

THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.
Office hours
 Tuesday—Friday
 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 or by appointment

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS

To join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/22 **ASH WEDNESDAY—Lent Begins**
 Holy Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM
- 2/26 **SECOND COLLECTION: Black & Indian Missions**
- 3/2 **FIRST FRIDAY:** Adoration 7:30-7 pm
 FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 PM
 Soup and Sandwiches in Church Hall following
- 3/12 **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE : 6 pm**
- 3/18 **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner; 5-7 pm**
- 3/22 **LENTEN MISSION: 6:30 pm**

7th Sunday In Ordinary Time: February 19, 2012

THAT ALL OUR HOPE & CONFIDENCE IS TO BE PLACED IN GOD ALONE

From The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis

MY LORD, GOD, WHAT CAN I DEPEND ON IN THIS LIFE,
 or what is my greatest solace on earth?
 Is it not *You*, my God, Whose mercy is infinite?

Where have things gone well with me *without You*,
 and where have things gone badly for me when *You* were with me?

POVERTY FOR YOUR SAKE IS PREFERABLE TO RICHES WITHOUT YOU.

It would be better to roam this world as a pilgrim *with You* than to be in heaven *without You*;
 for, indeed, where *You are not* is both death and hell. Heaven is where *You are*,
 and *You* are all I desire, and this desire makes me cry out to *You*, and in prayer to beg for *Your* help.

AND SO I COME TO THE REALIZATION that I cannot fully trust in anyone to help me
 in my necessities save *only You*—my hope, my trust, my comfort, and my most faithful Friend.

ALL PERSONS LOOK OUT FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST; *You seek only my salvation and my benefit,*
 turning all good things to my good. Even though *You* permit me to be tested
 by various temptations and all sorts of trials, *You* do so for my profit.

IT IS YOUR WISDOM WHICH DEALS THUS WITH THOSE WHOM YOU LOVE. And under this probation
 I ought to love and praise *You* as much as if *You* were filling me with heavenly consolations.
 Therefore, in *You*, O my God, I place all my hope and fly to *You* for refuge.
 On *You* I cast all my troubles and anxieties; for all is uncertainty, weakness and instability outside of *You*.

MANY FRIENDS CANNOT HELP ME; influential people are of no avail;

consulting the wise will not give me the answers I require;
 the books of the learned can bring me no inspiration;
 nor is there any precious substance to ransom me,
 no secret hiding place to shelter me.

Only *You Yourself*, my God, can stand by me, help me, comfort, counsel, teach and defend me.

EVERYTHING THAT SEEMS TO BE for our peace and happiness in this world is really nothing and contributes nothing to our joy, if You are absent.

You, Lord, are the end of all good things, the sublimity of life, the depth of all wisdom that can be spoken.
 Therefore, to trust in *You* above all else is the greatest comfort *Your* servants can have.

TO YOU, O LORD, THE FATHER OF MERCY, I raise my eyes, and in *You* alone, my God, I put my trust.

Bless and sanctify my soul with *Your* heavenly benediction;
 may it become a holy place where *You* may dwell—the place of *Your* eternal glory.
 Let nothing be found in this temple that may offend the eyes of *Your* Divine Majesty.

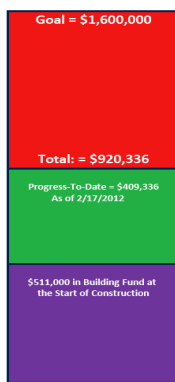
LOOK DOWN UPON YOUR POOR SERVANT, LORD, exiled in the land of the shadow of death,
 and according to the greatness of *Your* goodness and *Your* manifold mercies,
 graciously hear my prayer.

Defend and preserve my soul amid the many dangers of this corruptible life,
 and direct me by *Your* grace along the path of peace, to the land of everlasting light. Amen



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

Collections - to - Date



Start Date 2/13/2011

PRAYER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

O God, with whom every good thing has its beginning, and through whom it is improved and increased: grant, we beseech Thee, that this work, which we have begun for the praise of Thy holy name, may be happily brought to completion through the never-failing gift of Thy fatherly wisdom.

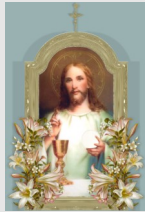
We pray for the safety of all those who are working and who will work on this new building and that they will be blessed for their hard work with the satisfaction of a job well done for *Your* glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Feb 20—Feb 26

Mon 2/20		
Tues 2/21	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 2/22 ASH WEDNESDAY	8:00 am 8:30 am 7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the Church Novena to St. Anthony Holy Mass in the Church
Thur 2/23	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Novena to St. Jude
Fri 2/24	8:00 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration Novena to St. Peregrine
Sat 2/25	8:00 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Novena of Miraculous Medal Rosary Holy Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 2-26	8:- 8:30 am 10:45 am 11:15 am	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary Holy Mass

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



OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE SANCTUARY, kindly refrain from talking inside the church. Socializing is always welcome in the vestibule, outside the church, or in the church hall.

Thank you for your kind observance.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Altar Society: 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall (*Rachel Thompson, Pres. 256-233-6159*)

Bible Study Class: Sundays 9:50-10:45 in the Chapel Sacristy

Breakfast Sunday: Resumes in the spring

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: Resumes in the spring

Knights of Columbus: 2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the church hall Youth Room—(*Dave Moreau, Grand Knight 256-233-4610*)

RCIA: Sundays, 9:30 AM in the cry room. **Call the office if interested.**

RE: 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms.

Ladies Social Circle: 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the church hall.

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

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

FEBRUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Having a picture of the Holy Family in a prominent place in our home is a good way to remind ourselves that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should be the model in all things for our family life. This Novena to the Holy Family is appropriate during February or in the nine days leading up to the Feast of the Holy Family. (The Sunday in the octave of Christmas, or December 30 if Christmas falls on Sunday)



Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
I give you my heart and my soul
Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
be with me in the last agonies of death.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph!
may my soul depart in peace with you.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.

*The Weekly Bulletin and the Servers List
are available online at:
www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org*

NOTE FROM FR. CHARLEY

Dear Parish Family,

We are all doing fine at home and Mother is happy now. I will start my journey back Sunday at midnight. Be sure of my prayers to all. And please keep me and us in your Prayers. Regards to all, with lots of love and prayers, and miss you all.

Fr. Charley

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**R.E. CLASSES AND YOUTH
GROUP WILL NOT MEET THIS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
DUE TO THE PRESIDENT'S
DAY HOLIDAY**



**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22**

**MASS SCHEDULE
8:30 AM AND 7:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH**

ASH Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Catholics age 14 and older must abstain from meat. Catholics between the ages of 18-59 (inclusive) are allowed one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

For more details, check the reverse side of the December page on your St. Paul calendar

FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of
**Tuna Helper, Canned Carrots,
Cooking Oil and Cereal.**

Thanks for all your Support!

Rachel Thompson

CELL PHONE DONATIONS

AS

The Altar Society will be collecting old cell phones for the next two weeks. If you have any old cell phones you'd like to donate, please bring and place in the box in the vestibule. If you still have eye glasses to donate, you can bring those as well.



CONGRATULATIONS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Jennifer Terry	26 yrs 2/22
Gene & Karen Clanton	35 yrs 2/19
Andres & Ermila Vega	38 yrs 2/21
Charles & Linda Butler	42 yrs 2/23

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

HAPPENING THIS MONTH



40 Days for Life
February 22 through April 1
40 days of

peaceful prayer & fasting
for an end to abortion

Please also commit to lift this effort up
in prayer every day and to fast for the Cause of
Life. For more information contact
www.40daysforlife.com/huntsville
www.40daysforlife.com/birmingham



BLACK AND INDIAN
MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR
BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS
NEXT SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 25/26**

HAPPENING IN MARCH



**SPRING CROSS RETREAT
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12
MARCH 2-4
SPRINGVILLE CAMP
COST: \$60 PER PERSON.**

REGISTER EARLY TO BE ASSURED A SPACE.

OPEN HOUSE

**SAINT BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012 - 2-4 PM**

St. Bernard is a Catholic co-ed boarding/commuting
school for grades 7-12 offering college-prep curriculum.
(256) 255-5890 or dbryant@stbernardprep.com
www.stbernardprep.com

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE



**LENTE PENANCE SERVICE
MONDAY
MARCH 12
6 PM**

We expect to have four priests
hearing Confessions to help you
prepare for receiving
the Holy Eucharist at Easter.

LENTE MISSION

**LENTE MISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 22
6:30 pm**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ASH WEDNESDAY



This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent; a season of penance, reflection, and fasting preparing us for the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. On Ash Wednesday, we have our foreheads marked with ashes to humble our hearts and to remind us that life passes away on Earth.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave sins performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts they had to wear during the 40 days of penance, and sprinkled ashes over them. While the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins—just as Adam was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Holy Thursday having then won reconciliation by their 40 days of penance. Later, all Christians came to receive ashes out of devotion.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The palms are christened with Holy Water and scented with incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. The Church calls on us to seek His Divine mercy during the Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

Adapted from catholic.org

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For Diocesan Priesthood

Men age 18 and older

St. Bernard's Abbey, Cullman

February 25: 10:00 a.m.-February 26: 12:30

*NO COST: Call (205) 838-2184 Vocations Office
vocations@bhmdioocese.org*

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For Benedictine Religious Order

A life of prayer, work, and sacred reading,
Following Christ under a rule and an abbot.

Men age 18 - 49

St. Bernard's Abbey, Cullman

March 2: 3 p.m.- March 4: afternoon

Conferences on vocation discernment and monastic
life, tour the abbey, join the community in public
and private prayer and at all meals.

*NO COST: Call (256) 255-5801 Fr. Jacob Amos OSB
Cell: 256-5907429
fjacobosb@yahoo.com to register*

*St. Bernard Abbey
1600 St. Bernard Drive SE
Cullman, AL 35055*

MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 2/18	JAS 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8 Mk 9:2-13
Sat Vigil/Sun 2/19	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14 2 COR 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12
Mon 2/20	JAS 3:13-18 Ps 19:8,9,10,15 Mk 9:14-29
Tues 2/21	JAS 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-8,9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 Mk 9:30-37
Wed 2/22	JOEL 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17 2 COR 5:20-6:2 Mk 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur 2/23	DT 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 9:22-25
Fri 2/24	Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Sat 2/25	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sat Vigil/Sun 2/26	GN 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

BY LITTLE AND BY LITTLE: DOROTHY DAY'S PATH TO GOD

Weekend Retreat

Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center
March 2-4—\$195/person for private room
\$175/person for shared room
Includes lodging, meals, linens
(256) 734-8302 or retreats@shmon.org

CCW (Catholic Women) Deanery Meeting

March 7: 9 am Registration
10:00 am Mass
Annunciation of the Lord Church, Decatur
Lunch: \$8 per person—RSVP by March 1 to
(256) 353-2667 or Pam Milligan (256) 552-0918

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

For Catholic men of Irish origin

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIAL

For potential members & their families

In North Alabama parishes

Saturday, March 10—6 PM

Maggie McGuinness Pub

www.huntsvilleaoh.com; (256) 529-2173
michaelbollinger@hotmail.com

Pope John Paul II Catholic High School

Currently accepting Applications for 2012-2013

www.jp2falcons.org/admissions or call
Kathleen Tetzlaff (256) 430-1760 ext. 102

1st Annual College Fair

March 14—5-8 pm—in the gym

Open to the Public

www.jp2falcons.org or call Jane Sweeney
(256) 430-1760 ext. 151

February 25/26, 2012 Server Schedule

To receive a schedule by e-mail,
send your request to Tom at spschedule@bellsouth.net

SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

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	Thomas Lipka Eugene Scarbel* Eva Trussell	Virgil Bartlow, Jr.	John Diaz	Organ
8:30	Jay McCook	Joe Serocki Jackie Serocki Lauretta Viglianco*	William Bet-Sayad	Becky Van Pamel Arianna Cowan John Paul	Guitar
11:15	Scott Halsey	Carl McLemore Chris Miller* Steve Kirkpatrick	David Toney	Brandon Gonzalez Jonathan Carwile Kevin Brown	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...

Jose Gonzales	Bob Khym	Dora Rivers	George Harvey, Jr	Sadie Davidson	Loretta Gregg	Joan Hendrick
Jane Hargrove	Pauline Garlen	Mark Beeman	Ronnie Vinson	Herbert Williams	Carol Whitney	Marie Stephens
Maria Hetrick	Bert Beam	Mrs. Walter	Alvis McLemore	Gaylord Huffman	Dale Borden	Terry Tyler
Peggy Branson	June Maplesden	Ron Willems	Margie Lostracco	Lois Graff	Elliott Malone	Andy Butcher
Jo Jennings	Terri Rankin	Logan Baugher	Kyle & Ashley Seamore	Edward J. Johnson	Wesley Lavender	Howard Vinson
Larry Welker	Carol Bailey	Emily Tate	Angie King White (Mrs. Ronnie White)	Michael Miller	Mary Morgan	Gregory Carrow
Anne Lefevre	Grace Hunt	Karen Palmer	Bill Barnes	Andy Beasley	Karen Hancock	Michael Carrow
Angela Morales	Jackie Johnson	Taylor Hendrix	Irene Vanslager	Jim Flynt	Ryan Hudson	Kimberly Bush
Jose Morales	Virginia Gould	Kevin Searcy	Janina Gromek	Connie Haislip	Millie Bloemer	Noah Ritchey
Wayne Wood	Margaret Stonecypher	Zachary Weatherford	April Anderson	George Reny	Mary Chambers	Marjorie Guenther
June Jackson	Splendi Ward	John Butler	Braileigh Dempsey	Mildred Slaten	Terri Forbes	Traci Louis
Lois Ware-Glasper	Irene & Robert Lee	Cathy Marten	Brother Jess Smith	Susan Giddens	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Will Pekrul
Sandra Glovich	Marjorie Dissottle	Kenny Carwile	Major Burlin Emery	PFC Bradley Thompson	Bobby S. Gilbert	Billy Griffin
Betty Bates	Eva Isdunis	Lolita Halsey	Myrna Chavez	Lee Becatti & family	Mathias Grichtmeier	Julia Ryberg
	Pam Meyer	John Ogle	Jose Datu	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Betty Jaraba	Norm Wilke
				Luis & Josefina Lopez		Della Rumore

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 by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.



Mass Intentions

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule



2/18	5:pm	Holy Mass in memory of DANILO DIANA
2/19	8:30	Holy Mass for THE INTENTIONS OF IRENE VANSLAGER
	11:15	Holy Mass in memory of MICHAEL NIEDZWIECKI
2/21	6:pm	Holy Mass in memory of PAT HESS <i>(Jackie Ruble's friend)</i>
2/22	8:30	Holy Mass
	7 pm	Holy Mass in memory of ELIZABETH VAN WAGNEN
2/23	8:30	Holy Mass in memory of BUD SELLE
2/24	8:30	Holy Mass
2/25	5:pm	Holy Mass in memory of JOSEPH SCHLATKA
2/26	8:30	Holy Mass for THE INTENTIONS OF IRENE VANSLAGER
	11:15	Holy Mass in memory of JIM JACKSON

Collection Report: February 12

Regular	\$4,131
Building	\$6,491
Burse Club	\$26
Black & Indian Missions	\$10

THANK

YOU

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 **six months** 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 emergency:
call the rectory at 771-1164.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Register at www.wmecalabama.org or (800) 540-9963.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:

Feb 3, March 23, April 13

Contact by e-mail at: register.cebirmingham@gmail.com
or visit the website at www.birminghamcee.org

IRS

To request a 2011 statement for income tax filing:
call the office (232-4191)

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

Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

