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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, July 12, 2014

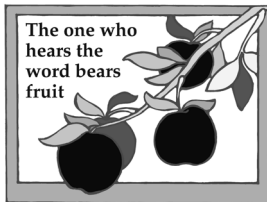
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Weekly Reading July 14-20

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23
Saturday (day): Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Saturday Vigil &
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13, 2014

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths
overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

CALLING ALL CANTORS!



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IF YOU LOVE TO SING AND HAVE THE GIFT OF SONG (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!)...OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH NEEDS YOU! A CANTOR WORKSHOP IS GOING TO BE HELD HERE ON SUNDAY, JULY 20, FOLLOWING THE 11:15 MASS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHOIR TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN THIS WORKSHOP! A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, FOLLOWED BY THE WORKSHOP. JESSICA LLOYD FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH WILL BE THE FACILITATOR. PLEASE CONTACT CHARMAINE BOOKER WELCH (205-913-4967) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION! YOU MUST BE REGISTERED SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A HEAD COUNT FOR LUNCH AND WORKSHOP SUPPLIES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS!!



Mass Intentions July 14-20



Monday: Bonnie Jenson by the Brazzolottos †
Tuesday: Tim Smith by Walton & Gene Smith †
Wednesday: David Florian by Ashley Goodwin †
Thursday: Denny Gentry by Qua Edge †
Friday: Iris Cox by The Elie Family †
Saturday: Jim Gutsell by K of C Council 12270 †
Sunday: Walter Zielinski by The Zielinskis †

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, Peggy Gessler, Daniel Centilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Jan Spencer, Pat Roberts, Tom Moseley

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London lies buried an Anglican priest, Samuel Barnet, who worked faithfully for many years in east London slums. On his memorial stone is carved the figure of the sower of Jesus' parable, walking down the field, scattering seed freely. Underneath are these words: "Fear not to sow on account of the birds".

Remembering the confidence expressed in today's Gospel parable, we too may sow with confidence. Sowing seeds of goodness and spreading the Good News of the Gospel along the road of life will bring unexpected results. The harvest will surprise us.

In the reading from Isaiah (55:10-11) and in the Gospel reading this Sunday (Matthew 13:1-23) our attention is directed to the world of nature as a means of understanding the Word of God and how God's Word takes root in our lives and in our world.

Farmers who are close to the earth and have observed the laws of nature at work in the field and farm know two things. The first thing that is striking is the losses and failures that occur in sowing and planting. A lot of potential is frustrated by quirks of nature like floods and storms and disease. The second thing that is even more striking is the bounty, the extravagance of nature that yields abundant harvests and overflowing fruitfulness. Think of the few tomato plants you planted in your garden. They seem to go on giving and growing in ways that surprise you.

In the reading from Isaiah, God's Word is likened to the rain and the snow that drench the earth, purifying it and making it fruitful. So is God's Word that falls upon our lives and transforms us again and again.

The Gospel parable points to the farmer planting seed in the spring. There seems to be a lot of failure, seed that doesn't take root for many reasons. But then there is the harvest at the end yielding astonishing results. This harvest of 30-100 percent is beyond all imagining. Here is cause for joy and hope. "Fear not to sow on account of birds".

In Grateful Appreciation: This week our hearts are saddened as we say farewell to Brenda Rochford who is taking up a full time position with the Pell City School system. Brenda has served as the parish secretary-bookkeeper since July 2012. She has done a splendid job and served our Parish in a magnificent way. Her professionalism and competence were special blessings for all of us, but even more, the kindness and care she extended to all who came through the doors of the Church office or called on the phone, left no doubt that here was truly Christain Spirit. Thanks, Brenda and best wishes to you and your family.

Welcome to Kathy Bryant: We are very fortunate to be able to hire Kathy Bryant, a faithful parishioner with long experience in business and Church life to become our new Parish secretary-bookkeeper. Congratulations and welcome, Kathy.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events July 13 - 20

Sunday—July 13

Mass 8:30am & 11:15am

- * Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- * School Supply Drive Cont.
- * No Youth Meetings

Monday—July 14

Mass 9am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary

Tuesday—July 15

Mass 9am

Wednesday—July 16

Mass 7pm

- * Surfsiders 10am
- * Parish Council after Mass

Thursday—July 17

Mass 9am

Friday—July 18

Mass 9am

Saturday—July 19

Mass 5pm

- *Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—July 20

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

- * Ultreya 5:45pm
- * Holy Hour 7pm
- * School Supply Drive cont.
- * Cantor Workshop after 11:15 Mass

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 5381.60	\$5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory: \$ 5381.60	\$5481.00
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Includes Holy Days



In Grateful Appreciation

Sincerest thanks to Brenda Rochford for her faithful and devoted service to our Parish. As she moves this week to a new job we wish her every blessing.

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—99

Thank you for your generosity!



The Legion of Mary

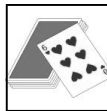
The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.

Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211

Mike and Kitty Gordon would like to share the blessings and wonder of their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

Surfsiders: Fun and Games

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



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.

Pro Life Corner



Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 2



Keep on praying for me. I am 2 months old now and 2 inches long. I am now called a fetus which means "little one". My teeth, fingers and toes are developing, and my ears, nose, lips, and tongue can now be clearly seen. I will use them to experience God's world after I am born. I can even suck my thumb!

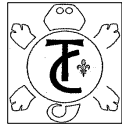
A Reminder:

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



St. John Vianney Summer Pot Luck Picnic honoring our seminarians. Enjoy the day with Bishop Baker, Fr. Chenuault, seminarians, SJVVS members and friends. Saturday, July 26, 2014, 12p.m.-4p.m. Camp Tekakwitha, 8500 Deer Haven Rd. Springville, AL 35146. RSVP by July 20th to Teresa Ragusa @babiesarepeople@gmail.com or call 205.260.4107.

Come Learn About God's

Covenant Through Jesus Christ

You are invited to attend the 14th annual Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Conference on July 25-26. (Friday night and Saturday). This year's theme is "God's Covenant with His People through Jesus Christ". God made a promise (covenant) to Abraham, to Moses, to Isaac and to His chosen people that He kept through His son Jesus Christ. We have the new covenant. The conference is dedicated to deceased pastor Fr. Michael Wrigley. The conference is at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$15.00. Call with questions (205) 328-7112) or go to website -

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Bible Institute Spirituality of the Gospel of Saint John

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama, is offering our Annual Bible Institute entitled "**Spirituality of the Gospel of St. John**" on July 18 -20, 2014. The Johannine Gospel focuses on the divinity as well as the humanity of Jesus.

The presenter is Msgr. James Flaherty.

The institute begins with registration at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday July 18, 2014, and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday. For registration information call (334) 855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR July 13-20

WEDNESDAY 7/16/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Ronni Gagliano
Lector Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 7/19/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Graffo
Greeters Susan Moseley, Gloria & Red Albright
Lectors David Springer, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Larry Reese, Sara Reese, Gloria Albright
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS 7/20/2014 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Ronni Gagliano, James Lewis, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jamillia Sayles
Lectors Carey Monistere, Robert Lewis
Ministers Deacon, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella, Anna Emerick
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Gloria Rogers, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Will Pittman, Matt Frey

Greeters Ashley Castaneda, Shirley Skeivelas
Lectors Yolie Roy, Mary Adams
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Sarah Brazzolotto, Tiffany & Brenda Rochford
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers, Sydney Sellers

**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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 13

Theme: Discipleship: opening our hearts to Jesus' word and acting upon it.

Question for Youth: When the sower in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Que estrategia estas usando en tu vida de joven para asegurarte que tu fe sigue creciendo y no se marchita o se muere?

Question for Adults: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

Pregunta para los adultos: Usando la parabola de Jesus en esta lectura, describa como la fe ha sido plantada en su vida. ¿Cuanto tiempo tomo para que la semilla cayera "en tierra fertil?"

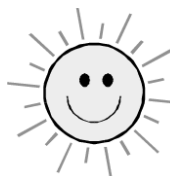


Attn all 2014-15 Catechists.

It's time to plan the 2014-15 Religious Ed Year! **CATECHIST MEETING ***
July 22 * 6pm

Light Dinner served in the hall.

SUMMER CHALLENGE taken from the "Joy of the Gospel Study Guide" by Bill Huebsch:



Invitation to all to pause at this moment in their lives and allow their hearts to be touched by Christ. Be renewed! Do this daily. This is for EVERYONE. If you take risk of giving yourself, heart and soul, to Christ, he will respond

each and every time. His arms are open. Don't ever stop returning to Christ with your whole heart.

REFLECTION : Temptations are faced by all who work in and for the church.. We all fall short, but every effort made for our society is a stepping stone to a better world. We try to help people live and die in peace. We try to help them escape poverty and enslavement. We devote ourselves to education and outreach. Don't look at your ministry as just another job. Don't prize relaxation or personal freedom too much. Don't reduce faith to a few religious exercises but keep it disconnected from the world. Our culture is often cynical about our beliefs and this sadly can lead to a loss of enthusiasm. Remember to have JOY we must live JOY—**J**esus first; **O**thers second and **Y**ou last. We have forgotten how to die to self; it is out of fashion. We want immediate results and we lack the patience to wait on the Lord for the completed project. Our church must not become a museum—dry, dead and lifeless. We must rely on the Holy Spirit to get up and get going. We will not be defeated. We have grace and that is always enough. We have grace and grace empowers us to succeed in doing what God wants. Let us not be robbed of community! **QUESTION:** How and when have you experienced the Church becoming dry and lifeless rather than on fire with the love of Jesus Christ? Are there too many cliques? Are we at odds with other Christians in the community? Are we in danger of being too worldly? Are we judgmental or uncharitable? Pope Francis has invited us to talk about and find solutions in our churches and in our communities. If you have a plan or desire don't hesitate to share it. We must reach out and share the faith. Don't let the world consume you!

Religious Education 2013-2014 IS ON SUMMER BREAK

Grs PreK4 thru 12

WILL RESUME August 10, 2014

From the RE Staff

Have a Happy, Holy, Safe Summer



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

July 13 15th Sun Ordinary Time

Pro Life Rosary after 8:30am Mass (Spanish)

July 22 Tues CATECHIST MEETING 6pm



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2014-2015 is NOW.

Forms are available in the foyers and on our Web Page at www.ollpellcity.com under the Education link.

REGISTRATION TABLE IN THE HALL JULY 20 AFTER ALL MASSES.

Return forms to Parma or place them in the collection basket labeled "Attention Parma".

RELIGIOUS ED RESUMES AUGUST 10, 2014

Help us pass on the Faith.. **Register NOW!**

***The task ahead of us
is never as great as
the Power within us!***

**MAY YOUR SUMMER BE HAPPY, HOLY &
FULL OF GOD'S GREATEST GIFTS.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

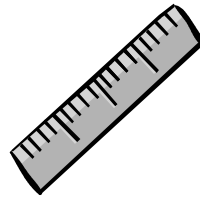


July 6—July 27

It's that time again already to start collecting school supplies for the needy in our community. Below is a list of items needed. Please place donated items in the blue buckets located in each foyer. If your children are in need of school supplies or you may have a neighbor who needs help, please call the office or come by to fill out an application. Thank you for all your help. We could not help these families without you!

- *Notebook paper– wide ruled & college ruled
- *Pencils
- *Erasers– Pencil top and bar erasers
- *Glue– Sticks and bottle glue
- *Folders with brads
- *3 Ring binders
- *Spiral Notebooks
- *Crayons
- *Colored Pencils
- *Pens– black & blue
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- *Markers

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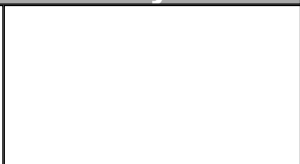
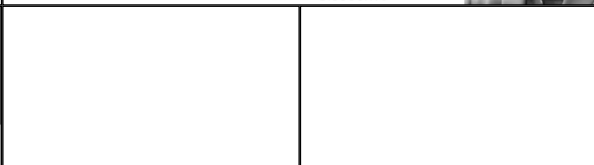


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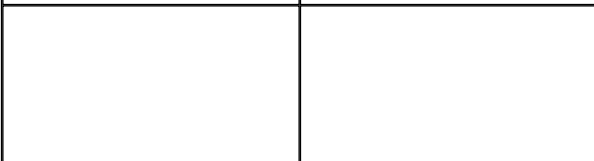
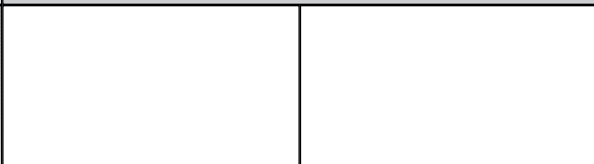
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