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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

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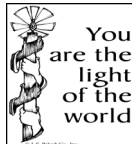
Saturday, February 8, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 9, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Holy Hour
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014
7pm



Mass Intentions Feb. 10-16



Monday: Johnny Crapet Jr. by the Crapet Family †
Tuesday: Stacy Wright by the Brazzolottos †
Wednesday: Leonard & Gloria Morteck by the Mortecks †
Thursday: Lisa Fullman by the Elie Family †
Friday: Doris Thompson by Jeanie Reid †
Saturday: Bert & Amy Lampton by the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Joseph Brazzolotto by the Brazzolottos †

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, Hildie Bowman, Michael Cozzi

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 February 12-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday &
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
ATTEND...**

*Our Lady of the Lake
Lector Training*

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church
Wednesday, February 12th
Time: 7:00 – 7:30 – Mass
7:30 – 8:00 – Training

All lectors are asked to attend the annual lector training class. It will begin with Mass and be followed by training for all new and seasoned lectors.

This is a wonderful time to recommit to your ministry while improving your skills. If you know anyone who would like to become a lector please invite them to attend.

You can reach Terri at 405.4747 or email beachdreaming2@aol.com with any questions.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We return to Matthew's Gospel this Sunday and to the heart of the Sermon on the Mount.

It is no small thing for us to be "Light" and "Salt" in the daily living of our lives. Salt is a preservative, yet also enhances flavor. In the time of Jesus salt was also used by farmers as a nutrient to increase the productivity of the land. It fostered growth and health in the soil.

Disciples (that would be all of us) are called to spice up life. We are to make life more meaningful, more purposeful, and we are to proclaim the Gospel. Life for many has lost its flavor, its zest. It is lived without purpose. Witness the tragic increase of death by heroine overdose of some of our best and brightest stars. As believers we can bring a joy to life, an upbeat spirit, without the doom and gloom. We can refuse to join in the chorus of pessimism that keeps telling us "how bad things are".

We are to shed light into the darkened corners of our world. Light-bearers and torch-bearers reflecting the Light of Christ. It seems odd to keep a light under a cover, hidden away. Yet some of us keep the light of our faith very locked up. A fellow worker who had worked for twenty years beside a man who was Catholic, said to a friend: "I never knew he was Catholic". You and I are the Light of the World.

In the Second Reading (1Cor. 2:1-5) Paul is aware that he came to Corinth "to proclaim the mystery of God". He did not come armed with high-sounding words and abstract ideas. He trusted in the power of the Holy Spirit to give power to his words. We could learn a lot from Paul. Are we impressed with ourselves, talking too much about ourselves, texting too much about ourselves in this age of rampant individualism? Does the world really need to know about how our dog felt about the snow?

Thoughtful words from a Trappist monk (Fr. Jeff Behrens): "We don't know the outcome of this minute, this day, or this year... Life is unpredictable and therefore not manageable. Growth is taking place all the time, evolving in its own way in spite of our best efforts to tailor it to our needs... Jesus reminds us that something vast and wonderful is taking place all around us. We are indeed a part of it but not the source of it... We are asked to trust, not in our own plans and designs but in God's loving providence... Give yourself to this day in trust without needing to know its outcome. It is enough to ask God to be open to it, second by second".

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 9-16

Sunday—Feb. 9

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***RE**

*Pro Life Rosary/ English

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

*Jr. Youth mtg. 5-7pm

Monday— Feb. 10

Communion Service 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

Tuesday— Feb. 11

Communion Service 9am

*RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— Feb. 12

Mass 7pm

*Lector Training after Mass

Thursday—Feb. 13

Mass 9am

Friday—Feb. 14

Mass 9am

Happy St. Valentine's Day!

*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

Saturday—Feb. 15

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Feb. 16

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***RE**

*Confirmation Class Nursing Home visit
10:30-12:30

*Adult Ed w/ Deacon Terry 9:45am
(Getting ready for Lent)

*Ultreya 5:45pm

*Holy Hour 7pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 6589.06	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$175,026.42	\$161,169.00
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 — 53 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!



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, March 8, 2014
 10:00 am

Please come and hear Our Lady of the Lakes Confirmation Class present their Saint Reports. What a great opportunity this is for us to share in our children's spiritual journey.

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

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

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 recycling trailer for aluminum cans earned \$428.74 in 2013. The Christian Love Pantry and Lakeside Hospice each received \$214.24 .

Thank you, and continue to recycle!

Cold and flu season are upon us.
 Please refrain from the Cup if you are feeling sick.
 Thank you.



Retreats and Other Programs



Day of Reflection to focus on religious poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins

On Saturday, February 15, the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman will present *Gerard Manley Hopkins and Company: Everyday Transcendence*. The retreat program will focus on the poetry of Hopkins, a 19th century Jesuit priest, and will also incorporate works of modern poets. Sister Marian Davis, OSB, a Benedictine Sister who holds a Ph.D. in English Literature, will lead the program.

The program will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 2:30 pm. Pre-registration is required. The fee for the day is \$30 and includes lunch. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or retreats@shmon.org.



The Alabama Guild of the Catholic Medical Association:

Invites everyone to the White Mass for Healthcare Workers to be celebrated by Bishop Baker on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, AL. All who care for or minister to the sick are invited for this special Mass of prayer and thanksgiving on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11). Family, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners and anyone involved in the field of health care, is invited to this special Mass. A reception will be held after Mass in the parish hall for those who attend.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

February 12-16

WEDNESDAY 2/12/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Taylor Vernon, Ronni Gagliano
Lector Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS 2/15/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Roger Carreker, Marty Poteracki
Greeters (S) Susan Moseley
(N) Judy Dawley
Lectors Lloyd & Terri Brown
Ministers Deacon, David Springer, Martha Hayes
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASSES 2/16/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew, Matthew & Amelia Reese, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters (S) Francie Poteracki,
(N) Jennifer Euler
Lectors Bart & Gail Perry
Ministers Deacon, Tom Graffo, Janice Stella, Joe & Ruth Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Frey, Laura Headley, Tom Graffo

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Taylor Vernon, Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters (S) Chris Watkins
(N) Patrick Buckland
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, John Stice
Ministers Deacon, Jim & Sonia Dale, Scott Denton, Chris Gallegly
Ushers Don Frederick, Brian Young, John Smith, Shane Fuller

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

February 9, 2014 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

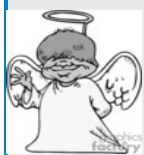
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Adults: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Adultos: ¿De qué manera podrías estar ocultando la luz de Cristo a los demás? ¿Qué podrías hacer para mejorar esto?

Child: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

Niños: ¿Cómo puedes dejar que la luz de Cristo brille en ti para otros esta semana?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Feb 9 RE 9:45am

Feb 11 RCIA 7pm

Feb 14 Fri *10am BIBLE STUDY II Corinthians

Feb 16 RE 9:45am

Adult Ed 9:45am

Confirmation Classes to Rosewood

Manor Nursing Home 10:30-12:30

Holy Hour 7pm



Attention Parents of 5th thru 8th

Grade Students: Please take the time with your children and help them prepare for the

'Annual Religion Bowl'.

The Bowl will be held

February 23 * 9:45am

Together we can grow in faith!



It's time to bring in your last year's palms and place them in the baskets in the foyers...

A PALM BURNING CEREMONY

will take place

March 2

after the 8:30am Mass

YOUTH GROUP NEWS*JOIN US!!! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **THIS SUNDAY* FEBRUARY 9 ***

12:30-2:30PM Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **THIS SUNDAY* FEBRUARY 9 ***

5-7pm Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

ALL YOUTH!!!!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Schedules for all ages are now posted in the RE Bldg. and Church Hall. See Chris Frey or Anna Emerick for more info.

Join the Fun and spread the Faith!



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Feb 16 **Visit to Nursing Home** Bus leaves OLL 10:30am and returns approx 12:30pm.

This **Service Project** is for **both 8th & 9th grades!!**

Feb 23 **Saint Reports are Due** during RE

Feb 27 **Sponsor Candidate Meeting** 6pm in the hall

Mar 8 **Presentation of Saint Report and Lunch** 10am in the hall for the Women at the Well.

April 6 **Reconciliation** during RE. A PRIORITY!

May 7 or 8 **Personal Interviews** with Fr Sexton. 4-6:30pm

May 14 **Dinner with Bishop Baker** 4:45pm Candidates only.

Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



ADULT EDUCATION

Next Sunday
FEBRUARY 16
9:45am

YOU ASKED FOR HIM AND HE'S BACK!!

Our very own: **DEACON TERRY**

Teaching on

Topic: Getting ready for Lent?

What does that mean for you? How can you make this Lent really special? How can you prepare for a meaningful and holy Easter? What sacrifices will you make this year?



Join us for **Coffee and Education.**

Parish Messages



Love Lessons
Purity is Possible
By:

Pam Stenzel

Saturday, March 1st
9:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.
Ann's New Life Center
Group class for teen girls!

For more information
Contact Ann's New Life Center
Registration deadline will be Feb. 24th.
3440 Martin St. South Suite 1
Cropwell, AL 35054
Phone: 205-338-4580
Email: annsnewlifecenter@yahoo.com

Parish Messages



Our Lady of the Lake **Extraordinary Minister Training**

Where: Our Lady of the Lake Church

Date: Wednesday, March 12th

Time: 7:00 – 7:30 Mass

7:30 – 8:00 – Training

All Extraordinary Ministers are asked to attend the annual EM training class. It will begin with Mass and be followed by training for all new and seasoned ministers.

This is a wonderful time to recommit to your ministry while improving your skills. If you know anyone wanting to become a minister, please invite them to attend.

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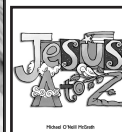
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