

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Established in 1874 ~ Celebrating 151 Years

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

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478-227-3676

Parish Staff

Rev. Bryan Kuhr, Pastor
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Cindy Sencindiver, Administrative Assistant
Susan Craig, Organist

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

For information concerning baptism, call the Parish priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements with the church should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish priest.

Sunday Bulletin

Deadline for items for the bulletin is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

Parish Membership

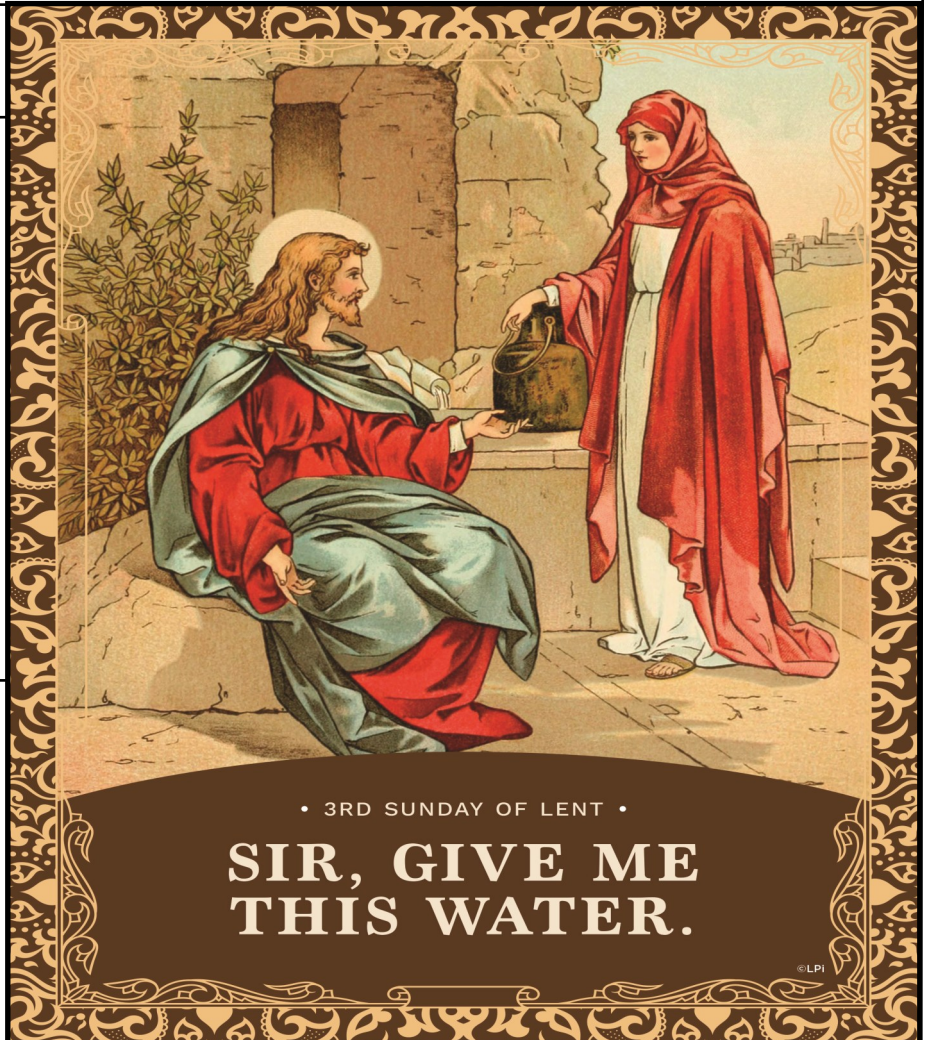
We welcome new families to our parish.

Parish Registration

Parish registration forms can be picked up at the back of the church, at the church office or printed from our web page.

Information Change

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call or stop by the parish office, or notify us by e-mail so we can update our records.



Schedule of Masses

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12:10 p.m. Rosary at 11:15, a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
College Student Mass 4:00 p.m.

Adoration

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
Every Friday 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Confession

(Held in Confessional only when daily Mass is celebrated))

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11:15 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. and by appointment

Masses for the Week



Masses for the Week of March 8, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Margie Shoemaker, R.I.P.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Helen Votino, R.I.P.
	11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday	12:10 p.m.	Edward J. Fox, R.I.P.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.	Sarah Marie Odom, S.I.
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Charlotte & Abby Kuderna, S.I.
Thursday		NO MASS
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “**One sows and another reaps**” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others. **Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Second Collection Schedule

March 8

Catholic Relief Services

March 8

Catholic Relief Services

March 22

Campus Catholics

March 29

Holy Land

April 5

Archdiocese Seminarians

April 12

Helping Hands

April 26

Catholic Home Mission

May 3

Helping Hands

May 10

Catholic Communications

May 17

Walking With Moms in Need

June 14

Helping Hands

June 28

Peter’s Pence

Weekly Offering

Offertory	\$ 10,847.00
Helping Hands	\$ 2,004.00
Walking With Moms	\$ 70.00
Campus Catholics	\$ 50.00

Online Giving



Online giving is fast and VERY secure. Scan the QR code to start your online giving. You can set up recurring donations or one time

Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in honor of someone, you can do so by signing up at the back of the church. You can either order the flowers yourself, or you can make a monetary donation of \$75 to cover the cost (for the back altar—\$100 if side altars are included) and we will make the arrangements for you. Please contact Stacey Keaton at 478-288-6368 if you would like to have your arrangements made by her.

Ministry Schedule

LECTORS

February 28

5:00 p.m. Michael Pangia

March 1

8:30 a.m. Judith Malachowski
11:00 a.m. Melissa Miller

March 7

5:00 p.m. Cecile Trinidad

March 8

8:30 a.m. Mary Becker
11:00 a.m. Ester Ibanez

March 14

5:00 p.m. Gretchen Hitchcock

March 15

8:30 a.m. Judith Malachowski
11:00 a.m. JoAnn McClure

March 21

5:00 p.m. Gretchen Hitchcock

March 22

8:30 a.m. Diane Sargent
11:00 a.m. Cliff Scott

March 28

5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann
JoAnn McClure

March 29

8:30 a.m. Judith Malachowski
; ; Cindy Sencindiver
11:00 a.m. Eddie Zipperer
Jan Kump

MONEY COUNTERS

March 2

John Hargaden
Al Matysiak

March 9

Mary Becker
JoAnn McClure

March 16

Kathy Boylan
Diane Sargent

March 23

Sharon Thatcher
Jody Hatcher

March 30

Al Matysiak
Ross Martinez

HELPING HANDS

March 3

Kathy Stickline
Teresa Blevins

March 10

Jody Klaassens
JoAnn McClure

March 17

Ellen Markwalter
Janet Getter

March 24

Mary Becker
Don & Francine Moats

March 31

Mary Lacksen
Katrina Eich

USHERS

March 7

5:00 p.m. Mark Bell
Mack Hudson

March 8

8:30 a.m. Kenny Barbosa
Wendy Barbosa
11:00 a.m. Tim Harper
Patrick Donovan

March 14

5:00 p.m. John Geist
Kathy Geist

March 15

8:30 a.m. Ed Kuderna
Stephen Buckner
11:00 a.m. Mary Becker
Michael Koenig

March 21

5:00 p.m. Ross Martinez
Bob Duesing

March 22

8:30 a.m. Chris Lowery
Shannon Lowery
11:00 a.m. Jerry Huellemier
Kirk Sencindiver

March 28

5:00 p.m. Mario DeLaosa
Mark Bell

March 29

8:30 a.m. Dan Smith
John Myers
11:00 a.m. Tim Harper
Patrick Donovan

Bereavement Group

March 18
After the 12:10 Mass

Ultreya

March 15
April 12
May 17

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

March 3

JoAnn McClure
Christine Ridley
Deolinda Carreira

March 10

Cindy Cowart
Diane Bradshaw
Katrina Eich

March 17

Michelle Vasquez
Mary Short
Deolinda Carreira

March 24

Harold Champagne
Karen Collins
Todd Collins

March 31

Diane Sargent
Mary Short
Christine Ridley

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 3

Mike McCabe

March 10

Joe & Pat Sansotta

March 17

Ester Ibanez

March 24

Sandra Worsham &
Celia Craig

If you need a substitute, please call Mike McCabe at 478-363-5352

Men's Bible Study

This Man is You
MONDAY Evenings
6:30 p.m.
AQUINAS HALL

Mysteries of the Rosary

Sunday Mornings
Flannery O'Connor Hall
After the 8:30 a.m. Mass
Coffee & Donuts served

Altar Linens

March

Ellen Markwalter

Flower Coordinator

Stacey Keaton

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Campus Catholics Sunday Supper

It's time to crank those ovens and cooktops because Sunday Supper is here. This ministry provides Sunday Dinner after the 4:00 Sunday Campus Catholic mass for the students. We feed their bellies and Jesus feeds their souls! There are many ways to serve in this ministry besides cooking. Provisions and helping hands are always welcome. If you feel called to serve our youth please reach out to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or slebendiger@gmail.com. This is a weekly ministry, but not a weekly commitment. You can serve as often as you are available. God Bless you all!

Happy Birthday

<i>Shawn McGovern</i>	<i>Piper Cowart</i>
<i>Larry McClure</i>	<i>Carlos Herrera</i>
<i>Gil Davila</i>	<i>Rohana Haught</i>
<i>Dee Jackson</i>	<i>Julian Council</i>

Attention High School Seniors!!

K of C Education Grant Applications are available at the back of the church.

Please pick one up and return the completed application NO LATER than Monday, May 11th.

Council of Catholic Women's Collection for local Elementary Schools

In the middle of the school year, teachers run out of essential needs for their classrooms. The CCW, as a southeast district (of which we are a part of) project, will be collecting **disinfectant wipes, tissues, hand sanitizers, paper towels and pencils** to be distributed among the five Baldwin County Elementary Schools. If you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to Flannery O'Connor Hall or the church office and we will see that they get distributed. As always, thank you so much for your support of the Council of Catholic Women projects.



Walking With Moms in Need

WWMIN is in need of individual packages of baby wipes (not the refill packages) and Size 4 diapers. If you would like to donate some, you can leave them in Flannery O'Connor Hall. Thank you for your continued support for Walking With Moms in Need.



The **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is a group that prays for our pastor in front of the Blessed Sacrament one hour per day, seven days per week.

Please join us in praying for our pastor, priests who have served us in the past, our favorite podcast priests and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them..., we need to have double to pray for them." Saint Theresa of Avila

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Bryan.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help him to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Prayer for the Holy Father:

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo XIV, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

Catholic Trivia:

St. Casimir is the patron saint of Lithuania and was a prince of which kingdom?

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK


Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God.

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

Family Lenten Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 After Mass light a candle for the Pope's intentions.	9 Encourage everyone to refrain from bickering today.	10 Before bed, gather before a Crucifix and pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.	11 Enjoy pretzels-twisted bread that recalled monks' arms folded in prayer.	12 Fill a jar with loose change, then donate it to the poor box at church.	13 Check how everyone's Lent is progressing. Refresh commitments as needed. 	14 Pray a Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the dying. Find it here: www.usccb.org

For the Adults

Read John 4:5-42. Where do you go when life feels messy? What if Jesus met you there?	If your responsibilities permit it, choose one weekday this week to attend Daily Mass.	Practice patience intentionally with one difficult person.	Skip a meal and donate the money saved from fasting to the poor box.	First thing today, tell God "Thy Will be done" - and really mean it!	Give up a small luxury—drive thru coffee, steaming take out meals—just for today for God.	Do a hidden act of service without seeking thanks.
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Church Division

Question:

If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer:

Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas ... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther's attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These Questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ — "that all might be one" — and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics use violet or purple in churches during Lent?

Similar to Advent, Lent is a season of preparation and hopeful expectation. Rather than anticipating Christ's birth, the Church prepares for the celebration of His Resurrection, when the saving promises announced at Christmas teach their fulfillment. Through prayer, fasting, penance, and works of charity, the faithful unite themselves to Christ's forty days in the desert. The use of violet or purple during Lent reflects this spirit of repentance, sober reflection, and interior preparation, while also recalling Christ's kingship and sacrificial love.



**Don't forget
to set your clocks
ahead this
weekend.
Remember
"Spring Forward"**

**When you argue with a fool,
he is doing the same thing.**

Upcoming Events



WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF THIS!

Mark our calendar for CCW's annual
Pre-Easter Bake Sale
Saturday, March 28th
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
And
Sunday, March 29th
after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

We'd appreciate it if you would contribute a homemade (or semi-homemade) baked good to the sale. (Please no store-bought goods.) Then, invite your loved ones to stop by and purchase some delicious delights after any of these Masses!

Please support this semi-annual fundraiser for CCW. **Bake** if you can...and also **Buy** something delicious!

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS AND INSIGHTS TOUR

March 14, 2026
April 11, 2026

Get a behind-the-scenes look at life in a cloistered monastery. On these Highlights and Insights Tours, participants will get to see sections of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit not normally open to the public. Visitors will get a rare glimpse into the lives of these monks and revel in the profound beauty and history of one of the most magnificent and peaceful places in Georgia.

The tour lasts about 2 hours and is geared for adults and children 13 and older. Younger children are welcome with adult supervision. Tours begin at 9:30am near the entrance to the Abbey Store every 2nd Saturday of the month, March – November. The cost is \$20/person and tickets can be purchased in advance below. Inquiries and questions about this tour should be addressed to Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance. To register, go to the Monastery website and click on events.

For larger groups please contact info@arabiaalliance.org, 404-988-8384, ext. 6.



Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph

Please join together on **Thursday, March 19**, to honor St. Joseph on his feast day. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm. with a reception following in the hall. We ask our wonderful cooks to bring a dessert to share. Please contact Ellen Markwalter at 478-454-6284 if you plan to bring a dessert.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during lent, from 5:00—7:00 p.m. (except Good Friday).

Fish Plates, Shrimp Plates, or Combo Plates

Adults: 2 pieces of fish, or 12 shrimp, or 1 fish and 6 shrimp
Children: 1 fish or 6 shrimp

Fish is fried. Shrimp is fried or boiled.

Served with French fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert, and drink.

Price

\$10.00	Adults
\$ 5.00	Children 12 and under
\$25.00	Family (2 adults + children 12 and under)
\$ 5.00	Extra fish or shrimp

- The mud we throw is also the mud that soils our hands.
- Do your duty and leave the rest to God.
- Are your troubles causing you to lose your religion or use your religion.
- The best way to get even is to forget.

Chard Wray Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Beans (like kidney beans)
- Canned Chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned Spam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Dried Beans
- Grits
- Instant Potatoes

- Jelly
 - Jiffy Cornbread Mix
 - Juice
 - Macaroni & Cheese
 - Oatmeal
 - Pasta - different varieties
 - Pasta sauce
 - Peanut Butter
 - Powdered Milk
 - Rice
 - Saltine Crackers
 - Soup—all varieties,
- If you can help with any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

Items for Blessing Bags

- Napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Gallon Size Zipper Bags
- Nature Valley Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (no sugar)
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce (unsweet)
- Fruit Juice Boxes ((unsweet)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Fruit & Nut Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies—Mini squares

- Quaker on-the-go Snack mix
- Baked Chips Snack mix
- Quaker Rice Crisps (small Package)
- Variety pack of nuts
- Packs of Raisins
- Crunchy Rollers (snacks)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Oats & Honey

These items can be found at Wal-Mart and Kroger

Hygiene Items for Prison Ministry

- Antibacterial bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Powder based deodorant (solid, roll-on, gel, NO aerosol sprays)
- Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Lotion
 - Toothpaste
 - Baby powder/foot powder
 - Shampoo
 - Hair combs, etc.
- NO razors or metal items please**

Answer:

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Do You Know?

Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

In Milledgeville:

CORE Healthcare for Women
451 S. Wayne St.
coreofcga.com

(478) 216-5176

Prayer requests:

The homebound; nursing home and veteran home residents, the chronically ill; the mentally ill; all military personnel; all law enforcement and first responders; all prisoners; Charles Weasel, Suzanne Bryant, Suzanne James, Rowlyn Rae Hill, Archer Downs, Jose' Texidor, Brandon McManmon, Suzanne Irons, Deborah Cain, Tom Martinez, Joe Baden, Rob Leveille, Mary McMillan, Jerry Osteen, Linda Bullington, Barbara Middlebrooks, Julie Baker, Christopher Baden, Carmen Sans Graciaa, Lynn Kirby, Didi Lazo, Kimber Hudson, Liam Irwin, James D. Thomas, Harry Wheeler, Andrea Heber, Sherry Lynn, Malcolm Garity, Cindy Walton, Barry Ford, Theresa Niner, Dr. Spencer Maddox, Vicky Phillips, Gary Hatcher, Barbara Bernichon, Robyn Beard, Jason Riner, Dani Mascioli, Sharon Ravita, Jacqueline Shoemaker, Pam McCabe.

Please pray for the deceased:

All deceased members of Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Michael McWhorter, Earl Williams, Barbara Allen, Sally Pratt, Mark Morris, Rhonda Gail Petite and the victims of the Ukrainian War and the deceased of Israel.



We are Here to Listen and Take Action
Archdiocesan 24 Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline
1-888-437-0764

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

