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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, January 4, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 5, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Weekly Reading Jan. 6-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday &

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



Mass Intentions Jan 6-12



Monday: Claude Hicks by the Livermans +
Tuesday: Robert Bredel by the Zielinskis +
Wednesday: Harry Scruggs by the Morteks +
Thursday: Beverly Roberts by the Zielinskis +
Friday: Noika Boyce by the Elie Family
Saturday: Lynn & Doris Wilkins by Susan Moseley +
Sunday: Wesley Newsome by the Livermans +

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.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2014

They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today's feast originated in the Church of the East, hence the Greek word "Epiphany" which means a divine manifestation or a revelation. It is a feast of universal scope reminding us that Jesus came as a savior for all people, for people of every land and nation.

The story of the Magi is found only in Matthew's Gospel and has become a treasured part of the celebration of Christmas. What child does not want to be selected as one of the "Kings" for the Christmas pageant.

Matthew calls these exotic visitors from the East "Magi". The word "Magi" originally referred to a caste of Persian priests who served their King. They were not Kings or Wise Men but they were adept at interpreting dreams. In the Gospel account of Matthew they appear to be astrologers who can interpret the movement of the stars. Sometimes Magi were associated with sorcery and magic and not always held in high regard. Matthew portrays the Magi very favorably.

These visitors from the East who respond positively to Jesus stand in stark contrast to Herod. They also stand in contrast to the chief priests and the scribes who have the Scriptures. They can quote their Scriptures readily but they never made the journey over to Bethlehem.

The first human word in Matthew's Gospel is the one the Magi address to Herod: Where...? Where is the new born King of the Jews. It is also the question of Herod when he summons the chief priests and scribes. "Where is the Christ to be born", he asked. The first question was a sincere search for the truth; the second one was insincere and born of fear and panic.

The story of the Magi of Matthews Gospel has been embellished through the centuries. The "Magi from the East" in Matthew's account have been elevated to royalty as three Kings with specific names in the Christian imagination. The story has found its way into song, stained glass windows, Christmas pageants, and literature.

It is of course our story. We are hidden in the middle of it. We are, all of us, seekers and travelers on a restless journey for meaning and truth. This story has universal and timeless appeal. We journey through life in search of more, in search of the God who gives meaning to our journey. Today's feast assures us that our search is not in vain. This story is one with a happy ending and it gives us hope and courage for our journey.

For the Magi the journey was marked by hardship and doubt as T.S. Eliot has so wonderfully reminded us. The signs offered were often ambiguous—appearing and disappearing, and violence threatened to cut short the quest. And yet, and yet! May we be faithful to our own journey that we may find the truth beyond all truth.

Peace & Blessing,

Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5-12

Sunday—Jan. 5

Epiphany

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE/ class parties

*Youth Mass 11:15am

Monday—Jan. 6

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Liturgy Mtg. 6pm

Tuesday—Jan. 7

Mass 9am

* RCIA 7pm

Wednesday—Jan. 8

Mass 9am

Thursday—Jan. 9

Mass 9am

Friday—Jan. 10

Mass 9am

*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

Saturday—Jan. 11

Mass 5pm

*Women at the Well 10am

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Jan. 12

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

Baptism of our Lord

National vocations week

*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish

*RE

*Adult Ed 9:45 am with Deacon Terry

*Little Ones in Christ 12:30-2:30

*Jr. Youth Mtg. 5-7pm

*Baby Bottle Drive begins

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 5145.25	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$136,654.90	\$129,975.00

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 — 139 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!

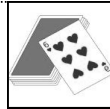


Adult Choir Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



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

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.



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.

The Feast of the Epiphany



“Arise Jerusalem for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...” Jesus is the light of the world.. Jesus is the star that the wise men followed. The theme of

“the Star” contains a rich meaning. The Star represents the light of God, the grace of God, the work of God in the heart and soul of every man, guiding every man to Christ. **Has your journey through the Christmas Season brought you to the Star?**

An Epiphany Blessing for all homes.

Leader: We begin with the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit Amen.....

Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Reader: *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be..... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-3.14)*

Place this design near the entrance of your home.

20
Caspar
Melchior
Balthazar
14

After words are in place, continue the blessing

Leader: *We place the first part of the year at the top of the list to welcome Christ into our homes.*

We place the names of the three kings to remind us to seek the Lord with the same wisdom as the three wise men.

We place the last part of the year at the bottom of the list to remind us that God is with us always.

Happy New Year! May your homes and hearts be full of God's greatest gifts in the coming year!

ASSIGNMENT LIST

January 8-12

WEDNESDAY 1/8/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector

Tiffany Rochford, John Smith
Sarah Brazzolotto

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY MASS 1/11/2014

5:00 PM

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers

Peter Boyle, James Raynor
(S) Stella, (N) Albright
Ron & Micky Zielinski
Martha Hayes, Karen Hand,
Connie Hertrich
Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jerry Noto,
Bob Nicholas

Ushers

SUNDAY MASSES 1/12/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers

Ryan Curran, Stephen & Sophie
Poteracki, Ronni Gagliano
(S) Mateer (N) Sayles
Lloyd & Terri Brown
Deacon, Joe & Ruth Stanley,
Marisol, Loera, Barbara McGowin
Michael Gagliano, Chris Frey, Laura
Headley, Tom Graffo

Usher

1:15 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers

John Smith, Ryan Murphree, James
Lewis, Monica Liverman
(S) Cowart (N) Patsy LopezdeVictoria
Bernie Funderburg, Mary Adams
Deacon, Maria Jimenez, Wayne
Adams, Chere Lowery, Chris Gallegly
Don Frederick, Ron Markevich,
Johnny Armstrong, Brian Young

Ushers

If you cannot keep your assignment

PLEASE find a substitute.

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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

January 5, 2014 The Epiphany of the Lord

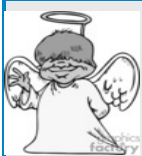
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Adult: What insights about your own faith have you gained from learning about other faith traditions?

¿Qué ideas sobre tu propia fe, has podido obtener mientras aprendes de otras tradiciones religiosas?

Child: What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

¿Qué podrías hacer para poder ser como esa estrella que conduce a otros a Jesús?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Jan 5 RE Resumes Epiphany Sun

Class Parties Youth Mass 11:15am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

January 10 Fri * 10am II Corinthians

Jan 12 Baptism of our Lord

ADULT FORMATION CLASSES

ADULT
FAITH
FORMATION



Time to get serious with
DEACON TERRY

Topic: Christmas Day has

come and gone. Did you find the joy and peace? Did you share the love? If not, come find out why those things are absent in your life. Where does your commitment lie within the Catholic Church? What can you do life a prosperous New Year!!

ATTN PARENTS WITH STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament will be celebrated

Monday, JAN 13 at 6pm

Please meet in the church
A small reception will be held afterwards in the hall.

PLEASE BE PROMPT!



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!

Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless us and the whole Catholic Church during the coming year, call back the fallen away and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Your friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Your blessings upon our friends, families and even upon our enemies, assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom died; and be merciful to those who during the coming year will be called to Your judgment seat. May all our actions be carried out with Your grace, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in You, will likewise end through You. Amen.

BE BLESSED IN 2014!



Parish Messages

Dear Church Family,

What an awesome example of the Body of Christ reaching out to bless the less fortunate of our community! The Thanksgiving food boxes were full to overflowing with lovely stuff for our patients. You truly exemplify I John 3:17-18. It was so much fun for our staff to deliver your generous gifts to our patients. Some cried with joy. May God bless all your ministry efforts, multiply the resources and bless the givers as well as the recipients! Praying that your Christmas season will usher in a New Year of peace and joy.

In Christ,

Susan McCallanhan R.N.

Lakeside Hospice

JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

*Every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord. Rom 14:11*

***At the sound of the name of JESUS, the devil flees!
Say it often!***

Parish Messages

**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

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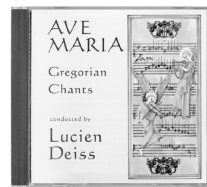
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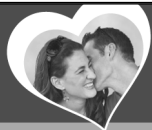


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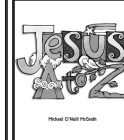
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