

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 October 23 – October 29, 2006

Mon. Dee Hanson (liv) req by John Crispin	Sat. 5:30 PM	Marveline Partain (dec) req by M/M Don Canonica
Tues. Mary Hassinger(dec) req by husband Joe	Sun. 9:00 AM	Dick Jeffers (dec) req by his wife Anna
Wed. Special Intention	Sun. 11:15 AM	St. Mary's Parishioners
Thurs. Mary Hassinger(dec) req by husband Joe	Sun. 5:00 PM	Español
Fri. Special Intention		

OCTOBER 28TH @ 12:00 MIDNIGHT - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS, TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.

Community Activities this Week

Tuesday	Bible Study	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Long Range Planning Committee.	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Birthday Celebration	11:30 AM
Wednesday	Youth	7:00 PM
Thursday	RCIA	7:00 PM
Saturday	Youth/Movie Night	6:30 PM

October Birthday Celebration

All persons with October birthday are invited to the monthly celebration in our parish hall. We are meeting Wednesday, September 27th at 11:30 AM. ***Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share.***

The Fall Generations of Faith Program

We will start November 5th at 12:30 and end at 3:30 PM. A bag lunch will be provided at 12:30 PM, so mark these dates on your calendar!

Celebration for Halloween

We will be selling tickets these next two weeks for a Halloween Fall Festival sponsored by the Comite Latino. The price is \$6.00 per ticket, this is for food only, and charge for games will be separate. There will be games of all kinds (*with the main attraction being a "Moon Walk"*) food and games will be available throughout the day.

Lectors Meeting

The Lectors' Meeting, scheduled for October 28th, has been postponed to Saturday, November 4th 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon, in the Parish Hall. This change was needed because Fr. Kane will be in Dothan to give a talk during the Men's Retreat (in Spanish) that is being held in St. Columbia's.

Youth

At a recent Youth Meeting, there was a small discussion about St. Francis of Assisi. At the end of the meeting, it was decided that it would be good to watch the movie **"Brother Sun, Sister Moon"** The story of St. Francis. It will be shown on Saturday, October 28th, at 6:30 pm. This is for the confirmation Class and the Parish Youth Group. Attendees will bring the popcorn and the Parish will provide the sodas. Feel free to bring a friend or two!!!

Long Range Planning

The "Long Range Planning Committee of St. Mary's met at St. Michael's on Oct. 5th. Besides representatives of Auburn & Opelika, present were committees from Holy Trinity, Tuskegee & Tallassee. To observe how the session went, members from Holy Spirit (Montgomery) and St. Joseph's (Prattville) were also there. The members of St. Mary's committee are: Fr. Kane, Fr. Marty, Deacon Don, John Rowe, Dee Dee Butson and Francis Stuckwisch.

The next full group meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3rd. To plan for that, the committee from St. Mary's will meet this Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. As a committee, we are asked to come up with 2 or 3 ways in which parishes can unite and cooperate on common tasks. If any parishioner has an idea along these lines, please let any member of the committee know.