

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Second Collection is this weekend for the local Saint Vincent De Paul conference to help support our community needs.

Thank you to all who helped with the recent floor work in the Church. The new vestibule tile and sanctuary hardwood floor is beautiful!

Father Patrick will be out for St Bernard's annual retreat for the monks June 1-5th. He will also be out June 15-16th for the election of the new abbot. There will be no daily mass, adoration or confession on those dates.

Student Awards and Recognition - Saint Michael would like to recognize students of all ages and grades with an achievement bulletin insert highlighting their success over the past school year. Please include the student's name, school, grade and accomplishments. You may email the info to the office or drop the info in the offertory collection with the "Attn: Secretary" written on it. Deadline is June 11th.

Flowers on the Altar are in memory of Father Vito DeCarolis placed by Bud & Pat Ward.

Envelopes! If you would like to start receiving offertory envelopes or need to make an address change, please notify the Church office. Envelopes are mailed bi-monthly directly to parishioners.

Totus Tuus - St. Joseph will host Totus Tuus July 12th-17th. This is an "interest link" for those who would like more information <https://forms.gle/1KWY9XKiEgYzsVeo8> or contact Kim Kroger.

Ladies Bible Study continue on Tuesdays at 10am in the Church Library. They are studying Walking toward Eternity: Engaging the struggles of your heart. All ladies are welcome!

Father Patrick's Bible Study Class is doing a new series 'The Bible in the Mass' by Dr Brant Pitre. The study meets on Thursdays at 7pm. We now meet in the Church Office Library. All are welcome.

The Sesquicentennial Committee would like to thank Janet Ragland, Angie Locker, and Ann Stumpe for their tireless efforts in researching, compiling, and writing the 150th Anniversary book. It is a jewel. Thank you! Books for registered families may be picked up after the Masses this weekend. Additional copies may be purchased for \$10.00.


The first Legion of Mary meeting will be 27th of May at 4pm in the Parish House upstairs room. If anyone has any questions they can call Jessica Harris or Father Patrick.


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


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


10 WAYS EVERY CATHOLIC CAN PREPARE THEIR HEART for Pentecost




1  **SPEND MORE TIME IN PRAYER**
Pentecost began with the disciples gathered in prayer. Before the Holy Spirit came upon them, they waited, prayed, and opened their hearts to God.


2  **GO TO CONFESSION**
A clean heart receives grace more deeply. Pentecost is not just about celebration; it is about renewal. Confession helps remove the spiritual weight that blocks us from God.


3  **READ THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**
The story of Pentecost is found in Acts chapter 2. Reading it slowly helps us understand how the Holy Spirit transformed fearful disciples into bold witnesses of Christ.


4  **PRAY THE PENTECOST NOVENA**
The first novena in Church history was prayed before Pentecost. Joining the Church in this prayer spiritually prepares your heart to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.


5  **ASK FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord are gifts every Catholic needs. Do not assume you already have them fully. Ask sincerely.

6  **LET GO OF BITTERNESS AND FORGIVE OTHERS**
The Holy Spirit brings peace, not hatred. Holding grudges hardens the heart. Pentecost is a beautiful time to forgive people who hurt you and allow God to heal your heart.

7  **SPEND TIME BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Silence before Jesus opens the soul. Even a few quiet moments in adoration can help you become more aware of God's presence and guidance.

8  **FAST OR MAKE SMALL SACRIFICES**
Spiritual discipline helps us grow in self-control and dependence on God. A small fast offered with love can prepare the heart to receive spiritual strength.

9  **ATTEND MASS WITH INTENTION**
Do not attend Pentecost Mass casually! Come expecting something from God. Listen carefully to the readings and open your heart during the prayers and hymns.

10  **ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CHANGE YOU**
Pentecost is not only about remembering an event from the past. It is about allowing the Holy Spirit to transform your life today. Pray for courage, holiness, wisdom, and a deeper love for God.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love."

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 May: 5/24: Megan Eck, Janet Ragland 5/31: Jane Burkhart, Ralph Peters 6/07: Megan Eck/ Pam Stumpe 6/14: Frances Holder/ Mary Beth Passerella 6/21: Angie Locker/ Janet Ragland 6/28: Jane Burkhart/ Carolyn Eck

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 24th after 10 am mass in Parish House.

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. All are invited!

Baby Shower for Jodi Kimbrough Kramer on Sun. June 28, 1-3 pm, Parish House. Jodi is registered on Amazon under Jodi Kramer. It's a girl! All invited.

June 27, 10 am, A Trip to see Tom Hendrix's Wichahpi Commemorative Stone Wall. Built by Tom over 30 yrs in memory of his great-great grandmother, a Yuchi Indian as part of the Indian removal to Oklahoma. Learn more and meet front of church at 10 am on this date and bring a sack lunch if you want to stop on the Natchez Trace close by for lunch together. Bottled water will be provided. Tom Hendrix has now passed away but his son Trace, will be there to talk to us about Tom's Wall. Let Donna know if you would like to go. 256-577-1607. We will car pool, weather permitting.

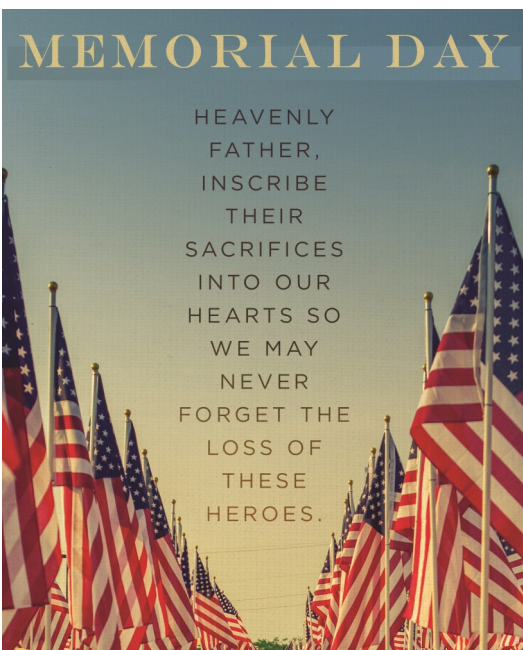
Sat. August 22, Church Yard Sale, with proceeds going to General Fund. Start saving your treasures!

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 give to Donna Peters. They will be picked up and taken to Bham.

Next Soup Kitchen is July 18th.

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



St Vincent DePaul - Florence, AL - Financial Report for April 2026

- 51 utility cases (Lauderdale County) totaling \$11,026
- 29 utility cases (Colbert County) totaling \$6,208
- Gas bill for Comunita Cenacolo \$1,332
- 5 rent cases (Lauderdale County) totaling \$1,226
- 5 rent cases (Colbert County) totaling \$947
- 13 food cases (Lauderdale and Colbert Counties) totaling \$414

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10am - 4pm and Saturday from 10 am- 2pm. 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. **We need your help!** We have a couple of open positions in the Conference. Weekly meetings are on Thursdays at 11:30a.m. 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.