

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 August 21 – August 27, 2006

Mon.	Mary Hassinger (dec) req by husband Joe	Sat. 5:30 PM	St. Mary's Parishioners
Tues.	Mary Hassinger (dec) req by husband Joe	Sun. 9:00 AM	Kenney Kasulka (dec) req by the family
Wed.	Special Intention	Sun. 11:15 AM	Don Barnes (dec) req by his wife Carla
Thurs.	Don Barnes (dec) req by wife Carla	Sun. 5:00 PM	Español
Fri.	Special Intention		

Community Activities this Week

Tuesday	No Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Parish Youth Group	6:30 PM
Thursday	RCIA	7:00 PM

Parish Youth Group

The young people of St. Mary's ---**those who have celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation & are High School students**---will be meeting on Wednesday evenings this year from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. The first get-together will be this coming Wednesday, August 23rd. All meetings will be in the parish hall unless otherwise indicated.

Youth Group Parents

There will be a get-together of the parents of the members of the Youth Group on **Wednesday August 30th, at 7:00PM**. We hope to explain **this new program**, respond to any questions and receive suggestions.

RCIA

Inquiry classes for those interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Faith will begin on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Please encourage to attend, those who have expressed an interest in learning more about the teachings of our faith. For more information contact Deacon Don at 742-0785.

Thank you

Thank you to: The **Ladies Sodality** and **The Men's Club of St. Mary's** who helped set up tables, food, drinks, etc for our parish picnic this past Sunday. Also, those who brought food and shared it with us, and *everyone* who came and made this a real "**Church family**" affair. *Thanks again!*

Up Coming Barbecue

The Men's Club and the Ladies Sodality will have a joint barbecue on Saturday, September 8th following the 5:30 PM Mass. The tickets will go on sale after each Mass beginning next Saturday, August 26th. The tickets will be \$7.00 per plate.

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).

*****Reminder*****

Our committees, (Lazarus, Intercessory Prayer, Bible Study, Ladies Sodality, Men's Club, etc) will resume in the fall and a parish list will be available to the Presidents of each group. If you do not wish your name, address or phone number to be posted on this list, please call the parish office.
