

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing everyone a holy, healthy and blessed New Year!

Congratulations to Matthew Senkbeil on being received into the Catholic faith on December 22nd! May the Holy Spirit guide you always!

Church Office will be closed December 31st and January 1st for the New Year. The office will be open this Thursday and Friday.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is this Wednesday January 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is 5pm Vigil Mass on December 31st and 10am on January 1st. There will be no evening mass.

Contribution statements will be finalized at year end. If you requested a statement last year, one will be sent to the address/ email on file.

Important! If you have made contributions which were NOT processed by office personnel they may not show up on your statement. Contributions can be placed in the offertory plate, mailed to the church, or dropped off in person during business hours. This is the best way to ensure your statements are accurate and complete. Please call/email Mary Jo if you have any questions or need further clarification.

First Sunday Adoration is next Sunday, January 5th concluding the 10am Mass until 3pm. Stop by at any time to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please note that someone must always be present in the Church during Adoration.

PSR and OCIA Classes will resume next Sunday, January 5th at 9am.

The Initial Offering in 2025 is not taxed by the Diocese of Birmingham - meaning 100% of your donation stays with St Michael. To ensure this please use the offertory envelope that says "Initial Offering" or write it on your check in the memo line. Thank you!

Cookbooks are still available for purchase in the Church Office. Less than 75 books are left. Books are \$20 each with 450 recipes! Thank you to all who have purchased one!

2025 Calendars have been delayed. Calendars will be out as soon as they arrive.

Nursery is now available for use in the Parish House (just west of the Church)! The nursery isn't currently staffed with volunteers but parents are welcome to use the room during Mass time.

Tuesday Night Bible study will not meet again until January 7th.

Thursday Morning Bible study will not meet again until January 9th.

Movie Showing - Save the date for Knights of Columbus movie presentation about Saint Joseph on January 26, 2025. Cost is free, it is open to all. Showing will be at Shoals Theater.

Friendly reminder to please silence/turn off phones before Mass starts!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2025



Mass Times
December 31st | 5pm
January 1st | 10am

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

Soup kitchen dates for 2025: Jan. 18, Mar 15, May 17, July 19, Sept 20, Nov 15. Call Donna if you would like to help serve.

Jan.18/19: coffee and doughnuts after each mass in parish house. Come enjoy a doughnut and spend a few moments with our church family.

Feb 2, Souper Sandwich Sunday after 10 am mass, gym. Enjoy a bowl of chili, sandwich and drink. Afterwards stay for Bonus Bingo, Heads or Tails, and coverall. Cost is \$15. Proceeds go toward continued renovations/ improvements of buildings/ church.

Feb. 15, Sat. 4pm: Valentine meal for married couples, widows and widowers. Mark your calendar.

Mar. 16 Sunday, St. Patrick spud meal hosted by CYO.

April 19, Easter Egg Hunt at 1 pm

Submitted by Donna Peters, contact Donna for more info at 256-577-1607.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWS

The St. Joseph School Foundation is accepting applications to complete the unexpired term of a former Board member. A strong long-term commitment to Catholic education and to building a perpetual endowment are essential. Please submit a brief statement of interest and/or a bio/resume on or before January 1, 2025 to St. Joseph School Foundation, 115 Plum St., Florence, AL 35630 Attn: Paul Bernauer or e-mail to Paul Bernauer at bp0208b@aol.com. For questions or more info, contact any of the following Board members: Paul Bernauer, Carolyn Eck, Carol Eckl, Felice Green, Fr. Jonathan Howell, Courtney Magee, Tom Minnelli, Audrey Newton, Pam Taylor, Amy Thompson or Renee Vandiver.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

MEN IN BLACK

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS!!

Interested in learning about and experiencing monastic life? Join Father Dominic Lee, O.S.B. at St Bernard Abbey for a weekend. Weekend highlights include prayer time, Mass, social and recreational activities, talks, Liturgy of the Hours, and learning about the monastic life.

When: February 21-23, 2025

Where: Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL

Cost: Free

Requirements: Be a Catholic high school-age male student open to learning about the monastic life.

Lodging: Free stay at the Abbey Retreat Center with private room and bath. Qualified adults will also reside in the Retreat Center.

Registration Form: Form is posted to St Michael's website under the bulletin publications tab - or call the Church Office.

Deadline: February 6, 2025

More details: Contact Fr Dominic by email at frdominic@stbernardabbey.com

