

ST CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

308 7th Street NE Jacksonville, AL 36265

We're on the web:
www.stcharlescatholicchurch.com

- Mass Intentions Mass intentions are published weekly and may be reserved by contacting the office.
- Reconciliation Saturday @ 4 pm or by appointment
- Baptism & Marriage Prep Call Pastor for appointment. Marriage Prep must take place at least 6 months prior to wedding.
- Anointing of the Sick If you or a family member are ill or hospitalized call the parish office for a visit from the priest.

ST JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH

555 Babbling Brook Road Piedmont

Reading

MON Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

TUE Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

WED Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

THUR Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

FRI Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

SAT Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;

Luke 1:26-38

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUN Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;

Luke 3:1-6

2nd Sunday of Advent



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St. Charles Office: 256-435-3238

Pregnant and in need? 1-800-712-HELP
Homeless and pregnant? 1-800-723-8331
Hurting from an abortion? Visit
www.AbortionForgiveness.com

Liturgy Schedule

MON 12/3 No Mass

TUES 12/4 8 am Mass

WED 12/5 10 am Adoration, 11 am Mass

THU 12/6 8 am Mass

FRI 12/7 8 am Mass

SAT 12/8 8:30 am and 5 pm Mass

SUN 12/9 8:30 am Mass St. Joachim

11:00 am Mass at St. Charles

for parishioners



ST.CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS
M-TH - 9:30-3:30
F- CLOSED

Pastor: Father James Handerhan; Deacon: A.B. King; Deacon Emeritus: Don Ash

Fr. Jim Handerhan: 205-746-8269

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December 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent



Advent 2018

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Luke 2:8)



Jesus, the Bright Morning Star

On the night Jesus was born, we can picture the shepherds watching their flocks with single-minded devotion. This was their most important job. Once night fell, perhaps it was their only job. The wise men watched the skies with the same intensity. Nothing was more important than determining the location of this new king's birth. Watching the sheep, watching the star, watching and waiting with a single focus.

Quite different from life in the 21st century when we think of all we find ourselves watching in a typical Christmas

season. We watch the local tree lighting on the square and the town parade; we watch for sales on decorations and the gifts on our list. We watch our favorite TV specials like *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and the *Nutcracker Suite*. Then there's a movie or two—after all, would it be Christmas without *Miracle on 34th Street*? Watching all this makes for a busy season, but it doesn't necessarily keep our focus on Jesus. Even church concert and Christmas shows, while carrying the message of Christ's birth, can distract us from focusing on Christ Himself.

So consider incorporating a new habit in this year Advent experience. Each evening walk out your back door, and take a cue from the wise men—scan the December sky for the brightest object—Sirius, the Dog Star. Watch it for a few moments, and not only try to feel connected to that first Christmas, but try to focus on the One at the center of it all.

Jesus, You are the bright morning star. Lead me to make You the center of every Christmas season.

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Eric Wade

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(US Naval Academy)

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church Spiritual Reflection Retreat - Tuscaloosa, Al - January 26, 2019

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tuscaloosa is hosting its inaugural Spiritual Reflection Retreat on January 26, 2019, with our special guest speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi of EWTN's "Living Right with Dr. Ray". The retreat theme is "Spiritual Battle." Events for the day will include a welcome reception starting at 8:00 A.M., lecture from Dr. Ray with Q&A, lunch, breakout small group sessions, adoration and reconciliation, and Holy Mass closing the retreat at 5:30 P.M. The registration fee is \$20. To register, visit: www.bit.ly/hs2019retreat or for questions you can call (205) 210-9210.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for Church parishioners to help decorate the St. Charles and St. Joachim Church's for Christmas. If you are available and willing to help, please stay a little while after Mass to help decorated on **Saturday, December 22, 2018 at St. Charles, and on Sunday, December 23, 2018 for St. Joachim.** If the decorating at St. Charles isn't complete on Saturday after Mass, we may need people to also help after Mass on Sunday.



November 25, 2018

Offertory	\$	1202.00
Burse	\$	3.00
BF Maintenance	\$	150.00
Beacons of Hope	\$	20.00
Youth Group	\$	15.00

NEED SOMETHING PUT ON OUR WEBSITE?

Amelia is our Website Publisher. Please send your information to be published to her attention at Amelia@stcharles.com catholicchurch.com 256-435-3238



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Saturday, December 8th, 2018.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Vigil Mass will be held on Friday December 7th at 6:30 pm at St. Joachim.

Mass will be held on Saturday December 8th at 8:30 am at St. Charles.



BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir practice will be every Sunday after PSR from 10:30-10:45am, we are still in need of one more bell ringer. For more information please contact Trudie 256-435-9322



ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Anthony and Maria Joy will be hosting and leading prayers at the **Tuesday, December 4th** Rosary Prayer group meeting at **2:00pm** in Macey Hall. We hope to see you there!



Church office e-mail contacts

- FrJimHanderhan@stcharlescatholicchurch.com
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DECEMBER LITURGICAL SIGN-UP SHEETS

There will be sign up sheets in the vestibule of St. Charles Church for volunteers servers needed for Mass. If you are available please sign up.

Saturday, December 22 & Sunday, December 23, 2018

Monday, December 24, 2018

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Saturday, December 29 & Sunday, December 30, 2018

Tuesday, January 1, 2018

WE ARE ALL ONE IN SPIRIT WITH CHRIST

Please pray for...



Haley Conroy, Karoline Coats, Eddie & Shirley Blackwelder, Kay Wilbur, Rita Rudolph (niece of Pat & Jack Lasser), Kaylie Ellis & Daniel Zurek (grandchildren of Linda & Paul Guyer), Lilli Thatcher (granddaughter of Sandra & Kerry Owens), Dennis Johnson, Travis Bailey, Jerald Knight (son-in-law of Lou & Fred Witsell), Charlotte Haynes, Hanna Smegelsky, Barbara Pitts, Vicki Everett, Billie Vaughn (sister of Helen Rosier), Cindy & Fred Craft, Teri Parry, Carolyn Andrews, Jo MacFarlane, Christopher Young, Bernadette Neal, Larry Webster, Marilyn, Jane & David Kushma, Robert Pawlicki (brother of Pat Lasser), Ron Cypher, The family of Earl Primo, Cassie & Kaitlyn Smith, Doris Van Hook (mother of Di (Russ) Lemmons), Ghadeer

Alshamat, Kate Kloss, Jimmy Schuler, Adaleigh Zaner, Quintenn Pike, Lou Witsell, Karlee Knight, Anna Parker, Joel Rivera, Sue Donovan, Garry McElroy (son-in-law of Fred & Jeanyne Schuler), Joe & Laura Lee Herrington, Terra Burrow, Gayle Martin, Helen Naysmith, Linda Moreland, Jeff Matthews (son-in-law of David & Connie Spellman), Joe Bosco, Jane McGatha, Anthony and Patty Sandoval, The family of Christopher Kopet, Terry Batchelor, James Sr. and Mary Ellis, James Coppola, Frances Dawson (mother of Leanne (Marshall) Lister), Randy Brouillette, Debbie Chandler, Humberto Gettys (son in-law of Joe & Laura Lee Herrington), Richard Bilger, Jim Wolfe, Jean Pellegatto, Loretta

DeCosta, Jean Denny, Anita Knight, Barbara Johnson, Jean Pellegatto, Carolyn Rosier Hanley, John and Pat Lasser, Olivia King, Charlotte Graves, Fred Schuler

Please continue to pray for the unborn.



Annual Parish Cookie Exchange

When: Friday, December 14, 2018

Where: Macey Hall

Time: 1:30 pm

Needed: - 3-4 dozen of your "homemade" cookies or treats.

A container to put your cookies in to go home.

We will exchange cookies with those attending and make up plates for our Parish Homebound members.

Everyone is welcome! Come and join the fun and fellowship! Let's carry on this wonderful holiday tradition started by our beloved Ms. Mary Forgie!

Questions? Please contact Peggy Sugar @ 256-435-0195

PSR 2018

Gr K-9 Sun 9:15-10:30am

Gr 10-12 Sun 5:00-6:30pm

December 2, 9, 16, 2018

NO PSR on December 23 and 30

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Amelia Gilliland

256-435-3238

CARD MINISTRY

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the home of Fran Kennedy.

Fran Kennedy is involved with an organization called "GOODIES FOR SOLDIERS". If you have a family member or friend who is serving in the military on an Overseas deployment, you can contact Fran Kennedy with the address of the deployed military member so this organization can send them off a box of GOODIES! If you would like to contact Fran with an address, please e-mail her at fmick24@yahoo.com or call 216-375-7004.