



**Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
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Confession:

Saturday - 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Chapel Open for Prayer:

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
First Friday Exposition: 9:00AM-12:00Noon

Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office is closed on Monday.
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Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #104 at least six months in advance.
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

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Parish Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Helen Trabits, George James, Patricia Sheehan, Raquel Martin, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, Sue Akers, James Trabits, Brent Sparkman, Donald David, Kevin Camp, Sam Culotta, Julie Seigle, Gary Weitekamp, Jenny Lyn Pair, Michael Pair, Joan Van de Veer, Marietta Molay, Mary Catherine Schroeder, Shari Grantham, Domenick Simonetti, Robie Bencho, Gena Taylor, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Priscilla Staskevich, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Ziemann, Brad Rosenwald, Mercy Navarette, Delfina Urrutia, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Cheryl Shader, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Jeanne Welsh, Cindy Troha, Bob Rhodes, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, John Elkourie, Bill Moorefield, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher.

Mass Intentions

Wed. Aug. 27 –6:00 PM.....**Jean Funk**
Thurs.Aug.28 –8:30 AM.....**Normand & Therese Gagnan(S.I.)**
Fri. Aug. 29 – 8:30 AM.....**Michael Jones (S.I.)**
Sat. Aug 30 - 4:00 PM.....**Lisa Glancies**
Sun. Aug. 31 – 7:45.....**Eleanora & Dave Castagnetta(S.I.)**
Sun. Aug. 31 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tues.: 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 22:23-26
Wed.: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2,4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Fri.: 1 Cor 1:1-25; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11; Mk 6:17-29
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13,18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sun.: *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6,8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Financial Information

August 17, 2014

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	25,135	26,683	928,224	963,440
Assumption:		820		
Current Parish Debt				
				3,543,539

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed!

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 10:30 AM mass will begin on September 7th, but volunteer adult leaders and aides are needed. Training is provided. You have these young members of our community for about 20 minutes during each mass. If you are willing to assist, call the Parish Office or Sr. Terry at 980-1810 or stmarkpa@bellsouth.net.

Youth Worship Service This Sunday

The Middle School BLAST and High School JCREW Youth Groups will attend an XLT Worship and Adoration Service at Our Lady of Sorrows parish this Sunday, August 24th. We will meet at the Saint Mark Parish Life Center at 5:45PM and return around 9:30PM. If you are interested in attending, please email Daniel at stmarkyouth@bellsouth.net or see Daniel after masses on Sunday to let him know you would like to go.

New Grief Support Group

A new Grief Support Group for parishioners of both Saint Mark's and Our Lady of the Valley will be forming Monday, September 8th from 6-8 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room at Our Lady of the Valley. Anyone in the parish who has experienced the death of a loved one is invited to participate. Please register by contacting Darlene McCulloch before September 3rd for orientation. Call her at 678-2750 or email her at jamesfmcculloch@bellsouth.net.

Usher Ministry

The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers.

The more immediate predecessor of today's usher can be found in the clerical order of porter, instituted in the 3rd Century A.D. During those times, it was the duty of the porters or ushers to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service.

Today's ushers primary duties and responsibilities include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, help them to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Celebration.

Want to learn more? Usher training will be conducted after each Mass on September 6 and 7. Initial training will only take 15 – 20 minutes. See you there!

Contact Tom Perlich. tperlich@aol.com or 205-567-6990

New Parish Office Telephone System Delayed

The conversion of the telephone system did not take place on August 21 as originally planned due to equipment delivery delays. As soon as a new date is confirmed, it will be published.

Cub Scout News

It's that time again. Cub Scout Pack 007 is looking for a few good boys. Cub Scouts are open to any boy ages 6-11. Hiking, camping, and fishing are just some of our normal activities. If interested, contact Tom Elie at 672-1889 or thomaseelie@aol.com. Come join the fun!

Narthex Television

There is a problem with the camera that allows the Mass to be seen on the TV in the Narthex. It will be out for the next several weeks awaiting parts and service. We appreciate your patience and apologize for the inconvenience.

Discussion Group on Nonviolent Living

Are you interested in learning more about nonviolence and justice and how they are related? A discussion group is forming to study the book, *The Nonviolent Life*, by John Dear. Fr. Dear has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The date and time for the group will be set based on feedback we receive from interested persons. If you would like more information about this study group, or the topic, please contact parishioner, Jenny Camp, at 980-3047 or auburnhugger@yahoo.com

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 13446 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sat. Oct. 18th at the Parish Life Center. Save the Date and look for additional information in the weeks to come. The Red Cross is over 80,000 units down from where they need to be, which means that blood supplies may not be available for accident victims and those that need critical surgeries. You can help by spreading the word and assisting us with a successful Blood Drive.



May they rest in peace...

James Robert Heitz	August 1, 2008
Arrian Lovoy Henson	August 3, 2012
Desmond Sylvester O'Doherty	August 6, 2010
John Denis Dwyer	August 8, 2012
Scott Alexander Frey	August 11, 2010
Michael J. White	August 12, 2000
Joan Donahue Maida	August 12, 2013
Bernard Keith Pilon	August 24, 2007
Calvin Reid	August 26, 2013
Kathleen Neubauer James	August 29, 2006
Newton Paul Alvord, Jr.	August 30, 2006

We would like to remember monthly our Necrology, those who have been buried from Saint Mark's parish. Please keep in your prayers the faithfully departed.

Scripture Prayer

Beginning August 28th, 9:00-10:30AM – we will offer an opportunity to pray the Sunday Gospel in the *Lectio Divina* style. This form of prayer dates to the 6th century, and recently, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged all to use this form of prayer. Here we allow God's Word to speak to our hearts. All are welcome!

Lay Dominicans

Do you love God? Do you want to seek holiness? Are you looking for truth? The Lay Dominicans of Birmingham group is having an open meeting, Sunday, September 14th at 2PM at St. Rose Academy, welcoming all interested Catholics. Come and see what we are about. We are lay people from all walks of life who are dedicated to a life of liturgical prayer, study of sacred truth and zeal for the salvation of souls. For more information, please contact Angela Maiola at 999-6183.



BBQ for Labor Day

The Knights of Columbus is cooking barbecue for your Labor Day Weekend festivities! We are accepting orders for a Boston Butt for \$35, Slab of Ribs for \$22, and the new popular Pulled Pork for \$12 per pound. All orders will be available for pickup, Friday, August 29th between 4:30 and 6:00 PM.

To place an order, either send an email to kofc13446@aol.com or leave a message on our voice mail at 866-622-STMK(7865). Provide your name, phone number and your order (i.e., 2 pounds of pulled pork). The proceeds will fund the many charities that your Knights of Columbus Council 13446 support.

Seafood Festival

44th Annual St. William Seafood Festival

What: Creole-style file gumbo and boiled, spicy Cajun shrimp, crawfish, catfish, & barbeque chicken.

Where: Civitan Park, Guntersville, Alabama

When: Friday, August 29th, 4PM-6PM Drive thru only for frozen gumbo and boiled shrimp
Saturday, August 30th, drive thru 7:30am until sold out and dine-in 10:30am until sold out

Go to www.stwilliamchurch.com for details and directions.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Natural Family Planning classes will begin on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale. Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve a pregnancy...the Art of Natural Family Planning® is based on an awareness of a woman's fertility. It's medically safe, 99% effective in postponing pregnancy, very low cost, often has a positive effect on the couple's marriage, and is morally acceptable according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For additional information contact Harold or Kathy Gray at 205-631-0568, or e-mail kagray222@hotmail.com. Registration is online at www.ccli.org

Labor Day Festival at Our Lady of Lourdes

On Monday, September 1st, 9 AM-4 PM, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church will present its 28th annual Labor Day Festival. Come enjoy a fun-filled day of games, rides, prizes, shopping, and of course BBQ! The festival will also feature: Arts & Crafts Booths, Gigantic Garage Sale, Country Store, Silent Auction, Coca Cola Entertainment Stage, Sweet Shoppe, Bingo, Raffle, Community Blood Bank, and so much more.

Everyone is invited. Our Lady of Lourdes is located at 980 Huffman Road, Birmingham. See more information at <https://www.facebook.com/OLL.LaborDay>

"A Joy Ever New to be Shared"

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a weekend retreat entitled "A Joy Ever New to be Shared" on September 26-28, 2014. This retreat will begin with Cardinal, now Blessed, John Newman's focus of the Spiritual Life and be followed by the beautiful document of Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel).

The presenter is Bishop Emeritus David E. Foley. For registration information, call 334-855-4474.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Community, Stella Raye Coats, daughter of Rob and Samantha Coats, who was baptized recently at Saint Mark's.

“Healing the Loss of a Loved One”

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a one-day workshop entitled :Healing the Loss of a Loved One” on August 29, 2014. The more we love, the more we grieve the loss of loved ones who are with God; but they are also present to us in a love that endures forever (1Cor 13:8). Through the communion of the saints, sthose in Jesus’ heart long to love us and help us attain the peace and love they now experience. This session will focus on how to finish any unfinished grieving. Through Jesus we can experience their love in ways they long to gift us. For registration information, call 334-855-4474.

“Thanksgiving: Prayer That Transforms Healing”

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a weekend retreat on August 29-31, 2014. The more grateful we become, the deeper and faster we are healed. How much we spontaneously give thanks is the key to a healthy body, mind and spirit. The presenter is Fr. Matt Linn, S.J. For registration information, call 334-855-4474

Liturgical Schedule: August 30th & 31st, 2014

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Cathy Johnson, Darlene McCulloch, Len Mueninghoff, Theresa & Sammy Romano

Sunday: Tony Inzinna, Pat & Mike Kantaris, Vincent Lovoy, John Willis (10:30) Sr. Terry, Eleanora & David Castagnetta, Tom Chauffe, Keri Eitzen, Theresa LoMonaco, Bonnie Murphy, Joe Scotch, Tom Slonneger

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Theresa & Sammy Romano

Sunday: Pat & Bill Roach (10:30) Eleanora & David Castagnetta

Altar Linens: Judy Jones

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Thom Berry, Ray Morin, Terry Spitzer

Sunday: Kurt Friend, Wayne Gwaltney, Michael Rall (10:30) George Juneman, Merrienne Carter Barker, Nancy Collis, Scott Riley, Paul Roche

Cantors:

Saturday: Kathryn Garaca

Sunday: Ken Jannot, Anna Vaughn

Lectors:

Saturday: Ree Morin, Pat Armitage

Sunday: Nancy Ladshaw, Ginny Willis (10:30) Ruth Breipohl, Lisa Arrington

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Carmen Retzer, RJ Spencer, Amalia Trujillo Valino, Emma Zaiontz

Sunday: Cooper Gray, Lia DiGuglielmo, Tilly Gwaltney, (10:30) Carolyn Cleary, Jessica Heberlein, Luke Arrington, Anna Arrington, Daniel Ospinas, Maria Elliott, Hampton Floyd

Greeters:

Saturday: Connie Bailey, Jayne Day, Linda Grainger, Rae Sarver

Sunday: Diane & Anthony Cuicchi (10:30) Carlos Godinez, Sarah Hebert, Myrna Scotch, Bill Tevendale



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