



First Sunday of Lent
March 9/10, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Tuesday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 8:00 AM
Thursday 8:00 AM
Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday 5:00 PM

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.



Parishioners: Bob Caudill, Ginny Cook, Barbara Edwards, June Henderson, Brad Jarveis, Bill Johnston, Judy Jordan, Curtis Malone, Bob & Margaret Nail, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, David Woodford
Homebound: Juanita Baena, Loretta Roy, Dotsie Santa Cruz, Jo Flynn, George Schaff, Mary Smith, Charles "Buddy" Stempel
Assisted Living: Allen & Gwen Dretzka, Paul Peschel
Non-parishioners: Diane Geiselman, Susan Henderson, Valerie Hines, Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson, Berkleigh Cirilli, Jim Edward, Barbara Kuntz, Irene Lipscomb, Brenda McCord, Stacey Burgos Rodgers and baby Harper, Bill Roman, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott, Dan Smith, Rosa Linda Torio, Art Treinen

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, Living & Deceased Gardner & Donovan Families

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday 9-11 AM SVdP Food Pantry-IM Hall
Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study - IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday 4:30 PM CCD Classes - Church
Thursday 9:00 AM Altar Society Meeting - IM Hall
Friday 2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 54 8:00 AM = 58 10:30 AM = 67 Total = 179
STEWARDSHIP for March 3, 2019
Offertory = \$2,514.00
Maintenance = \$516.00
Renovation Project = \$3,244.00
Second Collection Black and Indian Missions TODAY

Anyone needing Year-End Statements, please call the church office or e-mail office.stjoseph@yahoo.com.

IMMACULATE MARY HALL RENOVATION ~ The balance is \$23,127. Donation envelopes are in your offertory packets, at church entrances and in the pews. Thank you for your continued support to reach our goal!

2019 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL UPDATE

The total pledges received to date are 64, which is about 75% participation. Let's keep going until we meet our 100% participation goal. We thank those who have turned in their envelopes. If you have not returned your envelope, please pick one up at church entrances and return it as soon as possible.



LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPERS" ~ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Every Wednesday - March 13 through April 10

We are asking for donations of six different soups and desserts (cake, pie, cookies, etc.). Please sign the sheet in the vestibule to let us know what you are bringing and when you can help. Helpers: please indicate if you wish to set up, serve or clean up. There is no charge, but a donation is suggested. For more information, call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

Encounter Lent ~ With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor. Jesus gives us the example of the Good Samaritan. Become companions on the journey that changes lives. Pick up your Rice Bowl at all church entrances today.

Gospel Reflections

PASSING THE TEST ~ "Test" is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, and SATs all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to pass through Lent.

Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial.

The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors.

LENTEN REMINDER ~ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST (one full meal for those 18 to 59) and TOTAL ABSTINENCE (no meat for 14 years and older). The penitential nature of the Fridays of Lent is to be observed by Catholics over the age of 14 by abstaining from meat. There is no obligation to fast on weekdays of Lent; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

It's time to enroll for the 2019-2020 school year. Be a part of our SBCS family! See what we're all about at www.saintbenedict.net.

St. Benedict's Engineering Club began this quarter with sixteen students (8 boys, 8 girls). They meet every Tuesday after school to develop an even deeper understanding of programming and engineering design using Raspberry Pi computers. The students are being encouraged to develop skills to design their own products from robotics to security systems and have fun while learning!

Parish Fund Drives will be ongoing through May 12. Our students need every ounce of your support to keep their tuition as low as possible. We are still selling FundRays books to anyone who wishes deep discounts on dining and entertainment.

Church Cleaning - March 2019

Mary Stenzel and Marie Manley

March 16/17

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

Lectors

C. Puglisi
H. shields
T. Bryant

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / S. Williams
K. Galvano / M. Manley
B. & J. Johnston

Gift Bearers

P. & J. Langan
C. Puglisi / D. Oshana
K. Service / Ushers' Choice

Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
T. Shields / Substitute
Jarveis / J. Hilderbrandt

Rummage Sale October 23-26. Call Tom Shields 205-405-7499 to have your donated items picked up.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing down treasures, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: With these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year at the end of our journey is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREATS

Journey of A Celtic Heart - Begins at 7 pm on Friday, March 15 through dinner at noon on Sunday.

Presenter: Carmel Boyle, composer and singer from Ireland. She is co-founder of AN-Croi, a holistic retreat center in County Meath, Ireland.

Religious Life Retreat - Begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 through dinner at noon on Sunday.

Keynote Speaker: Sr. Beth Henken, Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity for 35 years.

Registration/info: See bulletin board flyer, visit website, msbt.org/btsr, email btsr@msbt.org, or call (334) 855-4474.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Have your New Year's resolutions started to fade?

Start again now with a renewed commitment to your spouse. Consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. The next weekend is scheduled in Cullman, AL on March 29-31 at St. Bernard Abbey. Get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org, or call Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION ~ No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency. -Theodore Roosevelt

PAST AND FUTURE ~ There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future. -Anonymous