

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

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Mission Statement of St. Bartholomew

To be a living Catholic Christian community that follows the way of Jesus as mapped out in the Gospel, focusing on internal and external growth, and emphasizing everyone's responsibility to God, Church, and our community.

Weekend Masses:

Daily Masses:

Holy Day Masses:

Baptism and Marriage Preparations:

RCIA (convert classes):

Director of Religious Education:

Youth Director:

Meetings

Church Secretary:

Ladies Society: Meetings 2nd Sunday after Mass (no summer meetings)

Music Ministry at All Masses:

Prayer Line:

Bereavement Committee:

Hospitality Committee: (Refreshments Sept. – May)

Parish Hall Rental Information

Parish Council:

Members: Jim Spencer '12, Chairman; Ashleigh Bailey '12, Jim Horak '13; Dennis Kaiser '12; Bob Legere '13; Tiffany Parker '14; Daryl Weeks '13 and Laurie Young '12.

Ex-officio: Financial Chairman, Ladies Society President, Church Secretary, and Pastor.

Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Mon. ~ Sat. 6:45 a.m.

7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with exceptions)

Please call Deacon Kenny Kaiser 987-1503

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Kelly Spencer 987-1178 (H) 850-384-5047 (Cell)

Sarah Kaiser 989-7209 (H) 850-501-3025 (Cell)

Wednesdays – Call Mrs. Kaiser for time & place

Margaret Peterson 987-5251 (H) 752-5250 (Cell)

Erin Faulk, Director 978-2383

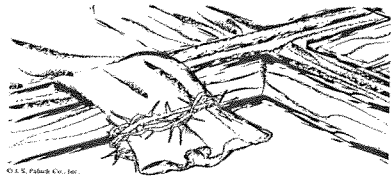
Joyce Horak 986-5248 for prayers

Margaret Klein 986-5256 to help/ask for a meal

Alma Doege 986-5201

Call Paulette Corban 923-9787

Second Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2011

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

For those who may not know, Father Howard is now at the St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama. The parish was unable to provide the help he needed to stay with us. If you wish to contact him, you may do so at the following address:

Rev. Howard R. Moussier, O.S.B.
St. Bernard Abbey
1600 St. Bernard Drive SE
Cullman, AL 35055

Important Announcements

See below for Choir Practice Schedules

Thursday, September 29 Mass of the Archangels at the Cathedral in Mobile – 6:00 pm
See more information on back page.

Sunday, October 2, 2011 - Second Collection for Building & Maintenance Fund
Wednesdays – Youth meetings

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship – September 18, 2011

77 Weekly Envelopes: \$2,473.00

25 Catholic University Envelopes: \$215.00

Loose: \$307.18

Loose: \$50.55

Attendance: 234

Total: \$2,780.18

Total: \$265.55

The month of September is FOOD PANTRY Month for
St. Bartholomew Parish and St. Benedict School.

Please bring non-perishable foods and leave in the baskets in the vestibule.
Special needs are:

Tuna, Canned Meat, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Soup, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Beans, Chili, Beef Stew, Boxes of Grits/Oatmeal, and Breakfast Cereal.

Please be generous in this time of economic uncertainty.

Monetary Donations are appreciated. Send to CSS, POB 870, Robertsedale, AL 36567

CHOIR PRACTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your Calendars!

To Sing is to Pray Twice!



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SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICE FOR ALL ADULT MEMBERS THIS SUNDAY 7:00 P.M.

Weekly Schedule:

10:30 Mass Choir

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

8:00 Mass Choir

Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir

Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass practice begins on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
9/25 6:00 p.m.	K. Kurtts E. Kurtts J. Kurtts	Jan Peacock	Nick Frank Tom Feely	Vermell Kichler Jordan Corban & Keith Wood Jennifer Fiala Fred Leiterman Morgan Lassiter Johnny Gottler	B – 24th B – 25th B – 26th B – 26th B – 28th B – 29th
Extraordinary Ministers:		Diana Kurtts & Laurie Young,			
9/26 8:00 a.m.	N. Weeks T. Worsley B. Bailey	Mickey Kaiser	Eddie Frank Greg Bloch		
Extraordinary Ministers:		Bill Specht & Marie Kaiser			
9/26 10:00 a.m.	E. Kaiser C. Schaff M. Kaiser	Kelly Spencer	Glen Kaiser Richard Krauss	Daryl & Tara Weeks Carl & Mary Klingelberger	A – 25th A – 29th
Extraordinary Ministers:		Jim Spencer, & Andy Schaff			

MASS INTENTIONS – September 24 – October 2

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, Sep 24	Communion Service	Charles Keppler
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, Sep 24	+ Katherine Keppler	
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, Sep 25	+ Mark Riley	
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, Sep 25	Pro Populo	
6:45 a.m. – Monday, Sep 26	Communion Service	
6:45 a.m. – Tuesday, Sep 27	Communion Service	
6:45 a.m. – Wednesday, Sep 28	Communion Service	
6:45 a.m. – Thursday, Sep 29	Communion Service	
6:45 a.m. – Friday, Sep 30	Communion Service	
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, Oct 01	Communion Service	
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, Oct 01	+ Laurie Barbara Smith	
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, Oct 02	++ Mike & Helen Kaiser	
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, Oct 02	Pro Populo	

IN YOUR CHARITY—Please remember these people in your prayers: Claudia Adam, Alice Burkhardt, Butch Gruber, Loren Ives, Roger Kaiser, Carol Klein, Joyce Langston, Fred Leiterman, Joe Martino, Mary Morgan, Fr. Howard, and also:

Barbara Carter, Ima Ree Carter, Audrey and Walter Cummings, Olive Keller, William Morris, Mary O'Donnell, Charles Peterson, Libby O'Pry; Carolyn Rohe; Joe Salzmann, Phillip Schaumburg, Joan Simpkins, Frank Shellem, Velma Viscuso, and Bootsie Williams.

Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Samuel Carter, Sr., Dennis Corban, Kenny Feely, Giuliana Fell, Buddy Fodor, Adam Frank, Ruby Frank, Alby Gruber; Ron Hager, Fr. Ernie Hyndman, Helen Kaiser, Evelyn Kichler, Karen Linton; Gene Morris, Eugene Plachta, Emily Saulters, Pauline Salzmann, Jack Sheehy, Teresa Sheehy, Vera Stevens, Anita Warriner, and Carson Williams.

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10/02 6:00 p.m.	A. Odee J. Akins S. Young	Betty Wood	J. Burkhardt D. Burkhardt	Rachael Gorman Greg Bloch Charity Hudson Ben Krauss	B – 1st B – 2nd B – 2nd B – 2nd
Extraordinary Ministers:		Alma Doege & Shirley Helms			
10/03 8:00 a.m.	J. Kaechele C. Kaechele J. Kaiser	Nita Kaiser	Vincent Kaiser Charles Gruber	Tyler Chandler Dylan Doar Walter Cummings Richard Hoffman	B – 3rd B – 3rd B – 4th B – 6th
Extraordinary Ministers:		Marie Kaiser & Bill Byerley			
10/03 10:30 a.m.	N. Spencer N. Spencer E. Taylor	Andy Schaff	Sam Carter Eric Carter	Fernando Villa	B – 7th
Extraordinary Ministers:		Natalie Saucier & Jim Spencer			

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul
Wednesday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and His Companions
Thursday: **Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5772) begins at sunset
Friday: St. Jerome
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

Ss. Michael



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

"Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep. For today is holy to the Lord, your God. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."

Nehemiah 8:9-11

CONSECRATION OF OUR FAMILY: We consecrate to thee, O Jesus of love, the trials and joys and all the happiness of our family life, and we beseech Thee to pour out thy blessings on all its members, absent & present, Living and dead—and when one after the other, we have fallen asleep in thy blessed bosom, O Jesus, may all of us in Paradise find again our family united with thy Sacred Heart.

Amen

Catholic Social Services Christmas Sharing Program

Come to *Volunteer Training* on Wednesday, October 12 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Center.

Come and be a part of this program that is helping families faced with unfortunate circumstances in their lives. Make Christmas more meaningful by helping others. Call Peggy Peterson at 947-3876 for more information



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FEAST OF FAITH The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his coming in joyful hope.

Fifth Annual Mass of the Archangels

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Rodi and sponsored by Archangel Radio WNG1410.

An informal reception will be hosted by Archangel Radio immediately following the Mass at the Historic Portier House across the street from the Cathedral. Refreshments will be served and all are invited!

Join the Priests Burse Club!
Send in Ladies Dues!