



**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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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.

Office Hours:

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

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 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

Baptism Requirements & Preparation Class:

Contact Anne Hane 410-0692 or ahane@bellsouth.net

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PRAYER LIST

Helen Barnhart Donald David Sam Ferlisi Kevin Glandon Jonathan Granberry Riley Granberry Dave Henderson Dung Hoang George James Michelle Kidd Kathy Matuszak Jim Meggs Angie Meshad	Marietta Molay Craig Pearce Betty Quinlivan Cecilia Ragusa Joan Rietta Jim Romano Ronnie Romano Judy Rose Brad Rosenwald Elena Savino Mary Catherine Schroeder Trace Sexton	Gertrude Sgroi Patricia Sheehan Patti W. Smith Tom Smith Jane St. Denis Don St. Denis Luke Swetonic Jackie Tevendale Cindy Troha Dot Vallely Santo Vizzina Gary Weitekamp Jeanne Welsh
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At the beginning of each year, we begin a new Prayer List. Please pray for the sick in our parish and let us know to add anyone to the Prayer List via stmarkrc@bellsouth.net or 980-1810 ext.1.

Mass Intentions

- Wed. Feb. 3 - 6:00 P.M. - Quarterly Memorial Mass*
Thurs. Feb. 4 - 8:30 A.M. - Donna Gels
Fri. Feb. 5 - 8:30 A.M. - Barbara Tewey
Sat. Feb. 6 - 9:00 A.M. - Harold & Patricia Sheehan
Sat. Feb. 6 - 4:00 P.M. - Bud & Dot Kuester (SI)
Sun. Feb. 7 - 7:45 A.M. - Bishop Emeritus David Foley (SI)
Sun. Feb. 7 - 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

- 1 Mon -2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
 2 Tue -Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 3 Wed -2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
 4 Thu -1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 5 Fri -Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
 6 Sat -1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
 7 Sun -Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Financial Information

January 24, 2016

(Budgeted) (Actual) (YtDBdgt) (YtDActual)

Collection: \$27,327 \$42,285 \$109,308 \$123,774

Latin America: \$2,081

Current Parish Debt

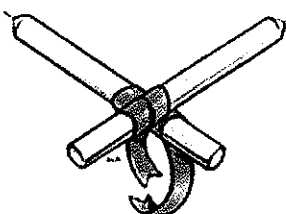
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Mass of Remembrance

The Quarterly Mass of Remembrance is in the Chapel at 6 P.M. on Wed., Feb. 3rd, at 6:00 P.M. Please join us for this special opportunity to remember your loved one.

Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to
 ...Jo Vicenzi on the death of her brother, Dr. Ralph Tardugno
 ...Gail Sanson, Francesca and Paris Malensek on the death of their father and grandfather, Dr. John Sanson.



Blessing of Saint Blaise

Next weekend, Feb. 6-7, after all of the Masses, we will offer the Blessing of Saint Blaisé, traditionally celebrated for protection from diseases especially of the throat. The Blessing begins with a simple prayer service and takes 15-20 minutes for everyone to participate.

STEWARDSHIP 2016

A word of thanks to those who have already renewed their Stewardship Pledge for 2016. Thanks as well to our Stewardship Committee and all those who invite us to be better stewards of Saint Mark's - especially as we continue plans for a new facility. Thanks you for all that you do and for your prayers.

Hope and Joy,
 Fr. Joe

Dear Parishioners,

The cost of reserving (purchasing) a niche in the Saint Mark Columbarium Garden will increase approximately 10% **effective February 22, 2016.**

Parishioner Rate: Single \$3,000
 Double \$3,500

Non-parishioner Rate: Single \$3,700
 Double \$4,200

The yearly increase assures perpetual care of current facilities and construction funds for the expansion of the Columbarium Garden when needed in the future. The Columbarium is located to the right of the Church behind the Chapel.

Hope and Joy,
 Fr Joe



We would like to thank all who gave of their time and talents for this special youth event. We extend our gratitude to all who participated, especially from the following parishes and schools:

Annunciation of the Lord, Decatur
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Cathedral of Saint Paul, Birmingham
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Good Shepherd, Huntsville
†
Holy Family Cristo Rey High School, Birmingham
†
Holy Infant of Prague, Trussville
†
Our Lady of the Valley, Birmingham
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Our Lady of the Valley, Fort Payne
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Our Lady of the Lake, Cropwell
†
Prince of Peace, Birmingham
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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Anniston
†
Saint Charles Borromeo, Jacksonville
†
Saint Francis, Tuscaloosa
†
Saint John, Madison
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Saint Joseph, Florence
†
Saint Mark the Evangelist, Birmingham
†
Saint Michael, Florence
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Saint Patrick, Adamsville
†
Saint Theresa, Leeds
†
Saint Thomas, Montgomery
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You may be aware we have had a way of supporting our parish through "eGiving" called Faith Direct. To those of you who are using the Faith Direct service to make your generous donations to our parish, Thank you! Your support has made this program a cost-effective, efficient and secure way for our parish to receive your gifts.

To enroll securely online go to www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is AL414. If you have any questions, or need help enrolling, contact the parish bookkeeper at 980-1810, ext. 8

OUTREACH TO THE NEEDY

When Saint Mark's Parish began in 1999, we also began an outreach to the poor and needy in Greene County. This county is one of the poorest in the United States and is served by the Catholic Center of Concern.

GREENE COUNTY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE provides items parish volunteers deliver for the Guadalupe Sisters to distribute.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE offers 100 families with a Christmas dinner, gifts for their children and aid with the utility bills.

GREENE COUNTY SUMMER

MISSION each June working with other parishes arranges to rehab trailers and homes in Greene County that the Sisters have selected.

***We are seeking a volunteer to help coordinate those who will be providing the lunches during the Mission week June 6-10, 2016. Different parishes and groups provide the food and serve it, but we need a **COORDINATOR**. If interested or want more information contact Sr. Terry at stmarkpa@bellsouth.net or 205-980-1810 ext. 3.

Youth

The BLAST and JCrew Youth Groups will meet this Sunday in the Saint Mark Festival Field for an evening fire (weather permitting). This week the Youth Group will take care of dinner with Hotdogs cooked by you all over the fire with S'mores for desert. This is a great time to come hang out with friends, play some campfire games, and enjoy the cool weather. BLAST meets at 5:00 pm and JCrew/dinner at 6:00 pm.

On February 7th the Youth Groups will have a joint Super Bowl Party from 5:00-8:00 pm. We will be watching the game/commercials with an indoor tailgate party. Please bring your favorite tailgate food to share (there will be drinks provided).

JCrew:

On February 20 the High School JCrew will have the opportunity to test their escape skills at Birmingham Breakout. Please contact Daniel Henninger at 980-1810 ext. 4 or stmarkyouth@bellsouth.net to sign up or for more information.



The next two weekends there will be baskets in the Narthex for collecting "old palms" from last year as Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016.



National Catholic Schools Week

January 31-February 6, 2016



Join us in celebrating our Saint Mark students enrolled in Catholic Schools.

Mom's Group

Please join us for our first Mom's Group get together of 2016. We'll meet in the Parish Nursery on Tuesday February 9th from 9:30-11:30am for fellowship and fun as the kids play. It will be a Valentine's theme (snacks/craft).

*In the future we will meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday. We moved it to Tuesday due to Ash Wednesday. We also intend to incorporate other activities and outings. Please join us to collaborate! For more info, contact Katy Santello ksantell425@gmail.com or Aisling Henninger quigley.henninger@gmail.com

First Light

On Thursday evening, January 14, the ladies at the First Light shelter enjoyed spaghetti casserole prepared by Pat Smith, Viv Norris, Kathy Ranelli and Terry Lupenski. It was served by Lynda Lee with Terry and Al Lupenski and Viv and Jack Norris, along with tossed salad from Eleanora Castagnetta, Lynda Lee, Darlene McCulloch, and Lou Anne Swetonc. Lani Perrigo and Donna Spencer sent dinner rolls, and Karen Kapp provided milk and butter. Dot Kuester sent Crystal Light. There was fresh fruit from Rosie Johnson, Barbara Wenning, Francis Strick, and JoAnn Davis with dessert brownies from Darlene McCulloch, Heidi Mueninghoff, and Nancy Juneman. A thank you note from one of the shelter ladies is posted this month on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

2015 Financial End-of-the-Year Statements for Contributions to Saint Mark the Evangelist were mailed out this week.

Liturgical Schedule: Feb. 6th & Feb. 7th, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Rebecca Blythe, Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston, Cathy Johnson, Ann Penton, Theresa Romano, Eva Shepherd

Sunday: Annamarie DiCihara, Pat Kantaris, Theresa LoMonaco, Vincent Lovoy, Jose Marrero
(10:30) Jenny Camp, David & Eleanora Castagnetta, Keri Eitzen, Rosemary Johnson, Joe Scotch, Tom & Brenda Slonneger, Heidi Swanson

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Sammy & Theresa Romano

Sunday: Mike & Pat Kantaris
(10:30) David & Eleanora Castagnetta

Altar Linens: Judi Mathews

Ushers:

Saturday: Mike Burns, Thom Berry, Kurt Friend, Larry Swetonic

Sunday: Chris Moore, Caleb Moore, Jonah Moore, Michael Rall
(10:30) Scott Riley, Jay Aycock, Nancy Collis, Paul Jones, Milene Panzica

Cantors:

Saturday: Susan Richards

Sunday: 7:45-John Floyd; 10:30-Anna Vaughn

Lectors:

Saturday: Dolorene Sackman, Chuck Trierweiler

Sunday: Nancy Ladshaw, Donna Francavilla
(10:30) Darlene McCulloch, Lisa Arrington

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Kristy Gray, Mary Keithleen Favela, Matthew Marquet, Robert Marquet, Ella Sciara, Anja Trierweiler

Sunday: Tracy Pflaum, Tilly Gwaltney, Troy Gwaltney, Elliot Marrero, Dominic Pautler, Matthew Pflaum
(10:30) Hampton Floyd, Anna Arrington, Luke Arrington, Elizabeth Camp, Amalia Trujillo Valino, Dolan Wilson

Greeters:

Saturday: Joanne Angell, Larry Angell, Demetri Coleman, Rae Sarver

Sunday: Anthony & Diane Cuicchi
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Laura Hughes, Al Lupenski, Myrna Scotch

Women's Club

The Women of St. Mark are sponsoring a Lenten Morning of Prayer for all women of the parish on Tuesday, February 16 from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Chapel. The featured speaker will be Sister Janet Marie Fleming, O.S.B. on the theme of "a new look at Mary and Martha" (Luke 10:38-42). The morning will conclude with Mass at Noon.

Adult Ed

As we enter Lent (already!) our adult education/formation meetings will continue our focus on mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We turn our attention to the Gospel of Luke, the gospel of God's Mercy. This study promises to be a studied, involved and interactive approach to Luke's gospel. Next week our session will be facilitated by Sr. Terry. Please join us in the PLC from 9-10:15 AM.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

After Mass on Sat. 1/30 and Sun. 1/31

If you have recently moved into the area or if you have changed your address, it is important that you complete a voter registration form. Forms and assistance will be available in the Narthex.

Awakening to Transformation through Solitude, Silence and Stillness with Phileenas Heuertz
Sat. March 5, 2016 - 9AM to 3:30PM in Huntsville
Contemplative Outreach Conference 23rd Annual Conference
centeringprayeralabama.org / Gail Green 256-325-3151

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School

U.S. Dept. of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

•Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House on Sunday, January 31st with Mass at 11 AM and Open House immediately following

•Shadow Day on Friday, February 5th from 8:30 AM for prospective students entering grades 1-8

Registration for NEW students in preschool through eighth grade for the 2016-2017 school year begins on February 8. Call now for admission materials.

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