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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, February 22, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2014

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

✠ Mass Intentions Feb. 24-March 2 ✠

Monday: Special Intentions

Tuesday: Anne Forister by the Brazzolottos

Wednesday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino ✠

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Marie Starnes by Paul & Parma Boyle ✠

Saturday: Andy & Trudi McClay by the Zielinskis ✠

Sunday: Johnny Crapet Jr. by the Crapet Family ✠

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, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Denny Gentry, Lance Stella, Carla Rockhill, Hildie Bowman, Michael Cozzi, Matt Joiner

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 205-338-0207, 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 Feb. 24-March 2

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday &

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
Mt 6:24-34



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Respect, Protect, Love and Serve Life- Every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace, and happiness!” These are the challenging words of Blessed John Paul II to us, as we enter the 41st year of legalized abortion-on-demand in our nation.

Pope Benedict reminded us that “to defend life we must not fear hostility or unpopularity, and we must refuse any compromise or ambiguity which might conform us to the world’s way of thinking.” (October 28, 2010, during a meeting with Brazilian bishops.)

I endorse the 40 Days for Life campaigns. “Rescue those who are being taken away to death, and hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. You may say that it is none of your business, but God knows and judges your motives. He keeps watch on you; He knows. And He will reward you according to what you do.” (Proverbs 24:11-12)

The 40 Days for Life Campaign has three components: peaceful and Prayerful Vigil at abortion businesses; daily Prayer and Fasting, and Community Outreach to personally publicize the purpose of the 40 Days for Life to pastors and churches in your area, door-to-door neighborhood outreach with older teen groups, conversations with family, friends and co-workers and social media. Speakers are available for you parish through the local campaigns.

In Birmingham, the 40 Days for Life Campaign will take place at Planned Parenthood, 1211 South 27th Place, daily, 6am-6pm.

For information about, and registration for, the 40 Days for Life Campaign in Birmingham, call 256-338-7316, or visit www.40daysforlife.com/birmingham.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

To be a disciple (follower of the Lord) is not for the faint of heart. It is a call to greatness. It seems to demand a heroic spirit. As the world esteems wisdom and common sense and success we might even say that being a disciple is a kind of foolishness, being out-of-step with the prevailing culture.

In the Second Reading selected for this Sunday from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (3:16-23), the apostle plays with words. "We are to become a fool so as to become wise". Paul goes on to say that what is often considered to be wisdom in this world is, in reality, considered foolishness in God's eyes. That should give us pause. Worldly wisdom is always suspect unless it is grounded in God.

God's chosen people were called to be holy. This was their fundamental calling. Power, prestige, wealth, success, military might—to none of these were they called.

Pursuing the path of holiness had practical expressions in daily life. Hatred for another, revenge and grudges against the neighbor were to be avoided. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" at the end of today's First Reading (Leviticus 19:17-18) is the key. Known as a part of the "Great Commandment", sincere, honest, love of ourselves and others is foundational. But is not "love of self" a pitfall that leads to selfishness and self-centeredness? A healthy and wholesome love of self based on God's love for us will lead us to holiness and service to others. Self-loathing and self-hatred will produce bitter fruits.

The Jerusalem Temple was the holiest place in Judaism. Can we imagine the daring language of St. Paul when he writes: "you are the temple of God and the spirit of God dwells in you". Is this not the reason for a profound and healthy love of self?

The Gospel words today from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount are riveting and radical: "but I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". Have you heard that in any so-called "self-help" programs recently? I doubt it. This is wisdom from above.

Coming in March: The annual Parish Lenten Mission as part of the great Lenten season. Our mission leader will be Fr. Leonard Mary, M.F.V.A. of EWTN. The Mission Week is March 16-19. Mark your calendar now.

Thought for the week: "Prayer is the daily breath of God that we need to keep our hearts open and toned, wise and loving" (Fr. Stephen Behrens).

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 23– March 2

Sunday—Feb. 23

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***RE**

*Religion Bowl 9:45am in the Church

Monday—Feb. 24

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bride

*Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm

*Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm

Tuesday—Feb. 25

Mass 9am

*RCIA 7pm

Wednesday—Feb. 26

Mass 7pm

Thursday—Feb. 27

Mass 9am

*Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate
Mtg. 6pm

Friday—Feb. 28

Mass 9am

Saturday—March 1

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—March 2

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***RE**

*Youth Mass 11:15am

*Burning of Palms after 8:30am Mass

*Pro Life Rosary/English

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 3946.25	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$183,059.90	\$171,567.00

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 — 72 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, 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) Thomas-ton at (205)338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

Faith

Fellowship

Friendship



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

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



Retreats and Other Programs



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.

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

STRONG MEN STRONG FAITH

Read ~ Pray ~ Talk

Come and see – Strong Men Strong Faith, a Catholic men's conference will take place on Sunday, March 2nd at **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** in Huntsville, located at **625 Airport Rd SW, Huntsville, Alabama**, and Monday, March 3rd at **St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Hoover, Alabama**.

This year's State Conference will feature two dynamic speakers, over two nights at two locations, so that men from all over the area will be able to attend this pre-lenten event. This 11th annual conference is designed for busy men who are interested in deepening their Catholic faith.

Register online today for only \$10 (\$15 at the door) at www.strongmenstrongfaith.org. For further information email info@strongmenstrongfaith.org.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

February 26-March 2

WEDNESDAY MASS 2/26/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers

Tiffany Rochford, John Smith

Lector

Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 3/1/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers

Peter Boyle, Tom Michaels

Greeters

(S) Larry & Rita Martens

(N) Gisela Scruggs

Lector

Martha Hayes, David Springer

Ministers

Parma Boyle, Gloria Albright,

Connie Hertrich

Ushers

Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale,

Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASSES 3/2/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Stephen & Sophie Poteracki,

Ronni Gagliano, Natalie Newcomb

Greeters

(S) Anna Emerick

(N) Dennis Veigl

Lectors

Rose Ballard, Teri Gagliano

Ministers

Deacon, Joe & Ruth Stanley, Sara &

Larry Reese

Ushers

Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer

Gloria Rodgers, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Paul Boyle, Andrew & Amelia

Reese, Will Pittman

Greeters

(S) Matheresa Halog

(N) Olivia Mendez

Lectors

Troy Rosato, John Himmler

Ministers

Deacon, Andres Loera, Joe Pittman,

Marisol Loera, Matthew Reese

Ushers

Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly,

Kendell Perry, James Lewis, James

Pittman, Gannon Osborne

YOUTH MASS

**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

February 23, 2014 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Adults: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do so?

Adultos: ¿De qué vale "poner la otra mejilla" en una discusión, y por qué es tan difícil hacerlo?

Child: When have you or someone you know insisted on "having the last word" in an argument? What happened afterwards?

Niños: ¿Cuándo tú o alguien que conoces ha insistido en tener "la última palabra" en una discusión? ¿Qué ocurrió después?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Feb 23 RE 9:45am RELIGION BOWL in church

Feb 25 RCIA 7pm

Feb 27 Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg
6pm

Mar 2 Burning of Ashes after 8:30am Mass
RE 9:45 Youth Mass 11:15 Mass

Mar 4 RCIA 7pm

Mar 5 Ash Wednesday

Mar 7 First Fri Adoration 9:30-12:30

Mar 7 10am Bible Study * Gospel of Matthew
Sign up sheets in the foyers

Mar 7 Fish Fry 5-6:45pm
Stations of Cross 7pm

Mar 8 Sat 10am Confirmation Presentation of Saint
Reports in the hall for WATW.



CONFIRMATION SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MTG.

Feb 27 * 6pm in the hall.



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 * **March 9 * 12:30-2:30PM** Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * **March 9 * 5-7pm** Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

ALL YOUTH!!!!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Tournaments are underway.

Go get'em OLL! For times and dates check your FB page.

Join us for faith & fun!



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.

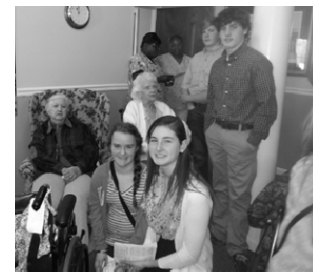
April 6 **Reconciliation** during RE. A PRIORITY!

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

Confirmation Kids in Action at Rosewood Nursing Home. A Christ moment for all!!!



Music, Prayers, Visits & Smiles are worth more than money can buy!



Parish Messages



Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus Council 12270 welcomed new member Knight, Glenn Fountain, at the 1st Degree Exemplification held Sunday February 16.

Parish Messages



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries are Back!

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning March 7 through April 11. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall followed by Stations of the Cross. The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, French fries, and coleslaw: 2-piece dinner \$8; 1-piece dinner \$6; child's plate \$3. All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



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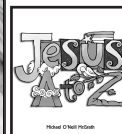
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