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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 15, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:14a, 12a

Monday, January 23 a day of Penance: January 22nd is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. In all the dioceses of the United States, our bishops have asked that this day be observed as a particular day of penance for violations against the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion; they ask as well that this day be one of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. We ask parishioners to offer special prayers and do penance for that intention. Please note that the day of penance is observed on Monday, Jan. 23rd since Jan. 22 falls on a Sunday.

No Holy Mass at Sorrell Chapel until Jan. 22nd: due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 22

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25th. The theme for this year is "Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us." (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#) . . . , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). Let us continue to pray for greater unity among Christians.

Let's get our Kids to CCD on Sunday Mornings: Dear parents, with the year of religious education more than half over, please renew your resolve to have your children here each Sunday and on time: 8:30 am. Our parents, students, & parishioners who have volunteered to serve as catechists for this year are working hard to help you pass on the faith to your kids. Let's honor their efforts and dedication!

Catholic Charities Appeal Begins Next Weekend: The Appeal funds all the programs for the poor, children, teens, the elderly, & our own ministry to college students at Troy University. The basic pledge is \$42 per month. Many give more; some give less: we are just asked to give according to our means. When we give out of generosity and love, God uses our sacrificial gifts to truly bless others.

The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life: takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

Fr. Irwin will be out of Town on a Personal Retreat from Jan. 23-28: Holy Mass will only be offered Monday, Jan. 23rd at 6:30 am.

We welcome more Adorers: As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we recall the 3 wise men who came to do the new born King homage and offer him gifts, please consider signing up for a time slot for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which is offered on Wednesdays from 9 am – 8 pm. It would be great if we had a few people per hour; that way, if someone will be out of town, there would be others to cover for that person. **We can also use substitutes.** One of the greatest gifts we can give God is our time. Our dear Lord is just waiting on us to come and spend some time with him. For more info please contact Barbara Patterson [REDACTED].

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to jdblairsr@yahoo.com 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

Audio:

“Prepare the Way of the King” Dr. Scott Hahn
“The True Meaning of Christmas” Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Movies & Documentaries:

"Bakita From Slave to Saint"
“Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message”

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

Attention Ladies of the Parish: The Dothan Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) will hold its quarterly meeting and luncheon on January 26th in Andalusia at Christ the King. The day begins at 9; there will be a business meeting at 9:30 am, followed by the rosary, Mass, lunch, and speaker. Please let Pat Shakespeare (334) 222-1382 know by January 19th if you can attend.

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – January 21, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Anna Gooden, Beth Ann Gibson
Ushers: Jeffrey and Rick Messick
Gift Bearers: The Messick Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran, Barbara Staskowski
Altar Servers:

Sunday – January 22, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner
Lectors: Stacy Graning, Marco Torres, Jr.
Ushers: Jeffrey Blair, Herb Huner
Gift Bearers: The Chris Huner Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Cathy Brunson, Barry Smolcic
Altar Servers: Eduardo Martinez, Lisbeth Martinez, Mario Robledo

Thank You Catholic Extension Society: As we begin to make use of the new calendars provided by the Catholic Extension Society, it is appropriate for us to pray for God’s blessing upon the Society since they gave us almost \$51,000 (about 8% of the total cost) to build our church back in the 1970’s. (It is good for us to recall as well that we received sacrificial donations from St. Bernard in Alpena, Michigan and from a number of individuals and groups; we also received a loan of \$49,400 from the Archdiocese of Mobile.)

Catholic Charities: Thank you all for the wonderful response we had to the Catholic Charities appeal we had last January. As we approach the end of the year in terms of the Catholic Charities appeal, please make sure that you make good on your pledge. Thank you very much.

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Retreat Opportunity: Women’s Retreat Coheirs to Eternal Life will be held January 27-29, 2017 presented by Fr. Anthony Mary Stelten, MFVA. For more information, please contact The Sister Servants of the Eternal Word, 3721 Belmont Road, Birmingham, AL 35210-3434. For more information visit the website at: www.sisterservants.org or call 205-956-6760.

Words of Encouragement for Parents: The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions for all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones." It adds: “Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children.” (CCC #2223).

- 1) <http://www.more4kids.info/549/best-parenting-websites/>
- 2) <http://www.realsimple.com/work-life/family/kids-parenting/best-parenting-websites-0000000008335/index.html>
- 3) <http://www.top100familysites.com/parenting-websites.html>
- 4) <http://www.parenting.com/article/4-websites-for-tween-girls-1000071995>

Tithing Report January 8, 2017

Regular - \$2,209.00

Total - \$2,209.00

Renovation Campaign

Pledges Received - \$91,049.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 86%