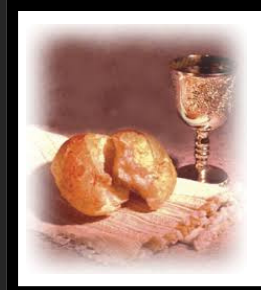


St. Henry Catholic Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015



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

Monday, August 17,	6:30 AM:	B.J. Schmale LIV by Ken and Joyce Friedrich
Tuesday, August 18,	6:30 AM:	Serena Porter LIV by Ken and Joyce Friedrich
Wednesday, August 19,	6:30 AM:	
Thursday, August 20,	6:30 AM:	
Friday, August 21,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, August 22,	5:00 PM:	In honor of Lawrence Johnson's birthday by Paulette Johnson
St. Henry Sunday, August 23,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, August 23,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)

RCIA BEGINS! Tuesday evening September 1st, 7pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall!

Come renew your faith and invite family and friends to come with you so they can hear for themselves the teachings and truths of the Catholic Church.

Join us for St. Henry Friday Night Nights

6:30pm on the second Friday of every month!

The Ladies Altar Sodality of St. Henry Parish

would like to invite the members of

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ladies Sodality

to be their guests for **Dinner and an Evening of Fun** and blending of both Parishes on **Wednesday night, August 26 at 6:30 at St. Henry Parish Hall.**

Please **RSVP** to **Carla Doss** if you can attend.

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, to be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 26 at 10 AM.**

Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship! The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and opportunities for homeschooling families to connect with others having similar interests.

For more information, please see the webpage:

<https://birminghamcatholichomeschoolers.wordpress.com/>

Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of myself and my sons, Parker and Jami, I would like to say thank you for the many kind words, thoughts and prayers given for the recent passing of my husband, Tommy. The Parish Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we held the beautiful visitation was perfect and we are deeply grateful for Father allowing its use.

Thank you, Donnie Cantrell and family

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- Please join us in the parish hall for free coffee and doughnuts after Mass every Sunday!
- Come do your shopping at our **Gift Shop** located in the vestibule.

## “From the Pastor’s Desk”

Jesus made the following statement in John’s Gospel ...

*“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you!”*

Was He speaking literally or figuratively?

We **Catholics** take His words literally ... while our **Protestant** brothers and sisters take His words figuratively. Who’s right?

That’s the question that Presbyterian Pastor, **Marcus Grodi**, avoided for a long time and then wrestled with for many years.

Like many others, Marcus thought it really didn’t matter what denomination you were in as long as you had Jesus.

He thought the Lord’s Supper was special as a memorial of what Christ had done on the Cross, but he didn’t believe the bread and wine were His true body and blood. Marcus admits:

*“I never once preached on (the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John) because I wasn’t sure whether Jesus meant it symbolically or literally.”*

Well, with the grace of God, Marcus came to see that Jesus said what He meant and meant what he said in declaring:

*“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you!”*

Wanting to have life in Christ now and in eternity, Marcus and his wife were received into the Catholic Church in 1992!

Now they could eat the Flesh and drink the Blood of Jesus!

The very next year, Marcus launched the Coming Home Network which provided financial and emotional assistance to other Protestant Ministers seeking to come home to Rome.. Since then 1,300 ministers have come into the Catholic Church!

So what do you think? Is the Eucharist that you receive in Holy Communion really the Flesh and Blood of Jesus ... or is it just a symbol of our bond with the Lord?

Believing as he does now, Marcus finds it sobering to see so many Catholics receive the Eucharist flippantly without any awareness that they’re doing something very serious ... they’re having this most holy and intimate union with God ... who is both Gift and Giver!

Please take some steps to renew your awareness of the Miracle that takes place at every Mass ... and of the Mystery that we are privileged to participate in in Holy Communion. Pick up a copy of *“The Lamb’s Supper”* by Scott Hahn or another book or CD in our Gift Shop and reacquaint yourself with ... the truth of the **True Presence of Jesus** in the **Eucharist**.

Take to heart the conditional word *“unless”* that Jesus uses in John 6. In doing so, Jesus makes feeding on Him a necessity for Eternal Life! Tell all your family and friends about this; encourage them to do whatever is necessary to come to the Table of the Lord in the Catholic Church.

For whoever eats this Bread will live forever!

Love, Father Deering

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## Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Patsy Clark      Johanna Chryssoverges      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:** September 28, 6pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

**General Council:** Wednesday, September 2, 6:30pm

**LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:**

Every second Sunday each month after Mass

Our Sodality email address is:

[sthenryladies@hotmail.com](mailto:sthenryladies@hotmail.com)



## Right to Life

*Every single person is sacred to God whether they are an embryo, fetus, infant, toddler, teen, adult or senior citizen. Abortion is a mortal sin because it kills a human person.*

## Confraternity of Christian Mothers

**To Host Catholic Speaker, TV and Radio Host**

**Gary Zimak on Aug.19 Topic—Marian Consecration**

On August 19, at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Confraternity Of Christian Mothers will host Gary Zimak to speak after the 6 PM Hour of Adoration and 7 PM Mass. All are welcome and there is no charge. For more information contact Janice Nelson @ 999-1141.

## Attention Parish Organizations & Committees

All events to be included in our **monthly Parish Calendar** must be turned in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

Also all announcements to be included in our

**weekly Bulletin** must be in the office by Wednesday at 12 Noon.

By email: [seascc@yahoo.com](mailto:seascc@yahoo.com) or calling: **631-9398**.

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



## SAVE THE DATE!

Come serve as an **"Angel in the Outfield"**

at **Gardendale's Miracle League**

**Thursday September 10!**

Meet at church to ride the vans at 5:20pm or meet at the field at 5:40pm. If you ride the vans, you must have a travel form completed.

For more information, contact Andy and Laura Hollis at 205-482-7414 or [laurahollisot@gmail.com](mailto:laurahollisot@gmail.com).



## Birmingham

**Catechist Conference**

PSR Teachers

mark your calendars for

**August 29,**

**9am —2:30pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Paul.**

Please contact the

Parish Office, 631-9398:

- When changing your address or phone number, moving in or out of the Parish or any other important information (either by email: [seascc@yahoo.com](mailto:seascc@yahoo.com), mail, phone or dropping a notice in the collection basket).

## Father Deering’s Sunday Homilies

are now available on our website:

[www.sthenrywarrior.org](http://www.sthenrywarrior.org)

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

| DATE           | LECTOR       | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION                 | USHERS (Captain = C)                       | ALTAR SERVERS                                 |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sun. August 23 | David Shaner | Pat Townes<br>Josh Stump<br>Dominick Viruleg<br>Pat Stump | Tony Smith C<br>Duane Holy<br>Paul Foti    | Joseph Holy<br>Daniel Bamberry                |
| Sun August 30  | Mike Jolly   | Josh Stump<br>Bo Grant<br>Harold Gray<br>Erin Grant       | Tony Smith C<br>Wendell Cox<br>Kurt Keeney | Caleb Gray<br>Chase Jordan<br>Daniel Bamberry |