

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mission Statement

"We, the members of St. Mary's Parish, share a common vision that we are called to be a Christian Community in East Central Alabama. Faithful to Christ's words, 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you' (John 20:21) and in solidarity with all, we see ourselves growing in sensitivity to the needs and cultural backgrounds of all people. Following the charism of St. Vincent de Paul, we, as a Community of Faith, will strive to reach out to meet the needs of all, especially those who are poor in body and spirit"

Our Community Celebrations

Masses: Sat. 5:30 PM Sun. 9:00 & 11:15 AM 5:00 PM(Espanol)
Daily: 8:00 AM Confession: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by Appointment

Service to the Community

Pastor: John Kane, C.M. Pastoral Associate: Martin McGeough, C.M.
Pastoral Associate: Rev. Mr. Don Canonica. Secretary: Glenda Holden

Pastoral Council President:

	Comite Latino	Abel Carrias	
Spiritual Life and Worship:	Nancy Penaskovic	Religious Ed:	Connie Scroggins
Ladies Sodality:	Bonnie Sevchuk	Men's Club:	Bob Sevchuk
Lectors:	Jean-Paul Nicol	Eucharistic Ministers:	Earscell Tate
Altar Servers:	Ross Tate	Music:	Beth Nicol
Lazarus Ministry: Cindy Mirarchi & Steve Stuckwisch/Coordinators			

Mass Intentions February 20 – February 26, 2006

Mon. Mary Ann Sublett (dec) req by M/M Lustig	Sat. 5:30 PM George Mitchell (dec) req by Mary Mitchell
Tues. Special Intention	Sun. 9:00 AM St. Mary's Parishioners
Wed. Special Intention	Sun. 11:15 AM Jack Jansen (dec) req by M/M Charles Lustig
Thurs. Special Intention	Sun. 5:00 PM Español
Fri. Special Intention	

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stewart, Beth Nicol's stepfather, who died Wednesday February 15th, 2006.

Community Activities this Week

Monday	Men's Club	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Tuesday	Ladies Sodality	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Birthday Lunch	11:30 AM
Wednesday	Spanish Class	7:00 PM
Thursday	R.C.I.A	7:00 PM

“Happy Birthday Jennie!”

St. Mary's sends a **Big Birthday WISH** to **Jennie Canonica** who celebrates her birthday on **Wednesday, February 22nd**. (It's also Washington's Birthday, but Jennie insists that it was hers first!!) We're very grateful for all the energy that Jennie brings to our parish life as witnessed by all she does for the parish at large and especially for those who are ill. *Who can picture an activity in the hall without Jennie being present? God Bless You, Jennie!*

Ladies Sodality Spaghetti Dinner

A **“BIG THANK YOU”** to all who helped to make the annual Spaghetti Dinner a huge success. The pasta and sauce were cooked to perfection, each year it seems to get better and better! A special thank you to all who bought tickets, all who donated their tickets and all who have supported us throughout the year. All that were involved did a fantastic job. Thank you again! *Bonnie Sevchuk*

Altar Servers

Are there any young boys & girls in our parish who would like to serve as Altar Servers? You must have celebrated your First Communion and participate in the Parish Religious Education Program. If you are interested, **Please call Fr. Kane or Ross Tate, (749-0408) before March 1st, which is Ash Wednesday.**

New Lectors

We would like to thank **Ross Tate, John Eick** and **Andrew Eick** who have joined the list of our Parish Lectors. We hope and pray that the example of these young people will have an effect in the lives of all of us, young and old.

Web Site For The Month Of February

Ash Wednesday is March 1st this year. Whenever we celebrate anything of importance, we usually prepare for it. Our Parish is offering the “*Generations of Faith*” Program on the 19th & 26th of this month for those who signed up. Also, check out the following web site, which can serve as a beautiful **preparation to enter into the season of Lent.**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/>