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Saturday Evening: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday— 9:00 am

Wednesdays:- 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 am-1:30 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. or
by appointment

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest at least 6
months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus-before 9 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-12pm

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. Through
High School

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 7, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2014

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."
— Matthew 18:19



Mass Intentions Sept.8 –Sept.15



Monday: Trudi McClay by The Hands †
Tuesday: Paul Smith by Walton & Gene Smith †
Wednesday: Bill Burras by The Elie Family †
Thursday: Patrick Pendergast by The Stice Family †
Friday: Denny Gentry by The Hands †
Saturday: Gini Kerr by Mary Esther Krantz †
Sunday: Robert Moore by KOC Council 12270 †

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, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts, Tom Moseley, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Marston

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 Readings Sept.8 –Sept.14

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

STEWARDSHIP



The good steward is awake, alert to opportunities about them, actually looking for chances to make that difference. The good steward is a conscious steward, not a guilty steward. The good steward joins, in God's own generous nature by quite simply and directly addressing the needs of the moment.



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We might ask as Church people what makes us Church? One of the best Scriptural descriptions of what we mean by "Church" is given in today's Gospel reading from Matthew (18:15-20). "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". The Church is all of us gathered together in the name of Jesus.

It was said in the Hebrew Scriptures that when two or three Israelites gathered together to study the Torah (the written Scriptures) God was in their midst. Jesus adopts this ancient idea and applies it to himself. When we gather in his name to study, to pray, to do his work, then he is in our midst and our gathering is made Holy.

Some cynic has said that when two or three Church people get together, then there is gossip or fault-finding. In small Church communities this seems to be a hazard since every one knows everything about every one. In this regard could we possibly avoid clinical descriptions of people's illnesses when we ask for prayers for them? Do we all need to know the type and stage of a recently discovered cancer? If the goal is to pray for the person we can be spared the personal details.

The prophet Ezekiel is described as a watchman for the people in the first reading today. Dangers abounded in the ancient world which was quite lawless. Villages and towns had watchtowers at the entrance for protection. The sentinel up in the watchtower kept an eye out for impending danger and warned the community when necessary.

The prophet's job was to speak God's word to the people. They were on the lookout for dangerous ideas and false interpretations of current events. Above all, the prophet had to speak truth to power. These sentinels and watchmen were often ignored or silenced.

The book of Ezekiel makes it clear that while it is the prophet's responsibility to speak truth to the people, each person must decide how to respond. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers in that we have a responsibility to help each other on our journey. However, we cannot make anyone do anything.

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**Coming Events** - - The annual fundraising banquet for Ann's New Life Center is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We all need to support this all-important ministry of saving life.

**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** - - The annual Diocesan-wide appeal will take place on September 20/21. More information on this is coming Sundays.

**Annual Parish Picnic:** Will be held at Lakeside Park on Sunday, September 21st. Volunteers needed to set up and clean up. Bring a salad or a dessert and make the day special.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Sept. 7-Sept.14

### **Sunday—September 7**

**Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* RE/Soup Drive
- \* Youth Mass - 11:15 am
- \* Holy Land Olive Wood Gifts

### **Monday—September 8**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday—September 9**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday—September 10**

**Mass 7 pm**

### **Thursday—September 11**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday—September 12**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10am

### **Saturday—September 13**

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Confessions 3:30pm-5pm
- \* Catholic Charities Promotion
- \* WATW 10am

### **Sunday—September 14**

**Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am**

- \* **Exaltation of the Cross**
- \* **Blood Drive**
- \* RE./Soup Drive
- \* Catechetical Sun. 11:15am Mass
- \* Ultreya 5:45pm
- \* Little Ones in Christ PK Gr3  
12:30pm - 2:30pm
- \* Jr. Youth GR 3-6 5pm -7pm

**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2014-June 2015**  
**Last week**

|                    |                             |                             |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>Actual</b><br>\$ 4179.25 | <b>Budget</b><br>\$ 5481.00 |
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**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 49,341.07</b> | <b>\$ 49,329.00</b> |
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**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 - 243 cans.**

**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.

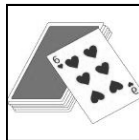
**Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

There will be a special collection taken up in all of the parishes of the Diocese on the weekend of September 13th & 14th for humanitarian and pastoral relief of Christians in the Middle East who are suffering so much these days. Please be generous to this special need.

**Surfsiders: Fun and Games**

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall.



**For more information call:  
 Larry Martens 256-338-6927.**



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**Pro Life Corner**



**Our Lady of the Lake  
 Spiritual Adoption Program**



**Month 4**

**Thank you for praying for me.**

**I am bigger and stronger now.**

**I am about 6 inches long and I weigh about 4 ounces. When my mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.**

**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.**



**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](http://www.ollkofc.com).**

## Announcements



### Our Lady of the Lake Church Picnic

**Come Join in the Fun!**  
Sept. 21st from 12p-4p  
Lakeside Park

Sign up sheets are in both foyers for side dishes.  
**Please call Julie 205-739-1547 or Gloria 205-487-1966 for more information or to help.**

### Blood Drive

**September 14th  
Parish Hall**

**Please consider donating the gift of  
life-saving blood.**

### *"Let Love Come Alive"*

#### *Conference*

*Let your love and joy for the Gospel come alive!*

September 16th and 17th

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

**Fr. Dan Gagnon** will be the speaker for this conference. Fr. Dan is originally from Maine, but currently serves in Mexico City. He has given retreats in English and Spanish-in 47 countries, has written 16 books, and has served as the International Director of the New Evangelization.

Music will be provided by Sarah Kroger.

There is no cost to attend. In fact, everyone who does attend will receive a free copy of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* as a free gift.

For more information please see website:  
[www.letloveignitebham.com](http://www.letloveignitebham.com)

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR

**Sept. 7-Sept.14**

### **WEDNESDAY 9/10/2014 7:00 PM**

Altar Servers  
Lector Terri Brown

### **SATURDAY MASS 9/13/2014 5:00 PM**

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, James Raynor  
Greeters Susan Moseley, Gloria & Red Albright  
Lectors Larry Reese, Sara Reese  
Ministers Karen Hand, Gloria Albright, Parma Boyle  
Ushers Cecil Rogers, Jim Dale, Jerry Noto, Bob Nichols

### **SUNDAY MASS 9/14/2014 8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Stephen Poteracki, Sophie Poteracki, Matt Frey, Jimillia Sayles  
Greeters Jay & Enid Wili, Johnny & Marsha Armstrong  
Lectors Dennis Veigl, Bernie Funderburg  
Ministers Deacon, Stephen Reese, Anna Emerick, Janice Stella  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel, Chris Frey, Robert Paulitzky

### **11:15 AM**

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Tiffany Rochford, Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Ashley Castaneda, Shirley Skeivelas  
Lectors Robert Lewis, Mary Adams  
Ministers Deacon, Brenda & Tiffany Rochford, Chris Gallegly, John Smith  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Markevich, Johnny Armstrong, James Pittman

**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 Sunday Readings.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 7, 2014**

**Theme:** We are called to help one another grow as a community of faith.

**Question for Youth: Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Al aprender más y más sobre la vida y el amor, ¿qué estrategia seguirías para hacer del amor una prioridad en tu vida, por sobre la codicia, el egoísmo, el rechazo a otros y cosas similares?

**Question for Adults:** How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo se asegura de seguir la forma en la que Pablo describe el amor en la lectura de hoy? ¿Qué pasos toma para eliminar los obstáculos de falta de amor, odio, prejuicio u otros?

**YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!  
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday  
**First Meeting \* Sept 14\* 12:30-2:30PM Lunch will be served!** Call Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday  
**Next Meeting \* Sept 14 \* 5-7pm \* Dinner will be served!** Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH** Grs 7-12 Join us!

What is your definition of Love?

**Next Meeting Sept 17 \* 6pm in the hall**  
Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



**ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS.**

CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY  
2014

Teaching about  
**God's Gift of Forgiveness**



This year, our Church will celebrate **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** on **September 14 at the 11:15am Mass** and will focus on the theme **"GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS."** Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Please pray for our **Catechists** as they volunteer their time to *Hand On The Faith* to your children. They are the reason Religious Ed is as successful as it is... **THANK YOU:** Brenda Rochford, Connie Luter, Kathrynne Shelton, Jordan Murphree, Julie Smith, Carl Rochford, Jimmy Falkner, Wendy Struzik, Laura Headley, Jennifer Rosato, Jennifer Sellers, Michelle Pittman, Robert Lewis, Matthew Allor, Sonya Lewis, Rosemary Mateer, Sharon Stice, Francie Poteracki, Stephen Reese, Tom Zopfi, Teri Gagliano, Paul Emerick, Paul Boyle Jr, Chris Frey, Joanna Murphree. May God bless you abundantly for your time, talent and treasure that you share!

**Religious Education 2014-2015**

**Every Sunday at 9:45 am.**

Grs PreK4 thru 12



**ANNUAL SOUP DRIVE.**

**Goal 2000 cans \* only 396 cans to go!**

**Collected 8/31 \* 243 cans**

**Total Collected 1604 cans**

**Bring your cans to the church foyer**

**or RE bldg.** If you can't shop, drop your donation in the soup box in the foyers and we'll do the shopping for you! All donations profit the **Pell City Love Pantry.** **CAN WE DO IT? YES WE CAN!**

**COMING UP \* MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**Sept 7 RE/Soup Drive Continues \*Youth Mass 11:15am**

**Sept 9 RCIA begins 7pm**

**Sept 12 Fri 10am Bible Study Matthew 20-22 Lesson 8**

**Sept 11 Ann's Banquet Confirmation Service Hours**

**Sept 14 RE/Soup Drive Continues**

**Catechetical Sunday 11:15am Mass**

**Holy Hour 7pm**

**LOIC 12:30-2:30 Grs PK thru Gr 2**

**JR YOUTH 5-7pm Grs 3-6**

**Sept 15 Youth Protection Class I \* 6-8 Parish Hall**

Sign up sheets in the foyers

**Sept 16 Tues RCIA 7pm**

**Sept 17 Sr Youth Grs 7-12 Meeting in hall 6pm**



**September is dedicated  
to the Holy Cross**



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

**EUSEBIO & MARIA VALENCIA &  
children JOSE & CESAR.**

*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!*



**YOUTH PROTECTION CLASS 1**

**SEPT 15 \* Monday 6-8pm**

in the OLL parish hall

**ATTENTION** Youth Protection must be updated every 3 years. **All Catechists, Co-Catechists & Adults working with our youth from Sunday School Classes, Nursery & Youth Leaders must be protected by Diocesan Guidelines. Also any adult interested in personal growth** are most welcome to attend. For more info contact Parma 405-0948.

Sign up sheets are in the foyers. Be prompt!

Ann's New Life Center for Women, Inc.  
Annual Fundraising Banquet

September 11, 2014, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location: The Beacon at First United Methodist  
Church, Pell City

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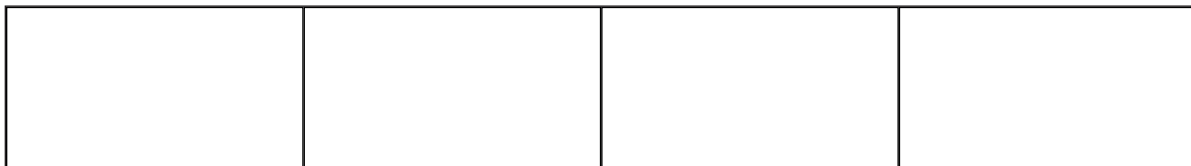


**Dr. Alveda C. King**

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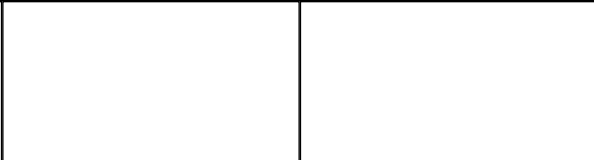
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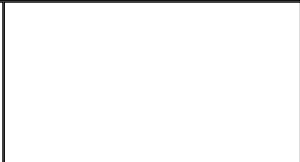
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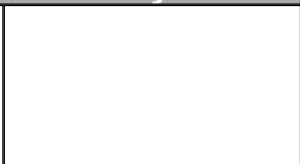
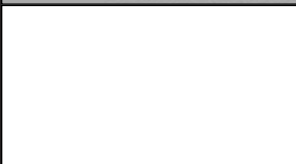
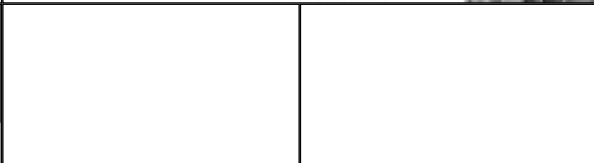


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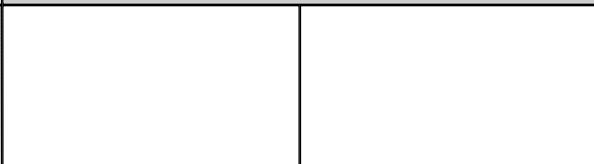
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