

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 this weekend for the National Black and Indian Missions.

Shoals Sav-A-Life Baby Bottle Drive starts this weekend. Please consider taking a baby bottle home or leaving a donation in the large baby bottle. Baby item donations are also welcomed and may be dropped off at the Church Office. Bottles need to be returned Palm Sunday. Shoals Sav-A-Life is a local organization that promotes the sanctity of life by providing pregnancy care, classes, counseling, adoption and more.

Stained Glass Window Work - The Saints Paul, Mary Magdalen and Agnes windows have been reinstalled. The five remaining windows will be taken out at a later day.

Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent. Stations are at 12pm Noon in our cemetery and at 6pm in the Church. We encourage you to make this part of your Lenten journey. All are welcome!

During Lent - All Fridays are days of abstinence. Abstinence means Catholics, 14 years of age and older, are obligated to abstain from meat or meat products.

Legion of Mary meeting is March 8th at 11am in the Parish House.

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

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

Stations of the Cross

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

12PM NOON | CEMETERY

6PM | CHURCH



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.

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.

BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA OFFICE OF CATHOLIC & CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT

Eucharistic Encounter

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH
5514 DOUBLE OAK LN, BIRMINGHAM, AL
APRIL 25, 2026 * 9:30 AM - 5 PM

JOIN HANDS. STRENGTHEN FAITH.
IGNITE PURPOSE.



This special event invites teens and young adults to explore their faith, find encouragement, and grow together in community.



rsvp @ QR Code
\$15 per person



<p>1. Give up sin Show your love for God by keeping his commandments. Turn away from sins.</p>	<p>2. Fast An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Give the money you saved on food to others in alms.</p>	<p>3. Pray Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.</p>	<p>4. Do good works Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.</p>	<p>What Are You Doing For Lent?</p> <p>10 Ideas For A More Meaningful Lenten Season</p>
<p>5. Give alms Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.</p>	<p>6. Abstain Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.</p>			
<p>7. Do meditative reading Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God's word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God's thoughts and ways influence yours.</p>	<p>8. Control desire for possessions Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself - your time and your talents - with others.</p>	<p>9. Control desire for entertainment Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.</p>	<p>10. Carry out duties in life Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!</p>	

Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living Lent"

Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org

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 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 ziploc 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. The tabs help cover the cost of families staying there who have children that are in Children's Hospital.

\$25 added to November yard sale profits now totaling \$5817

St. Michael's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat. April 4, 1 pm. Meet in front of church steps on this date. Just bring a basket. Eggs provided. For ages 0-6th grade. Afterwards snacks/ games including "Egg Pocking" in the gym and a visit from some Bunny!

CYO going to Pinspiration in Muscle Shoals, Sunday, April 26 @2 pm. Enjoy tile painting and splatter painting! For grades 7-12th grade. Watch bulletin for updates.

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



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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 6 \$5

FEB 20
MARCH 6
MARCH 20

DINE IN & CARRY OUT

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

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3989 CHARITY