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Ladies of St. Mary's

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.



In Loving Memory of
Matilde Saavedra

In Memory of
James H. Broussard
"Bruce"

In Loving Memory of Herman Watson
husband, father and grandfather of 23



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Baptism and Matrimony: Contact Fr. Sullivan
Sacrament of Penance: Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm or by appointment
St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: 678-892-6163

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tues: 10 am - 2 pm
Wed: 1 pm - 5 pm
Fri: 10 am - 1 pm

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 1/31 9:30 am

Wed: 2/1 6:45 pm

Sat: 2/4 6:30 pm People of the parish

Sun: 2/5 8:30 am Josephine Donofry (D)

~given by June Webb

CONTRIBUTIONS for January 22, 2017

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,534
Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries	\$ 187

COUNTERS for this week are: Cathy Staley & Flora Butler.

Flowers are in memory of Robbie Franzmathes.

Parish Committees

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Save the Date!

Mardi Gras Party

Saturday, February 25th after Mass in the Social Hall.

Watch for sign-up.



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

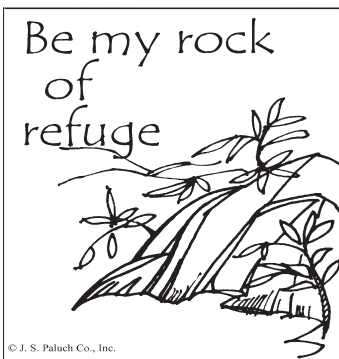
Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Skip Studley, Max Biester Laura Barnett, Nan Lunn, Lore Schnell, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley, Jan Dover, Leon Womack, June Webb, Mary Beverly and Sharon Cook.

If you like to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Ruth Manna (678 327-4738). Please do not call the church office. Update Ruth at least every four weeks if you wish to continue with community prayers. The Church is keeping prayer intentions updated.

Additionally, Rita Nash is continuing her 'prayer intentions' email blasts regarding parishioners suddenly taken ill and/or hospitalized. Contact Rita via email (gordie123@windstream.net) Or by phone (706 356-1247). Thank-you.

Stop the presses! Set aside Sunday evening, February 19th, through Wednesday, February 22nd, for a mission to be held at St Catherine LaBouré. Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Wegner from Good News International will be leading this year's mission. It will be a special time of renewal for our entire community. Plan to be there...and bring a friend! Details can be found at stcatherinelabourega.org

Today's readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Luke 4:21-30



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St. Vincent dePaul

Members will meet Feb. 9th & 23rd in St. Mary's social hall at 7pm.

Are you looking for ways to experience God?

Members of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me". We invite parishioners with diverse talents to join us — if one does not wish to perform home visits, there are other services to assist with that will help us achieve our mission. For more information please contact Nancy Williamson (706) 356-8046, Stephanie & Gary Cortellino (706) 898-5661; or Sharon Cook (706) 297-8344.

The Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference
HELP-LINE # is: (678) 892 6163.

Missing month in End of Year Statements

When they transferred us to the new system they didn't transfer July, so I am going in and entering them all. I mailed them out Thursday, January 26th.

Christa

Just a note to let you know where we stand on the Multipurpose building. The required documents (check off sheet) have been sent to the Archdiocese and we are waiting for them to respond. Our children need class rooms so please keep your donations for the building fund coming in. It is most important that when we get the paper work back, we have enough money to start the next step.

The Multipurpose building that we are proposing is needed for the children's class rooms and adult education. Since the needs of our parish are imperative, please consider making your donations to the building fund a priority. As you know, charity begins at home, and we are depending on your support.

Steve Dessauer, chairman

"TODAY THIS PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING"

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' preaching ministry following his forty days in the desert. Filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus entered the synagogue of his hometown, unrolled the scroll, read from the prophet Isaiah, then declared, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). The people, seeing only the carpenter's son, demanded, "Prove it!" When he refused, things turned ugly. But, miracle of miracles, when they were about to push him off the cliff, he "passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:30).

If we try to live our faith, at some point we will be challenged to speak the hard truth and do the hard task, and suffer the uncomfortable consequences. Will God really stand by us in our anguish? Can we muster enough trust to "walk our talk" and not worry too much about the outcome?

"I HAVE MADE YOU A FORTIFIED CITY"

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the few church leaders who stood in opposition to Hitler, was executed by the Nazis for speaking truth to power. His good friend told of his peacefulness and joy while awaiting his death. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he proclaimed the truth in the face of opposition. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he died in the process. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, his influence was greater after his death.

So let us dare to live a bit more dangerously, trusting that, like Jeremiah, we will hear God's assurance and support: "It is I this day / who have made you a fortified city, / a pillar of iron, a wall of brass" (Jeremiah 1:18). Or like the psalmist, perhaps we will find refuge and hope and our mouths will be filled with praise.

Paul reminds us of the only three things that really matter: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is what drove Jesus, Jeremiah, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer to the top of the cliff. If we dare to follow their example, then maybe it won't make that much difference one way or the other how we get down.