



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

February 11, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



Jesus healing a leper (Mosaic by Byzantine School, 12th Century)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Holy Days

7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:30 PM

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

All sin is violence. All violence wounds. The Christian must be dedicated to both freeing himself/herself from sin and also from the violence that goes hand in hand with it. One of the worst forms of violence is ostracization – shunning someone from the community. Another terrible violence is when we separate ourselves from the community because of our egocentric sinfulness and our desire to reject everything and everyone that doesn't fit our twisted personal vision and judgment of what is good. For this reason we have the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church – to teach us a perfect good that is greater and more noble than our selfish needs.

We read in the Hebrew scriptures about how certain people with certain diseases were to be shunned from the community. Perhaps out of fear, perhaps out of a desire to protect the larger community from contamination. No matter what the reason, the community is divided because of this disease, and our God wants us to understand the tragedy of that separation because, none of us are totally healed from the disease of sin which affects the people of God. But God can heal that division with a Holy Confession and a Holy Communion.

It is hard for many of us to face our sinfulness, to face the things we have done that separate us from our God and our brothers and sisters. Pride comes upon us again to try and convince us that we are somehow justified in our sinfulness, but those are only the lies of the evil spirit. It can happen then, that in some marvelous way, the love of Christ breaks through as we see Jesus, and when we approach Him, we can be healed, but we still must go and sacrifice what is prescribed in the law.

Once, a wonderful woman shared with me a conversation she had with a protestant friend regarding her annulment. When she mentioned her annulment, the friend immediately responded curtly: “You see, the Catholics are making you jump through all those hoops when you don't need to do all that!” This thoughtful and prayerful woman responded by saying simply: “I didn't keep the promise I made before God, and this annulment will help me heal that.” I have so much admiration for that woman, because she allowed herself to be healed by Christ, and in the same way, it healed her from the violence and resentment she felt in her heart.

Our pride can be a most horrible violence because it separates us from our responsibility for the good of the other. We look down on the sinner, but worse, as sinners we try often to justify our actions as righteous. Despite all that, the Christ still has the power to heal, the power to cure, and above all, the power to remove all sin and violence from our hearts.

Heartfelt blessings to you all!

Fr. John

Rules of Fasting and Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center
Goal: \$2,000,000.00
Total Pledged: \$526,765.20
Total Collected Last Week: \$ 2,445.00
Total Collected Overall: \$411,320.00

The Second Collection is for the Parish Life Center

This Week

February 11th-February 17th

Monday

St. Hildegard Health and Wellness Group

St. Hildegards would like to invite you to attend their Monday morning meeting at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center. This week's meeting will include a pot luck breakfast celebrating Mardi Gras and Valentines Day.

Knights of Columbus Mtg., 5:00pm Gym

Tuesday

Catholic Scouting, 6:00 pm, Gym
Choir Practice, 6:00pm

7:00 am Mass

Ash Wednesday **12:00 pm Mass**

6:30 pm Mass

Thursday

Soup Bowl-11am-1pm

Friday

Friday Adoration

Please sign up for a time in the vestibule after Mass.

8:00am -6:00pm (Benediction)

Soup Bowl-11am-1pm

Fish Fry-5pm-7pm

Stations of the Cross
5:30pm





Married Couples and Priests:
"Live your best life in Love!"

Enrich and renew your sacramental relationship by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience, a retreat where you will learn tools to restore communication, renew your commitment, and rekindle the joy of your sacrament!

Join us **March 8-10, 2024** or **November 1-3, 2024**
 at **St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL**

For more info: wwme.org or call Frank & Kathryn 205-530-3607

Sacred Heart Choir

If you would like to sing with the Sacred Heart Choir for Seven Last Words and Holy Week, please join us on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the choir loft. For more information and a choir rehearsal schedule please see Mary Rhodes after Mass or Call 256-310-1987.



In celebration of "Souper Bowl Sunday," the Sacred Heart youth group will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable items for the Center of Concern for the next two weekends. Please place donations in or beside the bin labeled "Center of Concern" located in the narthex. The youth food drive will end Sunday, February 18th. Thank you all for your continued support! The center especially needs any canned vegetables; corn, green beans, sweet peas, and mixed vegetables. They also can use Beane Weenees, spam, tuna and any other canned food.

Lenten Study

Enter into a prayerful season of Lent with free small group studies provided by Sacred Heart to our Small Christian Communities. To reserve your copies, call the church office at 256-237-3011, or sign up in the narthex after Mass. **If you are not in a small group and would like to join or start one, fill out a small group placement form in the narthex and someone from the church office will contact you.**

Souper Bowl Sunday



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are offered in loving memory of Chris Saben, given by his parents Charles and Mary Sabens.

The flowers in front of the altar this weekend are offered in loving memory of Molly Edwards, given by Beth Brouillette.

Chúc mừng năm mới
Happy New Year



BLACK AND INDIAN
MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

Next Week's Second Collection is for Black and Indian Mission

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Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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.



**Ash Wednesday-
Distribution of Ashes**

Ashes will be available for all staff, patients and visitors

**10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon-
RMC Chapel**

**12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Stringfellow Chapel**

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 10th

5pm-----+Molly Edwards

Sunday, February 11th

9 am ----- Parish Family

11am -----Nathaniel Estes

1 pm ----- Francisco Pedro Virves
(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, February 13th

7am----- Nathaniel Estes

Wednesday, February 14th

7am----- +Nathan Powers

12 (noon)-----Parish Family

6:30pm----Parish Family

Thursday, February 15th

7 am ----- +James Robert Griffen

Friday, February 16th

7 am ----- +Rafael Soto

Saturday, February 17th

5 pm ----- +Matt Pepe

Sunday, February 18th

9 am -----+Nathan Powers

11am -----+Joan Cheatwood

1 pm ----- Parish Family

(Misa en Español)

Congratulations

Maritza N. Aguilera, for the baptism of her son
Jose Jesús Garcia

&

Jorge A. Rosas and Marisol Ruiz for the baptism of
their son
Levi Anthony Rosas

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm- Lector and EM-John Valieant

Ushers: Jim Coverstone, Tony Moyer

Sacristans: Keila Sevgi, Laura Pratt

6:30pm--Lector 1 Teresa Kauffman

EM-Shari Doyal,

Sacristans: Susan Watson, Jorge Martinez

Ushers: Spanish Usher Team

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Lectors February 17th and 18th

5 pm ----- Gretchen Elliot

9 am -----John Valieant

11 am ----- Shari Doyal

Eucharistic Ministers

5 pm ----- Corinne Hopper

9 am -----Jeanette Griffen

9 am (choir) ----- Gina Reaves.

11 am----- Sonja Deno

Ushers

5pm--Ximena and Jorge Martinez

9am- Chuck Sibley, Mark Proper

11am ----Thom and Laura Pratt.

Sacristans

5 pm ---- Susan Watson, Keila Sevgi

9 am ----Nick and Tristn Bonds.

11 am ---- Mike Kline, Robie Grana

Hospitality

5 pm -----Mary Snyder.

9 am -----Jolene Loescher

11am -----Delinda Garcia

Hospital Ministry

Feb. 13th-19th Carol Speciale

Mass Attendance

January 27th-28th

5:00 pm-----154

9:00 am -----221

11:00 am -----264

1:00 pm -----465

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb. 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9: 8-15

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7,8-9

1 Pt 3: 18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$10,646.00

Online Giving:

\$3,481.00

Total Collected:

\$14,127.00

Online Giving

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

SCAN ME!



Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Clement, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Greg Bavonese, 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, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, 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, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Manuel Becerra Acevedo

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

“There are no such things as lepers, only leprosy, and that can be cured.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

