

Sacrament Emergency Number is 256-735-6858

First Sunday Adoration is this Sunday August 2nd following the 10am Mass and concluding at 3pm.

Diocesan Second Collection is this weekend August 1-2nd for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund Appeal. This will be taken up immediately after the offertory collection. **Ushers** - please take up the Second Collection right after taking up the offertory collection and before the gifts are taken up.

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Many thanks to Phil and Pam Stumpe for refurbishing the Cemetery Sign. Driving by the cemetery it is obvious the improvements they have made to the landscaping, trimming the crepe myrtles, and replacing the American Flag. They have also volunteered to maintain the landscaping. Again, thank you so much, Phil and Pam. Your work is beautiful.

Parish Council meeting is this Thursday at 6pm.

Flowers on the altar are in honor of the newly elected abbot of Saint Bernard Abbey, Abbot Brendan J. Seipel, O.S.B., placed by Pat Ashe

Please remember to adjust the gym kitchen thermostat after use. The thermostat has recently been left on a low temperature when the kitchen was not in use. Reminder signs are posted in the kitchen to avoid this recurring issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

Father Patrick is looking for someone or several individuals to take over maintaining Mary's Garden located behind the school building. If interested, please speak to Father Patrick or contact the Church Office.

A New Bulletin Look is coming soon! Our bulletin software is changing from Microsoft Publisher over to Canva. The change is because Microsoft is discontinuing Publisher this fall. The new design will be printed soon! Weekly bulletin announcement inserts will still be printed.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. Father Patrick will say a Noon Mass on the 15th to celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. This will be an additional Mass to the 8am and 6pm vigil masses.

Friendly reminder to please silence/turn off phones before Mass starts and also enter and leave Church quietly and respectfully!



Cullman, Ala. – On 29 July 2026, bells rang out over the St. Bernard campus to announce the election of the Right Reverend Brendan John Seipel, of the Order of Saint Benedict, as the Abbot of Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL. Abbot Brendan becomes the eleventh Abbot in St. Bernard's 135-year history. The election process began on 15 June 2026, when the monks gathered in the Abbey Church to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit, invoking the Paraclete's wisdom and guidance throughout the election process. The Right Rev. Jonathan R. Licari, O.S.B., Abbot President of the American-Cassinense Congregation of Benedictine Monks, was the principal celebrant for the Mass and presided at the election, in which the monks in solemn vows took part. After temporarily recessing the election chapter until canonical recourse could be made to the Holy See, Abbot Jonathan reopened the election chapter on 29 July, when Abbot Brendan was formally elected and confirmed as Abbot. Immediately following the election chapter, the monks gathered for a service of thanksgiving in the Abbey Church, at which Abbot Brendan presided. Joining the monks for this festive occasion were the Most Rev. Steven J. Raica, Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in AL, and the Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Birmingham, as well as priests of the Diocese, Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, and a host of lay faithful who came to give thanks to God. Abbot Brendan assumes responsibility as spiritual and temporal leader of St. Bernard immediately; as is customary, the formal blessing of the new Abbot will take place in the coming months. Abbot Brendan, a native of Lanesville, Indiana, entered St. Bernard Abbey in 2002 and professed vows as a Benedictine monk on 21 March 2004. Over the years, he has served in various roles at St. Bernard, including Guest Master, Director of the St. Boniface Retreat Center, Director of the Abbey Farm, member of the Senior Council, and as Subprior and Prior.

Nursery in Parish House is available during 10am Mass. This service is for your little ones ages birth to 4 years old. A parent must sign in their child when dropping off. Anyone who would like to volunteer the nursery or a greeter, contact Donna.

Nursery Schedule for August 8/2: Megan Eck, Pam Stumpe 8/9: Carolyn Eck, Jane Burkhart 8/16: Frances Holder, Mary Beth Passarella 8/23: Ralph Peters, Pam Stumpe 8/30: Angie Locker, Janet Ragland.

VBS a BIG Hit this year. Thank you to all teachers, helpers, youth helpers, registration, Crafts, snacks and men that set up our sound system. And a big thank you to Fr. Patrick for talking to the kids about vessels and vestments.

Church Yard Sale is August 22nd with proceeds going to church general fund. Start saving your treasures! Helpers will be needed on Thursday and Friday night 8/20 and 8/21 starting at 6pm to help receive and put out priced items. Men with trailers needed for clean up after yard sale around 1 pm on 8/22. Contact Donna if you can help.

Youth Mass is August 23rd at 10am Mass. Any youth who would like to participate in this mass by reading, singing, altar serving, candle carrying, contact Donna.

Labor Day Afternoon Bingo prizes are needed \$15-25 value and/or \$20 gift cards for afternoon bingo are much needed. You may contact Donna or leave items at Church Office.

Soup Kitchen is Sept 19th.

St Michael the Archangel Feast Day Meal is September 27th at 4pm.

Memorial Bricks are in! Work on the brick rosary will start sometime in Sept.

Oct 31, Sat 2-4 pm, Trunk or Treat in Gym parking lot.

Nov 1, 3 pm All Souls Day service at Cemetery. Soup and sandwiches to follow in Gym. Contact Donna if you can bring soups or sandwiches.

Dec 12: 11 am: Senior Appreciation Meal, Gym

Dec 13: 5 pm : Parish Wide Christmas Meal and Play, Gym

If you know anyone that is expecting in the parish, let us know! We want to love on our church family mamas and offer a shower. Anyone wanting to help with showers/sprinkles, let Donna Peters or Deona Berrens know.

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