

St. Henry Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015



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

Monday, Dec. 14,	6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by Donald and Mary Ann Hand
Tuesday, Dec. 15,	6:30 AM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
Wednesday, Dec. 16,	6:00 PM:	In honor of Penny Vaughn's birthday by Dc. Tim Vaughn
Thursday, Dec. 17,	6:30 AM:	Patrick Vaughn RIP by Dc. Tim and Penny Vaughn
Friday, Dec. 18,	6:30 AM:	
Saturday, Dec. 19,	5:00 PM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by the Oldfield and Harris Families
St. Henry Sunday, Dec. 20,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Dec. 20,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matthew 2:10



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!
This week's topic: Papal Authority

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



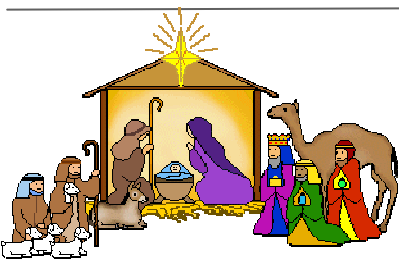
Christmas Flower Envelopes are in the pews if you would like to make a donation to help with decorating our Church this Christmas!

CONFESSIONS – Two Priests will be available both evenings Tuesday & Wednesday, December 22 & 23—5pm til

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 - 4:00pm & 8:00pm
Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
St Henry: 8:30am — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 11am

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!



Please plan on bringing your favorite nativity to our Hall next Sunday, It will be displayed on the long table during coffee and doughnuts. You can take your nativity set home after the social hour. Thank you for sharing!



From the Pastor's Desk

We assembled our outdoor Christmas manger scene this week but there's no Baby Jesus in the crib! That's because it's not Christmas yet and we're still waiting for Him to arrive. Yes, hopefully you're taking time with your family each day to light the candles on your Advent wreath and get ready to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus into our world.

What you're doing is truly counter-cultural! While the world is saying "Go"! All of us are saying "Whoa"! Yeah, Whoa ... slow down! Think of what you're doing and why you're doing it! Much of the shopping and baking and decorating that's going on these days is a fleeting attempt by many people to take part in a generic Holiday Season.

But the real reason for this Season is to give special commemoration to one of the greatest events in the history of the whole world ... God coming to be with His people!

That's what happened in the Manger in Bethlehem 2015 years ago ... the Creator came to be with His Creatures! So profound was that event to the inhabitants of this world that we now mark all time based on Jesus' Birth!

With Time before referred to as "BC" or "Before Christ" ... and Time after referred to as "AD" or "Anno Domini" (which is Latin for ... the Year of the Lord).

So the year 2015 now ending marks 2015 years from the Birthday of Jesus.

Most of the world doesn't know Him ... but we do! And I can't imagine not celebrating Jesus' birthday in His Father's House ... and yet many Protestant Churches will not gather for praise and worship on December 24th/25th!

But we will! And we'll celebrate ... not only on that day ... but for another 16 days after Christmas ... all the way to the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th.

In the meantime, we're still 12 days away from Christmas ... so let's continue to prepare our hearts for His Birthday and for the day when we'll get to meet Him in Eternity.

The most excellent method of preparation would be for you & your family to go to the Sacrament of Confession, so that your sins will be forgiven and your hearts will be healed.

The Sacrament of Confession will be offered next week on both Tuesday (Dec. 22nd) and Wednesday (Dec. 23rd) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church beginning at 5 PM. Both Fr. Jim Booth and myself will be hearing confessions.

Our Crib is ready ... so let's make our hearts ready too ... to receive Baby Jesus and feel the warmth of His embrace.

May this be your best Christmas ever!
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
Since the 1973 Supreme Court abortion decision, over 55 million babies have been killed before they were born... these were innocent human beings made in the image and likeness of God.

Our Knights of Columbus are asking your help in providing 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.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 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



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.

THIS ADVENT

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always, and especially this Advent.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	USHERS (Captain = C)	ALTAR SERVERS
Sun. December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dennis Deering	Dennis Deering Dominick Viruleg Kathy Gray Terri Rouse	Tony Smith C Garvis Thrasher Wendell Cox	Chase Jordan Ben Baldwin
Christmas, Friday, December 25, 2015 To be announced				
Sun. December 27 Holy Family	David Shaner	Pat Townes Josh Stump Dominick Viruleg Pat Stump	Tony Smith C Duane Holy Paul Foti	Joseph Holy Daniel Bambrery