



Twenty-first Sunday of the Year
August 25/26, 2018

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM † Canonization of Frederic Ozanam / SVdP Conference

Sunday
8:00 AM † Catherine Williams / John Williams
10:30 AM Gary Howman / E. Scott family

Tuesday – St. Augustine
8:00 AM † Richard Peterson / Lori NeSmith
Wednesday- The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:00 AM † Joan Olszewski / Joe Olszewski

Thursday
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Fr. Maria

Friday
8:00 AM † Jeff Bachman / John & Pat Hilderbrandt

First Saturday
8:00 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM † Kim Wall / John & Pat Hilderbrandt

To request a Mass in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one, please call the office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Juanita Baena, **Bill Brennan**, Cole Callahan, Berkleigh Cirilli, Ginny Cook, Allen & Gwen Dretzka, **Barbara Edwards**, Jim Edward, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, **Diane Geiselman**, June Henderson, **Susan Henderson**, **Valerie Hines**, **Gary Howman**, Judy Jordan, **Bud Kaechele**, **Mercedes Carol Knutson**, Mary Link, Brenda McCord, Curtis Malone, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Paul Peschel, Loretta Roy, John & Dotsie Santa Cruz, George Schaff, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott, Dave Woodford

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families

† James E. Link
† Deacon J. Cretaro
† Doris Mullek
† Frank Mullek, Jr.
† Joe Lacoy
Mignon Kilday

James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Lang & Pope Families
Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
Friday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 64 8:00 AM = 51 10:30 AM = 67 Total = 182

STEWARDSHIP for August 19, 2018

Offertory = \$1,832.50
Maintenance = \$50.00
Renovation Projects = \$167.00
Home Missions = \$415.50

SVdP Collection ~ TODAY ~ Many thanks!

ATTENTION ALL 1ST – 8TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please contact St. Joseph's Parish Catechetical Leader, Pat Hilderbrandt, at 961-1010 to register for our 2018/2019 religious education (CCD) classes, which will begin after Immaculate Mary Hall repairs have been completed.



"Coffee with the Padre between the Masses"

is next Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and will be hosted by members of our Adult Bible Study Class in the double classroom in Immaculate Mary Hall. Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL MASS ASSOCIATION

The Annual renewal membership of \$50 for each intention for living or deceased is due September 1. These prayer remembrances are included at **ALL First Friday Masses** during the year.

To renew your membership or to become a new member, please put your request and donation in an envelope and place it in the offertory basket, drop it off at the office or mail it. For additional information, you may call the office.

**The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery
ACCW Quarterly Luncheon Meeting**

Thursday, August 30 – St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley. Registration and coffee at 8:45 AM in the Father Bede Banquet Hall in the Parish Center followed by business meeting at 9:15 AM. Mass is at 11 AM with luncheon (\$13) at 12 PM in the Parish Center. For more information/carpool, call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

Gospel Reflections

DECISIONS ~ There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

A Stewardship Moment ~ In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus.

A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The K. of C. Council #2736 Annual 50/50 Raffle

Weekly drawings every Sunday September 2, 2018 – January 27, 2019 and are eligible each week. Final drawing is Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019. For tickets (\$25) or more information, call Sal Pinzone at 850-463-7292 or Mike Handzus at 828-489-4459.

Church Cleaning – September 2018

Venessa Williams

More help is needed. Please check the weekly schedule. Contact the office if you'd like to help or if you are unable to clean as scheduled.

Sept. 1 & 2

Sat: 5:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Lectors

S. Williams
J. Ziemann
T. Bryant

Ext. Ministers

S. Henkel / J. Caudill
J. & N. Alemany
K. Service / P. Hilderbrandt

Gift Bearers

Ushers' Choice
Sally McKinney
Ushers' Choice

Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
R. Geiger / P. Peterson
J. Hilderbrandt / B. Jarveys

SMCHS "GUARDIAN ANGEL" PROGRAM

Please welcome St. Michael Catholic High School representative, who is speaking at all our Masses this weekend to kick off its **"GUARDIAN ANGEL"** campaign.

The program began last year to assist Catholic families needing additional financial aid to send their children to St. Michael. Envelopes are in the pews with various options on how to give! Your support as a parish community is greatly appreciated.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS STILL ENROLLING PK3 THROUGH 8TH GRADE for the 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

The first day back to Saint Benedict Catholic School was invigorating! Students were greeted by several new additions: new students, new playground equipment, and a NEW ROOF! New students have arrived from all over the county. We have many second-, third- and even fourth-generation attendees. Preschool and Kindergarten now have their own play area and will soon have new preschool-sized play equipment. The new roof covers the entire campus.

"CALLED TO LOVE" Archdiocesan Women's

Conference will be October 6 from 7:30 AM to 4 PM at Corpus Christi Parish, 6300 McKenna Drive in Mobile. See flyer on bulletin board or call Harriet Shields. Details and to register: www.mobarchconferences.org.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

Dear Lord, grant teachers the love and understanding needed to teach and guide students entrusted in their care. Let them have the patience and wisdom to guide those who are troubled and disinterested in school. Give them the strength to reach out to those who challenge their authority, the ability to motivate and inspire those who find learning difficult, and the vision to see the innocence and beauty You find in all children.

Lord, help students develop their special talents and work to their full potential. May they achieve the discipline needed to obtain their goals and the courage to pursue their dreams against difficult obstacles. We pray that all students grow intellectually as they listen to Your words and follow Your example during their school years and throughout their lives. Amen

OCCUPANCY – The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux