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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Phone: 256-882-1844/Fax: 256-882-1841

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 am Wednesday 5:30 pm

Scripture & Communion Services:

Wednesday 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses:

8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Other times by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Please Note: During this time of Covid-19 our buildings are closed and schedules have changed. Please call for details until we are completely reopened.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH STAFF

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R.C.I.A. Office Dave Best

AT A GLANCE

NURSERY:

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses and Special Occasions.

BAPTISM:

Please call Parish Office, 256-882-1844, to arrange a meeting with the Deacon or priest.

WEDDINGS:

Couples desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the priest or deacon, at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. It is recommended that couples make contact with them at the very beginning of their engagement to ensure an orderly and reflective preparation process. *The latest time for an afternoon wedding is 2:00 pm.*

R.C.I.A./INQUIRY:

Meets Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, September to Easter. Call Dave Best at 256-882-1945 x 104, for more information.

HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please call 256-882-1844. We will be happy to bring Holy Communion to those sick in hospital or homebound.

Hospitals do not notify the church of admissions.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office at 256-882-1844, if there is an emergency or if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in the hospital or nursing home, or have become home bound. The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament available to the young and old, the chronically or terminally ill, and also offered prior to surgery.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Registration Forms are available in the Parish Office and on our website, www.goodshephsv.org, click Forms, then Parish Registration Form.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-Good Shepherd Council 11672:

1st Monday of month at 7:30 pm, KC Room lower level of Office Building. New Members Always Welcome!

Website: www.council11672.weebly.com

"SHEPHERD'S NOOK": (256-882-1945 x103)

Gift Shop, located near vestibule. Open after all weekend Masses and after First Friday morning Mass.





LEGAL SERVICES

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No representation is made that the quality of the legal services to be performed is greater than the quality of legal services performed by other lawyers.

LITURGY & MUSIC

Through liturgical worship and celebration of the Sacraments we unite to express our love of God.

PREPARING FOR LITURGY & MUSIC INVOLVES:

Liturgy Planning (seasonal & special) Sacristans Children's Liturgy of the Word Altar Servers **Eucharistic Ministers** Cantors Lectors Organ/Piano Instrumentalists Ushers 8:30 am Sunday Choir Church Decor 11:00 am Sunday Choir Laundering

Church Cleaning Children's Choir Adult/Youth Hand Bells Office Help

Summer Choir Camp Sound (weekend Masses)

We invite you to consider sharing your special talents with us as we prepare for all the liturgical seasons. As we work together, we share the fellowship and special love that comes from participating in our parish worship.

New Members and New Ideas are always welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program at Good Shepherd supports parents in passing on our Catholic Faith to their children. Registration forms are available at church and on the parish web site. For details, please call the Religious Education office: 256-882-1945 x 111 or email gsreled@hiwaay.net.

Class Times

Preschool (ages 3 & 4) Sun. 8:30 **OR** 11:00 am (during Mass times)

K-8th grades Sun. 9:40 am - 10:50 am **OR** Wed. 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Sun. 5:55 pm - 7:30 pm High School & Confirmation

NO CLASSES DURING HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL BREAKS

Catholic Schools: Good Shepherd Parish children are eligible for enrollment in Holy Spirit Regional School, located on Airport Road (256-882-4852) and St. Pope John Paul II Catholic High School, located

at 7301 Old Madison Pike (256-430-1760). www.jp2falcon.org.

Join us! Volunteer catechists lead the classes for preschool through high school students. We invite you to join us in this ministry. Serve directly with children as a teacher, a teacher's aide, or tutor; or help in the office or with receptions. Training and support are provided.

- **Home School Families:** These classes are for you, too. While your children are getting great faith formation at home, the Religious Education program is a place for children to share and grow in their faith.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** for all children of the parish, regardless of where they receive their schooling. Typically, children in 2nd grade will receive preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Confirmation Preparation is offered for 9th -12th graders.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Each summer we offer a 5-day Vacation Bible School. There is a place for everyone in this fun week. Participants ages are 3 years old (by Jan. 1 and potty trained) through completion of 5th grade. 6th graders through adults enjoy serving as volunteers in a variety of capacities.

All adults who volunteer with children and youth in the diocese must be certified in Youth Protection and have a background check completed. Training is available online at your convenience: https://safeandsacred-birmingham.org. Forms for permission to run a background check are on the Parish website under the "Forms" tab.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our youth are encouraged to be involved in many areas of Parish life, where they can share their faith and enthusiasm with us as they journey toward an adult spirituality. The goal in Youth Ministry is to provide experiences where youth can help each other to develop a mature, Christ-centered faith and lifestyle. To create these experiences, we promote active participation by adults...as advisors, drivers, chaperones, and providers of food.

REGULAR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

HIGH SCHOOL Sunday Evenings: Our high school youth gather each Sunday evening during the school year at 6:00 pm for a time that includes prayer, catechesis, community building, and service. And food, of course!

MIDDLE SCHOOL includes bimonthly events that build community and faith for youth grades 6-8. Programming supports and extends the middle school religious education program.

SUMMER WORK CAMPS: Middle and high school youth each have a week in the summer of service and fun. High school youth join with Catholic youth from neighboring parishes to serve the needs of our larger community—especially the aging and homebound who are in need of home repairs and yard work. Middle school youth also spend their week helping CASA (harvesting gardens and painting) as well as service to parish and community. Both groups enjoy social times as well, combining fun, food, and faith! Youth also volunteer as leaders for VBS and Choir Camp.

SPECIAL EVENTS OR ONE-TIME PROGRAMS:

MIDDLE SCHOOL: HIGH SCHOOL:

Social Activities Retreats

Game Nights Catholic Heart Work Camp

Service Projects Can-or-treat

BOTH GROUPS

Youth Masses, Diocesan Events, Outings

Please Volunteer...you make it all possible!

Youth Ministry: 256-882-1945 ext. 113 or gsyouthd@hiwaay.net

GOOD SHEPHERD PRE-SCHOOL

This is a weekday program open to children who are 10 months - 4 years. We offer age appropriate educational and religious activities in an atmosphere of love and support for each child. Hours are 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Monday - Thursday during the school year. For more information, please call 256-882-1945 ext. 115. E-mail: gspresch@hiwaay.net.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The Good Shepherd Life Center was opened for use in 2005 and is now being used for a variety of parish sponsored events and activities for all ages. Watch the weekend bulletin for announcements of the various offered activities:

Walking Track Open Gym Adult/High school basketball

Zumba Tae Kwon Do Knitting/crocheting

Quilting Parties Senior "Goodtimers" lunches

Scouting "Respite" care

The FLC is available for rental (only to parishioners) for personal events. A rental fee, diocesan insurance and usage contract will apply to all rentals. For more information contact the Church office: 256-882-1844. Email: goodshep@hiwaay.net.

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SERVICE OUTREACH

We commit ourselves to involve all age groups in our parish in service outreach ministries to the larger community, especially those in need.

- **PRO LIFE:** Supports various activities, to include marches, rallies, voting issues, pro-life baby quilts, and providing Baby Baskets filled with necessary baby items to those in need.
- CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN: The Catholic Center of Concern Huntsville serves 9 counties in North Alabama with diapers and wipes for children, emergency financial assistance, newborn gifts, and a free clothing room. Our most pressing needs are volunteers: Telephonic intakers to work remotely taking applications on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 9:00 am 11:00 am or 1:00 pm 3:00 pm, Office staff two days per week on Monday &/or Wednesday doing case management, Finance committee members on Tuesday &/or Thursday of each week, 10:00 am noon by Zoom, Eventually receptionists on Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am 3:00 pm. Eventually clothing room assistants TBD. We would love discuss your interest in serving your neighbors in need. Contact Rosemary McManus, Good Shepherd Parishioner and Volunteer Coordinator CCC, 805-588-6670.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Parish volunteers participate in construction of homes for area needy families with other Huntsville Christian churches.
- **ANGEL TREE & LENTEN CROSSES:** Parishioners are given the opportunity to provide specific needs for individuals through local agencies.
- **MEALS ON WHEELS:** Volunteers provide hot meals to elderly and homebound through the Senior Center. Contact Robin Pesca to volunteer at 256-651-6975 or pesca19@comcast.net
- **SOUTHERN ALABAMA MISSION (SAM):** We help to support a medical clinic in Pine Apple, AL and a thrift store and local needs in Mosses and Vredenburgh and the surrounding area. Donations of time, medical supplies, medicines, clothing and household items are needed.
- **FOOD CLOSET:** Food donations are accepted year round and distributed to those in need.
- **ANNUAL PARISH RUMMAGE SALE:** Held during month of February to benefit building fund drive, missions, Religious Education and our youth programs plus many other local charities.
- **WEEKEND BACKPACK SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Fill & deliver weekend food packs for elementary students of low income families. Help with uniforms, collect school supplies for each grade. Call office for more information.
- **SPECIAL NIGHT OUT MINISTRY:** Provides care in the Family Life Center one evening/month for children with special needs and their siblings, allowing parents a few hours to themselves.

ADUIT FDUCATION

Through a variety of adult programs offered in our parish, we have the opportunity to continue our spiritual growth and faith development.

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Adult Confirmation Class
- Bible Study (Weekly programs-morning & evening sessions)
- Faith Sharing Groups
- Prayer Groups
- Wednesday Suppers/Program following 5:30 Mass (during Lent and Advent)

Other enrichment opportunities we offer:

- Parish Missions
- · Guest Speakers
- Parish Library (contains quality books, videos and audio tapes on prayer, scripture, etc.)
- Shepherd's Walk (one day retreat)

Information about area opportunities:

- Marriage Encounter
- Cursillo

EVANGELIZATION

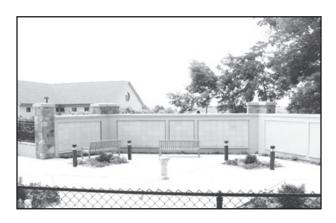
We have developed mission programs that provide outreach assistance to the poor which are based on a relationship of mutual respect and spirituality.

World Mission: Corpus Christi Parish-Anapra, Mexico: We have maintained a "Sister Parish" relationship with the people of Corpus Christi Parish since 1999, providing assistance for the Children's Library and the teaching mission of their parish. We have funded the construction of a chapel in Anapra and supported the expansion of their Parish. (Due to the drug related violence in that area we have had to suspend our annual medical/dental/optometry mission trips.)

Vocations: Maintain awareness of the need for vocations to the priesthood, deaconate, and religious life.

Ecumenism: Focus what we hold in common and join together as a Christian Community to build a just world based on our shared belief in God and Jesus Christ.

COLUMBARIUM



The Columbarium is a final resting place for cremated remains. Currently it is available to registered parishioners of Good Shepherd and their immediate family members (spouse, children, parents).

The Columbarium was constructed in 2008 on the grounds of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and consecrated on July 13, 2008. Located on the hillside above the church, it offers a final resting place of beauty and serenity. Reminiscent of old country churches, it is an extension of one's spiritual life.

Following a funeral service, family and friends proceed to the columbarium to place the cremains in their final resting place during a short inurnment ceremony. Each niche can hold 2 urns, have an engraved faceplate and hold small mementos.

There is no way to avoid certain decisions in life and it is difficult for families to face these decisions while grieving the loss of a loved one. We encourage you to take time to consider a place of burial and make your wishes known....easing your family of this painful decision.

The Catholic Church's Teaching on Cremation: In May 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 (#1176), as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals.

For more information you can call the Church Office at 256-882-1844 or e-mail: goodshep@hiwaay.net.

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