

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



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MASSES: Saturday: 5:00pm.,
Sunday: 8:30am. and 11:15am.
WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00am.
Wednesday at 7:00pm.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday –Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30pm. – 5:00pm. Or by appointment.
MARRIAGE PLANS: Must be made 6 months before date of wedding

MORNING ROSARY: 8:30am. before Mass.
MONDAY: Miraculous Medal Novena, following Rosary.
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: Novena To The Sacred Heart of Jesus – before 9am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am – 12:30pm

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION: Third Sunday of every month at 7:00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: August through May/ Ages 3 through high school

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, December 28 2013

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29, 2013

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 29, 2013

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

— Colossians 3:14



Mass Intentions Dec 30-Jan. 5



Monday: Tom Scruggs by Gesila Scruggs †

Tuesday: Jim Gregg by Sara Dean †

Wednesday: New Years Day

Thursday: Todd Reaves by Anna Ellison

Friday: Jeanie Reid by Laura Headley

Saturday: Andy & Trudi McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Art Smith by the Morteks †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Betty Brennan, Frank Dickinson, Dianna Markovich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid, Doris Gregg, Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Guy Veasey, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Denny Gentry, Lance Stella, Cindy Naro, Carla Rockhill, Sherry Manning, Hildie Bowman

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line call Sharon Stice at 256-338-0207, or email:

cocoapuff@centurytel.net

Please note that names remain on the prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Reading Dec. 30-Jan. 5

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday &

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce the winners of Council 12270 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Age 5-7

First Place—Mattie Grace Osborne

Second Place—Katie Marie Boyle

Third Place—Marc Halog

Age 8-10

First Place—Kendal Perry & Bailey Nail

Second Place—Matt Frey

Third Place—Emily Frey

Age 11-14

First Place—Catherine Lewis

Second Place—Danielle McKinney

Third Place—Amanda Manuel

First Place will receive a monetary prize and all winners will receive a special Keep Christ in Christmas magnet and a certificate signed by our Grand Knight. The posters will advance to the state level where they are eligible for additional prizes.

Congratulations to you all!



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We continue the celebration of Christmas with a focus on the family. One of the enduring wonders of Christmas is that God chose to be born into a human family. He put his seal upon family life. It is to remind us that every family is special. Every family is holy in its own way.

A journalist, ill with cancer, wrote in his post—Christmas column in the newspaper: “The best present I got for Christmas was being with my family. Pants sag and shirts shrink, but there’s no need to keep a refund slip for the gift of family. It’s a perfect fit every time. Life is so fragile and yet so durable. I was reminded of that when I watched the crooked, loving fingers of the oldest member of my family reach out to touch the soft, smooth face of her great-granddaughter while the lights of a Christmas tree blinked behind them.”

There is a certain paradox about family life. It is the place of our greatest joys and friendships. Yet, sadly, it is often the place of our most painful conflicts. It always needs redeeming and healing and forgiveness. There are in the end no perfect families, only families striving to love and growing in the crucible of life.

The Scripture Readings for this Sunday are from a distant past and a very different time and culture. Still, they express values that are timeless.

Who can quarrel with Sirach’s recipe for family relationships: honor and reverence among the members? Reverence, especially for aging parents. Awareness and respect for their diminished capacities. “Even if their minds should fail, be considerate of them; revile them not all the days of their lives”.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians (3:12-21) commends the garments that should clothe the Christian life: compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, love, and forgiveness. They would surely strengthen family life.

We can relate to Matthews Gospel Reading too (2:13-23). It is so contemporary. Here is a family, terribly poor, a refugee family trying to escape death, going into exile, becoming homeless. Beset with danger from the Herods of the world and finally, settling in Nazareth, in the backwoods, insignificant, but a family all the same. Think of Syria or Iraq or Palestine where families must flee for their lives in the thousands! Be grateful for your family today and in the New Year.

Thanks to All: Sincerest thanks to all who made the Celebration of Christmas so special at Our Lady of the Lake Parish. So many people were so generous in sharing time, talent, and treasure, whether in the Liturgy or in outreach to others, in remembering the poor, in exchanging kind words and pitching in.... A thousand thanks.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 29 - January 5

Sunday—Dec. 29

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*No RE

*Knights of Columbus Mass 8:30

Monday— Dec. 30

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

Tuesday—Dec. 31

Mass 9am

*5pm Mass Vigil Mass Holy Day—

Mary Mother of God

*No RCIA

Wednesday— Jan. 1

Holy Day— Mary Mother of God

Mass 9am

*Happy New Year 2014!

Thursday—Jan. 2

Mass 9am

Friday—Jan. 3

Mass 9am

*First Friday Adoration

9:30-12:30

Saturday—Jan. 4

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Jan. 5

Epiphany

*RE/Class Parties

*Youth Mass 11:15am

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4449.84	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$131,509.65	\$124,776.00

Includes Holy Days

The Love Pantry!!!

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week — 84 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!



Adult Choir Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



Surfsiders: Fun and Games

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall. For more information call Larry Martens 256-338-6927.



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.

Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211



Knights of Columbus
Council 12270

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Contact: James Raynor 205-884-1777 or J.P. Willi (205-338-3131). Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.



Mark Your Calendars

For The Old Women at the Well
 Saturday, January 11th, 10:00 am

. We can't wait to see you there! **Bring a friend!!!**
And.....Don't forget to bring a dish to share for lunch and a candle or ornament to exchange!!

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at (205)338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

Faith

Fellowship

Friendship



Pro Life Corner

Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 8

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails And I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad.

Thanks to you and your prayers, I will see them very soon!

A Reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

Retreats and Other Programs



BENEDICTINE SISTERS SACRED HEART MONASTERY
in CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Centering Prayer introductory retreat to be held

An Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman January 17-19, 2014. This form of Christian prayer is rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition and is intended to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required.

The cost for the weekend is \$210/person; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information and other details, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at retreats@shmon.org.



The deadline for submitting for the \$500 college scholarship from the Ladies Auxiliary of Alabama is December 31st, open to Catholic women regardless of age.

The directions for application is on our website, http://www.oll-la.org/AUX/College_Scholarship.html

Annual Respect Life Mass and March lead by Bishop Baker

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Pray and Unite for Life

Mass at Cathedral of St. Paul, 9:00 A.M.

Birmingham March for Life, 10:45 AM

Brother Bryan Park · 22nd Street South at 10th Avenue, Birmingham, AL

www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com

205-705-9158

ASSIGNMENT LIST

December 24-29

EVE OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**TUESDAY MASS NEW YEAR'S EVE 12/31/2013
5:00PM**

Altar Servers	Matthew & Amelia Reese, John Smith, Tiffany Rochford
Greeters	Parma Boyle, Gloria & Red Albright
Lector	Jorge & Edgar Solis
Ministers	Deacon Serge, Sarah & Matthew Brazzolotto, Andrew & Stephen Reese
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Bob & Karen Hand

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**WEDNESDAY MASS NEW YEAR'S DAY
1/1/2014 9:00 AM**

Altar Servers	Stephen & Sophie Poteracki
Greeters	Volunteers needed
Lector	Micky Zielenski, Betty Huetteman
Ministers	Deacon Terry, Yolie Roy, Marcia & Jim Mortek, Janice Stella
Ushers	Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY MASS 1/4/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers	Roger Carreker, Mike Gagliano
Greeters	Susan Moseley, Gisela Scruggs
Lector	Sara Reese, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers	Tom Graffo, Gloria Albright, Larry Reese
Ushers	Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand, Larry Foltz

SUNDAY MASSES 1/5/14 8:30 AM

Altar Servers	Michael & Anthony Emerick, Andrew & Will Thomaston
Greeters	Anna Emerick, Jay & Enid Willi
Lectors	Bart & Gail Perry
Ministers	Deacon, Janice Stella, Anna Emerick, Lloyd & Terri Brown
Ushers	Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Joaquina Reyes, Chase Robinson

11:15 AM

Altar Servers	Sawyer Stice, Paul Boyle, Ricardo Ortez, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters	Jack Euler, Tad Euler
Lectors	Sam Brown, Gannon Osborne
Ministers	Deacon, Tiffany Rockford, Ryan Curran, Danny Smith, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers	Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly,

Patrick Buckland, Tad Euler, Diana Skeivelas, Madeline Houk

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BY: PARMA BOYLE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

Feast of the Holy Family Dec 29, 2013

Theme: We honor the relationships of parents and children.

Suggested text for faith sharing: Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading from Colossians

Question for Youth: In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: En los Colosenses, San Pablo expone una forma de vida para los seguidores de Cristo. Al leer esta lista, ¿para ti cuál es la más difícil de seguir? ¿Cuál es la más fácil?

Question for Adults: We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the lifestyle suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

Pregunta para los adultos: Estamos invitados a que la palabra de Cristo habite entre nosotros y directamente en nuestras vidas diarias. ¿Cuál de las sugerencias de estilo de vida en esta lectura le habla más fuerte?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Dec 29 NO RE Feast of the Holy Family

Dec 31 No RCIA Happy New Year!

Vigil Mass for Jan 1 Holy Day

Mary Mother of God * 5pm

Jan 1 Holy Day of Obligation 9am

Mary Mother of God Mass

Jan 3 First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

Jan 5 RE Resumes Epiphany Sun

Class Parties Youth Mass 11:15am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Next Session Fri January 10 * 10am II Corinthians

YOUTH GROUP NEWS*JOIN US!!!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * **JANUARY 12 * 12:30-2:30PM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * **JANUARY 12 * 5-7pm**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 What's Happening!

Our students and leaders will travel to Washington DC January 22-26. Please keep them in your prayers. For more info contact Chris Frey 473-4661

ALL YOUTH!!!!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Open to Grades 1-12 Sign up sheets are in the foyers or see Chris Frey for more information.

Season begins in January.

Join the Fun and spread the Faith!



Today we celebrate The "Feast of the Holy Family"

Prayer for the Family

Dear Lord Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

St. Joseph bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like you. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

The family that prays together stays together!



A NEW YEAR PRAYER: God, thank you for a new year. A time to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always forgiving. Help us to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen. **BE BLESSED IN 2014!!**

Parish Messages

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

On behalf of the Liturgy Committee and our Parish Family, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to **Teri Gagliano** for the **7 years** of service and dedication she so willingly gave as Chairperson of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors. We thank you and ask God's blessing on you and your family.

WELCOME ABOARD

The Liturgy Committee welcomes **Terri Brown** as the new Chairperson for the Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors.

Parish Messages

2014 Offertory Envelopes are here and ready for pick up in the church hall. If you don't see a box with your name on it please call the

**church office at
205-525-5161.**



Also the 2014 calendars are located in both foyers. Please take one per family.

Thank you.

AN ADDED THANK YOU

In addition to those already thanked for their help with Deacon Serge's receptions, a special **THANK YOU** goes to the **Ultreya** group for all their help before and after the Saturday evening reception.

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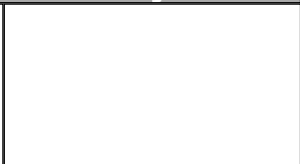
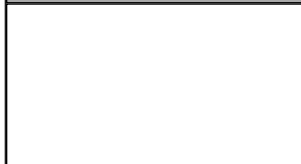
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