

## Readings of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Numbers, 11,25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

### Second Reading: James 5,1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgement day.

### Gospel: Mark 9, 38-43. 45. 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.



*Serving God Through Serving Others*  
*Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice, I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."*

### Ministry Schedule— September 26 / 27 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Sep 26, 4:30 PM	Sep 27, 8:30 AM	Sep 27, 11:00 AM
<b>Server</b>	Hannah Marks - CB Nicholas Wozniak - Server2 Jake Herndon V - Server3	Courtney Zajic - CB Kendra Shaw - Server2 Hogan Edwards - Server3	Abby Hagelskamp - CB Maggie Hagelskamp - Server2 Mick Hagelskamp - Server3
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	Brenda Nola - HCup (1) Susan Martin - HCup (2) Edwina Carlisle - HHost (1) Jake Herndon - HHost (2) Debbie Blair - Cup Madeline Contorno - Cup Debbie Blair - Cup Rita Lauzon - Cup Paul Ferlitto - Host Elaine Giroux - Host Deacon Martin - Host	Michele Murphy - HCup (1) Grant Murphy - HCup (2) Maryanne Vetrano - HHost (1) Mary Anne Burdette - HHost (2) Loretta Benik - Cup Dawn Dixon - Cup Teresa Estep - Cup Jo Register - Cup Terri Carroll - Host Marilyn Swift - Host Deacon Whitaker - Host	B. J. Heard - HCup (1) Kathy Smith - HCup (2) Lynn Lanzi - HHost (1) Mark Vincent - HHost (2) Cindy Barth - Cup John Barth - Cup Maureen Cowan - Cup Mary Anna Raburn - Cup Carol Cahill - Host John Cowan - Host Deacon Martin - Host
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Blair Mike Carlisle Ray Giroux Chase Lauzon Sam Lorino Paul Nola	Bruce Benik John Carroll Donnie Estep Richard Fisher Jim Swift Leon Vetrano	John Antonio Brian Frei Sam Hodulich Dave Kendrick Roman Selig Marc Woodard
<b>Lector</b>	Bernice Henderson - Lec 1 Brian Wozniak - Lector2	Todd Edwards - Lector1 Paul Hoseman - Lector2	Antoinette Woodard - Lec 1 Carolyn Kendrick - Lector2
<b>Greeter</b>	Rita Lauzon - Greeter (1) Bernice Henderson- Gtr.2 Bill Henderson - Greeter 3)	Teresa Estep - Greeter 1 Tien Nguyen - Greeter (2) Victor Nguyen - Greeter )	Nat Ellis - Greeter (1) Patti Ellis - Greeter (2) Betty Rivers - Greeter (3)
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Brenda Nola	Grant & Michele Murphy	Lynn Lanzi

## ALL adult groups began meeting Sept. 13

### On-going Adult Study Groups

#### Sundays 9:45-10:45

Fall-More of Paul & His Messate - Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and Colossians—Facilitators: Peggy DeBlanc-Vogt & Robert Long. Conf. Room – Adm. Bldg.

Fall: Discussing the Book "Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI. -Facilitator: Bill Palmer; School Art Room Will review Chapt. 1-6 for first few wks. -621-1441

#### Sunday Evenings 7-8:30

Fall: Studying "The Gospel of John" - Facilitators: Sally & Mike Springrose—in Springrose home 991-8870

#### Monday Evenings 7-9 p.m.

Fall: Breaking Open the Sunday Readings—Facilitators: Bud & Diane Alessio—in the Alessio home 991-9423

#### Tuesday afternoons 1-2:30 p.m.

Fall: Paul: The Rest of the Story; Philippians & Philemon. Winter: Church History – the Early Years—Facilitator: Peggy DeBlanc-Vogt—Conf. Room – Adm. Bldg.

#### Tuesday nights 7-8:30pm

Sharing Paul's Letters (cont.) - Facilitators: Pat & David Otto—in the Otto home in Helena -620-5714 -

#### 7-9 p.m.

Theology on Tap; group will discuss the book "Rediscovering Catholicism; Facilitator: Sr. Madeline; Conf. Rm. Will meet every other week.

#### Wednesday – 5-6:45 p.m.

"Fresh Bread " Topic will be "The Roman Catholic Tradition of Prayer." Facilitator: Sr. Madeline; Conf. Rm.

### PILATES CLASS

OLV Pilates class will be changing the day and time starting in September. We are going to have 2 classes on Monday so you can pick the time that works best for you. The 1st one starts at 3:45 PM and then there is a 6:00 PM class. The cost will remain \$40 for the monthly fee and I ask that you contact me to register because space is limited. If you are interested or have any questions about the Pilates class, email or call me. No experience is necessary. I look forward to helping you reach your fitness goals.

### Wrapping Paper Sale at OLV School

Wrapping paper, note cards, etc. are available from Sally Foster online for OLV! Go to their website: [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com). Click "Support a Fundraiser" tab, then, "Give credit to School or Group", and type in OLV's account # : 297865 Orders will be shipped to your house and OLV will earn 50% of all sales!

### Vocation Views

Jesus made himself the servant of all. Am I willing to be a servant for Jesus' people?  
*Serra Club*

## Organizations and Leaders

Altar Servers	Deacon Bob Martin	663-9368
Altar Sodality	Michele Brewster	621-8365
Athletic Director	John Hobbs	879-3332
Baptismal Prep.	Jeannie Wozniak	995-9390
Beginning Experience	Kurt Hertrich	403-2900
Bereavement	Tutti Lauzon	991-9971
Burse Club	Sharon Thompson	995-8532
Children's Liturgy of the Word		
	Patricia Gissel (8:30 am)	981-9281
	Cecelia Miller (8:30 am)	688-2799
	Linda Ambrose (11 am.)	995-9299
	Melanie Norman (11 am)	981-1310
Divine Mercy Ministry	Kirk Sanford	678-2042
Event Coordinator	Cindy Huesman	527-0208
Finance Council Chair	Tim Dunleavy	995-1299
Facilities Task Force	B. J. Heard	991-6866
Facilities Co-Ord.	Mike Bridges	991-5963
Forty Hours Devotion	Dawn Ludwig	408-9227
Habitat For Humanity	Jim Christensen	621-2815
Hilltoppers-Senior' s Gp.	Tom Vogt	408-1948
Just Faith	John Crocker	995-0337
Knights of Columbus	Ed Langan	533-4251
Ladies Auxiliary K.C.	Theresa Cook	268-2603
Liturgical Ministers	Peggy DeBlanc	991-5488
Ministry to Shut-ins	Claudette Gentle	988-3158
Nursery (Sunday)	Laura Huesman	706-8880
Pastoral Council Pres	B.J. Heard	991-6866
Prayer Chain	Kirk Sanford	678-2042
Rosary Makers	Ellen Edmonds	991-7736
Oak Mountain Ministries	Wayne Naccari	995-9865
OLV School Advisory	Gina Hagelskamp	981-0126
OLV School PTO Pres.	Trish Hinshaw	991-2747
OLV Soccer Club	Todd & Ann Edwards	980-0964
Scouting: Cub Scouts	Bob Wombwell	437-9644
Boy Scouts	Bob Douglas	620-0443
Girl Scouts	Kay Stamba	368-3138
Stewardship Committee	Bob Grason	913-7674
Social Events	Sally Springrose	991-8870
Theology On Tap	Joe Pilleteri	585-1348
Welcome Committee	Mary Frances Cull	991-5022
Youth Ministry		
	W.I.N.G.S. (3,4,5,)	Marcalee Alexander 408-0682
	R.O.C.K. (6,7,8 )	Katherine Dease 281-3239
	C.Y.O. (High School)	Jason & Denise Shaw 790-2874

### Hospital Visits

Please call the Parish Office if you or a member of your family is in the hospital. If you would like to receive the *Sacrament of The Sick* before entering the hospital or before surgery please contact Msgr. Rohling or Father Chenault.



## Welcome Our New Parishioners

**Welcome!** We welcome the following new Parishioners

- Boshell**, Sam, Leslie, Justin & Dillon  
**Broussard**, Beau & Candie  
**Como**, Christine & Madison  
**Deering**, Mary Elizabeth  
**Dunn**, Pamela  
**Farrell**, Kevin, Susan Patrick & Meghan  
**Gilroy**, Sean, Becky, William & Ethan  
**Howanitz**, Matthew  
**Howanitz**, Paul & Thelma  
**Hutchinson**, Mary  
**Lusco**, Patrick, Tanya, Nathan & Virginia  
**Rajkumar**, Augustin, Emelda, Rhea & Joshua  
**Sample**, John & Maureen  
**Smith**, Marcus, Patricia & Maria  
**Stigani**, Brian, Lisa, Alana, Tatum & Olivia  
**Swafford**, Sean, Eva, Christopher & Jason  
**Vincent**, Michael & Amy  
**Wos** John, Tina, John & Mia

### Prayer of the Welcoming Parish

God our Father, in your loving providence, you have brought us into being to find joy in communion with you and one another.

We give you thanks and praise for the bond we share as members of the Body of Christ your Son.

Make us feel more urgently the call to reach out to those who are not present here with us and who are seeking a new beginning.

Bless our desire to be more welcoming so that our Church embraces them as they find their spiritual home.

May our Church be a beacon of hope and light in their journey of faith.

Bless also our liturgy; help us to participate more fully, consciously, and actively to receive your grace and carry it to the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Weekly Mass Schedule		
Mon., Sept. 21	7:45am-	Martin Skicki
Tues., Sept. 22	7:45am-	Mary Out law
Wed., Sept. 23	7:00pm-	† Charles Pilleteri
Thurs., Sept. 24	7:45am-	† Michael Venglik
Fri., Sept. 25	8:15am-	Barbara Wolden
Sat., Sept. 26	4:30pm-	† Marie Ciulla
Sun., Sept. 27	7:00am-	Parishioners
	8:30am-	† Foksinki Family
	11:00am-	† Tom Murphy

## Theology on Tap



**“Rediscovering Catholicism”**: Theology on Tap, OLV’s young adult group, continues our fall series on October 6 at 6:30 PM in the OLV Office Conference

Room. Our “Rediscovering Catholicism” series is based on the book by Matthew Kelly. We’ll be discussing many of the important topics we face today as individuals and as a church. No charge, BYOB, Childcare provided. Other dates for this series are Oct. 20 and Nov. 3. Check out our blog at [birminghamtot.blogspot.com](http://birminghamtot.blogspot.com) for the details.

**Theology on Tap** is for young adults, ages 21-40’s. Our meetings are wonderful opportunities to grow in faith, meet new friends, and have a good time! For more information and to join our email list, e-mail us at [theologyontap@olvsch.com](mailto:theologyontap@olvsch.com).

## Youth Information



**WINGS – (3, 4, 5 Grades) –ROCK (6, 7, 8 grades),**

September 26th—Saturday: Mini lock-out with skating, 4–10 pm. Cost: \$5.00. Meet in the CYO youth room at 4pm for sign-in. We will go to Mass, come back to the CYO room for pizza, and then head out for skating at Skates 280. After skating, we will come back to the Youth room for dialogue, games, and parent pick-up. Drivers needed. If you can drive please contact Katherine Dease 281-3239 or [katherinedease@gmail.com](mailto:katherinedease@gmail.com) ].

**CYO (9, 10, 11, 12 grades)** CYO will meet Sept. 23 in the Youth Room (7:30 – 9:00PM) ALL 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. **Oct. 24th—Saturday: Game Night and dialogue, 4–10pm.** Meet in the CYO youth room at 4pm for sign-in. We will go to Mass, back to the CYO room for pizza, watching the AL and Auburn games, WII and XBOX (E-rated only) games and dialogue.

Weekly Collection	09/13/09	Weekly Budget	Weekly Difference
Offertory	\$ 22,694	\$25,807	-\$ 3,113
Ch. Debt	\$ 6,370	\$ 8,810	+\$2,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,064</b>	<b>\$34,617</b>	<b>-\$ 5,553</b>

## Music Ministry News & Schedules

### Adult/Teen Choir

Sunday, Sept. 20- 10:30 am - Rehearsal in Church  
11:00 am – Sing at Mass



### Youth Ensemble

Rehearsal to be announced.

### Children/Intermediate Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Wed., Sept. 23 – 3:30 – 4:30 pm Rehearsal in Church  
Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Sing at 11:00 am Mass  
\*For Registration information, contact Theresa in the office. 991-5488 Ext. 4 or [tltpiano@olvsch.com](mailto:tltpiano@olvsch.com))

## **Altar Servers**



The **LAST REFRESHER CLASS** for altar servers who wish to server at Sunday Masses will be **SAT., OCTOBER 10TH.** **NEW** altar server classes begin on Monday, Sept. 21st. The full schedule is in the Minister's Room and on the OLV School website.

## **“Coffee and Theology” Starts Sept. 20th**

How do you spend your Sunday mornings between Masses? Please join us for the Coffee and Theology Series centered on the book “Love Crosses Boundaries - Six Weeks with the Books of Jonah and Ruth”. Dates are: September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 9:45 – 10:45 in the Parish Social Hall -A one time \$7.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of your book. Coffee, doughnuts and childcare for those who have children not in CCD will be provided free of charge. **Coffee and Theology** is a small group faith sharing scripture study sponsored by the Theology on Tap Team. We welcome all ages; however, the majority of those that attend are in their 20 to 40s and are a mixture of singles and married. Give it a try, you might just like it! For more information or to join our e-mail list please e-mail us at [theologyontap@olvsch.com](mailto:theologyontap@olvsch.com). Also check out our blog at [birminghamtot.blogspot.com](http://birminghamtot.blogspot.com).

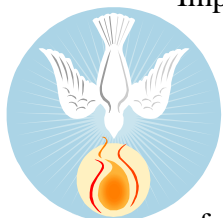
## **Confirmation Students and Parents.**

Important dates to remember!

**Sun. Oct. 18-** Confirmation Induction at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

**Wed. Nov. 18** - Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by class.

**Wed. Dec. 16** - Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by class.



## **K C Golf Tournament**

The Knights of Columbus Fifth Annual John Carroll Catholic High School Scholarship Golf Tourney will be held Sunday October 11th at Frank House Golf Course. It is a shotgun start best ball format. We offer multiple prizes for winners, great raffles, dinner and drinks after the great day of golf. Teams of four - \$250.00 or an individual - \$75.00. Hole Sponsorships are \$250.00. This tourney helps the OLV Knights of Columbus give a scholarship to an OLV Eighth Grader to attend JCCHS. Come join us for an exciting day of golf and/or sponsor a hole to help the Knights continue this scholarship. Contact Ed Langan 533-4251 or Chris Chatta 914-8000.



## **Are You an OLV Alumnus or Know One**



If you're an OLV alumnus or family member, register online to receive more information about the upcoming OLV 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Alumni reunion at [www.olvbirmingham.com/alumni](http://www.olvbirmingham.com/alumni). The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OLV School will be Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and will include several events including a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at 11 AM followed by a reception, school tours and class reunions. It's a great chance to see old classmates, teachers and families! So go on-line and register today!

## **Support our Troops**



The Altar Sodality would like to express our thanks for your SUPPORT of the program "Care Packages for our Military". Through your generosity we are able to send packages to our servicemen and women serving overseas.

NEXT COLLECTION: September 19 and 20, 2009

OUR CURRENT ACTIVE LIST:

Carlin Escue	Thomas Elmes	Jack Carroll
Jacques Olivier	Joseph Adams	Jason Pohl
Jeremy Barton	Stephen Mulholland	
Nathan Stone	Jack Johnson	Dustin Griffin

If you have a question or would like to add a name to our list, please call Elaine Giroux - 663-4140 or Toni Ciccone 620-3430. God Bless you for your continued support and prayers!

**PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY:** *Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they serve to protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen*

## Fall Football Food Drive for First Light

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring an Alabama vs. Auburn donation drive of *breakfast* foods and kitchen supplies for First Light Shelter.

[www.firstlightshelter.org](http://www.firstlightshelter.org)

Donation boxes for each team will be located in the vestibule by the fountain before and after all weekend Masses Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Whichever team's fans make the most combined donations will receive bragging rights! Flyers are now available in the vestibule for contest details and a list of donation items needed. Cash/check donations also accepted.

Questions? Contact Sara Lanza

[slanza724@bellsouth.net](mailto:slanza724@bellsouth.net) 668-4975

## Special Speaker coming to OLV

David Beckmann, President of Bread for the World, will be the guest speaker at Our Lady of the Valley on Thursday, September 24 at 7 PM in the Social Hall, Room A. Everyone is invited to attend at no cost. For more information, please contact Juana Colvin at 437-3221, or go to [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org). David Beckmann is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for hungry people. He has been president of Bread for the World since 1991, and previously served at the World Bank for 15 years. He will give concrete suggestions about how to help hungry people in this country and across the world. We can make a difference!

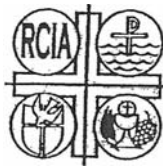
## Religious Appreciation Dinner

The Serra Missionaries and the Knights of Columbus of the Birmingham Diocese are sponsoring the 13th Annual Clergy And Religious Appreciation Dinner on Friday, Sept. 25, 6:00 PM, in the Social Hall. Cost is \$15.00 per person. During the current Year of the Priests, this special dinner is a great tribute to all of our Priests. Reservations are required before 5 PM on Monday, September 21. For reservations, please call Margaret Tolliver-956-7048, or e-mail: [randy.tolliver@gmail.com](mailto:randy.tolliver@gmail.com). You will be able to pay at the door on the evening of the dinner.

## Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2010 Catholic Charities Pledge Drive Sunday will be the weekend of Sept. 26/27. The total goal for this year is \$3,750,000.00. Our Lady of the Valley's goal is \$170,540.00. With your continued generosity we will again meet and exceed our goal.

## Interested in the Catholic Faith?



Inquiry classes about the Catholic Faith began Tues., Sept 15. Session begins at 6:45 p.m. with refreshments; the class runs from 7-8:30. We meet weekly from Sept. through April 13. Classes are held in the Social Hall and babysitting is provided in the Church Nursery. These classes are designed for anyone who may be thinking about joining the church or anyone interested in learning about the faith. For information call Peggy at 991-5488 Ext. 3.

## Our Lady of the Valley Columbarium

We have opened two new sections. Double Niches are \$2,200.00 (Ashes of two people). We still have 40 double niches available at \$1,700. The price includes: Accommodations for single or double urns, assistance in arranging the memorial service at OLV, and perpetual care of the site and a packet of information with: pre-care and after-care details, by-laws, guidance on funeral preparation, a listing of local funeral homes and crematories offering discounted rates to OLV's Columbarium residents.

CALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Glenn & Roz Bush 995-8943

Angie Giardina - 664-7556 - Ray Hamilton - 408-7363

Mary Ann Tudisco -663-5250

Mike & Sally Springrose - 991-8870

Bill & Gayle McNally - 408-1880

## Students Qualify for Duke Talent Program



This fall 48% of our seventh graders have qualified to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program, which identifies academically talented young people and works with them to address their unique educational needs. Qualification is based on achieving in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or above in selected subjects on standardized tests. We are so proud of all the students who will participate this year: Chris Arora, Rietta Bolus, David Bratcher, Andrew Brewster, Jason Brown, Matthew Byers, Kaylie Elward, Greyson Fant, Thomas Gibson, Jake Herndon, Amber Issis, Lauren Jennings, Austin Keelin, Marty McGuire, Griffin Mergen, Ashley Musachia, Joseph Naro, Grace Pilleteri, Joey Portante, Justin Rice, John Ruppert, Harold Shader, Shelby Snelling, Zoë Willis, Michael Wolter, Taylor Yeatman, Casey Young

## **Christian Meditation Group**

Anyone interested in the practice of Christian Meditation may come to the Chapel on Sundays 6 -7 PM. The format: introductory talk, 25 minutes of silent meditation and discussions and/or questions. In Sept. we will have a table in the vestibule for information or sign-up for weekly groups.

## **Career Ministry – Volunteers Wanted**

Our Lady of the Valley is forming a new ministry to help those who are unemployed or underemployed. We are urgently seeking volunteers to serve in the following areas of the ministry:

**Career Partners:** parish members to support the job seeker

**Advisors:** key persons who are experts in the areas of resume writing, interviewing, dressing for success, and computer skills.

**Speakers:** professionals who can address skills needed in a job search.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please contact B J Heard at (205) 305-3078 or [bjheard@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjheard@bellsouth.net).

The first meeting will be October 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

All unemployed or underemployed persons who are actively seeking work as well as those desiring to help with the ministry are invited to attend.

## **Annual Rosary Making Clinic**

October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

All are invited to the OLV Rosary Makers' annual diocesan Rosary Making Clinic Sunday, October 4th from 2-4 PM in the Social Hall. This year's theme is "The Rosary In Our Time." The clinic is open to all who have an interest in learning the ministry and art of rosary making. There is no charge. Supplies and refreshments are provided. To reserve a seat call Ellen at 991-7736 or Lenore at 980-2922.

## **Pancake Breakfast**

The OLV Drama Club will sponsor a pancake breakfast at Applebee's on 119, Saturday, Sept. 26 8-10am. The theme for this year is "Blast from the Past". Come and let the Drama Club entertain you. Cost \$5.00.

## **Workshop For Catechists And Parents**

The Office of Religious Education is sponsoring a workshop for catechists and parents at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale on Saturday, October 10, from 8:30 am until noon. The workshop will offer insights, ideas, and resources for facilitating children's faith formation both in the classroom and beyond. Presenters of the workshop will be Barbara Campbell, D.Min, and Jim Campbell from Loyola Press. Loyola publishes the text books used in all of our elementary schools and parish schools of religious education. There is no cost for the workshop, but registration is required. Please call the Office of Religious Education at 838-8312 or contact your parish DRE.

## **University of Dayton Program**

Would you like to learn more about the faith, when and where it's convenient for your schedule? Have you ever wished you could attend adult education classes, but schedules and travel prevent you from doing so? The Diocese of Birmingham has partnered with the Catholic (Marianist) University of Dayton, to provide online learning to support adult faith, lay ecclesial ministry and catechetical formation in the Church. Courses are available 7 times per year, and more than 45 courses are offered each year. Because of our partnership the cost is half the usual price, \$40.00 per course. These online courses are not correspondence courses; rather they are designed to foster virtual communities through sharing thoughts and reflecting on other participants' insights. More information is available from the Office of Religious Education, 838-8312 or go to <http://vlc.udayton.edu> for a listing of courses and online registration.

## **Marriage Enrichment (Married or Engaged)**

Mark your calendars for five great Thursday DATE NIGHTS for you and your spouse or fiancé.

**October 1** - Mark Gungor: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage (DVD) – Part I

**October 15** - Robin Lanzi: Raising Christian Children in a Secular World

All sessions begin at 6:30 with a Happy Half Hour social and ends by 8:30pm. Refreshments and child care are provide free of charge. Please treat yourself and your spouse to these great nights out. These evenings will be fun with old and new friends.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests*

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**October 29** - Mark Gungor: Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage (DVD) – Part II

**November 19**- Dinner and Dancing to the music of Phillip Calma

All sessions begin at 6:30 with a Happy Half Hour social and ends by 8:30pm. Refreshments and child care are provide free of charge. Please treat yourself and your spouse to these great nights out. These evenings will be fun with old and new friends.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children 4 -6 Years Old – are invited to attend our Children's Liturgy class during the 8:30 & 11:00 am Masses. It is a good way for your child to learn about Jesus and to understand the Gospel. We make it fun using songs, coloring and stories.

### Oak Mountain Missions

We provide food, clothing, furniture, and the poor in our area. We need workers: (1) to sort clothing, attend to needy, unpack and pack trucks taking them to the needy (2). Become part of the OLV "Three Men and a Truck" teams, who deliver and pick up furniture two Sat. mornings a month. If interested, call Wayne Naccari 995-9865.

### Centering Prayer Workshop

Do you need some quiet in your life? Would you like a deeper prayer life? Come and join us for an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 858 Kent Dairy Road, Alabaster. Saturday, October 3, doors open at 9:00 a.m. workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch. This workshop specifically teaches how to do Centering Prayer. To register contact Jenny Avritt at 664-3042 or email - [jenivee@charter.net](mailto:jenivee@charter.net). Registration ends Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information about Centering Prayer go to [www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org) or contact Diana Tschache, 991-6964 or [tschached@bellsouth.net](mailto:tschached@bellsouth.net).

### Holiday Craft Fair

Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church located at 8090 Gadsden Highway in Trussville is having their annual Holiday Craft Fair, Friday October 23 - 9:00am-2:00pm, Saturday October 24 - 8:00am-7:00pm, Sunday October 25 - 9:15am-1:00 pm sponsored by the Ladies Sodality.

Holiday decorations, handmade crafts & gift items, plants, baked goods, seasonal family photos, Raffle of \$100.00 cash bouquet or American Girl Doll "Kit", Silent Auction of Wine Baskets, Bathroom Basket, Child's Rocking Chair, Holy Infant Statue and many more items.



**Welcome!**

### • OLV Welcome Weekend

is the 3rd Weekend of each month. All visitors and anyone interested in joining our parish are invited to meet a member of the

Welcome Committee in the Vestibule of the Church after the 4:30 PM, 8:30 & 11:00 AM Masses.

- To register on other weekends, forms are available on the table in the Vestibule. Return the form to the Church Office or put in the Collection basket. You will receive an information packet about OLV and ways you can become involved in

our Parish. You will be sent envelopes in about six to eight weeks. If you have questions, please call the Church Office 991-5488 ext. 2

- Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Forms are available on the table in the Vestibule. Leave form in the basket or give to an Usher and someone will contact you.

purpose of the 40 Days for Life to churches in your area, or door-to-door neighborhood outreach with your high school youth groups, talking to pastors, family, friends, and co-workers. For more information and to register visit [www.40daysforlifebirmingham.com](http://www.40daysforlifebirmingham.com); .

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

### **My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

Pope John Paul II noted in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* that "to be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the Right to Life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." [EV, 101]

Every one of us is called to defend human life from the moment of conception through the moment of natural death. No one is exempt from this. We are all called to take an active even at times an uncomfortable - role in proclaiming the sanctity of every human life and our need to protect every human life whether *humanly* wanted or unwanted, because the Author of Life, Who planned for each of us before Time began, *always* calls us to "Choose Life, then, that you and your descendants may live!" [Deut 30:19]

In these astounding times in which we are daily "facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'" [EV, 28] I invite all our priests and all Catholics in the Diocese of Birmingham "to be unconditionally pro-life" [EV, 28] with your time, talent, and treasure.

I wholeheartedly endorse the 40 Days for Life Campaign which will run from September 23 (St. Pio) through November 1 (All Saints Day) 2009, in Birmingham and throughout the nation.

This will be an opportunity to awaken in hearts and minds the reality of abortion which surgically & painfully destroys about 3500 American babies every day - over 50 MILLION innocent American babies have been eliminated by abortion since the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions of January 22, 1973. Not only these lives, but all *their* offspring will never exist; never have the right to the life which God intended for each of them ...

The 40 Days for Life has three components: peaceful and prayerful Vigil at abortion businesses; daily Prayer and Fasting (from TV, talking, food; possibly extra Rosaries and Masses offered for Life, etc.); and Community Outreach to help personally publicize the