

# 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"*

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## 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: John Rowe	Comite Latino	Abel Carrias
Spiritual Life and Worship: Nancy Penaskovic	Religious Ed:	Kim Murphy
Ladies Sodality: Patti Baker	Men's Club:	Bob Sevchuk
Lectors: Jean-Paul Nicol	Eucharistic Ministers:	Earscell Tate
Altar Servers: Ross Tate	Music:	Beth Nicol
Youth Ministries: Crystal Hudson		

Lazarus Ministry: Cindy Mirarchi & Steve Stuckwisch/Coordinators

## Mass Intentions July 3 – July 9, 2006

Mon. Special Intention	Sat. 5:30 PM	Gina Rogers(dec) req by Pendergast & family
Tues. Jill (dec) req by Grandma & Grandpa Speir	Sun. 9:00 AM	Special Intentions
Wed. Special Intention	Sun. 11:15 AM	St. Mary's Parishioners
Thurs. M/M Homer Shemwell req by family	Sun. 5:00 PM	Espanol
Fri. Tom Frank (dec) req by Sister & family		

Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Marjorie Larsen, Lee Sadler's mother, who died

May 25, 2006.

## **Community Activities this Week**

Tuesday	No Bible Study	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Parent Meeting/Youth Group	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Spanish Class	7:00 PM

## **Independence Day**

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, is Independence Day here in the U.S.A. We invite you to celebrate and begin the day by praying for our country at the 8:00 AM Mass. An interesting historic tidbit is that the Declaration was actually approved on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. No less a person than John Adams thought that would be the daylong celebrated. John Hancock alone signed it on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The others signed and read the document in public for the first time on July 4<sup>th</sup>. *We wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday!*

## **Congratulation Annette !**

Annette Sanchez has been chosen as the Lion (ess) of the year. Along with the Lions, we congratulate her on this honor, which she worked very hard to obtain.

## **Congratulation!**

Congratulations to *Sandra and Homer Shemwell* on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary! Our prayers are with them as they celebrate with their family & friends. Best Wishes to you both.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

This weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for Peter Pence. The theme this year is “*Anyone Who Has Discovered Christ Must Lead Others to Him*”. Pope Benedict XVI urges us to practice love of neighbor. The power of love is expressed in the unassuming quietness of daily service. Through works of charity, Catholics provide a powerful witness of love and deeds to empower the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless and to sustain those who suffer. Your contribution to the Peter Pence Collection allows the Holy Father to respond with timely and effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

## **Youth Group of St. Mary's**

The Youth Group of St. Mary's will be going to Pine Mt, GA & White Water in Atlanta, Friday & Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. We will have a parent meeting July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the parish hall to get permission slips signed and any money due for tickets and hotel rooms. Crystal will be calling everyone before then to verify their attending and the final cost per person. There is a possibility we will need a male chaperone for the boys room. For more information contact Crystal or Marie at 821-7842.

## **Matthew 25**

“When I was sick, you thought about visiting me but “. We all fall short of living out Matthew 25. St. Mary's Parishioners offers an opportunity to put this Gospel message into practice through our “Matthew 25” Ministry. We bring meals to members of St. Mary's when they aren't able to prepare meals for themselves, in doing so; we also bring them joy by spending a few minutes visiting with

them. **We can use more names on the list** of those who want to participate in this Ministry. If that is you, call **Jennie Canonica** (334-742-0785).