

St. Henry Catholic Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, Nov. 30,	6:30 AM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by the Do Family
Tuesday, Dec 1,	6:30 AM:	Heather Roy (RIP) by Provy Richards
Wednesday, Dec 2,	6:30 AM:	Alice Friese (LIV) by Jimmy & Liz Slovensky
Thursday, Dec 3,	6:30 AM:	Clark Branch, Jr. (RIP) by Louise Tekulve
Friday, Dec 4,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Dec 5,	8:00 AM:	(First Saturday)
Saturday, Dec 5,	5:00 PM:	Annie P. Johnson (RIP) by Lawrence Johnson
St. Henry Sunday, Dec 6,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec 6,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

The World is Waiting...
And the Glory of the Lord shall
be revealed and all flesh shall
see it together. ~ Isaiah 40:5

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception—This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will take place at St. Henry on Monday, Dec 7 at 6pm and at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 6:00pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place **Tuesday, December 1st** from **5:30--6:30pm** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. **NO** Adoration Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29 or Jan 5. It will resume Jan. 12, 2016.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)
RCIA takes place every Tuesday evening at 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!
This week's topic —Mary

Join us for **St. Henry Friday Night Nights**
6:30pm on the **second Friday of every month!**



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — St. Henry
ADULT RETREAT
January 29 - 31, 2016
Retreat Master: Fr. Leonard Mary
Cost is \$75.00 per person. Sign up today!

Annual Food Drive for Angel Tree

Now until December 13th!!



St. Rose Academy, a private, Catholic elementary school is seeking to fill the full-time position of Director of Institutional Advancement beginning January 2016. Candidates must have a marketing or communications degree and previous experience with fundraising. Experience using Raisers' Edge data base preferable. Please email resume and cover letter to: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, O. P.
smelizabeth@saintroseacademyop.com

“From the Pastor’s Desk”

While the new calendar year of 2016 begins January 1st, the new liturgical year of 2015 begins today, November 29th.

And so we begin the **Season of Advent** that will run for the next 25 days right up to the day that we celebrate the **Birthday of our Lord on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day!**

Advent has a 2-fold purpose. First, it is the season where we reflect on the significance of **Christ's first coming** into our world in the little town of Bethlehem some 2015 years ago.

And Advent is the season where we prepare for **Christ's second coming ...** when He will come at the end of time.

So, **Advent** is a season of devout yet joyful **expectation!**

I do hope that in the midst of all the excitement of shopping and celebrating, you will use the Advent season to draw nearer to **Jesus** through prayer and reflection.

I hope you will consider attending **6:30 Morning Mass** one or more **weekdays** over the next 4 weeks!

The sacrifice you make to get up earlier to come to Mass will have infinite value for you and those whom you pray for.

In a few cases, the Church attaches an obligation to attend Mass on a Day other than a Sunday and that is indeed the case concerning the three Holy Days of Obligation that we will celebrate within the next month.

First, is the **Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary**, that we always celebrate on **December 8th**.

Since **Mary** is the **Patroness of America**, this day carries an **obligation to attend Mass** even though it falls on a Tuesday. This means that you will be obliged to attend Mass either Monday afternoon or anytime on Tuesday.

To assist you in fulfilling your obligation to attend Mass for this Feast Day, a **Vigil Mass** will be offered **Monday** afternoon, **December 7th** at 6:00 PM at **St. Henry Church**.

Mass will also be offered twice **Tuesday, December 8th** at 6:30 AM & 6:00 PM at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**.

It goes without saying that **Christmas** is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. It makes every bit of sense that you would want to attend Mass on the **Birthday of the Savior of the world ...** even though it falls on Friday of the week.

We'll offer Mass at **4 PM & 8 PM** on Thursday evening, and then at **8:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** on Friday morning.

Finally, **New Years Day** is also a **Holy Day obligation**. We'll offer Mass at **5 PM** on Thursday evening and then at **8:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** on Friday morning.

May God bless you abundantly in this special season!
Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Patsy Clark Mary Jo Sparks

YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: A list of our loved ones serving in the Military is posted on the Knights' bulletin board.

PARISH MEETINGS

PARISH COUNCIL: To be announced

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

General Council: Wednesday, January 6, 6:30pm

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:

Every second Sunday each month after Mass
Our Sodality email address is:
sthenryladies@hotmail.com



Right to Life

We, the Church, must not be silent! As God's people we must take a position against abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

Our **Knights of Columbus** are asking your help in providing **Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to those less fortunate than ourselves during this holiday season. Donation Forms are in the Vestibule on the shelf for your convenience.
"Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

If you would like to send our Seminarian, **Brad Jantz**, your well wishes and prayers. His address through the end of the year is: **Mr. Brad Jantz**
2857 Pump House Road
Birmingham, AL 35243

Father Deering will be available to hear confessions at St. Henry's the first Sunday of each month from **7:45 until 8:15am.**

GET YOUR CANS TO CHURCH!
Please bring empty aluminum drink cans to Church. We crush and recycle!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
November 29th and December 27th—No PSR
December 6th, 13th and 20th—PSR and Play Practice
December 20th—Church Christmas Play at 4:00 pm with supper following at 5:00 pm.

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS:
John Carroll Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the Class of 2020. The High School Placement Test will take place at **John Carroll on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 7:45AM until 11:30AM**. There will be a breakfast reception for parents beginning at 7:45AM, followed by a presentation by the Administration at 8:30AM. To register, please complete the online application: <http://www.jcchs.org/Admissions/AdmissionsProcess.aspx>

Students are also encouraged to come to John Carroll for a **Shadow Day to get the full high school experience! Please call the Admissions Office (205) 940-2400 ext. 233 for more details.



Susan's Fund -- Don't forget to bring in food items, gently used clothing, diapers, paper products and small appliances for our Parish support of the Catholic Centers of Concern. We have placed plastic bins in each PSR classroom and in the parish hall and front vestibule. Let's all be active in sharing our blessings with the poor of our diocese.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS (Captain = C)	ALTAR SERVERS
Sun. December 6 Second Sunday of Advent	Kathy Gray	Kathy Gray Dominick Viruleg Harold Gray Josh Stump	Tony Smith C Tim Schaefer Mike Jolly	Ben Baldwin Chase Jordan
Sun. December 13 Third Sunday of Advent	Erin Grant	Pat Stump Erin Grant Terri Rouse Pat Townes	Tony Smith C Paul Foti Duane Holy	Daniel Bamberry Joseph Holy Caleb Gray