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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: Monday-Thursday, and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Communion Service on Fridays at 8:15 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:45 a.m.
Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Creed Classes (PreK-8th Grades) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am.

Children's Liturgy (thru 2nd Grade) - Sundays during 10:30am Mass

CIA Youth Group (6th - 12th Grades) 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 4-6pm

O CIA - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru April

The Grotto Religious Goods Shop

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

Baptism

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class.
(By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Funerals

Family or funeral homes should contact the Church office to set up dates and times for funerals. The Church Office will work with the family and the funeral home.

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Grotto Religious Goods

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Adoration

Maureen Bowen - 912-222-6775

Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

Altar Servers

Doug Klilnowski - 407-319-9280
Ryan Shanahan - 401-585-8140

Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

Coffee and Doughnuts

RaeAnn Allen - 404-791-1043

Council of Catholic Women

Jan Mansfield - 912-266-3417

Divine Mercy

First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 912-279-0526

Knights of Columbus

Tony Rosa - 732-996-0257

Manna House

Kevin & Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

Primetimers

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

Monday Morning Marthas

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 912-638-4538

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Store - 912-262-6027

Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

Twin Parish & Helping Hugs, Inc.

Jo Orr - 706-238-2609

Ushers

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week III

SAT., FEB. 22	8:15AM	+THERESE MCINTYRE
	5:30PM	+FRANCIS TOKAR
SUN., FEB. 23	8:00AM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
	10:30AM	+ANN & EDWARD TREHY
MON., FEB. 24	8:15AM	(L)DAVID & JANICE CAPANO 52ND ANNIVERSARY
TUES., FEB. 25	8:15AM	(L) ELISE MCINTYRE
	6:00PM	(L) KIM HANLY
WED., FEB. 26	8:15AM	+HAZEL ALLEYNE
THURS., FEB. 27	8:15AM	+BARBARA HERNANDEZ
FRI., FEB. 28	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., MAR. 1	8:15AM	+PATRICIA SCHRECK
	5:30PM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
SUN., MAR. 2	8:00AM	(L) JACK O'HERN
	10:30AM	+ROSE ZAGOTTA



STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - \$16,715.71
 (FEBRUARY 18, 2024 - \$18,227.10)
 Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 181
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - \$7,757.00

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

SUPPORT OUR TWIN PARISH, ST JOSEPH - March 1 and 2 will be the bi-monthly collection to support our twin parish, St. Joseph in Cotes-de-Fer. All donations directly fund the administrative expenses of both St. Joseph church and the seven mountain chapels included in St. Joseph parish. The monthly wire transfers are sent directly to St. Joseph's bank account, empowering Fr. Islaire Faustin to administer the approved budget needs of the parish. Checks should be made to **Helping Hugs, Inc.**, the 501(c)(3) incorporated organization administering all donations. Fr. Islaire extends his heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and ongoing support. Together, we are sharing the love of God to our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Joseph parish. Thank you and God bless your generosity.



Susan & Lee Burt, Trent C., Fr. Jack Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Cathy Dowdy, Mary Eckerd, Bill Friedrich, Milann G., Charlotte Ann Gaubert, Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Lesley Hanly, Nova Henshke, Bill Jerome, Doc Jones, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Mike Krueger, Marsha Marderosian, David Mathieu, Judy Mattie, Mary McCaughey, Emily Melton, Kathy Oechsle, Joyce Owsley, Mike Owsley, Fran Owen, Faye Ruehling, Matt Schneider, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Richard Selacek, Peggy Starr, Elizabeth Van Tilborg, Seth Tripp, the priests serving St. William and our twin parish, St. Joseph, and our service men/women.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Help us keep our above prayer list current. You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at stwilliamschurch@comcast.net. *Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list. These names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 912-638-4287 or by email at stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to dedicate the Altar Flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" your loved ones, please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Post-Abortion Healing Weekend

March 21-23, 2025

Near Augusta, GA

For more information:

912-306-0406

stephaniemay135@gmail.com

rachelsvineyard.org

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

To any Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist who has not been trained since the updated procedures have been initiated - please attend one of the following three training new sessions being offered. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister please attend to begin the process. Questions contact Jo Orr at joorr1313@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 23, 11:30am
Monday, February 24, at 10:30am and 6pm



Lent will be here before you know it. **LENTEN LUNCHES** after Friday Stations of the Cross at noon have been quite popular and we would like to continue this new tradition. The office staff will host the first lunch. If your group or ministry would like to host one of the other available lunches, please call the office. **AVAILABLE**

DATES ARE MARCH 28, APRIL 4 and 11.

NOTE: LIVE STATIONS will be March 21, at 7:30pm, a Lenten Supper will be held at 6:30pm that evening.

Tickets for **ST. PATRICK'S PUB NIGHT** featuring Irish Folksinger, Harry O'Donoghue, are available in the Parish Hall after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. The event will be held on March 8. Tickets are \$60.00 each. For more information, contact Tony Rosa (732)996-0257, trosa_mb@yahoo.com for more info. Tickets are not available in the church office during the week.



ALTAR SERVER SPRING TRAININGS - We are asking all existing altar servers to join in upcoming refresher trainings aligned to the Mass which you primarily serve or attend. The trainings will review existing duties, touch on recent changes, and allow servers to connect with their peers outside of Mass. If the training date and time aligned to the primary Mass you attend is not convenient, please join a training that works for you. For those interested in becoming an altar server, we invite children (4th grade and up, who have made their first Holy Communion) and adults to attend one of these trainings. This is a wonderful way to serve at the Lord's altar and grow in your faith!

- Sunday, February 23, after 8am Mass
- Sunday, March 2, after 10:30am Mass
- Saturday, March 8 - 4pm prior to 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, March 9, after 10:30am Mass (training starts at 12:00pm)

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM
MONDAY - THURSDAY & SATURDAY - 8:15AM MASS
TUESDAY - ADORATION - 9AM-5:45PM,
BENEDICTION AT 5:45PM, MASS AT 6PM

- SUN., FEB. 23** 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
 9am - OCIA
 9AM - Altar Server Training
 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes
 11:30am - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training
- MON., FEB. 24** 9am - Monday Morning Marthas
 10:30am - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training
 6pm - Kenpo
 6pm - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training
- TUES., FEB. 25** 9am - Adoration
 10:30am - Tuesday Morn. Women's Disc
 11am - Mindful Movement
 1pm - Rosary for Peace
 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
- WED., FEB. 26** 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
- THURS., FEB. 27** 11am - Hand bell Rehearsal
 11am - Mindful Movement
 6pm - Kenpo
- FRI., FEB. 28** 8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2)
- SAT., MAR. 1** 7:30am - First Saturday Devotions
 10am - Kenpo
 4:30pm - Reconciliation
- SUN., MAR. 2** **TWIN PARISH COLLECTION**
 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study
 9am - OCIA
 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes
 11:30am - Altar Server Training

Dinner and Doctrine for March is cancelled as it falls on Ash Wednesday. We'll see everyone in April.

THE START OF

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

MASSES

8:15AM

&

6:00PM



ONLINE GIVING We thank you for your continued support of our parish through our envelope program, mail, online giving, etc. Online giving is available through this [link](#) or go through the 'Online Giving' tab at www.stwill.net

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 23, 2025



In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who

strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

PRIMETIMERS will be meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 12:15 pm. As always, we will have a potluck luncheon, so bring something terrific for everyone to enjoy. Our speaker will be Ms. Debra Stockton from the UGA cooperative extension. She is a certified arborist. She will discuss preserving our beautiful SSI canopy and other matters involving lawns and plants. She will also bring along lots of free packets of vegetable and flower seeds. Be sure to attend this special event.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you are considering doing volunteer work, please keep in mind St. Vincent de Paul Society. It's gratifying service, and we need volunteers: for the food pantry, assistance office, and Thrift Store. Different roles in each category can fit with your schedule and talents. Please contact Paula Donovan (912-266-0880) for more information, or stop by the Thrift Store (1217 Newcastle Street, Brunswick) and let us know of your interest. Thank you.

Sympathy & prayers . . .

To Camille Penders, and family and friends of EDITH SMOAK, upon her death; and,

to Ian Kirk, and Scott, Allison, Stella & Wesley Kirk, upon the death of their father and grandfather, JIM KIRK. A Funeral Mass was held February 20, St. William; and,

to Mary Carnathan and family, upon the death of her husband HAROLD CARNATHAN. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 10am, at St. William.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Twin Parish News

March 2025

A partnership between St. William and St. Joseph, Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti



St. William Parish Bulletin Edition

How did the EDUCATION initiative begin in our twin parish?



Father Jude

In 2011, Father Jude Fils Aimé, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, asked if there was interest in sponsoring children who couldn't afford to attend school. Father firmly believed that education was the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

A simple notice in the parish bulletin sparked an overwhelming response. Within a week, St. William parishioners donated enough to send 40 children to school at just \$40 a year. The first to benefit from this generosity were children from two chapel schools—St. Anthony and Sacred Heart. This heartfelt response marked the beginning of our annual **Education Campaign**, dedicated to supporting elementary education in our twin parish.

Two years later, Father successfully secured a donation from *Hope for Haiti* to build three classrooms for a new elementary school in Côtes-de-Fer. Children who previously could not afford local schools were encouraged to enroll at the new facility. **Our generous donations continue to support the schools by funding materials, uniforms, teacher salaries, and school lunches.**



St. Joseph School, Côtes-de-Fer

St. William parishioners support three elementary schools in our twin parish.



Sacred Heart School
(Gold Gingham Uniforms)



St. Joseph School
(Pink Gingham Uniforms)



St. Anthony School
(Blue Gingham Uniforms)

How does St. William raise funds for EDUCATION at St. Joseph?



Father Islaire

"Education remains the ideal way to enable children from poor and disadvantaged families to have a better future. Education also helps combat delinquency, drugs, alcohol, and teenage pregnancy."

Father Islaire Faustin

In 2016, Father Islaire Faustin, the newly appointed pastor of St. Joseph parish, requested **support for secondary school tuition**.

Each spring, Father Faustin submits the budget for the upcoming school year. With those needs in mind, we launch a direct mail **Education Campaign** within the parish and our wider community of supporters.

That spirit of giving continues year after year. In 2024 we donated \$35,875 providing education for 373 elementary students and 50 secondary students.

What other forms of EDUCATION has St. William supported?

Father Faustin leads a vibrant ministry.

In 2017, he requested musical instruments to provide constructive activities for the youth and enrich the liturgy. We sent 13 boxes of instruments, and students from four chapels received music instruction. What started as a small initiative has grown into a successful summer music program that continues to this day.



During our 2018 educational fact-finding visit, we found that the parishioners were eager to learn computer skills. In response, we sent two computers and funded a teacher to provide instruction in Microsoft Office. Students, ranging in age from 10 to adults, quickly embraced the opportunity. After just six months of study, they easily used Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.



Thanks to a grant from the *Raising Haiti Foundation* in 2023 and a generous gift from a local donor, we launched an agroforestry initiative called *Tree Currency*. Through this program, farmers receive quality seeds, tools, and expert instruction to improve their crop yields and livelihoods - in exchange for growing and planting trees to reforest their land. Farmers in three chapel communities participate in this program.



Thank You for Shaping a Better Tomorrow

Our unwavering support continues to transform lives in St. Joseph Parish. From funding education and music programs to supporting agroforestry, our generosity is making a lasting difference. Together, we are shaping a brighter, more hopeful future for the children and families of our twin parish. Thank you for being part of this mission and continuing this important work.

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St. William's Sunday Bulletin

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