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*He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which
is for you; do this in
remembrance of Me..."*
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and
gave it to them. And their eyes were
opened and they recognized him..."*
Luke 24:30-31

DECEMBER 16, 2018 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OFFICE STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

Deacon.....Dennis Kobs - 256-232-1426
Deacon.....Chuck Butler - 256-497-6598
Deacon.....Greg Beam - 256-729-8521

Resources and Facilities Management Coordinator
.....Deacon Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Secretary.....Maria A. Taylor
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Monday.....8AM—1PM or by appointment
Tuesday—Friday.....9AM—2PM or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

Altar Server Ministry Lori Wilson
tolife5433@aol.com
Youth Ministry Rachel Bloemer—256-771-3994
Prison Ministry.....Deacon Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Dir. of Religious Education Ann Margaret Chapman
256-232-4191, Ext. 6

Knights of Columbus
2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall Youth Room
(Eddie Davidson, **Grand Knight**; 256-431-4828
www.kofc-athensalabama.org)
St. Paul Catholic Women
2nd Thursday, 9:00 am in The Parish Hall Youth Room
(Pam McCue; mccue50@gmail.com, 256-233-0831)
Hispanic Ministry.....Maria A. Taylor 256-874-6073

MASS TIMES

MASSES FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION WILL BE AT 9AM

Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday8:30 AM
Wednesday.....5:30 PM

ADORATION & CHAPEL HOURS

Join us any time for adoration during designated hours
Tuesday and Thursday.....9:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM
Friday.....9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian community of St. Paul, are committed to serving the Lord and His people through witnessing and stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and, rooted in the Word and Tradition, are focused on encountering Him in the Breaking of the Bread.



3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be held in the Chapel on Sundays after 8:30 Mass.

Baptism Preparation Class: Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months; call the parish office for an appointment 256-232-4191.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appt.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office before arrangements are made and we will assist.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 3rd week of Advent

- 8:30am ROSARY
- 9:00 am Holy Mass
- 4:30PM ROSARY
- 5:00pm Holy Mass - For Deacon Greg Beam

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass - In Memory of Charlie and Mary Nelson
- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Holy Mass
- 12:40pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 8:00am Rosary & Adoration
- 8:30am Holy Mass/Chapel - For the Souls of Purgatory Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 5:00pm Rosary
- 5:30pm Holy Mass/Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass/Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

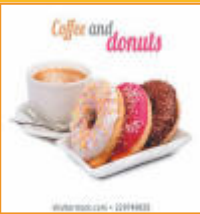
- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass /Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 4:30pm Rosary
- 5:00pm Holy Mass - For Deacon Church Butler

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 • 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass
- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Holy Mass
- 12:40pm Holy Mass (Spanish)



Coffee and Doughnuts will be served following the 8:30AM Mass. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN THE VESTIBULE. PLEASE TURN IN ENVELOPES ON/BEFORE DEC 23.



Agustin and Gloria Mendoza18 yrs....12/16
 John and Clara Ogle50 yrs... 12/21
 Nathan & Helene McCurry55 yrs ... 12/18

May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.

The Advent Candles are in honor of Charlie and Mary Nelson

CHRISTMAS MASS OPTIONS FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

- DEC 24 - 5:00 PM (CHILDREN'S MASS)
- Dec 25 - MIDNIGHT
- DEC 25 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (Spanish)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

11/25/2018	Weekly Collection	Weekly Budget
Regular	\$3,151.00	\$7,540.00
Building	\$3,151.00	\$3,846.00

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For all our parishioners , friends and family who are ill, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our

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| Mickey Akers (Butler) | Steve Smith |
| Edilberto Aliviado, Jr. | Jerry Stickney |
| Carol Bailey | Maryann Stickney |
| Dorothy Brannan | Mack Thompson |
| Jerry Brown | Louise Wales (Thompson) |
| Kenny Carwile | Dennis Wheelahan (Davis) |
| Jan Crosby (Pagani) | Jackie Adams |
| Tiffany Dabney (granddaughter of June | Isabel Bradford |
| William Gavora (Guenther) | Francisco Cepeda |
| Amelia Gutierrez | Pauline Garlen |
| Andrew Gutierrez | Brenda Gibbs |
| Wilma Koehler | Cheri Gurganus |
| Sandra Krieger (Frey) | Madeline Madlen |
| Kathy Landry (McLemore) | Christopher Nuessly |
| Dennis Lewis (Louis) | Emma Schexnayder |
| June Maplesden | Pete Stromquist |
| Marjorie McBride | Mack and Ann Thompson |
| Pam Reynolds (Gibbs) | Terri Tompkins |
| Mona Ridgeway (Davis) | Molly Valleroy |
| Noah Ritchey (Frey) | Colin and Terri Rankin |
| Adair McCook | |
| Julia Meyer (daughter of Bob and Pam Meyer) | |

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

This Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice because the Lord is near. Does your heart rejoice and sing, or are the pressures and burdens of life weighing you down? We can easily become overwhelmed. The weaknesses and sins of life, indeed our own weakness and sin, eat away at the joy and hope God wants us to know. Those who are grounded in their faith and possess deep spiritual lives know that God is near. Realizing this puts life into perspective. We really want to be free from our burdens but do not always know how to achieve this. We keep stumbling and falling. Advent is a time when we can learn to "do life differently," just like John the Baptist instructed the crowds. Joy and hope are the gifts God offers, not anxiety and despair.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

FOOD PANTRY



The **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of: cereal, grits, cake mixes, frosting

Thank you for all your continued support.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018

- SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 FRIDAY: ST. PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend between the Masses.

Cash & Checks Accepted



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Formation Program: Sundays 9:40-10:30
The Holy Family Parish Hall Classroom #1
Deacon Dennis Kobs (256) 232-1426

RCIA/INQUIRY CLASS

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
The Holy Family Parish Hall Youth Room
(Jim Reisz; 256-614-0038)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K—12)

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Religious Ed Bldg.
Parents pick up at 10:45 in Church Hall

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.
Parish Hall during school year
(For 8th Grade through 12th grade)

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm
in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Basket in Vestibule

Saint Paul Adult Formation Program Schedule

Dec 16: Summary

PRISON MINISTRY—INDIGENT PACKAGE PROGRAM

We are fast approaching that wonderful season of the year when many of our local churches, organizations and individuals rally together to express the “Gift of Giving” to help indigent inmates at Limestone Correctional Facility. This year, we estimate that we will be serving over 400 indigent men. Through your generosity they will experience the ministry of agape during the upcoming Christmas season. If there are any questions please contact Deacon Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

- Deodorant (ante-perspirant)
- Shampoo/body wash (clear bottles)
- Ramen noodle soups (in clear zip lock bags)
- Toothpaste
- Disposable razors
- Bars of soap
- Postage stamps
- Board games
- Instant oatmeal
- Cereal
- Candy bars
- Snack crackers

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES!

DECEMBER 16TH, 5:00PM CHRISTMAS POSADA

RETURN CHRISTMAS GIVING GIFTS BY DEC 16TH.

Eventos e Información Hispana

Ministerio Hispano

Para cualquier asunto comuníquese con la oficina, 256-232-4191 de 9:00am a 2:00pm o por correo electrónico a stpauloffice@gmail.com



Hay un árbol de donaciones y nuevas bolsas de comida en el vestíbulo, que brindan 2 formas en que pueden ayudar a otros en nuestra parroquia. Consulte el aviso en el portal para obtener más información. Le agradecemos su generosidad.

HORARIO DE MISAS

Rosario 1/2 antes de cada misa (NO en la misa en Español)
 Sabado—5:00 pm
 Domingo—8:30 y 11:15 am / Misa en Español 12:40 pm
 Martes, jueves y Viernes—8:30 am
 Miércoles—5:30pm

ADORACION Y HORAS DE LA CAPILLA

Unase a nosotros para Adoración durante las horas designadas:
 Martes, jueves y Viernes — 9:00 am a 2:00 pm
 Miércoles—9:00 am a 5:30 pm

RECONCILIACION (CONFESION):

Sábados— 4:00 a 4:45 pm o por cita

ACTIVIDADES ESPECIALES DE NAVIDAD!

Posada Navideña. - Hoy 16 de diciembre, 5:00 pm
 Misa en Español - 25 de Diciembre a las 11:00 am
 Vengan a celebrar el Nacimiento de Jesús!

MINISTERIO DE PRISIONES: PROGRAMA DE PAQUETES PARA INDIGENTES

Nos estamos acercando rápidamente a esa maravillosa temporada del año en que muchas de nuestras iglesias, organizaciones e individuos locales se unen para expresar el "Don de Donaciones" para ayudar a los reclusos indigentes en el Centro Correccional de Limestone. Este año, estimamos que serviremos a más de 400 hombres indigentes. A través de su generosidad, experimentarán el ministerio del ágape durante la próxima temporada navideña.

Lista de artículos:

Desodorante (ante-transpirante); champú / gel de baño (EN botellas transparentes); pasta dental; maquinillas de afeitar desechables; barras de jabón; sellos; juegos de mesa; avena instantánea; sopas de fideos ramen (en bolsas transparentes con cierre hermético); cereal; barras de caramelo; galletas de aperitivo. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con EL Diácono Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

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