



THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2011

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS

If you'd like to join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket, mail to Post Office Box 998, Athens, AL 35612 or bring to the church office. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Chapel Hours

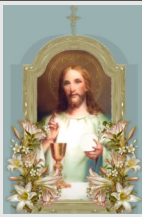
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday:

8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Other hours are by appointment.



OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE SANCTUARY, and in consideration of those who come to Mass early or stay late to pray and meditate, kindly refrain from talking inside the church.

This allows those who wish some quiet time with Jesus, their moments of devotion. **Socializing is always welcome in the vestibule, outside the church, or in the church hall.**

Thank you for your kind observance of this request!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8/6 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast at Applebees
- 8/7 Reception for Jeff Davidson after 11:15 Mass Jeff is leaving for seminary.
- 8/14 Margaret Stonecypher 95th Birthday Party Church Hall 2: pm to 4: pm
- 8/19 Father Charley returns home from India.



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Excerpt from "The Imitation of Christ"

by Thomas a Kempis

DO NOT STORE UP TREASURES ON EARTH ...



FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE ALSO WILL YOUR HEART BE.

DISCIPLE: O blessed mansion of the heavenly city! How bright is the day of eternity! There no darkness ever obscures, for God, the high Truth, illumines and makes all clear. Day is always joyful, always secure and never changes to the contrary. Oh, how I long for that day to shine upon me, when all temporal things will come to an end! That blessed day indeed shines upon the Saints with everlasting clarity, while we earthly pilgrims perceive it only as a distant goal, seen only through a dark glass...

The heavenly citizens know how full of joy that day is, but we poor banished children of Eve know full well the bitterness, and how tedious are the days of our earthly exile. These days are short indeed, but full of evil, sorrow and trouble. **WE ARE OFTEN DEFILED BY MANY SINS, ENMESHED IN OUR OWN PASSIONS...BURDENED BY LABORS WHICH WEAR US DOWN, VEXED BY TEMPTATIONS, WEAKENED BY WORLDLY PLEASURES AND SOMETIMES TORMENTED BY POVERTY AND WANT.**

When will there be an end of these miseries? When shall we be set free from the bondage of sin and vice? When, O Lord, will You occupy all my thoughts so that I find in You my full measure of joy?...O dear Jesus, when shall I behold You face to face, to stand and contemplate the glory of Your kingdom? When will You be all in all to me? O when will I be in Your kingdom which from all eternity You have prepared for those who love You?

COMFORT ME in my exile, ease my sorrow, for to You I cry out with longing. For the comforts of this world can only be a burden to me, since all I long to enjoy is the intimate possession of You, even though now this is unattainable.

Although my desire is to cling to heavenly things, yet I am dragged down by my unmortified passions. My mind wishes to rise above these things, but the weakness of my flesh drags me down against my will.

LET THE LIGHTNING OF YOUR LOVE COME with all speed to put to flight the strategy of the enemy. Grant that my senses may be recollected in You, so that I may forget all worldly desire. Help me, O Divine Truth, and purify all my motives. When You send Your heavenly sweetness, every impurity will flee before Your face.

IN YOUR GREAT MERCY FORGIVE ME also all those times that I think of anything besides You in time of prayer; for I must confess—and You well know it, Lord—that I am usually very distracted. So often my thoughts are miles away from where my body stands or sits and these thoughts are mostly occupied with the things I love; the things I most readily think of are things that are pleasant to nature and the product of habit.

But You, O Eternal Truth, have plainly told us: **"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART IS ALSO"** (Matt 6:21). **SO, IF I LOVE HEAVEN, I LOVE TO THINK OF HEAVENLY THINGS; BUT IF I LOVE THE WORLD, I REJOICE AT ITS PROSPERITY AND GRIEVE OVER ITS ADVERSITY.**

IF I LOVE THE SPIRIT, I DELIGHT TO THINK OF SPIRITUAL THINGS; but if I love the flesh, my imagination is occupied with the delights of the flesh. So whatever is uppermost in my affections, these I willingly listen to and speak of, and carry the thoughts of them often in my mind.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ABANDON ALL CREATED THINGS FOR LOVE OF YOU, O LORD, who overcome their nature and, through fervor of spirit, crucify the lusts of the flesh. Then with a serene conscience they may offer pure prayer to You, and at last become worthy to join the choirs of the holy Angels, having shut out all the internal and external things of this world.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

July 25-July 31

Mon 7/25		
Tues 7/26	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 7/27	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 7/28	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 7/29	8:00 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel Adoration
Sat 7/30	8:00 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Communion Service-Chapel <i>Novena to Miraculous Medal</i> Rosary Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 7/31	8/8:30 am 10:45/11:15	Rosary/Mass Rosary/Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays: 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment



The Holy Rosary is prayed thirty minutes before each Mass.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Altar Society: 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall

Bible Study Class: Sundays 10:00-10:45 (resumes in the Fall)

Breakfast Sunday: 2nd & 4th Sunday

Choir Practice: Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)

Community Food Pantry Collection:
Basket in Church Vestibule

Donut Sunday: 1st Sunday after the 8:30 Mass

Family Night: 3rd Sunday, 5 pm in church hall

Knights of Columbus:- 2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the old hall— (Eddie Davidson, Grand Knight 256-232-9293)

RCIA: Sundays 9:30 am in the old rectory.
Call the office if interested.

RE: 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms. (RESUMES IN THE FALL)

Ladies Social Circle: 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the old rectory (RESUMES IN THE FALL)

Ultreya: 4th Thursday, 6:45 pm in the chapel

Youth Group: Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm- church hall Youth Room during school year

FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE JULY 26

PRAYER TO ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE



DEAR ST. ANNE AND ST. JOACHIM, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grandparents of Jesus, our Divine Lord, listen with pity to the petition which your loving and trustful client humbly presents before you.

SURELY DEAR SAINTS, you are both very dear to the Heart of Him Whose beloved Mother was your tender and devoted child! Can He refuse anything to you, in whose veins the same blood flowed which afterwards furnished the precious price of our redemption?

GREAT SAINTS, nothing can be impossible to your power and influence over the little Jesus, "Who grew strong in grace and wisdom" under the maternal care and direction of your glorious Daughter, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. In mercy and compassion, be like Him "Who went about doing good," and come to the assistance of your servant in this great necessity!

St. Anne, St. Joachim, dear parents of her who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request. Amen.

VIAGGIAMO A ROMA! LET'S TRAVEL TO ROME! MAY 20—JUNE 2, 2012 14 DAY PILGRIMAGE

VISIT ROME, ASSISI, FLORENCE, PADUA,
NICE, LOURDES AND FATIMA, AND MADRID

AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE!

IF INTERESTED, REGISTER WITH FR. CHARLEY
OR THE PARISH OFFICE BY
*****AUGUST 1*****

12 NIGHTS—\$5,400

PICK UP A FLYER IN THE VESTIBULE TO
GET MORE DETAILS!



CONGRATULATIONS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joshua & Charlene Grimes	8 yrs 7/26
Steve & Mary Ellen Phillips	18 yrs 7/30
Leo & Trinidad Simons	21 yrs 7/27
John & Evelyn Pooley	31 yrs 7/29

May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.

PLEASE PRAY



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
HOY HIGGINBOTHAM
Keith Higginbotham's father who passed away on Monday, July 19.

"May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem."

A MESSAGE FROM FR. CHARLEY

Thank you to everybody for all your prayers and good wishes. Your prayers were good! I have arrived safely at home and am enjoying time with my family.

Please know that I will keep all of you in my prayers every day. Remember to keep me also in your prayers. I plan to return late August 19 and look forward to seeing all of you again then.

*Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Charley*

FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of Cooking Oil, Spaghetti Sauce, Dried Beans, Jelly, and Canned Chicken.

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of other churches, LCCI (last quarter) was able to help 789 families with food (\$34,292) and 111 families with assistance (\$19,908).

Thanks for your continued support!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The St. Paul of Athens Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at



Applebees
1331 Hwy 72, Athens
August 6
8—10 AM

The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, juices, coffee and soft drinks. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold after all Masses on July 23-24 and July 30-31.

For more information, contact Don Wojtal at owls_nest@bellsouth.net or (256) 431-8243, or contact any of the Knights of Columbus of this parish.

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ



Save us and the whole world!

REPARATION PRAYER TO THE ETERNAL FATHER

“All who adore My Precious Blood console My Father Who loves His Son the most. As you adore My Blood the pains of My Sacred Heart lessen..

The Sorrowful Heart of My Mother will also be consoled. Children, adore My Precious Blood always and offer it to My Father for mercy.

Hear this prayer. Pray it always in reparation for the sins of the whole world. I assure you that the Divine Mercy will multiply.

Pray it always and many times a day, since you are living in these ungodly days.

Pray it so that you shall be safe from the purification fire. Children, make it known to the whole world.”

Eternal Father, I offer to You all the wounds of Your dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the pains and agony of His Sacred Heart and His Most Precious Blood, which gushed out from all his wounds, for the reparation of my sins and those of the whole world. Amen.
(Repeat three times)

MASS READINGS THIS WEEK

Sat 7/23	Ex 24: 3-8 Ps 50: 1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13: 24-30
Sat Vigil/Sun 7/24	1 Kings: 3: 5, 7-12 Ps 119:57,72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-46
Mon 7/25	1 Cor 4: 7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3,4-5, 6 Mt 20: 20-28
Tues 7/26	Ex 33: 7-11, 34: 5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13: 36-43
Wed 7/27	Ex 34: 29-35 Ps 99: 5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13: 44-46
Thur 7/28	Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38 Ps 84: 3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11 Mt 13: 47-53
Fri 7/29	1 Jn 4: 7-16 Ps 34: 2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9,10-11 Jn 11: 19-27
Sat 7/30	Lev 25: 1, 8-17 Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14: 1-12
Sat Vigil/Sun 7/31	Isa: 55: 1-3 Ps 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21

DRESS GUIDELINES IN CHURCH - NORMAS SOBRE COMO VESTIR PARA LA MISA

Out of respect for Our Lord and your neighbor, it is requested that men and women, boys and girls dress modestly. The way we dress at Church becomes especially germane during the summer months. Please avoid short shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, low cut, backless, mini-dresses, halters, bare midriffs, tight fitting clothes, etc. Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's, and all we ask is that your dress reflects our respect for Our Lord and each other.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Charles

Por el respeto a nuestro Señor y al prójimo, les rogamos que traten de vestirse modestamente cuando asistan a la Iglesia, hombres y mujeres y también los jóvenes. El modo en cual nos vestimos es especialmente pertinente durante el verano. Favor de no usar shorts demasiados cortos, minifaldas, blusas de escote muy corto o ropa muy entallada, etcétera. Todos son bienvenidos a la Iglesia del St. Paulo lo único que pedimos es que su modo de vestir refleje el respeto que debemos todos tener a nuestro Señor y a nuestro prójimo.
Su hermano en Cristo,

Fr. Charles

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL AS USUAL.

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN IT IS TIME TO REGISTER.

WONDERFUL NEWS!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.” (Luke 4:18)



On August 21, one of our young men in the parish, **Jeff Davidson**, will be leaving to go to seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. We ask God's blessings on him as he strives to fulfill God's will for his life.

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

TORNADO RELIEF INFORMATION

DONATIONS NEEDED

If you are able to donate your TIME or any ITEMS, please contact:

Kelley Smith—233-2323

Disaster Volunteer Coordinator

THE DISASTER RECOVERY WAREHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 25-27

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

BJCC CONVENTION COMPLEX

JULY 23 & 24, 2011

BIRMINGHAM, AL

Free to the public

ewtn.com for information or

contact Viewer Services

at 205-271-2989.

SILENT RETREAT

AUGUST 1-5

\$375

5-day Directed Retreat, Cullman Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center

Silence, Daily Consultation with

a spiritual director, time for

personal prayer & reflection.

Cost includes program, lodging

meals and linens.

To register or for more information:

(256) 734-8302

or retreats@shmon.org


July 30/31, 2011 Server Schedule			SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE		
To receive a schedule by e-mail, send your request to Tom at spschedule@bellsouth.net			Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. * Denotes designated temporary Deacon for this Mass.		
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers	Music
5 pm	Kathi Davis	Eugene Scarbel Eva Trussell* Pat Hatchett	Virgil Bartlow, Jr	Sam AuBuchon	Vocals
8:30	Paula Wright	William Bet-Sayad Doris Durham Hans Sabukosek*	Edward Borucki	Becky Van Pamel Joya Brinkley Matthew Brannan	Guitar
11:15	Chris Miller	Greg Beam Yvonne Dempsey Carl McLemore*	David Toney	Adriana Moore Grant Baugher Alec Baugher	Piano

Dear God, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore to good physical & spiritual health, Your servants listed here.

Darlene Kaufer	Terri Rankin	Eva Isdunis	Loretta Gregg	Ryan Hudson	Howard Vinson	Rima Feldman
Tim Counihan	Carol Bailey	John O'Neill	Carol Whitney	Millie Bloemer	Michael Carrow	James Bowen
Pauline Garlen	Grace Hunt	Virginia Gould	Frank Ladiski	Susan Giddens	Kimberly Bush	Gregg Blythe
Kenny Carwile	Frank Pitruzzello	Bert Beam	SPV Bradley Thompson	Mary Chambers	Mike Pitruzzello	Jim Hill
Cathy Marten	Jim & June Jackson	Al West	Irene Vanslager	Jose Guadalupe	Noah Ritchey	Vic Acuff
Wayne Wood	Jackie Johnson	Jane Hargrove	Lee Becatti & family	Sandoval	Annika Glover	Susie Lee
June Maplesden	Margaret Stonecypher	Lolita Halsey	Dale Borden	Cathy Thompson-	Jon McAnally	Traci Louis
Randy Brinkley	Splendi Ward	Pam Meyer	Elliott Malone	Terri Forbes	Randy Wales	Will Pekrul
Bob Khym	Irene & Robert Lee	John Ogle	Rene Zaragoza	Wesley Lavender	Marjorie Guenther	Linda Webb
Betty Bates	Marjorie Dissottle	Michael Miller	Gregory Carrow	Marie Woodham	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Teresa Vu
Maria Hetrick		Andy Beasley	Tate Jones	Helen Woods	Sgt. Joe Salesky	Billy Griffin
Luzy Heard		Jim Flynt	Mary Morgan	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Julian Newman	Tim Salesky
			Karen Hancock	Bob McDonald	Mathias Grichtmeier	Julia Ryberg
			Andy Butcher	Kathy Foster	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Norm Wilke
			Terry Tyler	Bobby S. Gilbert	George Al Roberts	Della Rumore
				Marie Stephens		

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, MILITARY, AND OTHERS IN NEED. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

To remove, add/or relist a name, or to submit bulletin information, call 256-232-4191 or e-mail to: stpauloffice@gmail.com

 Mass Intentions <i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months; call the parish office for an appointment—232-4191 HISPANIC MINISTRY: Maria Taylor, 233-0226 MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made <u>six months</u> in advance with the priest. CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER: Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon, 230-0483, www.birminghamcee.org MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Tom & Becky Dollman, 233-0705 Jody & Toni Griffin, 614-0430 DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Elizabeth Niedzwiecki, 230-0819 SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness. After hours, call the rectory at	WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS Birmingham (8/19-21) Nashville (10/7-9); Huntsville (11/11-13) <i>Register at www.wmmealabama.org or (800) 540-9963.</i> CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS: Aug 12, Sep 16, Oct 14 <i>Contact by e-mail at: register.cebirmingham@gmail.com or visit the website at www.birminghamcee.org</i>
7/23 5 pm Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY 7/24 8:30 Mass in memory of LINDALL "MONTE" WOFFORD (Doris Lawler's mother) 11:15 Mass in memory of CARL ALIVIADO (Cora Carwile's beloved uncle) 7/26 6 pm Communion Service 7/27 8:30 Communion Service 7/28 8:30 Communion Service 7/29 8:30 Communion Service 7/30 5 pm Mass in memory of ED & JACKIE WHELEHAN 7/31 8:30 Mass in memory of JERRY GOULD 11:15 Mass for the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY		We're getting closer with the church website. You can now access the bulletin & server schedule. Still under construction! Keep praying! PRAYER FOR PRIESTS Jesus, Eternal Priest, protect all our priests, Your servants, from all dangers and keep them safe in Your Sacred Heart. They are Yours and their life is offered in sacrifice at Your altar. Keep them pure of heart and aflame with the love of God and neighbor. Strengthen Your priests by living constantly in them, with them, and through them, especially in times of loneliness and afflictions, and when their life of sacrifice seems meaningless. Bless all their labors with abundant fruit. May they persevere in their vocation until the end. Mary, our Blessed Mother, wrap them under your mantle and save them from all worldly distractions. May the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation in this world and in Heaven, their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen <i>Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for us.</i> <i>St. John Vianney, pray for us.</i>
Collection Report: July 17, 2011	THANK YOU	
Regular \$3,840. Building \$7,174. Memorial to Building Fund \$25. Burse Club \$21.		

