

St. Henry Catholic Church

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2015



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

Monday, Nov. 9,	6:30 AM:	
Monday, Nov. 9,	11:00 AM:	(XYZ at Parish Hall) Margaret Wiley LIV by Serena Porter
Tuesday, Nov. 10,	6:30 AM:	Giuse Tran Ngoc Van RIP by The Do Family
Wednesday, Nov. 11,	6:30 AM:	Eunice Stephen RIP by Floyd Stephen
Thursday, Nov. 12,	6:30 AM:	
Friday, Nov. 13,	6:30 AM:	Brett Burkholder and Ashley Russell LIV by The Busby Family
Saturday, Nov. 14,	5:00 PM:	Phillip and Carol Rumore LIV by Dominick and Karen Viruleg
St. Henry Sunday, Nov. 15,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Nov. 15,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

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 —The Roots of the Mass in the Bible II

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

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Healing Service

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church, 1390 Ashville Court, Leeds, AL 35094
205-352-3741

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe from EWTN will lead the service using a **first class relic** of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos for his intercessory prayers. Blessed Seelos was a 19th century Redemptorist missionary priest who worked tirelessly for the poor and sick of New Orleans. All are welcome!



XYZ MASS, LUNCHEON AND BINGO!
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall
Monday, November 9, 11am!
Everyone is invited to join us especially those 50 plus!



COOKIE EXCHANGE

Thursday, November 12 at 7pm at St Henry Parish Hall
Please bring 3 dozen cookies and your recipe to share !!

Please Remember

Our Dearly Departed from 2014-2015

Susan Dearing — Beloved Wife of Dennis Dearing

Cliff Papineau—Beloved Father of Cliff III, Cathy and Tony Papineau

John Volner—Beloved Husband of Sandy Volner

Ann Gray—Beloved Mother of Harold Gray

Julia Quichocho—Beloved Mother of Brenda Mendiola

Lorraine Conley—Beloved Mother of Heather Skinner

Arnold McKerley—Beloved Father of Ruth Fox

Joyce Abbruzzo—Beloved Mother of Anthony and

Michael Abbruzzo and Brenda Whitten

Andy Rizzo —Beloved Father of Monica, Felicia,

Rick and Ronnie

“From the Pastor’s Desk”

So what do you think we should do ... follow **man's** wisdom or **God's** wisdom? Why God's wisdom, of course!

But there are many in the world who would add the qualifier ... *except in the area of human reproduction!*

Ever since the Sexual Revolution of the Sixties and the introduction of The Birth Control Pill, many couples have been limiting the size of their families ... bringing the average family size down from 5 kids in 1965 to just 2 kids in 2015.

The **world** said, “*Be free to have bonding without babies*” and many people went with that ... either getting sterilized or using a form of artificial contraception or having an abortion.

That was in direct opposition to what **God** commanded Adam ... and Noah ... and all his sons to do, saying,

“Be fertile and multiply and fill the earth.”

Well, there are consequences to following man's wisdom instead of God's wisdom ... not just spiritual consequences ... but physical consequences too.

Perhaps you saw the breaking news this week where **China** has lifted their **1-child policy**, mandated in 1980, and is now allowing married couples to have a 2nd child.

Why would they do this? Well, it wasn't because of a sudden desire to follow the command of God. No, it was because they finally realized that their 1-child policy would put immense strains on their economy and jeopardize their goal of surpassing the United States in economic power!

The problem that they just admitted has been known for years ... that is ... if the birth rate of a culture falls below 2.0 children per family, they will shrink in size and go away.

It's simple math ... and they were too arrogant to admit it. So now they're sitting with a 1.4 birth rate and their population has fallen for 3 straight years, declining by 3.7 million people and will shrink more rapidly in the years ahead.

They're calling it the “**Demographic Precipice**” ... but the situation was already clearly described 20 years ago in two studies, “**Demographic Winter**” and “**Demographic Storm**”.

In 15 years, the number of people over 60 will total 400 million (more than our whole country!) and then **China** will have fully 1/4 of their people not working and needing care!

Nice going ... so much for ignoring God's wisdom! Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Spain are also at the precipice with birth rates around 1.6 – 1.7. We're holding at 2.0 for now ... but our future will be decided on how well we follow God's command and embrace life.

Thank you for being People of Life ... and welcoming however many children God wants to bless you with!

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: Monday, November 16, 6pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

General Council: Wednesday, December 2, 6:30pm

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:

Every second Sunday each month after Mass

Our Sodality email address is:

sthenryladies@hotmail.com



Right to Life

“Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim.” Archbishop Charles Kaput

Campus Ministry Retreat – Alabama Awakening II

Alabama Awakening II will be the weekend of **November 13-15** at the **Springville Retreat Center**.

Awakening retreats have been changing lives and challenging students to engage in their faith at campuses all over the country.

At an Awakening, students grow closer to Christ, closer to His Church, and develop deep bonds of friendship. If you are a college student, you need to experience this retreat. If you are the parent of a college student, you need to let them know about this retreat. For more information, or to register, go to:

www.alabamaawakening.org. The cost is only \$45 for the entire weekend. Space is limited so sign up sooner rather than later.

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

Youth Mass is this **Sunday Nov 8**

Also after Youth Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton the Youth will have **lunch** and **then go see the movie "Woodlawn"!** Please rsvp to Andy and Laura so we can get a group discount on tickets. Family and friends are welcome to attend as well. More details next week once movie times are released. For more information contact Andy and Laura Hollis at 205-482-7414 or laurahollisot@gmail.com



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.

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

FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES

are now available on our website:

www.sthenrywarrior.org

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS (Captain = C)	ALTAR SERVERS
Sun. November 15	Bo Grant	Bo Grant Harold Gray Erin Grant Pat Stump	Tony Smith C Wendell Cox Kurt Keeney	Daniel Bambrery Caleb Gray Chase Jordan
Sun. November 22 Christ the King	Malcolm Fifer	Pat Townes Terri Rouse Dominick Viruleg Josh Stump	Tony Smith C Garvis Thrasher Paul Foti	Ben Baldwin Chase Jordan