

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrament Emergency Number is 256-735-6858. This number is to be used for sacrament emergencies only and during non-office hours.

Out of Respect please do not come into the Church Office if you are sick, contagious, coughing, etc. This can result in the staff and Father Patrick getting sick. Please be considerate of others. Thank you!

Gaudette Sunday Breakfast hosted the Knights of Columbus is this Sunday December 14th in the gym only after the 7:30am Mass.

Advent Penance Service is this Monday December 15th at 7pm. There will be four priests available to hear confession. Make plans to attend.

There will only be a Communion Service on Thursday, December 18th.

Dance Night is December 19th from 6-9pm in the gym. Father Patrick will be in Birmingham.

Please turn in any In-Kind donation receipts to the office no later than December 29th to receive donation credit for the 2025 year.

Homeschooling! Sacred Heart Loretto is hosting local Catholic families who are Homeschooling their children. If you are interested in this group please contact Anita Jones at 931-279-2926.

Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets. Please see a KOC member to get your ticket after Mass.

The group delivering gifts to Cullman is December 19. Contact Carolyn Eck at 256-436-2045.

KOC Turkey Shoot is December 20th at Langer Hall 4051 County Road 30 starting at 7am until out of shooters. Ammo and firearms provided. Concession stand available. Bring the whole family for some fun!

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be done on December 23, at 8:00 am. If you would like to help, please feel free to come at that time. Also, we always need greenery, especially magnolia, to use decorating. If you have access to magnolia, we would appreciate your bringing it to the church that morning or the day before. If you have any questions, please call Frances Holder at 245-762-1938.

Christmas Mass Schedule: 4pm Children's Mass, 12am Midnight Mass and 10am Christmas Day Mass.

Church Office will be closed December 22-26 for Christmas and December 31 and January 1, 2026 for the New Year.

Because of a new obligation to help pay for the altar wine, the Ladies' Altar Society is raising their yearly dues from \$10 to \$25. The envelopes you receive will not indicate this increase. We hope that everyone understands this decision. Thank you for your support!

The Sanctuary candle will be burned for the repose of the soul of Henry Dussor for the remaining part of December and the first week of January.



CHRISTMAS AT THE GROTTO

2025 Event Dates: Dec 11-23

Open 11AM-9PM (Mon- Sat) and Sun (12pm-8pm) Lights on at 5PM.

Don't Miss the Grotto's Special Weekend – Dec 13 & 14! Meet Santa, Horse-drawn wagon rides (\$5), Live music & entertainment, Food trucks

Ava Maria Grotto

1600 St Bernard Drive SE
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BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

The Thursday morning Bible study will resume on January 8th. We will use a DVD series on the heresies within the church from EWTN.

The Tuesday night Bible study will take a break from meeting until January 13th. In January we will begin a new study on Heresies the church has faced. It is a DVD series from EWTN. We continue to meet in the library at 6:00 pm on Tuesday night. All are welcome.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on January 6, 2026.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

Nursery now available in Parish House during 10 am mass. This service is available for your little one ages birth -4 yrs old. A parent must sign in their child when dropping off child, not a sibling. Anyone who would still like to be a greeter or work in Nursery, contact Donna.

4 pm Christmas Eve Mass: Does your child play an instrument? Contact Donna if they would like to play a Christmas hymn they know before mass. Also, youth are needed as readers for this mass.

Choir Practice for Midnight Mass will be Wednesday nights after 6 pm mass. Last practice will be on Mon 12/22 at 6pm. Voices welcome.

Christmas Stained Glass Window ornaments for sale after each mass this weekend, 12/13-14. Come get an ornament of St. Michael, Mary, and Joseph. One ornament is \$20 or set of all three for \$50. Checks may be made out to St. Michael's Altar Society. Note: Sales on Sat night after mass will be held in Parish House

Yard Sale profits to date are \$5,300 from online sales. Updates as items sell.

Dec 13 Senior Appreciation Meal, 11am ages 65 and up. Not too late to call Donna. Enjoy a good meal, a fun game, and good times together. Please call or text Donna if you would like to come so that we can plan how much food to prepare.

Dec. 14: Parish Christmas Meal and Play, 5 pm is next Sunday. Meat, bread and drinks provided. Please bring a vegetable/salad or dessert to share.

Family Mass Dec. 21 @ the 10 am mass.

CYO Christmas Bowling, Sunday, Dec. 21 after 10 am mass for grades 7-12. Meet at gym after mass if you need a ride, otherwise meet at Lauderdale Lanes. Lunch will be provided. We will also play a Christmas game.

Soup Kitchen, Next soup kitchen will be Jan. 17

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

ST FLORIAN CHRISTMAS PARADE

St Michael had two floats in the Town of Saint Florian Christmas Parade on December 6th.

Half of the first float featured a Nativity scene (with a baby goat). The other half featured Family Story Time in the living room by the fireplace.

The second float was filled with parishioners tossing candy.

Special thanks to everyone who helped make it possible!! We look forward to doing it again next year with new ideas and more parishioners!

