

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mass Added - Monday morning Mass is now offered at 7:30am. Monday Mass will be offered every week forth coming at this time.

No Mass this Thursday July 17th. Father Patrick will be in Cullman that morning. Deacon Steve will offer a Communion Service instead.

Important!! Please only flush toilet paper in the toilets. Do NOT put paper towels, Kleenex, diapers, feminine products, empty cardboard toilet paper rolls, etc in the toilet - this is causing the toilets to back up and not work properly. Dispose of all non toilet paper products in the restroom trash cans. Please kindly remind children of this. Your cooperation is most appreciated - the toilets, pipes, office staff and maintenance crew thank you!

Bethlehem Wood Carvings are here this weekend July 12-13th at all masses. Please stop by to see their work.

St Vincent DePaul 2nd Collection is this weekend July 12-13th. Money collected will go to the local SVDP to help those in our community.

Parish Council will meet July 17th at 6pm in the Church Office.

Finance Council will meet next Thursday, July 24th, at 10am in the Church Library.

PSR Registration will start next weekend after all Masses.

Offertory Envelopes! If you currently have offertory envelopes and no longer want them or would like to start receiving them, please notify the Church office. We changed envelope companies at the beginning of the year and now envelopes are directly mailed bi-monthly to parishioners.

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.

Lay Ministers Needed - Lay ministers are needed at all weekend masses to be Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Altar Servers. If you would like to help in some way please contact the office and someone will get in contact with you. Any suggestions on improving how we do our ministry scheduling are welcomed. All help is appreciated.



Feast of
**ST. BENEDICT
OF NURSIA**

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT

Have you ever wanted to change the world? 5th century Europe was a dark place. The Roman Empire had fallen, and barbarian tribes were picking over the scraps of what remained. Faith hung on, but there was no consistent, coherent Christian culture in the world around. Young Benedict began his life with education and privilege but became disillusioned by a life pursuing material success. He withdrew to a monastery and spent much time in solitude. He began attracting followers, whom he organized over time into 12 monasteries, with a 13th established to train young monks. He wrote a rule of life including basic principles for living as Christ. His monks took three vows: conversion to Christ, obedience to the local abbot, and stability to remain with the community. Benedictine monasteries became lights in the darkness, secure centers of Christian culture enlivening the faithful beyond their walls. When the world around us seems complicated and contrary to the Gospel, how will you be a light? We celebrate St Benedict's feast day on July 11th.



ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

July 16 and all Wednesdays in July: Cantor practice after 6 pm Wednesday night Mass starting Wed, July 16. We will be learning and reviewing the Mass of Pope Paul VI to be introduced to congregation in August. We will practice with the congregation before each Mass also in August.

July 19 Soup Kitchen Soup Kitchen is next Sat, July 19. Please consider putting snacks and/ or T-shirts in box beside Infant Of Prague.

July 28/29: Youth Retreat at St. Bernard Abbey for grades 7-12. Contact Teresa Chaney if your youth is interested. 256-710-1011.

August 9/10 Coffee and Donuts after each mass this weekend and to welcome students going back to school.

August 10: Youth Mass at 10 am mass. If you would like to participate in this mass by reading, altar server, singing, gift bearers, please contact Donna @256 577-1607.

Sept. 28: St. Michael's Archangel meal and Birthday recognition for Fr. Patrick after 10 am mass, approx 11:15 am. This meal will include smoked chicken quarters, fixins', and desserts that will be provided.

Nov.2, All Souls Cemetery service at cemetery, 3 pm. Soup and Sandwich meal to follow in gym.

Dec. 13 Senior Appreciation Meal, 11am for seniors ages 65 and over.

Dec. 14: Christmas Parish Meal and Play, 5 pm

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

7 Things Catholic Parents Can Do This

SUMMER

Read Aloud

Read a book aloud to your kids. The Chime Travelers series or Chronicles of Narnia are good choices!

Rosary Hike

Take a hike and pray as you walk with each person leading a decade of the rosary.

**Pilgrimage**

Look for Catholic shrines or cathedrals nearby and make a pilgrimage. Pack a lunch and picnic in a nearby park!

**Learn about New Saints**

Study a new saint each week (check out formed.org "Summer with the Saints") and make a snack or meal to celebrate this Saint.

Mass and Donuts

Mix it up by going to a different Catholic Mass and splurge for donuts and coffee after!

Play Outside

Make a point to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Time To Relax

Sitting quietly so you can listen for the voice of God is a great way to relax!



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A LAY DOMINICAN?

Did you know that Birmingham has a Lay Dominican chapter? Adult men and women who have been Sacramental Catholics for at least two years are invited to learn about the Dominican Laity and see if this is where God may be calling you. The pillars of Lay Dominican life center around prayer, study, apostolate (sharing our faith with others in ways appropriate to the laity), and community (monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in Birmingham). As lay members of the Dominican Order, we are drawn together by the love of St. Dominic, and invite you to consider joining us!

To learn more, contact Amanda Lang, chapter president, at justin.amanda.lang@gmail.com.