



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

5 November 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Numinous. This is not a word one hears in casual conversation, but it is an English word that entered our language in the 17th century from the Latin word *numen* which means divine presence. Numinous is an adjective that includes a field of meanings, including concepts like spiritual, holy, religious, transcendent, mysterious, divine, sacred, and other worldly. Numinous is a good word to describe any religious experience which lifts one out of oneself and makes one aware that the visible world points beyond itself to the source of all being. The idea of the numinous is not a uniquely Christian concept, and people of all religions and no religion have experiences that can be described as numinous.

Nevertheless, Christians can profit from understanding that our worship and prayer should be characterized by a numinous quality, and this is one of the many reasons why our churches should not look like auditoriums or theaters. If the building has a numinous quality, then the liturgy which is celebrated inside that building stands a greater chance of having a numinous quality than prayer which takes place in a utilitarian structure. No one would mistake a Gothic cathedral or a Romanesque basilica for a lecture hall or a meeting room, but too many of our churches built in the last generation have just that secular quality and such spaces make a numinous experience of prayer much more difficult to attain.

But if truly sacred buildings are essential to a numinous experience of prayer, the same can be said for the style of music, the design of furnishings, vestments and vessels, the quality of ritual form, and the congregational participation which together constitute the warp and woof of public prayer. People who are present in the congregation but who refuse to worship can impede a numinous experience of prayer as much as an irreverent priest or inappropriate music, and therefore learning how to worship is an essential task for every Christian.

Learning how to worship? Doesn't that come naturally to anyone in church? No, not in the least, and just because someone is in church does not mean he is worshiping. We must be taught how to pray. And more than that, we must be shown how to worship in spirit and truth. No one can worship if anger, resentment, and pride make it impossible for him to kneel in supplication for mercy and restoration. No one can worship who will not lift up his heart in sorrow for sin, adoration of God, and praise for the divine glory revealed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But once we learn to worship, then the experience of praying can be, well, numinous. A heart full of love yields both the peace of sacred silence and joy of sacred song. A heart full of love responds to the invitation to pray and seeks the Face of God in the numinous experience of a holy people gathered in a holy place to do a holy thing simply for the sake of praising the One who is holy. Praised be Jesus Christ. Now and forever!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 5 November

7.30 am	Fr Jay Scott Newman
9.00 am	Elizabeth Aleshire
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 6 November

7.00 am	✱ Greenaway Family
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Tuesday 7 November

7.00 am	✱ George Krueger
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Wednesday 8 November

7.00 am	✱ Raymond Gore
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Thursday 9 November

7.00 am	✱ Kenneth E Moody, Sr
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Friday 10 November

7.00 am	✱ Maryann Waicker
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Saturday 11 November

5.00 pm	✱ Joel Naylor
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 5 November

Daylight Savings Time Ends	
After All Masses: Shop the School Book Fair (G)	
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 6 November

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 7 November

Wednesday 8 November

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 9 November

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 10 November

5.30-6.30 am	Pillars of Christ (early group)
6.30-6.45 am	Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
7.30-8.30 am	Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
10.00 am	Friday Morning Bible Study
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary

Saturday 11 November

12.00 pm	Senior Fellowship Luncheon
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 28/29 October

Needed	38,900
Received	42,631
Surplus	+ 3,731

Poor Box	558
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	700,200
Received	706,405
Surplus	+ 6,205

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received	6,262,550
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Pledge Balance	436,045
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Still to Go	301,405
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Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Andrew Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Anna Healy, Caroline Henson.

School Book Fair



Help us grow St Mary's School Library! Shop in person this weekend after the 5.00 pm, 7.30 am, 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses on Saturday and Sunday 4-5 November in Gallivan Hall. A percentage of all purchases goes directly to the school library. Visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmarysschool1> to shop online from 6-19 November.

Thank you for supporting our school. Happy reading!

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 11 November at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. A potluck side dish or dessert to share is always appreciated. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

Welcome Newcomers

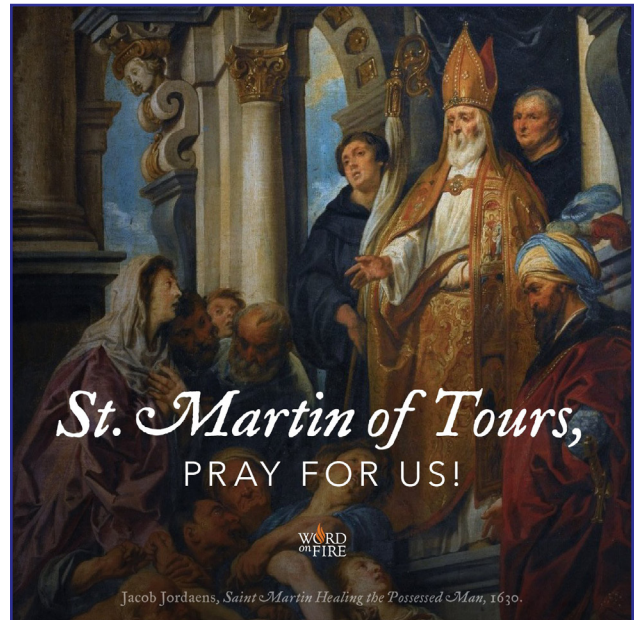
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michael & Janet Kelly, Nicole McClanahan, David & Molly Phillips, Brett & Natalie Casey, Gregory & Amanda Cargill, Louisiana Araujo, Shelby Platner.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 4/5 November

Support of the Parish

St Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.



Time Change Reminder



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday 5 November. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

Congratulations to

Andrew McQueen Jr and Kirsten Peterson who were married last weekend.



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

BIRTHRIGHT
of Greenville



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank You!

For Your Support and
Celebrating the Gift of Life

Thank you for participating in our baby
bottle fundraising campaign.

Your generous donations allow Birthright
to continue providing loving support to
pregnant women, moms, and babies.

Birthright provides confidential and
nonjudgmental pregnancy testing,
maternity and baby clothes, and needed
baby items.

It's not too late to donate:
Please visit www.birthrightgvl.org

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month

from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at St Mary's Parish. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. The deadline is 15 November. For more information and entry form, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at
jthrall@charlestandiocese.org
if you're interested in
volunteering, donating
or learning more about
any of our programs.



Visit our website here!

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



Contact the Choirmaster for details arlen.clarke@smcgvl.org

Please pray for our parish
missionary serving with



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. **Pillars (late group) is studying the Acts of the Apostles.** The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from noon to 1 pm.
Contact cathy@charlestondiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.



By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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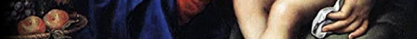
Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

Seven Sisters Apostolate

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil."

—John 12:3



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

The Seven Sisters of St. Mary's is in need of women to sit at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord for the priests of St. Mary's. Please consider if the Lord is calling you to serve through this prayer ministry. Volunteers are urgently needed for Thursdays and Saturdays.

For more information email: sevensistersofstmarys@gmail.com

sevensistersapostolate.org

Introducing the St. Mary's 2023 Window Ornament: "Our Lady of Good Counsel"



ORNAMENT DESCRIPTION:

Front:

top: St. Mary's Catholic Church

bottom: Greenville, South Carolina

left side: 20

right side: 23

Back: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us

Size: 1.95" W x 3.71" H

COST:

\$20.00 (by check), \$21.00 (by electronic payment)

Paying by check, use coupon below

Electronic Payment:



PRE-ORDER NOW AND PICK-UP:

St. Mary's Annual Bake Sale
Saturday and Sunday
2 & 3 December 2023
Pazdan Hall

Questions - Cathy Spitzmiller, 864.380.8091 or
thespitzmillers@gmail.com

If paying by check:

Complete form below and make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Mail both to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

SMCCW 2023 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____

Number of Ornaments _____ x \$20.00 (if check) each Total Enclosed \$ _____



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month; this month parents will meet on 15 November.

Confirmation Students Confessions All RE, Homeschool, and St. Joe;'s students preparing for Confirmation will be going to confession this week on Wednesday, 8 November. Please meet in the church at 6.15 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30 pm
6 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more information or to register please email
timothy.nielsen@smcgv1.org

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. The next class is Monday 11 December at 6.30 pm. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whelen@smcgv.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

<https://catholicradioinsc.com>



Diocese of Charleston
PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

Novel Writing Retreat and Workshops



Receive inspiration, advice, and time
to work on your novel.

11/11-11/12
(additional days available)

at Heart Ridge Retreat Center
130 Heart Ridge Dr.
Sunset, SC 29785

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another." ~2 Corinthians 3:18

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 8 am & 11 am
Thursday 2 am,* 9 am & 5 pm
Friday 8 am, 12 pm & 3 pm
Saturday 12 pm

Lay Carmelites



The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church and to contribute to the sanctification of the secular world through our charisms of prayer, community and service. We meet the first Saturday of each month from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church (Anderson) for Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and meeting. Catholic men or women interested in learning more may contact Joan at joanelizabethrn@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

9 November at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - email napronurse@aol.com
15 November at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - email naprogal@gmail.com or register at <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning>

Virtual Sessions

13 November at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma
16 November at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.

AWAKE

Join Jr. High youth (6th-8th grades)
and adults from around the diocese
to celebrate the

25TH ANNUAL
JUNIOR HIGH
RALLY

Nov. 11, 2023
10:30am - 5:30pm

2023 THEME: "And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mike Patin

Mike has worked with teens and ministry leaders for over 35 years, as a high school teacher, coach, youth and campus minister, a summer camp counselor and even an assistant coach for college basketball. Now, he speaks across North America with teens and adults about real life and connecting to God in a busy modern world.

CELEBRANT



Father Rhett Williams

Father Rhett is pastor of St. Thomas More Church and head of the Newman Center at the University of South Carolina, both in Columbia. He is also diocesan director of vocations and will celebrate Mass for us Saturday evening! Make sure you register for this exciting day.

DON'T MISS IT!

FEATURED ARTIST



Josh Blakesley

Josh's makes music that moves people to prayer and action. He has been featured on Sirius XM, EWTN's Life on the Rock, KLOVE, and has performed with a variety of Christian artists. He has worked with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Life Teen Intl. and more, and is a music ministry coordinator at his parish.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Register online
<https://bit.ly/jrhigh-rally-2023>

Location
Cardinal Newman School
2945 Alpine Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Cost
\$10

SOUTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE



*“The law of the
LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.”*

Ps 19:8



WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2013, the South Carolina Catholic Conference is committed to representing Church teaching and the Catholic faithful around the state. We serve as the public policy voice of the bishop and advocate for laws that advance the common good for the citizens of the Palmetto State.

Our advocacy areas:

- life & bioethics
- family
- education
- poor & vulnerable
- immigration

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learn more!***



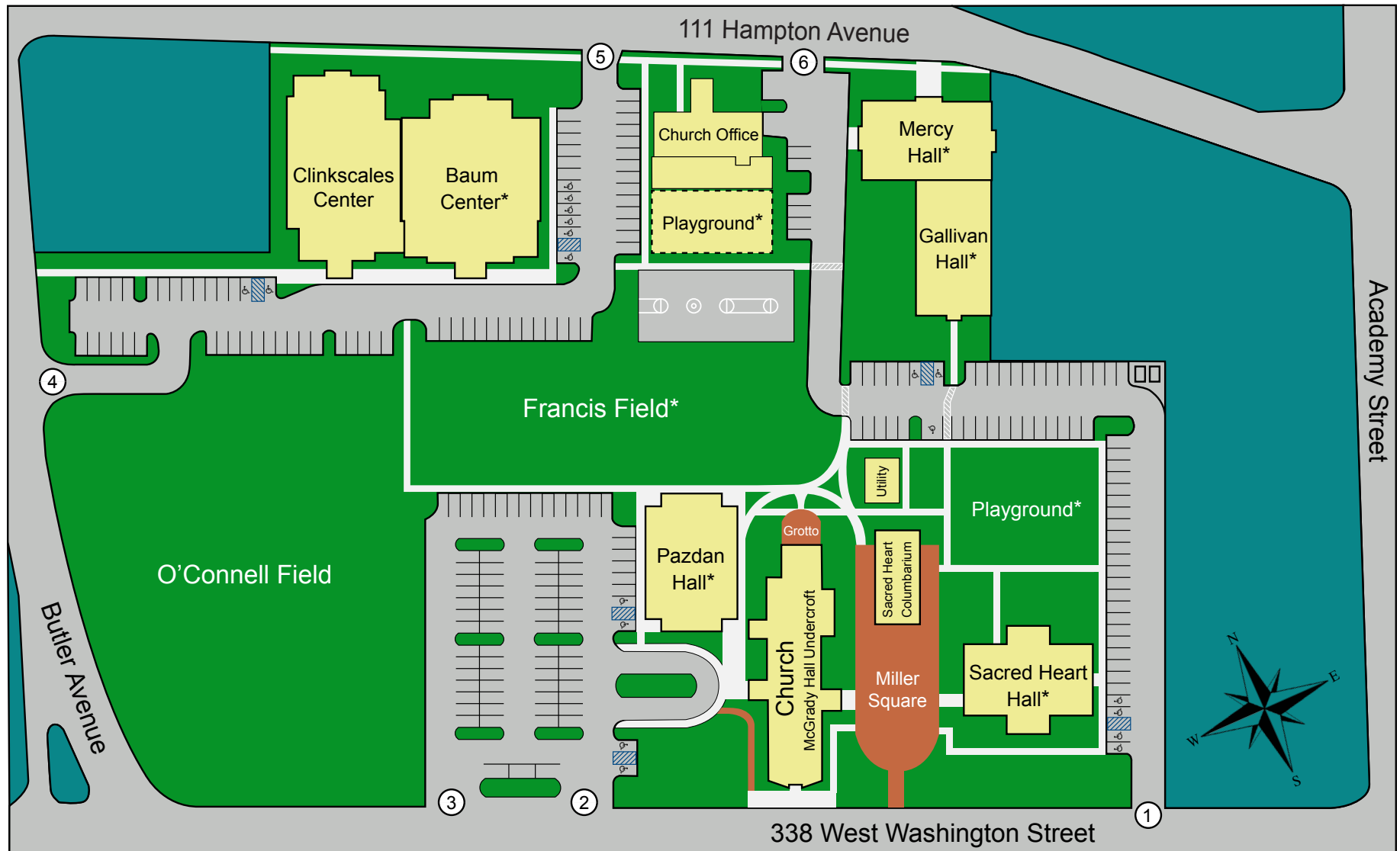
COMING UP IN 2024

- Adoption reform
- Paid family leave
- Repeal Blaine Amendment
- Protection for children & gender surgery ban
- School choice
- Workforce development
- Predatory lending

SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

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