with Christ so that His love might draw our nation back to Him.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

# ONE NATION UNDER GOD

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route**

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and to the Diocese of Savannah. We are honored to be a part of the St. Frances Cabrini route, and look forward to sharing with you the unique Catholic history of our Georgia coast, including the story of the Georgia Martyrs – five Franciscan missionaries who gave their lives in witness to the Christian faith and who are to be beatified in Savannah on October 31, 2026.

As we move closer to the 250th anniversary of our country's founding, it is my hope that this pilgrimage will reaffirm that we truly are "one nation under God," united as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. May the witness of the pilgrims and the prayers of all the faithful remind us of our future home in heaven, and inspire us to continually seek the face of God and His gift of abundant life.

May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord, not only on this journey, but always!

In Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes  
Bishop of Savannah

**MONDAY MAY 25,  
St. Marys Street West,  
St. Mary's Georgia, 31558**

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier of the Diocese of St. Augustine FL, will bring the monstrance from Fernandina Beach to the St. Marys waterfront. He will transfer the monstrance to Bishop Parkes of the Diocese of Savannah GA, at the waterfront. Join us for a procession from the St. Marys Waterfront past the historic chapel to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Overflow parking is available behind St. Marys Elementary School on Ready Street.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Join us for the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving. Overflow parking is available behind St. Marys Elementary School on Ready St.

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
RECEPTION**

A reception will be hosted in the Our Lady, Star of the Sea Social Hall and under the tent outside of the social hall on the parking lot. Please bring a picnic blanket for overflow seating on the parish grounds and in the park across the street.

**8:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
GEORGIA MARTYRS PRESENTATION**

The Georgia Martyrs will be beatified on October 31, 2026. Fr. Pablo Migone will share the story of the martyrdom of Friars Pedro de Corpa, Blas, Miguel, Antonio, and Francisco in the Main Church

**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.



**faith, hope, charity**  
2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

I ask you to prayerfully consider your participation in the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. In doing so, you participate in the Church's evangelization efforts, advance Catholic Education, and provide for the formation of our future priests, among many worthy activities. As a Church firmly rooted in our Eucharistic belief, it is our great privilege to assist in strengthening families, faith, vocations, and formation for future generations.

Bishop Stephen D. Parkes

Parish	Targets	Pledge	Paid on Pledge	Pledge Balance	One-Time	Total Given	% of Target	# of Families	# of Donors
OLSS	\$ 43,968.00	\$ 5,664.50	\$ 2,385.60	\$ 3,278.90	\$ 20,830.59	\$ 23,216.19	52.80	480	87

Parish	Targets	Pledge	Paid on Pledge	Pledge Balance	One-Time	Total Given	% of Target	# of Families	# of Donors
SFOA	\$ 4,824.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,582.00	\$ 2,582.00	53.52	38	16



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Calling all boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Join us June 1st - 5th from 9-12 for our "Champions for Christ" Vacation Bible School. VBS registration is now online. Registration will end May 31st. Paper registration will be available after masses until the 31st and in the office. If you have any questions email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at [religious@weareolss.org](mailto:religious@weareolss.org).

**OFFERTORY UPDATE**

**OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR**

MAY 10, 2026	MAY 11, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 10,464.00	COLLECTION - \$ 8,475.99
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,034.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 760.00

**SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR**

MAY 10, 2026	MAY 11, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,329.00	COLLECTION - \$ 705.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 160.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 306.00

**Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!**

The OLSS Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus Council #11058, and the Ave Maria Assembly #3391 are honored to announce the recipients of the High School Scholarships.

Alexander Eddy : \$500 (Ladies Auxiliary), \$500 (Knights), \$300 (Ave Maria)

Jillian Ricard: \$500 (Ladies Auxiliary)

Gabriella Vila: \$200 (Ave Maria)

Kiara Navarro Diaz: \$100 (Ave Maria)

The scholarships will be presented during Scholarship Night at CCHS.

And to all the graduating High School Seniors, may your future be filled with wonderful opportunities, and may God bless you with joy and success in all that you do.

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BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLSY PURPORTING  
TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

**NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS  
REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!**

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



**GLORY**



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

JOHN 17:1

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