

# 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: 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 31 – August 6, 2006

Mon. Special Intention M/M Homer Shemwell	Sat. 5:30 PM	Dick Jeffers req by his wife Ann
Tues. Special Intention	Sun. 9:00 AM	In honor of Bob & Linda Fucci's 25 <sup>th</sup> Annv.
Wed. Mary K. Hassinger req by her husband Joe	Sun. 11:15 AM	St. Mary's Parishioners
Thurs. Mary K. Hassinger req by her husband Joe	Sun. 5:00 PM	Español
Fri. Special Intention		

## Community Activities this Week

Tuesday No Bible Study 9:00 AM

Tuesday

Intercessory Prayer

6:00 PM

## **Important Date for Your Calendar**

On **Sunday, 13 August**, we will celebrate our annual **Parish Picnic**. As in previous years, there will be **Only one (1) Mass that day at 10:00 AM**, out-side, weather permitting.

Each family is asked to bring a plate of food (salad, main meal, dessert --- your Choice!) The parish will supply the plates, forks, etc. as well as the drinks. More info will be forthcoming, as we get closer to the date.

## **Generation Of Faith**

St. Mary's, along with most parishes in the Archdiocese, began this program last year. **We hope to continue the Generation Of Faith Program** this year. **But**, this program needs volunteers for different but complimentary tasks. Without the volunteers, there will be no program. With over 120 families in our parish, **we should not have a problem with this**. (If we do, then, we have a deeper & more pressing and serious problem than just volunteers for one program!) **If interested, please contact Deacon Don Canonica**.

## **Religious Education**

At the entrance of the Church, Registration forms can be found to register the children of St. Mary's for our **Religious Education Program**, 2006-2007. **Kim Murphy**, our new **CRE**, would like to have a complete list of all participants. In that way, material can be purchased early and when classes start, the children will have in their hands all that they will need. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## **Nursing Home Bingo**

The first Wednesday of each month St. Mary's host the nursing home bingo, (August 8<sup>th</sup>) from 2:30PM – 3:30PM. Please contact Catherine Pendergast at 749-8764 if you would like to participate.

## **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. If you want to participate in this Ministry, contact **Jennie Canonica** (334-742-0785).

## **Collection for the Church in Latin America**

On August 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a 2nd collection for Latin America. The proceeds for the collection continue to provide opportunities to our brothers and sisters in Latin America who, while lacking in financial resources, are rich in faith and love in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please be as generous as your means will allow.