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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 29, 2017

Gospel Acclamation: Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Matthew 5:12a

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 334-566-1854 (no calls after 7pm please), cell 334-309-6218 or email jdblairsr@yahoo.com.

Missa en Espanol - 5 de febrero al medio dia aqui.

Holy Mass in Spanish - Feb. 5 at noon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 29

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

Monday, January 30

Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, January 31

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, February 1

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Thursday, February 2

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm

RCIA - 6:00 pm

Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, February 3

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, February 4

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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, March 1st for some great food and fun. Please sign up on the bulletin board and let us know how many people are coming by January 29th; we need a count so that we can order the shrimp. Please bring a side and 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 jdblairsr@yahoo.com to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is 626Y37 (the 'y' is capitalized). 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

Retreat Opportunity: Stewardship as a Way of Life will be held February 3-5, 2017 presented by Fr. David Zimmer and Dan Loughman. 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.

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January



Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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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 4, 2017

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

Sunday – February 5, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair
Lectors: Chris Huner, Kelsey Burgans
Ushers: Mike Kreis, Christopher Marco
Gift Bearers: The Hussey Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Stacy Graning, Donna Newell
Altar Servers: Joyce Gallie, Marie Gallie, Brady Huner

Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love. In return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrileges, and by the coldness and contempt they have for me in this Sacrament of love... I come into the heart I have given you in order that through your fervor you may atone for the offenses which I have received from lukewarm and slothful hearts that dishonor me in the Blessed Sacrament.
~Third apparition of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque