



Saint Mark
the Evangelist Catholic Church

Father Joseph Culotta, Pastor



Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Confession:

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

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

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

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016
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Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office closed on Monday.
Emergency: Father Culotta: 980-1810 #2 or 408-2766

Chapel Open for Prayer

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2
Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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Joseph Guenther	Lauren Spruiell Nickels	Gary Weitkamp
Gary Haworth	Paul Noto	Jeanne Welsh
	Cecilia Ragusa	


 You are invited to attend the Youth Mass
 this Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel
 Come and enjoy the music of our wonderful Youth Choir!

Knights of Columbus



Please join St. Mark the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 13446 in congratulating John Meich for being selected as our "Knight of the Month" recipient for November. John is one of our "elder" knights that does not let age nor physical handicaps keep him from serving his church and community. John is involved in Knights projects and activities such as our annual Tootsie Roll Drive, Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sales, Knights Blood Drive, and Salvation Army Christmas bell ringer. He serves as president of his community homeowners association as well. John's wisdom and knowledge at finding solutions to problems and not giving up on a task needing completed has earned him the respect and esteem of all his fellow Knights. John Meich gives us a true example of Christian service that all Knights and Catholic gentlemen should follow.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. Dec 12- 10:30 A.M. - at Somerby Retirement*
- Tue. Dec 13- 12:00 P.M. - Catherine Rose Roden*
- Tue. Dec 13- 1:30 P.M. at Danberry - Fred Guarino*
- Wed. Dec 14- 6:00 P.M. - Joseph Brusich*
- Thurs. Dec 15- 6:00 P.M. - Morin Family (S.I.)*
- Fri. Dec. 16 - 8:30 A.M. - Sharon Henderson*
- Sat. Dec 17 4:00 P.M. - Marcia Heath*
- Sun. Dec 18- 7:45 A.M. - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tardugno*
- Sun. Dec 18- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

Attention: wonderful opportunities for a volunteer/stipend position to:

1. Duplicate and folder the parish bulletin every Thursday afternoon (should take about 2 hours per week)
 2. Transport bulk mailings to the downtown post office (about 7 times a year)
- Contact Fr. Joe or JoAnne if interested or to obtain more details.

Weekly Readings

- 12 Mon - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38
- 13 Tue - Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
- 14 Wed - Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
- 15 Thu - Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
- 16 Fri - Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
- 17 Sat - Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
- 18 SUN - Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Adult ED



The Adult Education and Formation sessions will resume next Sunday Dec 18, from 9-10:15 in the PLC. Fr. Joe will be presenting to us Christmas Scripture reflections.

This will be a wonderful and timely presentation as we near the Feast of the Nativity especially during the havoc that can surround the season. Please join us as we continue our Advent preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.

Financial Information

December 4th, 2016

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtDBdgt)	(YtDActual)
Collection:	\$28,484	\$31,212	\$1,487,733	\$1,463,680
Current Parish Debt	\$1,775,047			

Youth

ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH THERE WILL BE A 5:00 PM YOUTH MASS WITH THE YOUTH CHOIR BEFORE OUR ANNUAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. THE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 WITH A POT LUCK DINNER AND A GIFT EXCHANGE GAME. PLEASE LOOK FOR A SIGNUP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO SIGN UP TO ATTEND AND BRING A CHRISTMAS FOOD ITEM. GIFTS FOR THE GAME NEED TO COST AROUND \$10.

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RAP, AND THE JCREW/BLAST PROGRAMS WILL BE ON BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. AFTER JANUARY 1ST PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN, BULLETIN BOARDS, AND YOUR EMAIL FOR WHEN WE'LL BE PICKING BACK UP AND WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL TWO AND A HALF YEARS AND I WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN MY PRAYERS.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Daniel



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive

St. Mark the Evangelist /Knights of Columbus Council 13446
Parish Life Center 7340 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham AL 35242
Saturday, December 17, 2016
10:00AM to 3:00PM

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Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM
An Examination of Conscience

My Life with God:

Do I think of God during the day and talk with Him in my own way?
Do I pray each day?
Do I make a sincere effort to participate in Mass?
Do I try to learn about God by reading or attending educational programs?
Do I have confidence in God in the midst of troubles?
Do I see God and love Him in other persons?

My Life within Myself:

Do I accept being the person I am, realizing that I am the very best of God's creation?
Have I mistreated my own body, through improper use of drugs or alcohol?
Am I developing the talents God gave me?
Do I study, read, pray?
Do I let discouragement overpower me and become morose and depressed?
Am I trying to make friends with others?
Have I excused myself from guilt because "everyone is doing it"?



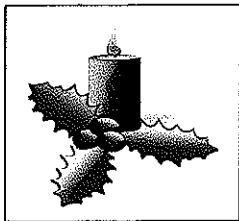
My Life with Others:

Am I honestly and sincerely able to say I love my neighbor as myself?
Do I love those around me, especially my family and my classmates?
Am I selfish in my love, trying to monopolize others, fearing that their love for others diminishes their love for me?
Do I respond to the needs of others in my family?
Am I honest in conversation with others, willing to appear in a bad light rather than deceive them?
Am I respectful of others?
Of the poor?
Of members of other races?
Of the people who do not agree with me?
Do I look upon others as images of God and brothers and sisters in Christ?
Do I respect their body and their person?
Do I take advantage of their need for love and acceptance for my own pleasure?
Do I talk too much about myself and not really listen to what others have to say?
Do I honor my parents and others who carry the burden of leadership?
Am I honest in my business dealings, in my payment of debts, in my shopping habits?
Am I understanding of the faults and oddities of others?
Have I talked idly and indiscreetly about the faults of others?

Six priests will be available following the Scripture service in the Church: Bishop David Foley, Fr. Paul Rohling, Fr. Liju Parambeth, Fr. Gray Bean, and Fr. Joe Culotta.

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday, Dec 17 th 4:00 pm	Sunday, Dec 18 th 7:45 am	Sunday, Dec 18 th 10:30 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Sr. Terry Brethauer Eleanora Castagnetta Rebecca Blythe, Ruth Cook Beverly Huddleston Tom Huddleston, Ann Penton	Daniel Henninger Lou Inzinna Tony Inzinna Theresa LoMonaco Jose Marrero	Malynda Guarisco, Sarah Hebert Jodie James, Rosemary Johnson Bonnie Murphy, Joe Scotch Steve Shoemaker, Tom Slonneger Heidi Swanson
Mass Coordinators	David & Eleanora Castagnetta	Bill & Patricia Roach	Janet & Randy Haines
Lectors	Ruth Breipohl - 1 Dolorene Sackman - 2	Nancy Ladshaw - 1 Martinique Waters - 2	Marilyn Chiaramonte - 1 Christa Sligh - 2
Ushers	Mike Burns, Thom Berry Emelia Mitchim, Brandon Moseley	Amos Mitchim, Kurt Friend Bobbie Mitchim, Michael Rall	Larry Swetonic, Jay Aycock Robert Haley, Paul Jones
Altar Servers	Robert Marquet Matthew Marquet, Emma Stephens Mary Keithleen Favela, Elizabeth Mitchim	VOLUNTEER NOW Brianna Braden, Elliot Marrero Jessica Heberlein, VOLUNTEER NOW	Luke Arrington Anna Arrington, Sam Lynch Kathryn Lynch, Ella Sciara
Greeters	Joanne Angell, Larry Angell Demetri Coleman, Linda Grainger	Ken Lorek Marie Lorek	Nancy Collis, Laura Hughes Al Lupenski
Altar Linens	Terry Lupenski		
Cantors	Allison Creel	Susan Richards	Alex Slocum

Advent Time!



- Help needed setting up **Christmas Trees** Dec. 11 after the 10:30 Mass (for about an hour)
- **Decorating the Church** on Sunday Dec. 18th at 1:00 PM
- **Children's Advent Program** Dec. 11th (Sunday) 2-3:30 PM in the Parish Hall
- **Children's Pageant Practice** on Dec. 11 and 18 after the 10:30 Mass (only 1 hour)

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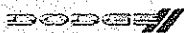
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