

St. Henry Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015



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

Monday, Dec 7,	6:30 AM:	Paul R. McGill (RIP) by Louise Tekulve
Monday, Dec 7,	6:00 PM:	Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, Dec 8,	6:30 AM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by Do Family
Tuesday, Dec 8,	6:00 PM:	Phillip Do and Family (LIV)
Wednesday, Dec 9,	6:30 AM:	Annette Kitchen (LIV) by Jimmy & Liz Slovensky
Thursday, Dec 10,	6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak (RIP) by Father Deering & Parish Family
Friday, Dec 11,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Dec 12,	5:00 PM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van (RIP) by the Do Family
St. Henry Sunday, Dec 13,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec 13,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and his name shall be called ... The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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.



NO Eucharistic 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! No class this week—it is a Holy Day of Obligation and everyone is encouraged to attend Mass.

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”

Are you ready? **Christmas** will be here in **19 days!** Yes, schools will be closed, some businesses will be on shut-down and many people will take time off for vacation.

So it's a perfect time, to really slow down and reflect upon your life. How's it going? Are you living in accord with your priorities ... or would you like to make some changes?

Well, in **23 days** we begin a New Year ... a perfect time to begin to live in the way you really want to live.

So, why not begin now ... in the Holy Season of Advent ... to contemplate your life and your eternal future? Then, you'll be ready to celebrate the great day of **Christmas** and be ready to turn over a new leaf when the **New Year** begins!

Consider this ... God loves us so much that He sent His Son into our world as a human being with hands so that He could touch us with tender care in a very real & personal way.

This is the mystery we contemplate in Advent ... the mystery of the Incarnation ... of God becoming man!

Pope Francis tells us that the only way to understand this mystery is ... on your knees!

He said, *“To enter into a mystery one needs intelligence, heart, knees, prayer – all together.”*

Another key to understanding this mystery is to recognize how near God is to us today. Yes, **2015 years ago** ... **Jesus came to us in the flesh**. And **His Sacred Flesh and Blood** is still with us sacramentally in **Holy Communion!**

When Jesus was born, a Great Light came into our world. **Jesus** affirmed this saying, *“I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”* (Jn. 8:12)

Jesus shared His Light with us ... first in Baptism and then in the other Sacraments so we can be Lights in the world.

In fact, Jesus gave us **that very commission** when He declared, *“You are the light of the world.”* (Matt. 5:14)

So, He sends us out to bring the warmth and brilliance of His love into a world desperately in need of love.

And it's only by following Jesus, who is the Light, that we're able to bring His light to others.

So please, use the rest of December to contemplate how close you are to **the Light** and then put whatever resolutions you need in place so you can be a light to the world.

Spend time on your knees and take advantage of the great graces flowing in this Holy Time of preparation.

Advent blessings!
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

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.
December 27th—NO PSR



Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to make a donation to help with decorating our Church this Christmas!

2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES are available this weekend! These envelopes must **NOT** be used until 2016 or someone else will receive credit for your contribution. **PLEASE** continue to use your 2015 envelopes until the last day of December then throw them out! If you do not find your envelopes, please contact the Church office.



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 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
Sun. December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dennis Dearing	Dennis Dearing Dominick Viruleg Kathy Gray Terri Rouse	Tony Smith C Garvis Thrasher Wendell Cox	Chase Jordan Ben Baldwin