



Fourth Sunday of Easter April 16-17, 2016 Vocation Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Sylvia Cecil / Rhetta Guili
Sunday – Good Shepherd
8:00 AM ✠ Obdulia Coffey / Altar Society
10:30 AM ✠ Martyrs at Yemen / Fr. Maria
Monday
8:00 AM Mike Fortunati / R. & B. Fortunati
Tuesday
8:00 AM Mark Putnam / R. & B. Fortunati
Wednesday
8:00 AM ✠ Caroline Steffy / Bruce Gamiere
Thursday
8:00 AM Paty Daves / B. & ML Partridge
Friday
8:00 AM ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory / anonymous
Saturday
5:00 PM ✠ Arthur LaRoche / Florence Wabnitz

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the office.

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Paul Bruechner, Alane Bureson, Ginny Cook, Vincent Cooke, **Jim** & Dot Davis, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Judy Jordan**, **Margie Kings**, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, **Sara Manning**, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Margie Schwieterman, Harriet Shields, **Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams, Theresa Wilmeth

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you are ill or know someone who is ill, due to have surgery, or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please call the rectory.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	✠ James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	✠ Deacon John Cartaro	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	✠ Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Fehn Family
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	✠ Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	✠ Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	Mignon Kilday	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families		For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA Classes – IM Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 96 8 AM = 61 10:30 AM = 99 Total = 256

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for April 17 = \$2,852.00

Maintenance = \$281.00

SVdP Collection ~ \$393.50 ~ Many thanks!

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at the 10:30 AM Mass on May 1. At the Mass we will also be **honoring all marriage anniversaries of 25-50 years of life**. Please sign your name on the sheet in the vestibule or call the office. After the Mass we will celebrate St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day with a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** to **welcome our new parishioners**.

TODAY'S READINGS (Sunday)

First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 6:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Gospel Reflections

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ~ The Good Shepherd not only knows us but has given his life for us. We belong to the Shepherd. His life is the source of our lives. One part of this relationship is firm—God's part. The Father has entrusted us to the Son, and the Son will not let go of our hands.

The other part of this relationship depends on us, of course. In today's Gospel, Jesus assumes our open-hearted good will. "My sheep hear my voice . . . and they follow me." This hearing and following is a daily undertaking that implies responsibility. Take Paul and Barnabas, for example. They moved ever closer to the reality that salvation was also meant for those members of the flock who did not yet know God's saving power. The Gentiles were the sheep known by the Shepherd. Paul could finally see that now was the acceptable time for them to know the Shepherd. Now the circle could be completed. Finally, those who were known and loved by the God of Jesus could know and follow the God of Jesus. There will never be a last chapter to this story of salvation.



"COFFEE WITH THE PADRE"

The host for April is our K. of C. Circle. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship from 9 AM to 10 AM on the first and third Sunday of each month in IM Hall. To help our host groups, please sign the schedule on the table in the vestibule or call the office.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is open from 9 AM to 11 AM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. A basket for nonperishable items is in the vestibule for your convenience or you may place them in the container in Immaculate Mary Hall. Thank you!

NOTE: On Tuesday, May 10, a representative from SMAP (Alabama Food Stamps) program will be here to assist our St. Vincent DePaul Conference participants or anyone in need with applications and/or to answer any questions you might have.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are \$12.00 each and are an ideal gift or keepsake. They are available in the office, or contact Harriet Shields at 961-1611.



FALL YARD SALE ~ While spring cleaning, please save your "stuff." For details, call Harriet Shields 961-1611.

<u>April 23-24</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat: 5:00 PM	Sam Williams	J. Caudill / Sr. Therese	A. & D. Boros	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM	Bill Specht	J. & N. Alemany	B. & C. Patton	R. Geiger / B. Partridge
10:30 AM	Michael Cote	E. & N. Fehn	E. & N. Fehn	J. Crump / B. Jarveis

ANNUAL GERMAN FEST

April 23 – ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Bartholomew Parish, Elberta

In order to make it a success, they need your help in baking for the Sweet Shop. You may drop items off on April 22 at St. Benedict School kitchen.

Tickets are on sale **NOW** for the car raffle, which is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Win a brand new Dodge Jeep supplied by Gulf Chrysler or a \$20,000 check! Tickets or cash prize may be split.

Come and enjoy the 5K race and fun run, food, booths, entertainment and "Trash or Treasures" from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more information, please contact our St. Benedict School Board Representative, Michael Cote, at 251- 284-1414 or Linda Schumacher at info@linzoutloud.com.

"Many hands make light work."

We are very grateful for those who are pitching in whenever and wherever they can, however, **more help is always needed, welcome, and greatly appreciated**. In this "Age of Volunteerism," people are *making* time to serve others – somewhere! Our parish provides a variety of opportunities in which you can share your time, talent and treasure with us.

Please pickup a Ministry Commitment Card at church entrances, indicate how you are willing to express your Christian vocation of Parish Stewardship, and place it in the offertory basket.

We especially need two people (men/women) to volunteer to clean the church floor weekly for one month a year beginning in May. If you are able to help, please sign the Church Cleaning Schedule in the vestibule indicating which month.

CRAWFISH BOIL – April 17, 2016 – 1 PM-5 PM

Tickets are \$35 (advance only) benefiting Catholic Social Services at Knights of Columbus Hall, 22736 Old Foley Road in Elberta. For tickets and additional information, check the flyer on the bulletin board.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Never is a very long time,

For it has no start or end.

Forever is even longer.

Do you know where forever you'll spend?

NOTICE: The auditorium, kitchen and rooms in Immaculate Mary Hall are available for rent. For more information, please contact the office.