

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - St. Henry Mass Schedule and Intentions



	Monday, Feb 23,	6:30 AM:	Susan Dearing RIP by Mary Jo Sparks
	Tuesday, Feb 24,	6:30 AM:	Tammy Smith LIV by Joshua Pruitt
	Wednesday, Feb 25,	6:30 AM:	Lillie Adkins LIV by Joshua Pruitt
St. Henry	Wednesday, Feb 25,	6:00 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St Henry)
	Thursday, Feb 26	6:30 AM:	Maria Le Thi Nguyen RIP by The Do Family
	Friday, Feb 27,	6:30 AM:	
	Friday, Feb 27,	5:30 PM:	(Stations of the Cross at St Elizabeth Ann Seton)
	Saturday, Feb 28	5:00 PM:	
St. Henry	Sunday, Mar 1,	8:30 AM:	For the people of the parish
	Sunday, Mar 1,	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 5:30pm this Friday, Feb 27th. 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: **Beginning of Life Issues:**

Contraception, In-vitro, Stem cells

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 13-15th at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman.

Contact the Office of Vocations to register.

vocations@bhmdiocese.org or (205) 838-2184

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"From the Pastor's Desk"

There's a word that we, "People of God" love to hear ... and the word is "**Family**" ... where the image that comes to mind is a Father and a Mother and their Children bound together in a union of love.

This is definitely God's desire for He designed us in His image and likeness and He Himself is Family ... He is Father and Son and Holy Spirit bound together in a union of love.

Now the Devil is opposed to all of this! He freely chose to turn away from God, and will be eternally separated from God, which means he will be eternally separated from love.

He's in total misery by his own free choice and if there's any solace for him it would be for us to join him in separation ... recall the saying: "*Misery loves company.*"

And so, in an ever increasing way, the Devil is attacking the Family to tear it down and destroy its bond of love.

How sneaky he is! Just think of how many families will never even come into existence because of the anti-family practices of **abortion** and **contraception** ... which prevent people from being born into Families where they would grow up and have Families of their own and on and on and on!

Well, in the last few years, the Devil has launched an additional assault on the Family by deforming the very definition of what it means to be Family.

And so, state by state, the people of this Country are being lulled into accepting, approving and blessing **homosexual unions** as Family.

This is a **grave distortion** of **God's design** and again if there could be any satisfaction in Hell, it would be that the Devil is being successful in fooling people to take a path in this life that will lead them to be with him.

In the very first chapter of the Bible, God clearly lays out **His design for the Human Family**. We read:

God created man in His image; in the Divine Image He created man; male and female He created them and blessed them saying be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it There's no way that two men or two women can be fertile and multiply ... which is what the devil wants ... because then fewer humans will be born to glorify God in this life and fewer souls will dwell with God in Heaven.

Don't be fooled by the rationalizations of our culture. This is **not** a **Civil Rights issue** as was the slavery issue years ago. This **is** a **Divine Law issue**, which has pleased God and sustained man for thousands of years.

Deforming **Marriage** is deforming **the Family** and it will result in the demise of any country that embraces it.

Please pray that all embrace **God's design for the Family!**

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, March 4, 6:30pm

LADIES ALTAR SODALITY

Meeting: Monday, March 2, 6:00pm

All ladies of the parish are invited!



Right to Life

Abortion is justified by claiming the killing of babies is "safe and legal." An abortionist clinic owner said, "I just go by what the courts say. I only do what's legal." There were the same justifications used by "doctors" who participated in the massacre of millions at Auschwitz. Evil doesn't change.

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/ 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!

CREED CAMP

It's time to prepare for Creed Camp—**Vacation Bible School** planned for June 15-19! 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!

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, (205) 838-2184.

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 is here...

Friday, February 27-Sunday, March 1!

All youth leaders, please arrive at the hall by 5 pm on Friday...Confirmandi please arrive no later than 5:15 at the hall to drop off your luggage and snacks...**we will all attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 5:30.** Following Stations of the Cross, return to the hall for dinner, icebreakers and departure for a great weekend retreat! Please remember to bring comfortable clothing, and extra layers in case of cold weather--we will be outside at times! And, above all, please bring an open mind and heart and willingness to **IGNITE** your faith! Questions? 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 Contact:

admissions@stbernardprep.com or 256 255-5890

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
DATE	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	USHERS C: Captain ALTAR SERVERS
Sat. Feb 28 5 pm	Donna Mealer	Donna Mealer Lilo Belton David Slovinsky One additional needed	Jimmy Slovinsky C Donald Hand Two additional needed ALTAR SERVERS Servers needed
Sun. Mar 1 11 am	Ken Friedrich	Ken Friedrich Kelly Doss Dan L. Gardner Vicky Gill Mary Margaret Rohling	Michael Wallace C Mike Brasher Allen Belrose Joel Busby ALTAR SERVERS Ben Hand Tyler Putnam Duncan Hodges
Sat. Mar 7 5 pm	Penny Vaughn	De Tim Vaughn Penny Vaughn Barbara McCray One additional needed	Skip Hall C Tom Townes Michael Belton One additional needed ALTAR SERVERS Sam Pritchard
Sun. Mar 8 11 am	Knights will serve	Knights will serve	Knights will serve ALTAR SERVERS Tyler Putnam Kevin Hand