

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parable of the Rich Fool
Rembrandt(1606–1669)

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

MASS TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,

1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments? We invite you to join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes beginning Wednesday, July 9. These sessions are designed for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation.

Come explore the Catholic faith in a warm, supportive environment. No commitment is necessary to begin —just curiosity and an open heart! Contact the church office for more information.

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Our Lord Jesus came among us and in His flesh, He gave us an example of a perfect life: poor, chaste, and obedient. This way of life remains an ideal for Christians all over the world, and these three gifts are known across the world as the evangelical counsels. They are teachings of the Gospel that bring happiness and freedom to the Christian and help transform this world into the Kingdom of God.

The poverty of Christ is seen in His emptying of Himself in order to be the perfect image of the Father in the world. The human person tends to want to possess, to control, and to cling to material things as if they can help us achieve immortality. But this desire always ends in frustration and disappointment. Everything that we can perceive in this world with our five senses is either already dead or dying. The only thing that lives forever is the soul. Yet, we still hold out the foolish hope that the passing material things of this world will somehow bring us eternal peace and happiness.

The chastity of Christ provides for us an escape from the domination of the carnal desire and helps the Christian to re-direct the passions within him/her towards God rather towards the satisfaction of the lower appetites. We live in a world ever more polluted with vulgarity and the degradation of the human body, so much so that many people consider a life lived in chastity to be a state of perversion rather than a holy way of life. The Christian, however, must strive with God's help to be free from the slavery of the flesh, in order not to succumb to what is never-satisfied and ever-consuming.

The obedience of Christ is a model of accepting the will of the Father, trusting in Him and His wisdom. So many of our actions are driven by our disordered desires to control things and to manifest our personal will rather than the will of God in this world. When we pray to God in the Lord's Prayer, we pray that "thy will be done." This is a powerful statement, but often we find ourselves betraying our prayer because we are unwilling to accept His will. We can even go so far as to rebel against God when we decide that He has not done something the way we wish it to be.

Every Christian is called to embrace in some fashion these evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We cannot remain mired in our materialism, lust, and rebellion. The example of the consecrated religious among us is a testimony to the fact that this Christ-like life is possible. Embrace it! Love it! We can live these holy counsels in communion with Our Lord! In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



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Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,371,716.67

Monthly Payment: \$15,869.93

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections: May

July 6th: \$1,705.00 July 13th: \$6,383.00

July 20th: 2,865.33 July 27th: \$685.00

Total for July: \$11,638.33

Grass Cutting Schedule

Team 4-Aug 3 -Aug 16 : Brian Prater

Tom Marvets, Richard Curtin

Michael Riley, Sy Nguyen,

Dennis DeMarois, David Vu

**This Week's second collection is
for Seminarian Education Fund**

This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Monday

Tuesday

7:00am-Mass

Wednesday

7:00am-Mass

6:00pm-OCIA Classes

Thursday

7:00am Mass

Friday

7:00am-Mass

Saturday

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thánh sẽ Dâng Thánh
Lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc
5:00pm chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 24 tháng 8,
Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ 4:15pm-4:50pm.
Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn
thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

Important Information!

First Communion, Confirmation,
Parent classes, & Spanish OICA
classes for Sacred Heart's
2025-2026 Pastoral Year

will begin with

PSR Kickoff, Wednesday, August 20th
Wednesday, August 27th.

**Registration will open Sunday,
August 6th.**

Forms will be available in the
Narthex after Mass.



First
Communion



Confirmation



Parent
Catechesis



Spanish
OICA

Ministry Training

Are you interested in being a part of one of
our parish ministries?

Usher, Sacristan

Eucharistic Minister, Rosary Leader

Hospitality, Lector, Hospital

Please contact the church office and let us
know! We will be having upcoming training
sessions in **September**. Training will be for
current ministers and new ministers.

We will not be taking items for the yard sale
during the month of August. We will
announce in the bulletin when we begin to
receive more items.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, Aug 2nd

4pm-- +Ignacio Morales

Sunday, Aug 3rd

8:30am-Dian Pepe

11:00am-Claudia Lopez Calderon

1:00pm-Parish Family

Tuesday, Aug. 5th

7am- *Ad Intentionem Dantis*

Wednesday, Aug. 6th

7am--*Ad Intentionem Dantis*

Thursday, Aug. 7th

7am--+ Marcy Portuese

Friday, Aug 8th

7am-+Donald Murray

Saturday, Aug 9th

4pm-- +Delphine Schmitz

Sunday, Aug 10th

8:30am-Parish Family

11:00am-+Marion Elmore

1:00pm-+Mario Campos

Spanish Bereavement will be selling food after all Masses this Sunday in the activity center. All proceeds support their ministry!

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sat, Aug 9, 4:00 PM

Lector-Gretchen Elliott

Eucharistic Minister-Donna Barton

Altar Servers-

Dean and Evan Lombardi, Efe Sevgi,

Ushers-Ximena and Jorge Martinez

Sacristan- Susan Watson, Keila Sevgi

Hospitality-Cathy Little

Sun, Aug 10th 8:30 AM (with Choir)

Lector-Shari Doyal

Eucharistic Minister-sub requested

Eucharistic Minister (Choir)-Teresa Kauffman

Altar Servers-Henry and Tony Mancillas,

Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau

Usher-Mark Proper, Pat Quillian

Sacristan-Nora Becerra, Sonja Deno

Hospitality- Terry Hughes

Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)

Lector-Nan Estes

Eucharistic Minister-Sub requested

Altar Servers- Andrew and Lindsay

Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Javier and Luis Ramirez

Usher- Josh Cofield, Dylan Price

Sacristan-Robie Grana, Mike Kline

Hospitality- Lindsay Tyson

Hospital Ministry-August

August 5th-11th Shari Doyal

August 12th-18th Carol Speciale

August 19th-25th David Hopper

August 26th-Sept 1st Gina Reaves

Mass Attendance

July 26th & 27th

4:00pm-183

8:30am- 223

11:00 am - 218

1:00 pm - 335

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 9th & 10th

**Nineteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

Wis 18:6-9

• Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

• Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

or 11:1-2, 8-12

• Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Weekly Offertory

Offering: \$10,932.50

Online: \$1,097.41

Total: \$12,029.91

Meals on Wheels

Offering: \$3,490.00

Online: \$243.50

Total: 3,733.50

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Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Stephanie Velasquez, Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, JoAnn Nelson, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Michael Griffin, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson

AUGUST 2025

**THE POPE'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.