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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, July 26, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 27, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2014

All things work for good for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

✠ Mass Intentions July 28-Aug 3 ✠

Monday: Robert Moore by The Brazzolottos ✠

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Bert Lampton by The K of C Council 12270 ✠

Thursday: Jewel Yester by Joe Yester ✠

Friday: Tom Zopfi by K of C Council 12270 ✠

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis ✠

Sunday: Jim Gregg by Mary Esther Krantz ✠

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

Weekly Reading July 28-Aug. 3

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

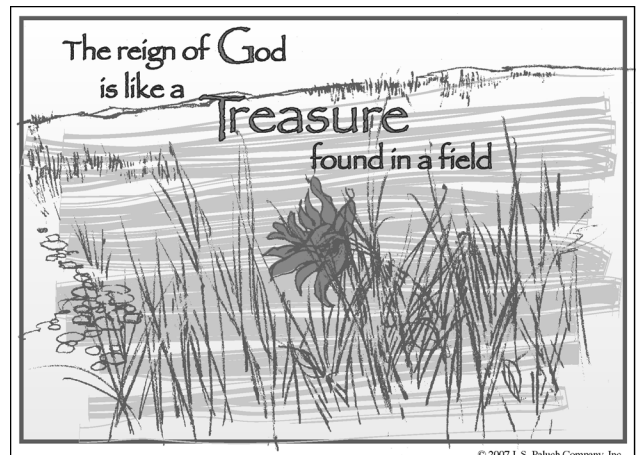
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Thoughts of school and college begin to return as the month of July is winding down. In other parts of the country such thoughts will not come until Labor Day. But here, school and college come with August. The familiar "Back to School" sales will beckon us now and students heading off to college for the first time will admit to a certain nervousness and a sense of the unknown. These are the rituals of our lives that involve choices and decisions that will shape our future.

The Scriptures for this Sunday speak of choices and priorities too. It is recommended that, like Solomon, we choose wisely and that we be single-minded and focused in pursuing what really matters.

Solomon was a new king. His path to the throne was neither easy nor without criticism. When given a chance to ask for one thing above all others, he asked for wisdom so that he might have "an understanding heart to judge people well and to distinguish right from wrong". What would I have chosen and why?

The psalmist (Psalm 119) says: "Lord, I love your commands". Can I make that prayer my own? And are the decrees of the Lord "wonderful" in our minds or have we chosen another path?

The Gospel parables of the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price are timeless nuggets of truth that ask the recurring question: What do we value more in life? We are, all of us, like merchants shopping around in the great bazaar of life, hoping to find the pearl of great price. Someone has said too that life is like a great big yard sale where we come to find a good bargain. But in the end are there any good bargains or do we have to invest not less than everything to find what really matters, namely eternal life?

Bishop Richard Skilba, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, notes: "Something worth only a few pennies at the local flea market may in fact be our most valuable possession because of its association with a cherished memory of a person we love dearly... Some objects are truly priceless because they are uniquely irreplaceable - precious family photos, a patchwork quilt sewn by one's grandmother, a wedding ring or a graduation gift from a deceased parent".

And what about our friendship with God? Is this not our greatest treasure?

Working the Land: You may have noticed clearing work being done on the newly acquired land next to the Church. No, it is not preparation for a building site, at least not now. The land is being cleared of fallen trees and debris and undergrowth so as to preserve it for future use; two acres will be seeded and made suitable for outdoor use such as picnic area or sports area.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events July 27-Aug. 3

Sunday—July 27

Mass 8:30am & 11:15am

* Reception Brenda Rochford after 8:30 Mass

* School Supply Drive last day

Monday—July 28

Mass 9am

* Bridge

* Legion of Mary

* K of C Mtg. 7pm

Tuesday—July 29

Mass 9am

Wednesday—July 30

Mass 7pm

Thursday—July 31

Mass 9am

Friday—August 1

Mass 9am

* First Friday Adoration

Saturday—August 2

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—August 3

Masses 8:30 & 11:15 am

* Youth Mass 11:15am

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 4702.27	\$ 5481.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$ 15,806.47	\$ 16,443.00

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—54

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

Let us Remember a Holy Priest

Killed in the Line of Duty

Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass

Cathedral of St. Paul,

Monday August 11, 2014 12:10 P.M.

Mass Followed by a Reception and

Special Address by Judge William H. Pryor, Jr.

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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 3

Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That's not much but I am fully formed and can grab my other hand. I can squirt, swallow and even move my tongue.

Please keep praying for me.

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



SAVE THE DATE

MAKE A DATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE FOR
DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

AUGUST 9, 2014.

MARRIED AND IN LOVE...MOST OF THE TIME! A one-day enrichment for couples of all ages, whether married one year or fifty, will be held at the St. Paul Cathedral Life Center on Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In a very relaxed and informal atmosphere, couples are invited to enjoy the opportunity to learn positive and practical approaches to being married. Along with private couple time, Dave and Lucy Snyder, District Directors of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will share strategies to enhance and reignite the passion and romance in marriage.

Topics to be discussed include: COMMUNICATING IN THE SAFE ZONE, COUPLE DECISION MAKING, INCREASING DAILY AFFECTION, FIGHTING FAIR and COUPLE PRAYER. Every couple deserves special private time together, whether dealing with small children, the challenges of the teen years or planning and living retirement. **SAVE THE DATE AND MAKE A DATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 9. The day is FREE with continental breakfast and lunch provided.**

REGISTER by calling Michele Haynie 205-776-7179 or online mhaynie@bhmdiocese.org.

One-Day Women's Spiritual Retreat

Joy That Overflows

Retreat Leader: Vie Thorgren, D.Min.

August 23, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
2061 Patton Chapel Rd., Hoover, AL
Holy Family Room

All registration and Fees must be received by August 15, 2014.
Seating is limited to 65.

For questions, please contact:
Donna Chmielarski @ 205-408-0308.

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR July 27-Aug. 3

WEDNESDAY 7/30/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, Ronni Gagliano
Lector Charmaine Booker

SATURDAY MASS 8/2/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Stephen Reese
Greeters Larry & Rita Martins, Bill & Loretta Frost
Lectors Karen Hand, Sonia Dale
Ministers Martha Hayes, Gloria Albright, Jim Dale
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jerry Noto, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS 8/3/2014 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Stephen & Sophie Poteracki, Matt Frey,
Jimillia Sayles
Greeters Larry & Rita Martins, Bill & Loretta Frost
Lectors Carey Monistere, Yolie Roy
Ministers Deacon, Michael, Teri, Ronnie &
Carly Gagliano
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Laura
Headley & Veronica Zubia

11:15 AM Youth Mass

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Tiffany Rochford,
Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters Amelia Reese, Ally Struzik
Lectors Troy Rosato, John Himmler
Ministers Andres Loera, Joe Pittman, Marisol Loera,
Matthew Reese
Ushers Kendell Perry, James Lewis, James Pittman,
Gannon Osborne

**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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.

Question for Youth: Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al crecer y convertirte en un joven y poseer cosas, ¿qué es más valioso para ti y cómo balanceas eso con el valor de tu fe?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is _____."

Pregunta para los adultos: Usando la parábola de Jesús como su punto de partida, describa en sus propias palabras qué es el reino de Dios para usted personalmente, y use una parábola para describirlo: "El reino de Dios es _____".



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades PreK4 thru 12th Grade

RE Resumes Aug 10.

A special invitation from Jesus!



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 : Social Dimension of Evangelization - We know that the core message of Christ always leads to love. Thus the social dimension is: love and charity. God loves all men and women because God has given us all a sense of dignity. We are saved from selfishness, unless we take from another, withhold from another or fail to love another. Love is social by definition. We desire, seek and protect the well being of others because of God's love for us. The task of proclaiming that love is meant for everyone. Religion is not a private matter, it is a social one. God wants all people to be happy in this world as well as eternally. The goal is so that all can live with justice and peace. **QUESTION:**

How can we as a parish, family member or neighbor bring about peace and justice in our society? We can ignore this question, become consumed by it or we can confront it. We cannot single-handedly bring peace to nations, but we can try reaching out to someone in need. We can encourage dialogue with people of other non-Christian religions. Be open to others joys and sorrows, but always stand steadfast in your own convictions while sharing the common aim of peace, harmony, respect and mutual enrichment. Our actions and attitudes will speak louder than words. So how will you bring about Social Evangelization this week?

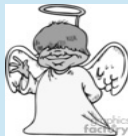
Religious Education 2013-2014 IS ON SUMMER BREAK.

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!

Aug 1 First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30

Aug 3 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Aug 10 Religious Education Resumes 9:45am.



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.

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!

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

Parish Messages



*We Welcome the following
Newest Members
to our Church Family*

Stacy Knight and son Tyran

*Let us love one another, for love is of
God and everyone that loves is born of
God and knows God. 1Jn4:7
May you feel the warmth of His
Spirit!*



Parish Messages



Reception for Brenda Rochford

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
to express our thanks to Brenda
for her service to our Parish
and to wish her well at her new job
with Pell City Schools.*

After the 8:30 Mass

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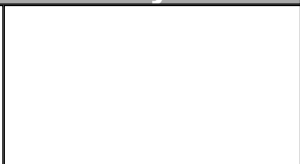
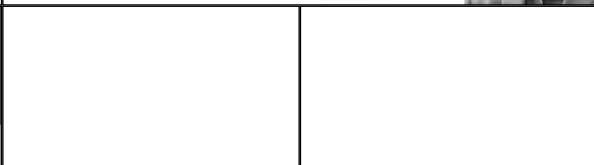
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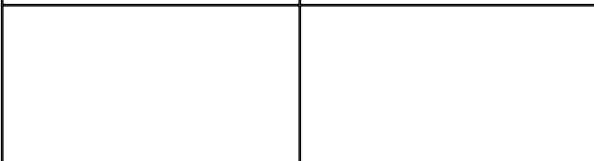
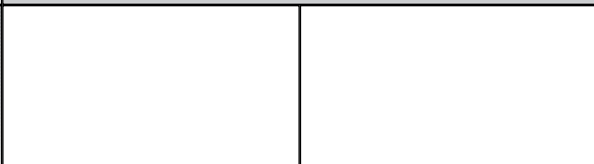
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