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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 6, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. (Matthew 17:5c)*

Fr Irwin will be out of Town August 2 - 10: In Case of Emergency: please call the church office or call or text Deacon Dave 334-806-6700.

Changes in the Schedule August 7- 10: Holy Mass will be offered Wednesday (Aug 9) at 5:15 pm and Friday, August 11th at 6:30 am only. Adoration will go on as usual on Wednesday.

CCD, Religious Education, will begin September 10th: We have decided to begin later than normal.

Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of Mary into Heaven: Holy Mass will be offered Tuesday, August 15th at 12:15 pm & 6:00 pm. Please make sure that you come and join us.

Special Collection This Week for the Church in Latin America: Funds from this collection support the church in the Caribbean and in Latin America. In many instances, collected funds provide the only resources individual parishes have to sustain the faith of their parishioners.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, August 6

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am

Tuesday, August 8

No Holy Mass Tuesday

Wednesday, August 9

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, August 10

No Holy Mass Thursday

Friday, August 11

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, August 12

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, August 13

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Troy Student Welcome Luncheon - following Holy Mass

Bible Study in Spanish - Call for time & place

The Mosaics behind the Tabernacle: were executed by Anne Christensen and Carolynne Estis as a GIFT to the Church. They took around 700 hours between them to make with Anne taking the lead and doing the bulk of the work and Carolynne assisting A LOT. St. Martin will never be the same. The inspiration for the new mosaic came from the stained glass window in the back of our old church downtown.

We Need Your Help With the Welcome Luncheon Next Sunday: The parish always does a great job of welcoming our new Troy students and their families each year. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall to bring a side dish or a dessert for the luncheon and contact Adriana in the church office (call or email) if you would like to offer further help. The luncheon will be following Holy Mass next Sunday. We could really use your help. Thank you very much.

One Faith, One Family Conference August 18-19 Daphne, AL: Tickets are now on sale for the One Faith One Family conference. This is a conference for everyone in the Archdiocese. Check out mobarchconferences.org or speak with Adriana in the parish office for more information. The conference is August 18-19 at the Daphne Civic Center and tickets are only \$75 for a family or \$45 for individual tickets, which includes supper on Friday evening (please ask Fr. Irwin about a scholarship to go for free). There is a \$5 discount for early bird registrations. Friday night will feature a cooking demonstration by Fr. Leo Patalinghug, who defeated Bobby Flay in a cook off, and the evening will conclude with adoration. Saturday will include a full day of conference activities, including a parallel program for elementary and middle school children. The day will conclude with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Archbishop Rodi. Like us on Facebook “Archdiocese of Mobile Conference Series”.

Parents, Parishioners and CCD Teachers: Come and learn about a great program called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) that we are beginning this fall for our young children (up to age 7). Incorporating the Montessori (hands-on) method of learning, the CGS "atrium" or classroom, provides children with a reflective, highly interactive environment through which they deepen their relationship with Christ. Please come to our meeting Sunday, August 20th after Holy Mass and learn all about it. We could use your help in making this a reality. For example, CGS draws upon many different kinds of materials, and we are still in need of shoppers, organizers, and decorators to help the atrium come together.

Prayer for Peace Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Brian Britt, Sharon Listul, and Ellen Blum. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

• **Movie:** The 13th Day. In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts.

• **Documentary:** Finding Fatima. With high production values and a beautiful look, artists and filmmakers Ian and Dominic Higgins present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world.

• **Children's Programming:** "The Day the Sun Danced". Three children named Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta experienced a great miracle. While herding a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother visited them, not once, but many times, telling the children great and wondrous secrets that would affect all of creation.

• Opening the Word gives content and reflections on the Sunday readings

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• Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – August 12, 2017

Greeters: Volunteers

Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Anna Gooden

Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski

Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran,

Dianne Leveque

Altar Servers:

Sunday – August 13, 2017 (Troy Student Welcome)

Greeters: Troy Students

Lectors: Troy Students

Ushers: Troy Students

Gift Bearers: Troy Students

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Pat Block, Randy Leutzinger, Barbara Patterson

Altar Servers: Mario Robledo, Eduardo Martinez, Lisbeth Martinez

What the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven Means:

For centuries Christians have believed that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven. If you think about it, we Catholics know where the earthly remains of thousands of saints lie – saints like: St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Benedict, his sister, St. Scholastica, St. Francis and St. Clare. But our Catholic tradition makes no claim of knowing the location of the remains of the Blessed Mother (or of Jesus for that matter). And so, in 1950, having heard from Catholics all over the world and sensing their belief in this event, Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed Mary's assumption as a dogma, or an absolutely certain teaching, of the Church.

What is a Dogma (Doctrine) of the Faith: A dogma is an infallible teaching which has been revealed by Christ and which the Church defines. Dogmas are truths contained in Scripture or truths which have a necessary connection with the truths contained in Scripture. The Church can only exercise this authority because it has been given the power to do so by Christ, who also promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide his followers into all truth. The Christian faithful are obliged to believe in the dogmas of our faith. Examples of other dogmas are: 1) God is one and yet is a trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and 2) that Jesus Christ is both truly and fully God and truly and fully man. See the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph numbers 88 – 90.

Note on Holy Days of Obligation: There are only 5 holy days of obligation during the year. Besides keeping holy the Sabbath Day (Sunday) by going to Mass, the Church also asks us (obliges us) to celebrate 5 special feast days during the year: Jan. 1, Feast of Mary the Mother of God; Aug. 15, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven; Nov. 1st, All Saints Day; Dec. 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary; and Dec. 25th, Christmas. These are holy days of obligation because they are such important feast days. Giving roughly 57 hours of the year to the Lord of the whole universe is not too much to ask. If one misses Sunday Mass or a Holy Day without a sufficiently grave reason, the Sacrament of Reconciliation must ordinarily be received before receiving Holy Communion again.

August 6th, Transfiguration of the Lord Feast: Before Jesus suffered and died, he let three of his apostles see him radiant with glory. He did this to make their belief in him stronger. Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up Mount Tabor which stands in the middle of Galilee. When they were alone, suddenly the Lord's face began to shine bright like the sun. His robes became white as snow. The apostles were speechless. As they watched two famous prophets who had died centuries before, Elijah and Moses, appeared. They were talking with Jesus. "Lord," said St. Peter, "it is good for us to be here. If you wish, we could set up three tents here - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Peter really did not know what he was saying, because he was trembling with wonder and fear. As he was talking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. From the cloud they heard the voice of God the Father, saying, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

Tithing Report **July 16, 2017**

Regular - \$1,327.00

Total - \$1,327.00

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$96,039.00

Percent of Total Pledged - 90%