

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Diocese Second Collection** is this weekend, April 25-26th, for Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

**This Monday, April 27th, Mass will be at 7:30am.** Mass time on Monday will be moved to 12pm Noon starting next week, May 4th.

**Thank you** to everyone who came to our baby shower last Sunday. We truly appreciate all the love and support from our church family. Thank you to Donna Peters and Deona Berrens for hosting a wonderful shower. - Kristina Parasiliti and family

**Please remember** to lock the Parish House door after use following weekday mass. The door has been left open and unlocked several times recently.

**Prayer List** - Please help us keep the list up to date!

**Flowers on the Altar** are in memory of John Andrew Richardson placed by Pat Ashe.

**Children's Church** - Children ages 4-7 (that are not participating in First Communion preparation classes) are welcomed to follow adults to the Parish House for the duration of the readings, gospel and homily. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the church office or Melanie Connolly. Children's Church is only for the 10am Mass.

**Candles** - All burned candle plastic containers should be thrown away after use. Please do not store/keep them in the flower room/altar server room. We are not saving them. They cannot be recycled due to the leftover wax.

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

**Baptistry** - Father Patrick is wanting to turn the left vestibule of the Church (where the Infant of Prague statue is) back into a baptistry area soon. He has asked to keep that area clean and free from clutter. This means no more collection baskets or boxes for various causes or ministries. This includes Loaves & Fishes basket, Soup Kitchen box, etc. The basket/boxes should be moved over to the Parish House or items given directly to individuals or dropped at the church office during hours. The area should no longer be a designated drop off space for items. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy** - Join us for a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from October 12-21, led by our spiritual director, Fr. Vincent Bresowar of the Diocese of Birmingham, AL. The cost is \$6,397 per person (double occupancy). The first payment is due May 14th. For more details or to register, please visit: [www.206tours.com/frbresowar](http://www.206tours.com/frbresowar)

## PSR DATES &amp; EVENTS

**May Crowning**

Practice is after 10am Mass in church April 26th  
May Crowning is May 10th at the 10am. Children will bring up the flowers on the entrance hymn with 8th graders helping place the flowers around the statue of Mary. Crowning of Mary will be by the 8th graders after the Homily as Father Patrick requested. A few flowers will be available to carry up. Please bring your own if you can bring to honor Mary.

Father Patrick's request for Attire:

\*Girls please wear white dresses of appropriate knee length, flats or low 1-2 inch heel, appropriate neck lines, no backless and no cutouts. White summer sweaters can be worn to cover shoulders if needed especially since it is so very cold in church.

\*Boys please wear a white shirt, slacks or khakis, dress loafers, coat & tie if possible.

**First Communion:**

Practice will be May 2 after the 8am Mass in church. First Communion May 3 at the 10am Mass.

**High School PSR:**

Attendance is important.

May 13th please bring your favorite treat to class to share. Parents are invited to the next four weeks to watch a Dr. Edward Sri series "The Art of Living" virtues in action

**PSR 4K-12th Recognition Breakfast:**

Sunday, May 17 in the Gym. Knights of Columbus will be cooking. Eggs and sausage, etc.

*Submitted by Melanie Connolly*

## ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph School is currently seeking passionate and dedicated educators to join our team for the upcoming school year. We have openings for a Music Teacher and a Classroom Teacher. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our faith-filled community, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs. Courtney Magee, Principal, at [principal@catholicill.com](mailto:principal@catholicill.com) or call the school office at 256-766-1923 for more information.

## 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. Anyone who would like to be a greeter or work in Nursery, contact Donna.

**Nursery Schedule for April:** 4/26 Angie Locker and Janet Ragland 5/03: Megan Eck, Angie Locker 5/10: Angie Locker, Pam Stumpe 5/17: Frances Holder, Marybeth Passerella 5/24: Megan Eck, Janet Ragland 5/31: Jane Burkhart, Ralph Peters

**April 26, 10 am Youth Mass.** If your youth would like to read or participate in any way, please call Donna.

**CYO** going to Pinspiration in Muscle Shoals this Sunday, April 26, 2 pm. We will meet have pizza after 10 am mass, then leave from gym at 1:30 pm. Youth will be brought back to gym after event over, (usually about an hour) unless you want to pick your child up at Pinspiration. 2308 Woodward Ave. Muscle Shoals. No charge to youth.

**Next Soup Kitchen** is May 16. Anyone wanting to help, contact Donna. 256 577-1607. A box is in vestibule beside Infant of Prague for snack/ clothing donations.

**VBS** Save the date! July 23, 24, 25, 9am-12 noon. For ages K-6th grade. SAINTS ADVENTURES is our theme! Anyone who wants to help with VBS will be on Sunday, May 24 after 10 am mass in Parish House.

**Brick Sales** continue this weekend 4/25-26 and next weekend 4/30-5/01 after each mass. Held in Parish House if raining. Cost of bricks are \$50 and will be placed at Mary's Garden to create a rosary. Think about what you would like laser engraved on the brick. Up to 4 lines, 21 letters in each line. Bricks may be made in memory or honor of someone.

**The church sign** is in progress. Any donations may be made marked 'church sign' on check. Thank you for your support.

**Baby "Sprinkle"** for Melissa Hall, June 14th, 1-3 pm, Parish House. Melissa and family will be welcoming their 5th child, a boy. Diapers, wipes, gift cards to Target or Walmart are helpful.

**If you know** of anyone that is expecting, 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** - Next delivery will be June 15. 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.

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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE - FLORENCE, AL - FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

44 utility cases (Lauderdale County) totaling \$8,740  
 33 utility cases (Colbert County) totaling \$7,055  
 8 rent cases (Lauderdale County) totaling \$1,715  
 6 rent cases (Colbert County) totaling \$1200  
 16 food cases (Lauderdale and Colbert Counties) totaling \$509

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am - 4 pm and Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm. More volunteers are needed at the Thrift Store to sort and hang clothes. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Thrift Store Manager, Kim, at (256)-718-0901. Weekly Conference meetings are on Thursdays at 11:30 am in the Thrift Store Conference Room. If you have questions or if you are interested in working with the Conference, please email Elizabeth Mokulis at emokulis@gmail.com. We sincerely thank all the parishioners from St. Joseph Church, St. Michael's Church, and Our Lady of the Shoals Church who continue to support SVDP with their time and donations.