

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 7 – August 13, 2006

Mon. Paul Mary (liv) req by Joan Thompson Sat. 5:30 PM Intention M/M Bob Fucci req by M/M/Roy Fabrini
Tues. Mary K. Hassinger req by her husband Joe Sun. 10:00 AM Richard Jeffers, Jr. by Anna Jeffers
Wed. Tom Frank by Sister and family Sun. 5:00 PM Español
Thurs. Mary K. Hassinger req by her husband Joe
Fri. Special Intention of Judy Odom

Community Activities this Week

Tuesday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Wednesday	*GOF Planning Meeting	7:00 PM

Parish Picnic

Next Sunday, 13 August, St. Mary's will have just **ONE MASS** and it will be celebrated at **10:00 AM**, outside, weather permitting. (There will be a **Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM** as usual). For the **Picnic**, we ask each family to **bring a dish of food that will be shared**. (Make sure you have your name or some other identifying mark on your dish). The Parish will provide plates, napkins and refreshments. **If you have any questions, please call the Rectory.**

Help Rebuild Church, Rebuild Hope

The National Collection to support hurricane relief efforts in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and **Diocese of Biloxi** will be on **August 26-27, 2006**.

The theme of the Nation Collection-Rebuild Church, Rebuild Hope – is inspired by Bishop Thomas Rodi of Biloxi, who proclaimed to the bishops of the United States that to “rebuild the Church is to rebuild hope itself.”

These two dioceses, so devastated by the ravages of Katrina and Rita, are still in a state of unimaginable need. Collections in 2005 right after the hurricanes focused on immediate humanitarian relief, and only scratched the surface.

This special collection on August 26-27 focuses on rebuilding churches, schools and other essential parts of the parishes' infrastructure which are needed to rebuild people's hope.

Rebuilding the Church and her structures is critically important now, as many civil jurisdictions declare that they are no longer able to assist those who were displaced by the 2005 Hurricanes, and will be unable to do so in the future.

Help rebuild the Church and rebuild hope in New Orleans and Biloxi on August 26-27. The need is great. And your participation can make a difference.

Generation Of Faith

A planning meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 9th. All those interested in helping plan for 2006-2007 are invited to attend. **If interested, please contact Deacon Don 742-0785.**

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).

*Generations of Faith