

## 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!

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

**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.

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

**Annual Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life** - Saturday, January 17, 2026. Mass is at 9:00 am Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul 2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham, AL. Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life will follow immediately after Mass at 10:45 am at Planned Parenthood at 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham. Call 205-447-8796 or visit [www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com) or Facebook: Birmingham Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life for more info.

**Envelopes!** If you currently have offertory envelopes and no longer want them or would like to start receiving them, please notify the Church office. Our envelope company mails them bi-monthly to parishioners.

**FlockNote** - Join our parish's text and/or email system! Simply text FAITHHOPELOVE (text message) to 84576 (phone number) to join the list. FlockNote messages will pertain mostly to all liturgical stuff (mass canceled, holy day reminders, adoration, funeral time, etc).

**The Initial Offering** in 2026 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!

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

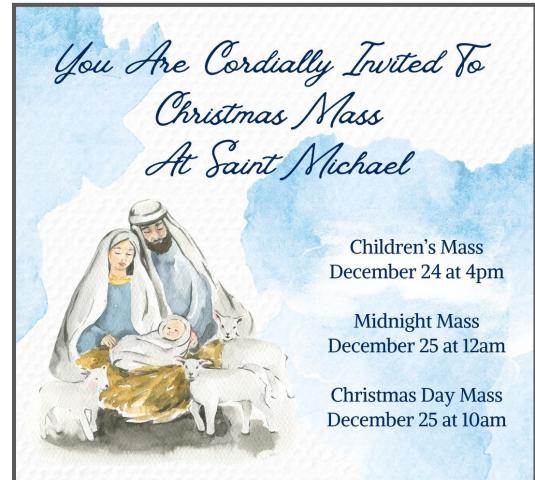
## CONFESION

**Father Patrick will have extra Confession time this week before Christmas!**

**Monday** - December 22nd from 12-1pm  
**Tuesday** - December 23rd from 12:40-1:40pm (following Noon Mass and during Adoration)

**Wednesday** - December 24th from 12-1pm

We encourage you to take advantage of this extra Reconciliation time.



## 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.

**Senior Appreciation meal** well attended. Thank you for everything You are the heart of the church.

**Parish Christmas meal** and Play well attended. Thank you to our youth for working so hard on the play and angel choir. You were great! And a big thanks for all who helped with set up and clean up.

**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 \$5,380 from online sales. Updates as items sell.

**Family Mass** is this Sunday Dec. 21 @ the 10 am mass.

**CYO Christmas Bowling**, this 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 around 11:45. Lunch will be provided. We will also play a provided Christmas game

**Soup Kitchen** will be Jan. 17 11 am, First Presbyterian Church, Florence. Call or text Donna if you would like to help. Save your winter clothing items to bring. Packs of Hot Hands, thermal underwear and tops, heavy coats, sweatshirts, socks, underwear, women's size 10, men underwear, size large, XL and 2XL needed.

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

## NORTH POLE MAIL

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for being a "gift" to our parish community!

May God Bless you and your family in the New Year!

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Father Patrick



to:

**PARISHIONERS**

from:

**SAINT MICHAEL**

**SEE YOU AT MASS!**