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### **MASSES**

**Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

**Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.**

**Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

#### **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 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### **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 13, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

Christ Jesus emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness.

— *Philippians 2:7*



### Mass Intentions Sept.15 –Sept.22



**Monday: Special Intentions**

**Tuesday: Anita Raynor** by James Raynor †

**Wednesday: Walton Smith** by Walton & Gene Smith

**Thursday: Curry Hadley** by The Reids †

**Friday: David Smith** by Walton & Gene Smith

**Saturday: Marie Battaglia** by Paul & Parma Boyle

**Sunday: Betsy Spencer** 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, Daniel Centilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts, Tom Moseley, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Marston, Rita Martens*

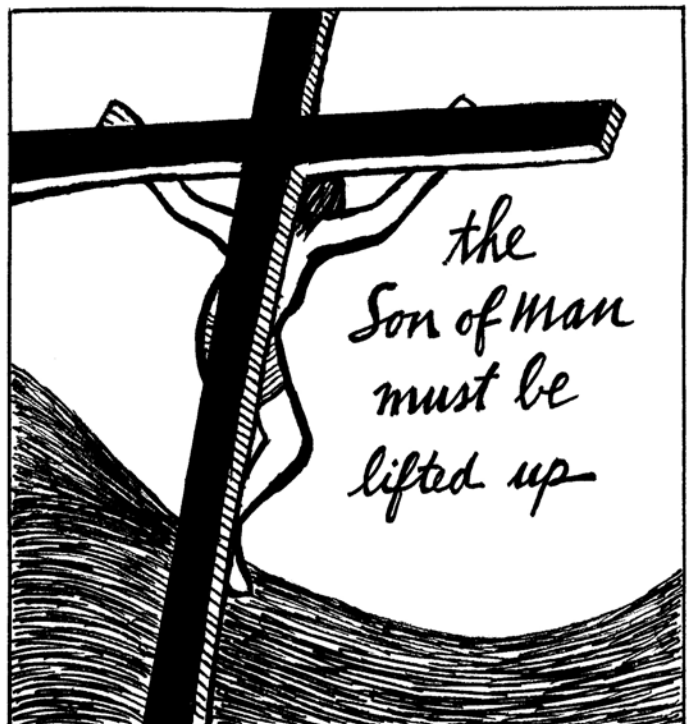
Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line call Sharon Stice at 205-338-0207, or email:

[cocoapuff@centurytel.net](mailto: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.15 –Sept.22

- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**Annual Catholic Charities Appeal:** The Diocesan-wide annual Appeal is now underway throughout the Diocese. Next Sunday is known as Pledge Sunday when we will have the opportunity to make a financial pledge to the great work of Catholic Charities in our Diocese for the coming year. This is one of the amazing stories of our Faith community year after year. Last year our Catholic people pledged over four million dollars to support the more than fifty six ministries sponsored by our Diocese across North America.

As Bishop Baker writes in his annual appeal to us to support the Appeal: "Your support and assistance to the Church is needed now more than ever. With your contribution to Catholic Charities, you are helping the helpless, feeding children who otherwise will go to bed hungry, helping cover the cost of medicine for those who cannot afford to purchase necessary prescriptions on their own, enabling your Church to respond to needs that present themselves at our door daily".

The theme for this year's Appeal is: "To Give is Ultimately to Receive". St. Francis said it so well: "It is in giving that we receive". The more of self and treasure we give away, the more we are able to receive. A wise priest told me: "Whatever we give to help the poor and the needy comes back to us a hundred fold". I believe this is true. The Psalmist says it this way: "Cast your bread upon the waters and it will come back to you".

Our goal for the Annual Appeal here at Our Lady of the Lake is \$50,000.00. With generous and faith-filled people like you, I have no doubt we will exceed our goal. I'm writing my pledge today. I hope you will join me. May the Lord Bless you always.

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**Today's Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Today's commemoration is based on two stories from the fourth century. We remember St. Helen finding the true Cross and the dedication of the Basilica and Shrine on Calvary by Constantine, convert to the Faith and builder of magnificent churches in the Holy Land.

Consider too the sheer genius of our Church. The Cross in ancient times was a symbol of shame and failure, a cruel instrument used by Rome to kill the worst criminals. Yet now, because Christ died on the Cross and made it a symbol of God's undying love for us, the Cross is venerated and exalted as a powerful sign. Remember the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Today, we can resonate with that powerful hymn: "Lift High the Cross". What wondrous Love is this.

**Coming Soon:** The annual Parish picnic on September 21st. Lots of volunteers needed to make it happen. Thanks!

**Thought for Today:** "We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross, you have redeemed the world".

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Sept. 14-Sept.21

### **Sunday—September 14**

**Mass 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

### **Monday—September 15**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary
- \* YPCI for Catechists & Adults 6-8pm

### **Tuesday—September 16**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7pm

### **Wednesday—September 17**

**Mass 7 pm**

- \* Surfsiders 10am
- \* SR Youth GR 7-12 6pm
- \* Parish Council after Mass

### **Thursday—September 18**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday—September 19**

**Mass 9 am**

- \* Bible Study 10am

### **Saturday—September 20**

**Mass 5 pm**

- \* Confessions 3:30pm-5pm
- \* Catholic Charities Pledge

### **Sunday—September 21**

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

- \* RE/Soup Drive ends
- \* Catholic Charities Pledge
- \* Parish Picnic Lakeside Park 12-4pm
- \* Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry after 8:30

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

|                    |                   |                   |
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|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 7953.67</b> | <b>\$ 5481.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 57,294.74</b> | <b>\$ 54,810.00</b> |
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**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.

**STEWARDSHIP**



Good stewards are intentional stewards, consciously setting aside for God's use some portion of their time, talent and treasure, but in a proportion that makes sense at that point in their life's journey. Good stewards give and give generously of themselves and their means to their parish.



**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).**

**\*\*Next Meeting-Sept. 22 @ 7p.m.\*\***

**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 - 869 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**

**Surfsiders: Fun and Games**

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



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



**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.



## 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 - beginning at 8:00am**

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

## High School Youth Director

**Peter Boyle**, an active member of our Parish has generously agreed to serve as Youth Director for grades 7 - 12 in our Parish. Peter served in this position previously and has a burning desire to serve our youth and lead them closer to Christ. We thank him for agreeing to serve our youth.

We extend a special thanks and deep appreciation to Chris Frey who has served as High School Youth Director for the past three years. Chris has generously shared his time and talents and his strong faith with our youth in addition to raising his own young family and running his landscape business. He will still help out with youth activities as time permits. Thanks, Chris to you and your family for your faithful service.

*Fr. Sexton*

## ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Sept.14-Sept.21

### WEDNESDAY 9/17/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lector Charmaine Booker

### SATURDAY MASS 9/20/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Tom Michaels, Larry Reese  
Greeters Larry & Rita Martens, Bill & Loretta Frost  
Lectors Ron & Micky Zielenski  
Ministers Connie Hertrich, Marty Poteracki,  
Sue Poteracki  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman,  
Larry Foltz

### SUNDAY MASS 9/21/2014 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Michael Emerick, Anthony Emerick,  
Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston  
Greeters Anna Emerick, Tommie & Jacky  
Johnson  
Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Tom Graffo,  
Barbara McGowin, Martha Hayes  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Lance Stella, Laura  
Headley, Veronica J. Zubia

### 11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Ryan  
Murphree, James Lewis  
Greeters Patsy Lopezde-Victoria, Patrick Cowart  
Lectors Betty Huetteman, Julie Smith  
Ministers Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Yolie Roy,  
Jim Mortek, Marcia Mortek  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer  
Sellers, Sydney Sellers

**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 Sunday Readings.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross **Sept 14, 2014**  
Theme: God loved us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us.

**Question for Youth:** Question for Youth: What does a cross mean to you?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Qué significa una cruz para ustedes?

**Question for Adults:** God loved the people of the world so much that he sent his Son to save us so that we could have eternal life with God in heaven. What does it mean to you that Jesus saved you?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Dios nos amaba tanto que envió a su Hijo a salvarnos para que pudiéramos disfrutar de la vida eterna con Dios en el cielo. ¿Qué significa para ustedes al decir que Jesús nos salvó?

## John 3:16

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



ANNUAL SOUP DRIVE. **WE DID IT!!!**  
AND STILL ONE WEEK LEFT

Goal 2000 cans

Collected 9/7 **869** cans

Total Collected **2473** cans

!!!GRAND TOTAL NEXT WEEK!!!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

All donations profit the Pell City Love Pantry.

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

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

Sept 19 Fri 10am Bible Study Matthew 26-28 Conclusion

Sept 21 RE/Soup Drive Ends

Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry

Church Picnic 12-4pm Lakeside Park

By Your Cross and resurrection  
You have set us free!

YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!  
LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST**

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

**THIS SUNDAY \* Sept 14 \* 12:30-2:30PM** Lunch will be served! Call Joanna Murphree 473-1444

**JR YOUTH** Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

**THIS SUNDAY \* Sept 14 \* 5-7pm \* Dinner will be served!** Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

**SR YOUTH \*SOMETHING NEW IS HAPPENING!**

Grs 7-12 *What's your definition of Love? Join us!*

**MEETING, WED. SEPT 17 \* 5:30pm in the hall**

We welcome back Peter Boyle as SR YOUTH Leader. Meetings are planned every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month beginning with dinner at 5:30pm and ending with 7pm Mass. Join us as we arm ourselves with the tools we need to fight the spiritual battle. Hope to see you all **this Wednesday, Sept 17 at 5:30pm** Bring your appetite for body and SOUL.... Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



**YOUTH PROTECTION CLASS 1**

**THIS MONDAY**

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

in the OLL parish hall

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. **Be prompt**



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY at the 11:15am Mass**

All Catechists and co-Catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

These men and women are the backbone of Religious Educ. Be sure to say **THANK YOU** to your Sunday School Catechists....

*May God bless you abundantly for your time, talent and treasure that you share!*



**COMING SOON!!**  
**SEPT 27 & 28**  
 After Sat /Sun Masses

*What **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**  
 do you have to share?*

Join us after the Masses and see what Ministries are available. We are all the body of Christ and all our hearts, hands and feet are needed. See you there!

**PICNIC**



**PARISH PICNIC**  
**NEXT SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 21\* 12-4pm**

Join us **Lakeside Park** for  
 faith, friends & fun

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*Time to relax, meet new friends and renew  
 friendships with old buddies.*

To help with final preparations call  
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*Welcome Reception for New Members*

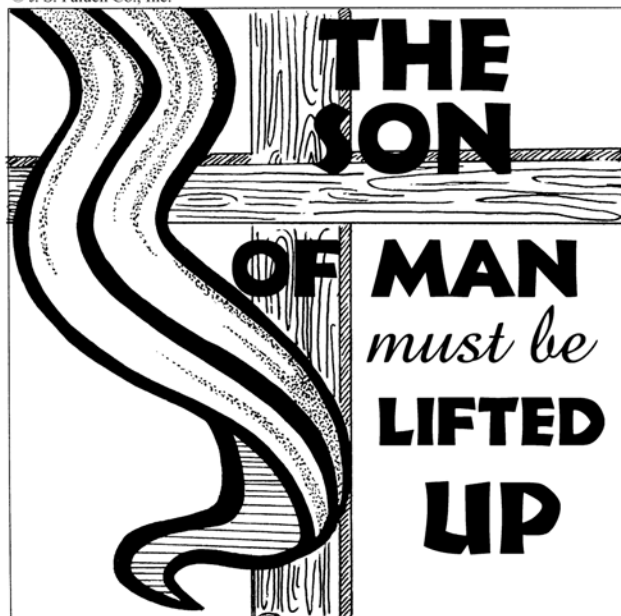
Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 24

After the evening Mass

Please come meet our newest members  
 and join us in welcoming them to our  
 Parish Family!

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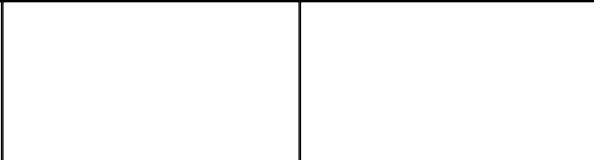
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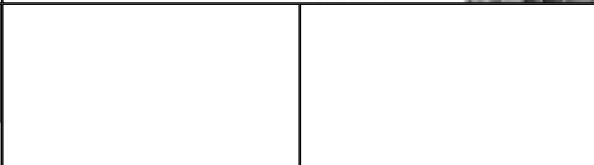



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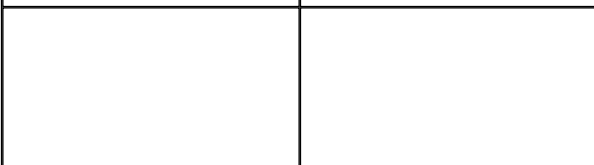
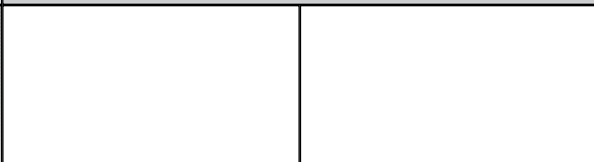
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