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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. or
by appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month— 7:30 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

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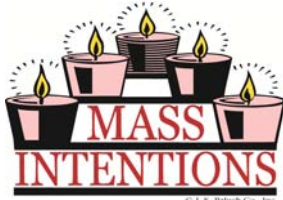
Saturday, April 2, 2022
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 3, 2022
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

*I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
—Philippians 3:8*



April 4 - April 10

- Monday:** Cecil Rodgers by Bob & Karen Hand †
- Tuesday:** Peyton Mitcham by Mike Aiello family †
- Wednesday:** Deacon & Rita Rumore by Jerry & Brenda Kern
- Thursday:** Fr. Tony D'Angelo by Fr. William Lucas †
- Friday:** Bettye Carico by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Saturday:** Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
- Sunday:** Paul Boyle III by Parma Boyle †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Jacky Johnson, Ron & Diana Markevich,
Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James,
Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia
Moten, Mary & Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry
Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey
Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid,
Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Frank Troncalli,
Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon
Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay
Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell,
Tom Welch, Lance Stella, Monsignor Sexton,
Jay Willi

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins.
To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer
Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at
sharonstice46@gmail.com or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings April 4—April 10

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3: 52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 10:31-42
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 [23:1-49]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14).

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11).

A MEDITATION FOR LENT (By Father Richard Veras)

“How does Jesus resist the temptations of the devil? He is not relying on moral strength or trying hard to adhere to a code of ethics. It is Jesus’ unwavering love, trust, and affection for his Father that render the devil and his temptations powerless.

The child who gets lost from his mother in a toy store cares nothing for any of the toys until he finds his mother again. No toy can tempt him away from his search for his mother. This is not because the child is a moral giant, but because the child wants his mommy!

Jesus sees everything, from bread to all the kingdoms of the world, as meaningless without the love of his Father. When the devil tempts Jesus to test his Father’s love, Jesus knows that love which is manipulated is not love at all, and cannot compare to the free and abundant Love which is his Father.

The devil wants to lead Jesus to doubt the Father and to conceive of himself without the Father; for when Jesus’ heart is with his Father, the devil’s temptations are revealed for the nothingness they are.

As long as I conceive of myself as alone, and as long as I conceive of God as far away from the truest and deepest longings of my heart, I will always sin. I will continually set my heart on things that will never answer its infinite longing.

Zacchaeus set his heart on wealth, the adulteress set her heart on a fleeting feeling of love, Nicodemus set his heart on his good reputation; it is only the presence of Jesus that opens their hearts to something more. It is not their own strength but the gaze of Jesus that changes them. This same gaze attracts the rich young man and Pontius Pilate, but they both sadly return to their respective prisons of wealth and power.

Our hope is not in our strength, but in gazing upon Christ who first gazes upon us.”

Lenten Buy One Give One (BOGO) Food Drive

Pope St. John Paul II stated on Feb. 16, 1997 that “Almsgiving, far from being reduced to an occasional offering of money, means assuming an attitude of sharing and acceptance. We only need to “open our eyes” to see beside us so many brothers and sisters who are suffering materially and spiritually. Thus Lent is a forceful invitation to solidarity.” With this in mind we are asking each of you to help us, help those less fortunate than ourselves. An easy way to do this is when shopping at your favorite grocery store and you notice you are buying any dry good or canned good that has a “BOGO” buy one get one for free sale, please consider picking up that second item and donating it to the church.

Confession Opportunities During Lent

Wed, April 6 – Communal Penance Service 7:00 pm

Friday, April 8 – 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, April 10 – Between Masses

Monday, April 11 – 9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday, April 13 –
During Holy Hour-7:30-8:30 pm

Friday, April 15 – 9-10 am



Mass at St. Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass has resumed at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. Mass is scheduled at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders group will be meeting on April 20th at 10:00 am. Potluck lunch will be at 11:30 am. Join us for food and fun every third Wednesday of the month!

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Mar 27 Offertory	\$8,361	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$269,324	\$253,500



The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.

There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

Goal –400 cans/month

Cans donated to date in March – 566 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week



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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.

Diocesan Homeschool Graduation Ceremony May 15, 2022 3:30 pm The Cathedral of Saint Paul

The homeschool seniors in the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to participate in a diocesan wide graduation ceremony. There will be a Baccalaureate Mass immediately preceding at 2:00 pm. Email bhamcathgrad@gmail.com to register

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 18th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE Friday, May 20, 2022 Highland Park Golf Course Lunch at 12:00 pm * SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 pm

The cost is \$250 per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament.

The Her Choice Women's Center exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision.

Contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205-447-8796 or golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

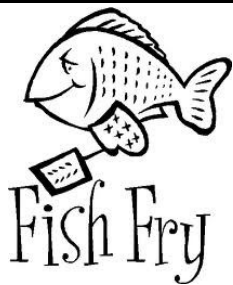
EASTER BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY

OLL Social Concerns will be assembling Easter Baskets for the needy in our community. If you would like to donate candy or small toy items, please place in the blue containers in each foyer.

We will collecting items all through March with the goal of giving out 100 Easter baskets. Rosaries and church information will also be included in the basket.

If you have any questions, please contact Cristy McKinney at 256-239-9839.





KOC Council 12270

Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning March 4 through April 8. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

- 2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10
- 1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8
- Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

COME BE A PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi, Tuscaloosa, has organized two pilgrimages for 2022.

June 14-25, 2022-Travel to Oberammergau, Germany for a 5 hour production of the Passion Play that is offered only every 10 years. After the play, we travel to Paris and Lourdes visiting beautiful churches, holy sites and the grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette.

August 23-September 2, 2022- Travel to the Holy Land. We will experience the Sea of Galilee, pray at Jesus' birthplace, walk the Via Dolorosa to Calvary and celebrate Mass at Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem.

Our pilgrimage priests will offer Mass daily on both pilgrimages

Email Patti Rimmert at pattiremmert@gmail.com or call at 2056-799-5741 for a brochure and more information.
Patti and Deacon Bill Rimmert



CAMP ST. BERNARD

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Registration is now open for Camp St. Bernard for this summer. Camp St. Bernard offers overnight and day camps for campers ages 6-14 on the campus of St Bernard Abbey and Prep School. Camp activities start on Sunday evening and conclude on Friday afternoon. Registration is now open for a great summer of making friends, enjoying the outdoors, and spending some time at St. Bernard! Contact John Arndt at campstbernard@gmail.com if you have questions. Go to campstbernard.com to register.

Assignments

April 6, 2022 - April 10, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

4/6/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS PALM SUNDAY

4/9/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Loretta Frost

Lector: Susan Moseley, Joe Hoffert

Ministers: Deacon, Allen Ross

Altar Servers: Roger Carreker, Marty Poteracki

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson,
Amy Carreker, Andy Payant

SUNDAY MASS PALM SUNDAY

4/10/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: Tommie Johnson,
Becky & Darren Freeman

Lectors: Alexis Allor, Robert Lewis

Ministers: Deacon, TBD

Altar Server:

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Belia Solis,
Henry Cardenas, Dennis Veigl

4/10/2022 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, R&C Betz

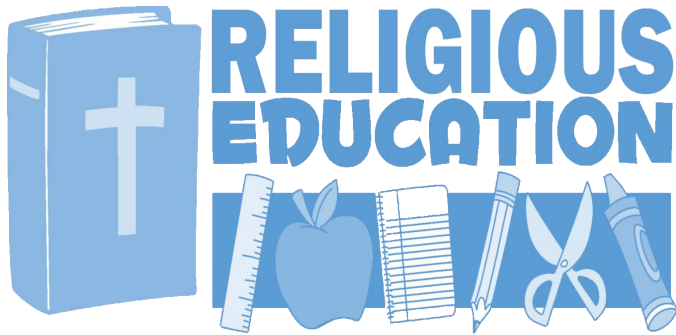
Lectors: Mary Adams, Patrick Everett

Ministers: Deacon, Sophie Poteracki

Altar Servers: Caleb & Logan Bluhm

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, John Bluhm
Emily Bluhm, Lexis Smith

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute.



The Son who was Sorry

Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

Looking Ahead:

April 3rd - SPRING BREAK! No RE.

**April 10th– Religious Education
9:45-11AM.**

**April 17th - Easter / NO RE. / Easter
Egg Hunt in between masses for
youth.**



Check out our new youth and adult ministries! Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM for food, fellowship, and reflection on His Word! ALL ages are welcome! Contact Jim Mathis for more information:

jimmathis.oll@gmail.com



Text @ollparents to 81010

"The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."

- Psalm 145:9

The CHOSEN

As we prepare spiritually to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, we will be showing Season 2 of The Chosen during Lent.

There will be 8 presentations and each episode will be shown on Sunday between the Masses and again on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for those who cannot make it on Sunday.

We encourage everyone to come to spend some time in meditation as we learn more about the life of Jesus and his followers.

Episode 5—April 3 and 4

Episode 6 – April 10 and 11

Episode 7 – April 24 and 25

Episode 8 – May 15 and 16

No Presentation on April 17 and 18 due to Easter Sunday, May 1 and 2 due to First Holy Communion and May 8 and 9 due to Mother's Day.

Communal Penance Service Wednesday, April 6 7:00 pm



Father Bill and Father Sexton will both be available
for Confessions

Sunday— April 3

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am
No RE –Spring Break
Adult Ed– The Chosen-9:45 am

Monday— April 4

Mass 9:00 am
Adult Ed-The Chosen 7:00 pm

Tuesday— April 5

Mass 9:00 am
RCIA– 7:00 pm

Wednesday—April 6

Mass 7:00 pm
Youth Groups/Adult Education-6:00 pm
Communal Penance Service– 7:00 pm

Thursday— April 7

Mass 9:00 am

Friday— April 8

Mass 9:00 am
Confessions 9:30-10:30 am
KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross– 7:00 pm

Saturday— April 9

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass 5:00 pm
Pilgrim Virgin– 6:30 pm

Sunday— April 10 Palm Sunday

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am
RE –9:45 am
Confessions-between Masses
Adult Ed– The Chosen-9:45 am
Living Stations– 8:00 pm

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Dear Families,

This Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we **give alms**, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

Jim Mathis



Holy Week Worship Schedule April 11-15th

Services at Noon followed by lunch
(Nursery available)

Monday, April 11
Rev. Dr. John Thweatt
First Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 12
Rev. Donald Gover
Life Family Worship Center

Wednesday, April 13
Rev. Greg Hand
Grace Chapel of Eden

Thursday, April 14
Father Bill Lucas
Our Lady of the Lake

Friday, April 15
Rev. Dr. Rachel Gonia
First United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service - April 14th @ 6pm

Good Friday Service - April 15th @ 6pm

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