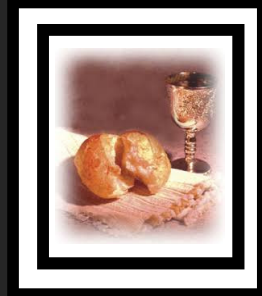


St. Henry Catholic Church


First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016



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

Monday, Feb. 15,	6:30 AM:	Walter Shapielak RIP by Paul and Dianne Young
Monday, Feb. 15,	11:00 AM	(XYZ Mass in SEAS Parish Hall) Mary Tortorici RIP by Serena Porter
Tuesday, Feb. 16,	6:30 AM:	Paul Maniscalco RIP by Fr. Deering and the Parish Family
Wednesday, Feb. 17,	6:30 AM:	Johnny, Susan and Sidney Bajjalieh LIV
St. Henry Wednesday, Feb 17,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St. Henry)
Thursday, Feb. 18,	6:30 AM:	Joe Vizzinia RIP by Josephine Vizzinia, Rose Marie and Noah Garst
Friday, Feb. 19,	6:00 AM:	
Friday, Feb. 19,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
Saturday, Feb. 20,	5:00 PM:	Paul Maniscalco RIP by Lawrence and Paulette Johnson
St. Henry Sunday, Feb. 21,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
Sunday, Feb. 21,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish


 Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers! (RCIA)
Join us and invite your family and friends to come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall and learn about our faith.
This week's topic:
Penance, Anointing, Marriage and Holy Orders

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

XYZ Mass, Luncheon and Games will take place at **11am on Monday, February 15** in **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall**. Everyone is invited especially those 50 plus!!



 **Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction**
Sunday, February 28
after 8:30am Mass
Casseroles, Eggs,
Breakfast Cakes, Danishes.... YUM!
We will accept your Love Offerings.

Mark your calendars for our
St. Joseph's Altar on March 13th!

PASSION OF CHRIST
Film will be shown in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall
March 11, 6pm Everyone is Welcome!


March for Life
YOUTH MARCH
WITH ST. BERNARD YOUTH
IN FRONT OF THE MINI STORAGE IN FULTONDALE
MARCH 16, 2016

"From the Pastor's Desk"

Six years ago, we had our first **Parish Adult Retreat** up in Cullman. Fr. Mitch Pacwa was our Retreat Master for the weekend and the theme that we chose for retreat that year was:

"Growing in Holiness"

Two weeks ago we held our 6th Annual Parish Adult Retreat that some 70 parishioners attended. Fr. Leonard Mary, who like Fr. Mitch Pacwa also serves at EWTN, was our Retreat Master and the theme that we chose for retreat this year was:

"Growing in Holiness"

How about that? We had the same theme this year as we did the first year. And you know what? We've had the same theme for each of the 4 years in between!

"Growing in Holiness"

You see, this is the foundational goal of our lives ... it's the unchanging will and commission of God ... that we grow in our imitation and reflection of Him ... who is all Holy.

Fr. Leonard left us with many gems of inspiration and nuggets of wisdom to aid us on our journey. Here are a few:

In 1999, **Mother Angelica** responded to a woman complaining of loneliness by suggesting,

"If you're alone ... you're alone with God."

Think of what that means ... it means that you're never alone ... so rest in the nearness of God and enjoy His company!

St. Paul says, *"Nothing can separate us from the love of God."* This is why growing in holiness is so important ... that we choose God's love every day over the allures of the world.

Fr. suggested, *"The greatest wound of Jesus is our pain, the pain we bring ourselves when we choose not Him but sin."*

Jesus said, *"I came that you would have life and have it to the full."* How sad for us and Jesus when we choose something other than Him ... who is Life.

Fr. suggested, *"The reason growing in holiness becomes more difficult as we go is because ... as we get closer to God, we get to take off the blinders regarding our true holiness."*

This can be very humbling for sure ... even intimidating ... but it's the necessary way of transforming our souls to be like Him ...and therefore ready to be in union with Him in Heaven.

Fr. suggested, *"God is stretching us ... so He can fill us more completely with His love."* Wow! What a new and holy way to look at the times when we feel stretched to our limit ... that God is simply shaping us to hold more of His love!

Please take these insights with you to prayer during these days of Lent. They're seeds for great meditation that will enable you to make great progress in God's universal call of:

"Growing in Holiness"

Have a Holy Lent. Love, Father Deering

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Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Patsy Clark Mary Jo Sparks Mike O'Laire

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: This Monday, February 15, 6pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
General Council: Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY:
Every second Sunday each month after Mass
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.

Natural Family Planning Class takes place on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7 pm** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall (upstairs)** in Gardendale. Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve a pregnancy...the Art of Natural Family Planning® is based on an awareness of a woman's fertility. It's medically safe, 99% effective in postponing pregnancy, very low cost, often has a positive effect on the couple's marriage, and is morally acceptable according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For additional information contact Harold or Kathy Gray at 205-999-6439, or e-mail kagray222@hotmail.com. Registration is online at www.ccli.org.

St. Barnabas Catholic Church will host a **Senior Adult Luncheon on Thursday, February 18**. Mass is at noon in the church, followed by lunch, bingo, and prizes in the Activity Building. The cost is \$5.00. The church is located at 1921 First Avenue North.

FATHER DEERING'S SUNDAY HOMILIES are now available on our website:
www.sthenrywarrior.org

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

PSR Teachers/Parents please note: If your child/children will receive any sacrament, you must be a registered member of our Parish and your child must be attending our Parish School of Religion (PSR) or Catholic School. Baptismal certificates are required for any child receiving **First Holy Communion or Confirmation** if the child was baptized anywhere other than St. Henry or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please call the Church office for questions.

Mark your calendars for the **5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Retreat** at WorldSong Retreat Center on **April 15-17, 2016!** We are also looking for responsible older teens 8th grade and up to serve as youth leaders and brave adult chaperones to serve as cooks/cleaners/picture takers/errand runners, etc.!!! Please let Andy and Laura know if you have any questions or would like to RSVP to attend or assist with the retreat in any manner!
Questions? Laurahollisot@gmail.com or 205-482-7414.

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST All Catholic students grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 are invited to participate in the **2016 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of "The Importance of Religious Freedom": 1st place winners for each grade will receive a check for \$100 and have their essay forwarded to compete on the national level. The deadline is Feb 29. Each student may compete in only one council. For entry forms and rules go to olsyouth.com/koc-essay-contest or contact Ferris Stephens, (205) 822-1080.



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. February 21	Dennis Deering	Dennis Deering Dominick Viruleg Kathy Gray Terri Rouse	Tony Smith C Garvis Thrasher Wendell Cox	Chase Jordan Ben Baldwin Joseph Holy
Sun. February 28	David Shaner	Bo Grant Josh Stump Dominick Viruleg Pat Stump	Tony Smith C Duane Holy Paul Foti	Joseph Holy Daniel Bamberry Caleb Gray