

The Magnificat



Stewardship at St. Mary's!

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (*Numbers 18:26*). The Episcopal Church views stewardship as more than simply contributing money; it's also about contributing time, prayers, talents and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity.

Stewardship Drive 2026 has begun! Our theme this year is "Maximizing God's Blessings for His Glory."

Parishioners have been asked to speak at services about what St. Mary's means to them and why they give. You will hear from them Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12th, at both services. Then we will wrap up the Stewardship Drive with Pledge Sunday on October 19th.

Here are a few stewardship terms to be familiar with: Pledge--A commitment to give one's time, talents, and money as an expression of faith and a response to God's generosity. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge on a *Pledge Card*. This pledge represents their specific commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 856). The St. Mary's 2026 financial budget is prepared in light of total pledges received on Pledge Card Sunday.

Offerings -- Offerings are gifts (typically money) presented at the church service or other gatherings. At the offertory, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the celebrant for a blessing (BCP, p. 361). At times, those who attend a special church program or presentation may be invited to make an offering to support the program, a needy cause, or the sponsoring parish, sometimes called a Love Offering. Offerings are made as an expression of faith and generosity and ultimately identify with Christ's self-offering for our salvation.

Offering Envelope--When you give your gift you may choose to use an offering envelope to put your money/check into. Envelopes are located in the pews or you may request a stack of envelopes from the church office, to have with you at home.

Envelope Numbers--Envelope numbers are unique identifiers assigned to individuals or families for their financial contributions. Writing your envelope number on the offering envelope or your check helps streamline the record-keeping process, creating a paper trail for each donor's contributions and allowing St. Mary's to track donations accurately using our church software. At the end of the year, using that number, individual contributions statements are given to to use for tax purposes. If you do not know your envelope number, contact the church office.

Pledge Sunday --This is the Sunday you will bring your filled out pledge card, which you will receive in the mail. **Pledge Sunday at St. Mary's is October 19th.** If you have any other questions, please contact the church office. 850-623-2905.

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 19th

What is God asking you to do?



We all win when we all give.



Dogs



**Blessing of
the Pets**

**Wednesday, October 1st
@ 5:30pm**



Cats



Birds



Hamsters



**Fish, Reptiles,
Goats, Donkeys,
Bunnies, etc. All
well-behaved pets
are welcome!**



Horses

NOTE:
If your pet is unable
to attend, please feel
free to bring his/her
collar, toy, or another
belonging to be blessed.

Blessing of the Animals.

Wednesday, October 1st, 5:30pm.

Join us as we celebrate The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals service. Please bring any or all of your pets to be blessed on the front steps of the church! If your pet is not able to travel, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet, a collar, toy, blanket etc...for a blessing. If you don't have any pets, but would love share in this special service, all are welcome! Please have pets on a leash or in a crate/carrier/cage.

Should there be inclement weather we will gather at the hall back porch or in the hall. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful service.

Remember to bring items for the Pet Donation

boxes. Collections will go towards the Santa Rosa Animal Shelter and to AHOPE to help animals in need. (Youth Group will be participating in this service – no meal served.)

All Women of the church, we hope to see you at the Retreat! Use the link below to register.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-womens-retreat-a-time-for-sisters-in-christ-tickets-1743678662819?aff=oddttdcreator>

Women of St Mary's You Are Invited!

Episcopal Church Women's Retreat

Join your sisters in Christ for an ECW retreat on
Saturday, October 11th at St Mary's from 8:30am-noon.

Breakfast

Special Guest Speaker: The Rev Dr Joy Blaylock

Concert: Noah Klauss, cellist

Poetry Reading and Discussion: The Rev Leanne Beaumont

All St Mary's women are invited to attend
this retreat and to join the ECW at
St Mary's this fall. Bring a friend!

Please contact the St Mary's Office
for more information.

My husband and I attended 10 hours of the 20 hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course. As part of this course, we obtained our Basic First Aid certification. I wanted to share upcoming CPR and Basic First Aid **FREE** classes being taught in both Milton and Gulf Breeze by Santa Rosa County Department of Health in October and November. I spoke to the instructor and he recommended any interested youth around 10 years of age can attend either or both CPR/First Aid with an adult family member. Certification is from the American Health and Safety Institute and there is no registration required. For anyone interested in attending, here is the list of Upcoming class information.

Julia Hotmer-Drao, Vestry Member.

First Aid & CPR in October

CPR Class on Thursday October 2nd from 5:30p-7:30p in the **Milton CHD Facility** Large Conference Room, 5527 Stewart St., Milton, FL 32570.

Basic First Aid Class on Thursday October 16th from 5:30p-8:30p in the **Milton CHD Facility** Large Conference Room, 5527 Stewart St., Milton, FL 32570.

November

CPR Class on Thursday, November 6th from 5:30p-7:30p in the **Midway CHD Facility** Large Conference Room, 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.

Basic First Aid Class on Thursday, November 20th from 5:30p-8:30p in the **Midway CHD** Large Conference Room, 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.

Classes are free for Santa Rosa County Residents. For all non-Santa Rosa County residents, there will be a \$30.00 charge for the certification, which is the cost of the certification. All buddies, spouses, significant others are welcome!



St. Mary's will be one of the stops on the Milton Ghost Walk. As we have for several years in the past, we will open the doors to groups who will be on a walking tour to various historical buildings throughout Milton. The groups will hear the history of St. Mary's from the gothic style architecture to the young bride who may still be around today and maybe even get a glimpse of Dr. McDougall and his wife.

If you would like to dress in period clothing (1800's) and join us in the pews, you are welcome! You will not speak to anyone—just sit as a parishioner from the past! Contact the church office or speak to Mother Leanne.

Tickets for the Ghost Walk can be purchased at the Railroad Museum in Bagdad. (850) 623-3645

Join us for some festive shenanigans Sunday, October 26! All are welcome to come in costume and join the parade. Costumes may be slightly spooky or family friendly, but please be appropriate for all ages--at both services!

Even more fun is to be had at "Halloween at the Rectory!" October 31, at 4:30 until....

An evening of fellowship & food! Please bring a dish to share.

For questions, speak with Mother Leanne or call the church office.

PARADE OF COSTUMES

SUNDAY | 26 | OCTOBER

Children and Youth are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes to Church for a special Halloween Costume parade! Treats and Candy and lots of fun!

See you at the annual Parade of Costumes!



HALLOWEEN AT THE RECTORY OCTOBER 31ST @ 4:30

The Rectory will be hosting a Halloween Party for the Youth and Children with movies, handing out candy, & trick or treating. Stop by and visit! Please bring food to share.

Your donation of Halloween candy is appreciated! Please bring to the Rectory by the 30th. Thank you.



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Sunday of the month—Feeding the 5000— Bring your food donations!			1 5:30pm Blessing of Animals	2 Clergy Conference	Office Closed 3 Clergy Conference	4 Clergy Conference
Stewardship Speaker 5 Feeding the 5000 9am Worship Breakfast-Men's Host 10:15am Children's Sunday School 11am Worship <i>Children's Chapel</i>	6 9am pantry Volunteers	7	8 9am Pantry Volunteers 10:15am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon: Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir	9 7am-Pantry VOL. 8am:Food Pantry 6pm ZOOM Gospel Adventures	Office Closed 10 Lay School for Ministry 6-9pm Ghost Walk	11 8:30a-Noon Women's Retreat ~Lay School for Ministry ~Pastoral Care Lay School 6-9pm Ghost Walk
Stewardship Speaker 12 9am: Worship 9:30am DOK mtg-Rectory Breakfast -ECW Host 10:15am-Children's Sunday School-Hall 11am: Worship Children's Chapel—Start in the Worship Service.	13 9am pantry Volunteers	14	15 9am Pantry Volunteers 10:15am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon: Morning Prayer 5:30pm Youth 5:30pm Choir 6:30 pm Bell Choir	16 7am-Pantry VOL 8am Food Pantry 6pm ZOOM Gospel Adventures	Office Closed 17	18 S. Rollins – Evangelism Lay Class (Rectory)
Pledge Sunday 19 9am Worship Breakfast-Potluck ECW/Men's meeting 10:15am Children's Sunday School-Hall 11am: Worship— Children's Sunday School	20 9am pantry Volunteers	21	22 9am Pantry Volunteers 10:15am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon: Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Youth 5:30 pm Choir 6:30pm Bells	23 7am-Pantry VOL 8am:Food Pantry 6 pm ZOOM Gospel Adventures	Office Closed 24	25 Dr. Campbell-- Lay Preaching Class
26 Parade of Costumes 9am Worship 10am Breakfast – Vestry/DOK host 10:15am Children's Sunday School-Hall 11am Worship Children's Chapel—Start in the Worship Service.	27 9am pantry Volunteers	28 9am Pantry Volunteers 5:30pm Vestry	29 10:15am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon: Holy Eucharist 5:30pm Youth 5:30 pm Choir 6:30pm Bells	30 7am-Pantry VOL 8am:Food Pantry 6 pm ZOOM Gospel Adventures	Halloween 31 4:30-7:30pm Halloween at the Rectory	.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/7 DAVID PRESLEY
10/18 CHRISTIAN KLAUSS
10/27 MAUREEN O'DONNELL
10/28 FAITH O'GARA
10/28 NICK CAMPO
10/29 LUCY ROOKEY
10/31 CATHY BROOKS

ANNIVERSARIES

10/12 JEFF & JANE MARTIN
10/24 TED & MANDIE REESE

If your special date was missed at any time throughout the year, please contact the church office to update our records.

Feeding the

5,000

In the spirit of Thanksgiving,
during October & November, we will collect the following food items for our patrons:

Boxed mashed potatoes
Stuffing mix in a box
Cream of mushroom soup
Canned ham
Canned corn

Cans of gravy
Green beans
Crispy Fried onions
Canned sweet potatoes
Corn bread mix

Your donations are deeply appreciated.



WinterFest Arts & Crafts show at St. Mary's.

Dec. 6th –11am to 6pm & Dec. 7th —9am to 2pm.

Vendors will be inside the hall and out on the lawn selling their wares & crafts.

~ECW Bake sale

~ Lunch-- the Men's group will be grilling up lunch both days. Gumbo will be available Friday, and food trucks will be on the campus.

~Food Trucks. We still have vendor spaces available!

Please pick up a flyer from the church office or hall board, to post around the local area and share the Facebook Event page to help with advertising. Volunteers will be needed.

Prayer Requests

Family

Bonda Leins
Bobby Polk
Joyce Polk
Ray Polk
Judy
Dawn
Glennnda Artinger
Jack Bilbo
Jessica Morawski
Jim Longshore
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Janette Grey-Chsack
Robert Lenzo
Sam Harris
Scott DeLoatch
Sylvia Stern
Tyler
William
Vicki Blackmon

Our Friends

Amy Knowing
Charles Lertch
George Morado
Luann Getchell
Kelley & Pam Eddings
Mary Raisler
Todd
Travis Preece
Rhonda Watson
Thomas Atwell

Gage
Kevin Murphy
Lena Ryan
Joshua Krause
Nick Rinaire
Phillip Holmes
Thomas Ryan
Tyler Hart

Military

Bradley James
Cade Campbell
Caleb Parks
Christopher Parks
Gabriel Bustillo
Edward Estrada
Fischer Morgan Lay



This month we are grateful for Mother Leanne and we thank her for blessing St. Mary's as our Priest. Thank you for all you do!

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Upcoming—

Reminder about ALL SAINTS Sunday--
Nov. 2nd is the day the church has remembered Christians of all traditions who have passed into the Life Triumphant. This remembrance at St. Mary's will be in the context of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the ringing of a bell as names are read. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one to the service, to be placed on a table at the front of the altar. Please submit names of your loved ones who you'd like read at the 11/2 services. Names can be placed in the offering plate or you may email/call them into the church office. Deadline for submission is October 26th.

Daylight Savings time Ends—Nov. 2nd.



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Join us for Worship on Sunday—9am or 11am

Wednesday at NOON

"To build one another up in Christ."

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