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Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Sunday: 12 Noon – 7:00 P.M.
First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

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Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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Contact Anne Hane 410-0692 or ahane@bellsouth.net

Father Joseph Culotta, Pastor

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, Masses 7AM & 6PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30–3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday and Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

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Mass Intentions

Mon. Aug. 14- 10:30 A.M. at Somerby Retirement
Tue. Aug. 15- 7:00 A.M. - Eb Berry
Tue. Aug. 15- 6:00 P.M. - Josephine Romano
Wed. Aug. 16- 6:00 PM - Sharon Henderson
Thurs. Aug. 17- 8:30 A.M. - Jim Gill
Fri. Aug. 18 - 8:30 A.M. - Susan Webb (S.J.)
Sat. Aug. 19- 4:00 P.M. - Bud Kuester
Sun. Aug. 20- 7:45 A.M. - Jo Elaine Linsey
Sun. Aug. 20- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

14 Mon - Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
15 Tue - **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
16 Wed - Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
17 Thu - Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
18 Fri - Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
19 Sat - Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
20 SUN - Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Financial Information

	<u>Week of 8/6/17</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,835
Building Fund	\$ 6,953
	\$ 13,788
	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$ 471,616
Building Fund	\$ 508,769
Holy Days	\$ 10,440
Total Collected	\$ 990,825
Budgeted	\$ 995,796

Sympathy

*Let us pray to the Lord for all who have died, especially,
Genevieve Swetonic "Genny" Congleton, sister of Larry
Swetonic*

♪♪ Youth Choir ♪♪

Dear Saint Mark Youth,

Do you like to sing? We would love for you to join our Youth Choir to lend your voice in ministry. We keep it fun and enjoyable.

We practice every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

We start out with a pizza dinner and practice until 8:00pm.

Our first Youth Choir Mass is August 27th- 10:30.

Text 205-602-9626 or email

raulc.gomez@gmail.com.

Youth Choir Director -Raul Gomez

Welcome Committee



The Welcome Committee invites all new parishioners to a cookout on Saturday, August 26th following the 4 pm mass on the patio of the Parish Life Center. Please RSVP with # of adults and children to Cricket Justice at cricket.justice@gmail.com.



Heading to the lake, beach, or chilling at home on Labor Day? Want to help our Parish Youth Programs? Let the Knights of Columbus handle the work for your holiday barbecue with the funds raised to support the Parish high school youth programs.

Enjoy the yummy goodness of smoked pork or chicken. \$12.00 per pound for pulled pork, \$30.00 for a Boston Butt, \$20.00 for ribs, and \$10.00 for smoked chicken.

Place your order today: KofC13446@aol.com or 866-622-7865 (leave a message- name, contact number, email address, exact order- and be sure to get an email confirming your order).

Pick up at the PLC on Friday September 1st between 3:30-5:30pm

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE PROGRAM

This past spring, Father Joe spoke of a chalice donated to our parish by Sal and Paula Marino, which had been used at Saint Mark since the dedication of the Church Sanctuary in 2003. This beautiful chalice, used by Saint Pope John Paul II during Mass in his private chapel at the Vatican, is a relic. Unfortunately, due to the way the base was constructed, over time it began to hold water, and leaked after it was washed. The Chalice will now be used in the new **The Traveling Vocation Chalice Program** that Father Joe also discussed in the spring. The Chalice will be presented to recipients at the end of a specified Mass, with the intention that it be placed in a location of honor in their home for a week. The hosts will be asked to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious life, and lay leaders in the Church; and to pray for themselves as they discern and discover anew God's Call in their lives and more readily echo Mary's "yes" to God as first disciple.

Traveling Vocation Chalice hosts are needed for each Mass. If you would like to host this beautiful relic in your home, sign-up table in the Church near the Baptismal Font will be available the weekends of August 12th/13th and August 19th/20th. The Traveling Vocation Chalice will begin on August 27th at the 10:30 Mass. For more information on this program or to sign-up for a week, please contact Kristin Sessions at 205-529-6356 or kprs205@hotmail.com.

"A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will to serve God in the way and places the Almighty God has called you." ~St. Francis de Sales

Adult Education



Wednesday P.M. and Thursday A.M.

Adult Education will begin on Sept. 13/14 the 1st 5 sessions will be on a **Biblical Walk through the Mass**. We will register the end of August. Look for form in the bulletin or at the Greeters' Desk. Welcome to all.

American Heritage Girls Scouting Program

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is excited to announce a new ministry for girls through the American Heritage Girls scouting program. American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered scouting organization that focuses on "building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country". Scouting with OLV's newly chartered AHG troop will offer our young Catholic girls unique opportunities to grow in their faith while learning new skills, serving others, enjoying the outdoors, and having fun with their friends. We humbly ask for the prayers and support of our church family as we establish this new Catholic Scouting tradition for our daughters. OLV AHG Troop #AL1128 is now accepting girl registrations for ages 5-18, and adult applications for leadership positions.

Please contact Sara Lanza, Troop Coordinator, for more information. slanza724@bellsouth.net 256-303-2084.

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the cool summer meal we served at First Light on Thursday, July 27. Nancy Juneman, Susan Friend, and Frances Strick prepared Kathy Ranelli's chicken salad recipe, which was served with leaf lettuce from Donna Spencer on croissants provided by Jeanne Welsh, Eleanora Castagnetta, Pat Smith, and Viv Norris. We also served chips from Rosemarie Bruno, pickle strips from Lani Perrigo, and fresh fruit from Renee Genereux, Anne Tishler, Rosie Johnson, and Ruth Cook. Dot Kuester sent Crystal Light, and dessert was homemade cookies from Joanne Angell, Terry Lupenski, and Virginia Lovoy. Our very capable servers included Mary Outlaw and Renee Genereux with her daughters, Grace and Joelle.

A Note from our new Middle School Youth Minister

Dear Saint Mark School Youth, Parents and Parishioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Middle School Youth Minister. My wife Gina, my son Peter and I moved here from the Charleston, SC area 10 years ago and have been parishioners of Saint Mark for the last 6 years.

My wife and I are both cradle Catholics and active members of the parish (we usually attend the Saturday Vigil and sit in one of the pews on the left). We also both taught religious education (although not at Saint Mark). I currently serve as the Scout Master of Troop 007 here at Saint Mark.

As your Middle School Youth Minister, I have several activities planned as well as service projects intended to build our Middle School community at Saint Mark's. Our son Peter had a lot of fun with some of the activities that were held for the Middle School youth last year, from Slide the City and Ice Skating to the Mardi Gras Party (especially the Mardi Gras Party!). I hope to continue to build on those activities while having the group grow in size and community. I can't also wait to hear some new ideas for activities for our youth!

I would like to thank Fr. Joe and Mary Beth as well as every parent ahead of time for their trust, assistance and prayers in leading our Middle School Youth program.

Sincerely,

Tom Elie

thomaseelie@aol.com

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING

All Catholic Homeschoolers from the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to a Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham.

Mark your calendars for the Mass to be celebrated on Friday, September 8th at 10:00 AM.

Reception to follow.... please bring a dish to share.

Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship!

For more information, please contact Susan Fay at staabhm@gmail.com



In Search Of...

FEAST OF SAINT MARK 2018 CHAIRPERSON

This CAN BE you!

Many of you can play a role in the ongoing success of our Parish's key event.

You are likely thinking you do not have what it takes to be the Event Chairperson, but you do! This event is well organized, documented, and planned out. There is no guess work. All that is needed is the ability to help manage a schedule, lead and communicate clearly with a group, have a passion for success, and share in the vision of growing our Parish, faith, and keeping our families connected.

Don't put off what you are capable of doing for a great cause.

It's easy to find a reason to pass, but you have a reason and the ability to make it happen.

Please give Fr. Joe a call if you are interested in this opportunity to contribute to the Parish by sharing your talents.

Thank you!!

We need your help!

Adults and teens are needed to assist in our nursery program on Sundays during the 10:30 Mass. Teens will be awarded service hours for their help.

We are in a true need of adults, so if you can donate one hour a month, won't you help this wonderful ministry?? If you enjoy being with children, this program is for you.

Please contact Nora Donnelly at NWD946@aol.com or 516-458-9549.

SIGN UP TO SERVE

Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church Youth Faith Formation

Adult Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the 10:30 a.m. Mass, children from age 4 – first grade are invited to participate in a Liturgy of the Word (about 20 minutes). Adult leaders are needed.



Children's Christmas Pageant (12/24)

4 year old to 3rd grade are in the pageant at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. **ADULTS NEEDED TO HELP....at 3 practices held before the event.**

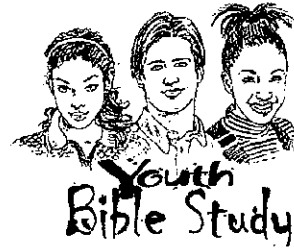


- ADULT VOLUNTEERS needed:**
TEACHERS, DRIVERS, REFRESHMENT PROVIDERS & GENERAL HELPERS are needed. 5 PM to 7:30 PM (dinner included)

Adult volunteers for the B.L.A.S.T. Program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on Sunday evenings.

Parents to assist with the J-CREW Program for 9th to 12th grade students on Sunday evenings.

- Facilitators provide instruction and reflection on the Sunday Scriptures... R.A.P. (Reflection and Praise) for High School students Sunday Morning 9-10:15 AM in the Chapel**



- Family / Youth Events**
Many volunteers are needed for hosting, assisting with registration, decorating and serving participants at our family / Youth events.

- Volunteer Aides and Catechist**
Volunteers for our Parish Religious Education Program on Sunday 9AM and Wednesday 4:30 PM



- Adult Education Committee**
Coordinates, makes suggestions and recommendations and assists with the planning and implementation of our Sunday Adult Education Program.

- Parent Youth Advisory Committee**
The Advisory Committee assists with our Youth Ministry Program in planning and implementing. This includes driving for events, providing refreshments, assisting with sessions, etc.

NAME

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E-Mail Address

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday August 19, 2017 4:00	Sunday August 20, 2017 7:45	Sunday August 20, 2017 10:30
Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Suzy Gray, Beverly Huddleston, Tom Huddleston, Cathy Johnson, Sonny Jones	Nancy Ladshaw, Jose Marrero, Katherine Rall, Ginny Willis	Anna Hall, Bonnie Murphy, Teresa Palmer, Steve Shoemaker, Tom Slonneger, Heidi Swanson, Larry Swetonic, Jenny Camp, Joe Scotch
Ushers	Mike Burns, Brandon Moseley	Wayne Gwaltney, Caleb Moore, Chris Moore, Jonah Moore	Rob Haley, Kevin Camp, Rachel Camp, Milene Panzica, Paul Jones
Lector	Fred Bisch - 1 Ruth Breipohl - 2	Milton Davis - 1 Jim E Smith, Jr. - 2	Sandy Fleury - 1 Phillip Troha - 2
Mass Coordinator	Bill and Jeanne Welsh	Phillip Boettcher and Jodie James	David and Eleanora Castagnetta
Altar Server	Gail Sanson, Jackson Shields, Kaitlyn Shields, Emma Zaiontz, Brock Shields	Lisa Heberlein, Tilly Gwaltney, Brianna Braden, Delaine Coleman, Troy Gwaltney, Jessica Heberlein	Kristy Gray, Elizabeth Camp, Cooper Gray, Jonathon Porco, Tanner Gray, Mary Molay
Greeters	Becky Green, Karen Kapp, Tom Lager	Anthony and Diane Cuicchi	John Edwards, Sarah Hebert, Laura Hughes
Altar Linens	Linda Townsley		
Cantors	Kathryn Garaca	Ken Jannot	John Floyd

Sept 1-3 Introduction to Centering Prayer Retreat at Benedictine Sister Retreat Center – Cullman, AL

For those seeking to learn and practice this ancient Christian meditative prayer. Registration questions call 256-734-8302 or email retreat@shmon.org Register by check - \$60 to Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center, 916 Convent Rd. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
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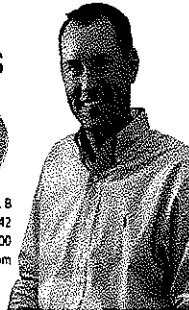
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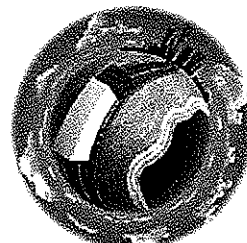
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