

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Volunteers are needed to clean the Church weekly until the job position is filled. Contact the Church Office if you can help.

Diocesan Second Collection will be taken up next weekend for the National Black and Indian Missions.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18th. Our Mass schedule is 7:30am and 6pm.

Stained Glass Window Work - The stained glass windows will return for reinstallation this week! The remaining windows are also scheduled to be taken out as well. **Mass will be at 7:30am both on Tuesday and Thursday of this week only (instead of 12pm).** There will be no adoration on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This will allow the workers to accomplish their work more efficiently.

During Lent, there are two days of fasting and abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Lenten Fridays are days of abstinence only. Abstinence means Catholics, 14 years of age and older, are obligated to abstain from meat or meat products. Fasting means that Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59, inclusive, are obligated to limit their meals to one full meal and two lighter meals during the day. Vegetarians/vegans should give up certain food/dish that they regularly eat and enjoy, since they already give up meat.

Shoals Sav-A-Life Baby Bottle Drive starts next weekend.

Cemetery Plot Reservation Dues have been mailed out. Dues may be dropped in the offertory collection basket or mailed. Stop by the office during hours if you'd like to pay by card.

Flowers on the Altar are in memory of Marcella Eckl place by her family.

Confirmation is March 18th at 6pm at St Michael.

In recognition of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a special jubilee year from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. As a Franciscan Monastery, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala., has been designated as a site where pilgrims have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves or a soul in Purgatory under the usual conditions of being detached from sin, making a sacramental confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. The Shrine is adjacent to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, the home of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, who are part of the Second Order of St. Francis of Assisi. To learn more about making a pilgrimage, please visit olamshrine.com/jubilee.

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

FLORENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

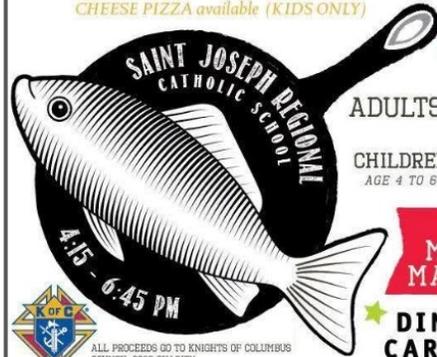
FISH FRY

COUNCIL 3989 2026

CATFISH FILETS • HUSH PUPPIES • COLE SLAW
BAKED POTATOES • FRENCH FRIES • DESSERT

CHEESE PIZZA available (KIDS ONLY)

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN CAFETERIA



ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN AGE 4 TO 8 \$5

FEB 20
MARCH 6
MARCH 20

DINE IN & CARRY OUT

SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
115 PLUM STREET • FLORENCE, ALABAMA 35630

PSR NEWS & DATES

Reconciliation & First Communion Retreat for parents & Carolyn Eck's 2nd grade PSR students 2/28 from 9-10:30am in the school

First Penance March 14th at 9am in church

First Communion May 3rd during 10am Mass
NO PSR Class 8:45-9:45am on that day.

9-12th PSR students will meet in the church and attend mass at 6pm on Ash Wednesday instead of attending class 2/18 time 7-8pm.

Confirmation practice on March 16-17th at 6:30pm.

Confirmation at Saint Michael's 6pm on March 18th - confirmandi meet with Bishop Raica 5pm in the school building.

May 10 May Crowning at 10am Mass.

May 17 PSR Recognition Breakfast.

Valentine's Day

BLESSINGS



ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

Nursery 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.

Sun. March 1 Spaghetti Meal after the 10 am mass. Come enjoy a good meal after 10 am mass or at 11:30am. Cost is \$15 per person. \$5 for ages 5 and under. Proceeds to go towards church sign.

March 8: Baby Shower, 1-3 pm for Sarah Eckl Purser. Sarah's baby registry is with Amazon. It's a boy!

March 15, 3 pm. St. Patrick's Spud Meal and Bingo sponsored by CYO. Enjoy a loaded baked potato and then play some fun games of Bingo. Cost is \$20 per person for potato and Bingo. Wear your green!

March 21 next soup kitchen. Contact Donna if you would like to help.

April 19, Baby Sprinkle 1-3 pm for Kristina Parasiliti, Parish House. It's a girl! Baby needs are diapers, wipes, and little girl clothes.

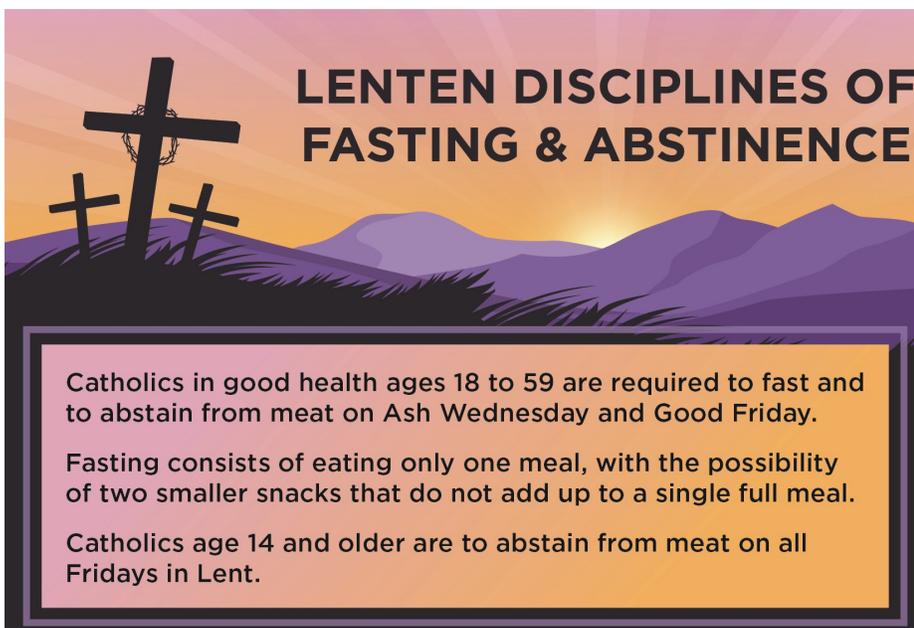
If you know of anyone that is expecting and let us know! We want to love on our church family mamas and offer a shower. Anyone wanting to help with showers/ sprinkles let Donna Peters or Deona Berrens know.

Beverage tabs were delivered to Ronald McDonald house this month. Next delivery will be Feb. 25. Save your beverage tabs, put in a zip loc bag and place on the white table in vestibule of church or give to Donna Peters. They will be picked up and taken to Bham. These tabs help cover the cost of families staying there whom have children that are going to Children's Hospital.

\$252 added to November yard sale profits now totaling \$5792 from online sales.

Souper Bowl collections totaled \$1118. Thank you for your generosity in donating cash and food items last weekend. The cash and food were split equally between Loaves and Fishes and St. Vincent DePaul.

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



LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

