

# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions			
	Monday, Mar 2,	6:30 AM:	In memory of Mary Tortorici on her birthday by Lilo & Michael Belton
	Tuesday, Mar 3,	6:30 AM:	Derek Melton RIP by Beau McMinn
	Wednesday, Mar 4,	6:30 AM:	Closing of Alabama Abortion Clinics by Father Deering
St. Henry	Wednesday, Mar 4,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St Henry)
	Thursday, Mar 5,	6:30 AM:	Caitlin Schrock RIP by Ed and Karen Moore
	Friday, Mar 6,	6:30 AM:	Theresa Wright LIV by Josh Pruitt
	Friday, Mar 6,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth Ann Seton)
	Saturday, Mar 7	8:00 AM:	(First Saturday Mass)
	Saturday, Mar 7	5:00 PM:	John Volner RIP by Josh Pruitt
St. Henry	Sunday, Mar 8,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Sunday, Mar 8,	11:00 AM:	For the people of the parish

## Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Meal

Please join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm this Friday, March 6th. Followed by a light Lenten meal at the Parish Hall.

Altar flowers are provided by donations from parishioners. You may donate flowers for our altar in memory, in honor or for a happy occasion. Two bouquets are used each week at: one for \$25. each or both for \$50.00. There are quite a few OPEN 2015 Dates.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Please call the Church office, 631-9398, if you are interested in serving on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Council.



## Eucharistic Adoration

will take place every **Tuesday** night from 5:30--6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

## RCIA - Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers!

Join us **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm**

in our Parish Hall! Come renew your faith and invite family members and friends to come with you so they can hear for themselves the teachings and truths of the Catholic Church.

This week's topic: **End of Life Issues:**

**Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide**

## MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

### COME and SEE

Do you have questions about your vocation?

Do you think God may be calling you to the priesthood?

The Office of Vocations is hosting a **Come and See Discernment Weekend for single men ages 18-35, the weekend of March 13-15<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman.** Contact the Office of Vocations to register.

[vocations@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@bhmdiocese.org) or (205) 838-2184

Dear Parish Family,

*I love sending cards to our sick and shut-ins "BUT" being on the other end of receiving is indeed amazing and awesome while I am recuperating from fractured ribs and pulled muscles. Also thanks to Donna Wallace and Dianne Young for bringing me communion and for Father Deering praying for me and to the Outreach Program for the goodies. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is so uplifting to be a part of such a good Catholic family. God is so good to me.*

~ Love you all — Bettie Doss

## "From the Pastor's Desk"

Last week I wrote about the importance of **the Family** and **how essential it is to preserve both God's design** for the Family and **all the love** that exists within Families.

And as we hold this as a pillar of our prayers and actions, we need to also pray and work to preserve the love and life that exists in the Parish Family!

**The Parish Family** is the union of many individual Families and God desires that it too be the place where love between the Families is expressed and preserved.

Taken together, the Parish Families around the world form the Worldwide Household of God, **the Catholic Family**.

So you can see how both our Society and the Church are dependent on the health and holiness of the individual Family.

And one of the best things we can do to preserve the unity and stability in all of our Families is to call upon **St. Joseph**, who was entrusted by the Father to care for The Holy Family.

Holy St. Joseph guided Jesus and Mary out of harm's way and was there to guide and protect them.

Because of this, we revere St. Joseph as the Patron Saint of Families ... and therefore we can do no better than call upon him regularly and often to help and protect our Families.

We do this in a special way each year on **His Feast Day**, which is **March 19<sup>th</sup>**. Now since that day falls on a Thursday, we'd like to celebrate on the Sunday before ... when all of us can be together as Parish Family.

And so **two weeks from now**, on **Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate around a **St. Joseph's Table** right after Mass in our Parish Hall.

Prior to that, Parishioners will decorate it with holy items and arrange all kinds of baked goods on it ... especially magnificent cakes and cookies and breads ... many of which will be made in religious shapes and symbols.

Then after Mass we will carry a large statue of St. Joseph in procession from the Church to the Parish Hall where I will bless all of the food and we can have a celebratory meal.

It's a wonderful way to honor Holy St. Joseph in his role as **Foster Father of Jesus ... Husband of Mary and Protector of the Church!**

Once again, our **Ladies Altar Sodality** will be hosting this gathering, and once again too, **Jim 'N Nick's Barbeque** will be providing us with their delicious Pork & Chicken sandwiches & Potato Salad & Baked Beans!

There's no need to bring anything and there's no cost for this **Parish Appreciation Luncheon**.

Please arrange your schedule and join us for lunch!

**Holy St Joseph ... Husband of Mary ... pray for us!**

Love, Father Deering

## Please pray for our Parish Family in Nursing Homes or Homebound.

Rose Parks  
Duane Leslie

Donald Sanders  
Judy Rogers

## YOU MAY ADD TO OUR LONG TERM CAREBOOK

located on the table at the side entry-way of the Church.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:** A list of our loved ones serving in the Military is posted on the bulletin board.

## PARISH MEETINGS

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** April 13, 5pm

**PARISH COUNCIL:** April 13, 6pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**General Council:** Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm

**LADIES ALTAR SODALITY**

**Meeting:** Monday, April 6, 6:00pm

**All ladies of the parish are invited!**



## Right to Life

*Abortion providers have admitted that when people are praying in front of the abortion mill, 30% of their appointments do not show up. Many women admitted that if someone was praying outside the day they had an abortion, they would never have aborted. Go and Pray!*

## 40 Days for Life—February 18—March 29, 2015

Begins with a Candlelight Prayer Vigil on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6:30pm at Planned Parenthood. Register at [40daysforlife.com/](http://40daysforlife.com/) Birmingham or call 305-0950. The 40 Days for Life campaign is based on: 1. Prayer and Fasting 2. Constant Vigil 3. Community outreach. Check out the website to see how you can be involved. **Constant Vigil:** Planned Parenthood, 1211 27th PL S, Birmingham 7 day / week 7am—5pm.

**Come, Witness for Life!**

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Birmingham is hosting a **Family Vocation Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2015** from 9:00am-3:00pm. We are celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life while focusing on "The Joy of the Gospel." It is a free event! The whole family is invited- children and youngsters to grandparents! Conference talks and activities will be given by various Religious Orders serving our diocese as well as Diocesan Priests! The day includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Family Lunch, the Rosary, Confessions, and a Question & Answer session. Registration information is available at [www.birminghamvocations.com](http://www.birminghamvocations.com), (205) 838-2184.

## CREED CAMP

It's time to prepare for Creed Camp—**Vacation Bible School** planned for **June 22—26!** The theme is I BELIEVE... We need Team Leaders for: Music, Arts and Crafts and "Inspired" Instruction.

**Our planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00pm in the SEAS Parish Hall!**

We will continue to meet every second Wednesday of the month through June 10. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time, talent and treasure with the future of our church-our youth! See sign up in the vestibule!

**Bring your CANS to SEAS! We recycle for Catholic Education!**

**THANK YOU!**

**GET YOUR CANS TO CHURCH!**

Bring empty aluminum drink cans to area behind Parish Hall, between storage sheds. We crush and recycle!

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### YOUTH RETREATS

**Confirmation Retreat**

**Friday February 27-Sunday March 1!**

The Confirmation Retreat is taking place this weekend. Please remember our young people, teachers and leaders in your prayers.

**5th, 6th 7th Grade Retreat:** March 20-22

Questions call Laura Hollis, 482-7414

### ST. BERNARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Boarding and Day School, Grades 7-12

**Sunday, March 8, 2015 from 2 until 4pm**

[www.stbernardprep.com](http://www.stbernardprep.com) Contact:

[admissions@stbernardprep.com](mailto:admissions@stbernardprep.com) or 256 255-5890

*Please keep our seminarian, Jim Handerhan, in your prayers and support him with your letters, cards or words of encouragement.*

**Jim Handerhan**

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## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	USHERS C: <i>Captain</i> ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. Mar 7 5 pm	Penny Vaughn	Dc Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Barbara McCray One additional needed	Skip Hall C Tom Townes Michael Belton One additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
Sun. Mar 8 11 am	Knights will serve	Knights will serve	Knights will serve <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Tyler Putnam Kevin Hand
Sat. Mar 14 5 pm	Deanne King	Deanne King Lilo Belton David Slovinsky One additional needed	Donald Hand C Jimmy Slovinsky Two additional needed <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Sam Pritchard
Sun. Mar 15 11 am	Youth will serve	Ree Latham Andy Hollis Laura Hollis Jim Jernigan Caroline Gerson	Dan L. Gardner C John Rogers Anthony Bishop Rod Cameron <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Ben Hand Ezra Bishop Duncan Hodges