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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 5, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: I am the lights of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. John 8:12

For the months of January & February we will be visiting the elderly: If you know of an elderly person that may like a visit and help around the house please contact Fr. Irwin or Jeffrey Blair at home [REDACTED] (no calls after 7pm please), cell [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Missa en Espanol - 5 de febrero al medio dia aqui.
Holy Mass in Spanish - Feb. 5 at noon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, February 5

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Missa en Espanol - 5 de febrero al medio dia aqui.
Holy Mass in Spanish - Feb. 5 at noon.
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm

Monday, February 6

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, February 7

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, February 10

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Catholic Charities Appeal

This year's theme is: *"Be the Light of Christ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."* Matthew 5:16

What is it? Catholic Charities is the Annual Archdiocesan appeal that funds more than 30 agencies and programs for the poor and needy, children, teens and adults.

What are some of these programs & agencies? One program is our own campus ministry here at Troy University. We would not be able to have our Newman Center, four FOCUS missionaries, nor offer the students the opportunities to learn and do spiritual activities without the substantial help that Catholic Charities provides. In addition, two of our agencies are the Catholic Social Service offices in Dothan and Montgomery; they give direct aid to the poor. Other ministries include: Youth Ministry, Crisis Pregnancy ministries, outreach to the disabled and elderly, Prison Ministry, and Hispanic Ministry.

How much should I give? The basic pledge is \$45 per month. Many people can and do give more; others give less, all according to their ability. The money goes toward helping those who are materially less fortunate as well as to help spread the good news of God's love. Jana Rogers will serve as our appeal chairperson again this year; Jana may be calling you to give you an opportunity to donate. Thank you Jana!

Please sign up for our Annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Party:

Plan on bringing the whole family Tuesday, February 28 for some great food and fun. Please sign up on the bulletin board and let us know how many people are coming. Please bring a side or a dessert.

Blessing of the sick February 12 after Holy Mass: February 11th is the anniversary of the apparitions of Mary in Lourdes, France. Briefly, Lourdes is a small city where Mary appeared to a young girl named Bernadette and asked her to dig into the ground where she would find a spring of water. She did as Mary asked and sure enough a miraculous spring was revealed. People came from all over to ask for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and to seek healing. Incredible miracles have occurred in Lourdes through Mary's motherly intercession, but most importantly, people have turned their lives over to God. We will take the opportunity Feb 12th, being a Sunday close to Feb 11th, to bless those who are sick, be they Catholic or not. Anyone can receive the blessing. One with a serious illness who desires to receive the anointing of the sick should contact Fr. Irwin separately; the sacrament will not be given on this day.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



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

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Movie: "Don Bosco". Don Bosco was a priest who spent his life working with boys from troubled homes. To attract them he would do acrobatic stunts and challenge them to races etc.

Teachings: "A Catholic Moral Vision"; this is a part of the series Symbolon: the Catholic Faith Explained. Catholic morality isn't all about rules and regulations. It is about being a person of virtue.

Children's Movie: "Ben Hur: A Race to Glory"

- Use FORMED.ORG on your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

Check out the Catholic Charities Video: it is excellent. It is posted on our website as well as the Archdiocesan website.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – February 11, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Maria Bernardo, Anna Gooden
Ushers: Jeffrey and Rick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Barbara Staskowski, Diane Leveque
Altar Servers:

Sunday – February 12, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner
Lectors: Cathy Brunson, Mike Orlofsky
Ushers: Barry Smolcic, Jeffrey Blair
Gift Bearers: The Chris Huner Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Stacy Graning, Chris Huner
Altar Servers: Isabel Robledo, Mario Robledo, Dominic Estes

Auction/Raffle of our Old Christmas Trees: The pastoral council decided that our old Christmas trees would be raffled off to two people. However, all those who want to enter the raffle must be willing to donate \$150 if their names are drawn. The raffle will take place at our Mardi Gras party (you do not have to be present to win). The trees were purchased for \$1,000 each around 6 years ago. As of last year, they worked beautifully. As far as anyone can remember, they are about 10 feet tall and about 4 to 5 feet wide. They come with the lights already on them. Please fill out a red entry form, fold it and place it in the baskets near the church doors if you would like to enter the raffle and you are willing to donate \$150 if your name is drawn.

Thank You Lunch for the Parish Sunday, Feb. 19th following Holy Mass: We rely on funds from the Catholic Charities Appeal to support our ministry to college students. And so, as a thank you to the parish for supporting Catholic Charities, our college students would like to host the parish for a delicious lunch. Please make plans to attend; you only have to bring yourself!

Would You Like the Bulletin Emailed to You? Then simply send an email to stmartintroyalabama@gmail.com. Please put "Email me the bulletin" in the subject line, and we will get it to you hot off the press!

Catholic Charities Appeal Update: Thanks for the good response to the appeal. As a parish, 36 families have pledged around \$18,779. Our goal is 65 pledges for \$31,000!

The Financial Statements should be out This Week Sometime: Thank you for your patience.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February



Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

"All that is within us, all that is without, is filled with God, with His love. The Blessed Sacrament is a fruit of Jesus' love. Jesus' entire life and ministry is the Love of His Sacred Heart." ~St. Maximilian Kolbe