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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, March 7, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods
besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3



Mass Intentions March 9– March 15



Monday: Frances Hand by Karen & Bob Hand †
Tuesday: Special Intentions
Wednesday: Betty O'Brien by Terry & Rita Rumore †
Thursday: Tomaszewski Family by Jim & Marcia Morteck
Friday: Tom Zopfi by The Zopfi Family †
Saturday: John Landman by The Spiker Family †
Sunday: Denny Gentry by Juanita Crowson †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Centilli,
Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner,
Pat Roberts, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Mars-
ton

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 pray-
er list for 30 days and then are removed un-
less the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings March 9 – March 15

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings
(Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

DESTROY
THIS TEMPLE
AND
IN THREE DAYS
I WILL
RAISE
IT UP



Pastor's Message

A special welcome today to Fr. John Paul of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word who is preaching at all the weekend Masses and leading our Parish Mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Fr. John Paul's religious community is located in Birmingham. The special charism of this community is to evangelize the world through the use of media, especially radio and T.V. You will have seen Fr. John Paul frequently on E.W.T.N. as he celebrates the daily Mass which is televised around the world. He frequently appears on panel shows and in interviews on E.W.T.N.

He is a dedicated and zealous young priest committed to proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, giving witness to the Holy in our midst and inviting us to live the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm. We are very honored and blessed that he has graciously agreed to lead our Lenten Parish Mission.

The first Scripture reading read on this Sunday is from the book of Exodus (20:1-17). God delivers the Commandments to the Israelites. These are the requirements for membership in the Covenant and faithfulness to them is expected. The Covenant arose from God's initiative who chose a people to be his special inheritance. These commandments (sometimes called the Decalogue) are valid for all time. They are the safeguards that make life in a community possible and that can lead to human flourishing.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading (I Corinthians 1:22-25) that we too are a covenant people. We are drawn into that unconditional relationship with God through Jesus Christ crucified. When we come to share in the Eucharist on Sunday we commit to that relationship as an expression of thanks for a love we cannot equal.

The Gospel Reading (John 2:13-25) assigned for this Sunday is one of the first public acts of Jesus in John's Gospel. It takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, during one of his three trips to Jerusalem. He drives out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, along with the money-changers. In a moment of righteous anger he uses a whip of cords and overturns tables and coins in the process. He makes the dramatic and prophetic announcement: "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up". A preview of his death and resurrection.

What is there in my life at this time that needs cleansing?

Something To Ponder: Kayla Mueller, age 23 from Arizona volunteered to go to Syria to help refugee children. She was kidnapped and killed by members of ISIS. On her twenty third birthday she wrote a letter to her father that included these words: "I find God in the suffering eyes reflected in mine. If this is how you are revealed to me, this is how I will forever seek you. I will always seek God. Some people find God in nature. Some people find God in love; I find God in suffering. I've known for some time what my life's work is, using my hands to relieve suffering." Such courage and such rare insight. We pray for all who take risks every day to relieve the suffering of the world.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events March 8 - March 15

Sunday—March 8

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- * 1st Scrutiny 8:30 am
- * Reconciliation Gr. 4 & 5
- * Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- * Little Ones in Christ PK3-GR3
12:30-2:30 pm
- * JR Youth GR 3-6 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday—March 9

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary
- * Lenten Mission 7 pm

Tuesday—March 10

Mass 9 am

- * NO RCIA
- * Lenten Mission 7 pm

Wednesday—March 11

Mass 7 pm

- * Lenten Mission 7 pm followed by
soup and salad in the hall

Thursday—March 12

Mass 9 am

Friday—March 13

Mass 9 am

- * Bible Study 10 am
- * KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:45pm
- * Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday—March 14

Mass 5 pm

- * Confessions 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday—March 15

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- * 2nd Scrutiny 11:15 am
- * Reconciliation Gr. 6,7& 8
- * Holy Hour 7:00 pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ ***	\$ 5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 230,105.70	\$ 202,797.00
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Mark Your Calendars
For The Old Women at the Well
Saturday, March 14, 2015
10:00 am

We can't wait to see you there! **Bring a friend!!!**

Don't forget to bring a dish to share for lunch .

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at (205) 338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

Faith Fellowship Friendship



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.

Next meeting March 23, 7:00 pm.

Scholarship
Awards



The Knights of Columbus Council #12270 are now accepting applications for their annual scholarship(s) to be given on Senior Sunday, May 17th. **The application forms may be requested by sending an email to:**

jwilli@coosahs.net.

The scholarship is available to all high school seniors that are OLL members.



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 - 100 cans.

Ministry Spotlight



All ministries need volunteers to help in many ways. Are you involved in the life of our Parish?

Environment Committee

Volunteers are needed to help with the decorating of the interior of the Church including flowers, etc. for the Liturgies.

**For more information please contact:
 Paul Hopper 205-903-4005**



Pro Life Corner

Ann's New Life Center is in need of a children's table and chairs set. If you would like to donate these items, please call 205-338-4580. Thank you for your continued support of Ann's New Life Center through prayer and your donations. Together we can make a difference!

Announcements



EASTER BASKET PROJECT

A PROJECT OF THE
HISPANIC COMMITTEE

COLLECTION OF ITEMS & ASSEMBLY OF EASTER BASKETS

WHERE: Parish Hall, or give Candy/Toys to
Mari Culver.

WHEN: After the 8:30 Mass on
Palm Sunday, March 29.

DETAILS: Easter Baskets, BIBLE Coloring Books
only, Crayons, Chocolate Rabbits, Assorted Easter Can-
dy, small toys, ribbon, and Cellophane Wrap. Rosaries
and church information will be added to the baskets. We
will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and
inviting them to our church.

DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER BASKETS:

WHERE: Carpooling of cars after 11:15 mass on East-
er Sunday, April 5 to Hispanic trailer parks.

CONTACTS: Mari Culver: 205-525-0071, 205-405-8130;
Gloria Rodgers 256-487-1966

CANASTAS DE EASTER

UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO

RECOLLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN

QUÉ? en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar
canastas para ser distribuidas a la comunidad hispana de
nuestra área.

DONDE? Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el salón
comunal (Parish Hall) despues Marzo 29 o entregar a
Mari Culver (205-525-0071).

DETALLES: El comité hispano está recolectando dulces
de Easter, juguetes pequeños, y cosas para decorar las
canastas de Easter. El comité armará las canastas en el
salón comunal de la iglesia (Parish Hall) el domingo Mar-
zo 29 después de la misa de 8:30 am. Si tienes una ca-
nasta extra que quieres donar la puedes traer y dejar el
salón comunal.

*Si tu hijo/hija necesita una canasta de Easter por fa-
vor comunicarse con Gloria Rodgers o Mari Culver.*

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR March 11 – March 15

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/11/2015 5:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lectors Bernie Funderburg
Ministers

SATURDAY MASS 3/14/2015 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Jim Gorman
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Connie Hertrich
Lectors Sonia Dale, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon, Larry Reese, Sara Reese
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob
Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS 3/15/2015 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Ronnie Gagliano,
Carson Faulkner, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Anna Emerick , Dennis Veigl
Lectors Carey Monistere, Joe Stanley
Ministers Deacon, Chere Lowery, Janice Stella,
Stephen Poteracki, Tommie Ann Johnson
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Belia
Solis, Edith Pavez

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Monica Liverman, Jimillia Sayles, Travis
Cooley, John Himmler
Greeters Grace Troncalli, Ashley Castaneda
Lectors Mary Adams, Larry Foltz
Ministers Deacon, Terri Brown , Chris Gallegly,
Rosemary Mateer, Yolie Roy
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria
Rodgers, Jeanne Macon

**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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Theme: We must do what God wants.

Question for Adults: As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando hoy escucha la proclamación de los Mandamientos, ¿cuál de ellos verdaderamente le llama la atención?

Question for Youth: Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús estaba enojado, como todos lo estamos a veces. ¿Cuándo es bueno enojarse? ¿Cuándo no lo es?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Mar 8 3rd Sun of Lent*1st Scrutiny RCIA 8:30 Mass

RE/Penny Bong continues

RE class Reconciliation Grs 4 & 5

Little Ones in Christ Grs PK-Gr 2

12:30-2:30pm Lunch Served

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



Mar 9,10,11 LENTEN MISSION w/Fr John Paul from EWTN.

Topic: God is searching for you!
Begins each night at 7pm

Mar 13 Fri*Bible Study 10am

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 14 Sat Women at the Well * 10am Presentation of Saint Reports by Confirmation Students.

Mar 15 4th Sun of Lent*2nd Scrutiny RCIA 11:15 Mass

RE/Penny Bong continues

RE class Reconciliation Grs 6,7,8

Mar 16 PARENT MEETING for all parents of Students
Preparing for First Holy Communion 7pm

**February is dedicated to
The Passion of Our Lord**



JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PreK-Gr 2

Next Mtg: MAR 8 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 **Next Mtg:** MAR 8 * 5-7pm

Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Meets every 1st & 3rd

Wed++

Next Wed Mtg: No meeting MAR 18 So all can
visit St Joseph's Altar after 7pm Mass

Next Mtg: SAT MAR 21 the viewing of the
Mel Gibson Movie THE PASSION.

The whole Parish is invited, however,
parental discretion is advised.

Join us after the 5pm Mass for
POT LUCK SOUP, BREAD & BLESSINGS

A NIGHT OF REFLECTION

PLEASE RSVP TO Peter Boyle 613-5435

Or Parma 405-0948

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Mar 14 **Presentation of Saint Report and Lunch**

10am in the hall for the Women at the Well.

Mar 22 **Reconciliation** during RE. A PRIORITY!

April 26 **Service Hours Due**

May 6 & 7 **Personal Interviews** with
Fr. Sexton 4-6:30pm

May 11 **Dinner with Bishop Baker**
4:45pm Candidates only.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Mass 7pm



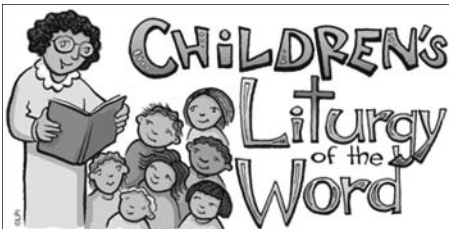
SAVE THE DATE * SAT*MARCH 21 for the
Mel Gibson movie

"The Passion"

Presented to you by our Sr Youth Group!

Movie will begin after the 5pm Mass with a
POT LUCK SOUP & BREAD Lenten dinner.
*Peter will bring the breads, he's only asking
for nice hot SOUPS!!! ALL PARISHIONERS
ARE INVITED. Please Note: Because of the
graphics of what our Lord actually endured,
anyone under 13 should be accompanied by
a parent.*

HE DIED FOR US, NOW WE LIVE FOR HIM!!
Hope to see you there!



SOMETHING DIFFERENT IS TAKING PLACE!
WEEK TWO of our **Children's Liturgy** at the

8:30am Mass has once again been successful. A great thanks to Terri & Stephanie Brown, Beth Brouillette & Gina Falkner for loving our children and loving our Faith! We will continue through the Lenten Season. Your child is not forced to join us, but for a Pilot Program, we encourage all children from K to Gr3.

We encourage parents to work together with their older children on why it's so important to be at Mass and in the presence of Christ. We ask for continued prayers for this program.

In order for the program to continue thru the school year, (Aug thru May) we will need at least 5 leaders to step up to the plate. Calling ages 18 thru Grandmas!! You would have to make a 5 week commitment and your duty will only be twice a year. If we get more volunteers that duty will lessen.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Parma 405 0948. Peace and Prayers ☺

!!! IT'S HERE !!!



MARCH 9, 10, 11 * 7pm
Join Fr. John Paul from EWTN
TOPIC: "GOD IS SEARCHING FOR YOU!"
Confessions w/2 priests
Soup & Salad Last night of Mission.
JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!!!

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT?

FAMILY CHALLENGES:
MORE HAVE BEEN ADDED!!

PRAY for our RCIA members.

Arlivia Adderhold, Armando Arellano, Renee Bentel, Meleah Boyle, Jody & Tiffany Harkins, Jatoya Pat-tom, Jerome & Anna Schell, Toni Smith, & Jennifer White

Pictures are in both foyers. Please introduce yourself, pray and encourage these candidates as they continue their RCIA Journey through Holy Saturday. A wonderful way to share your faith, build new friendships and build the Kingdom of God.

FISH FRYS 5-6:45pm Every Fri in Lent

Gather the Family and keep the Fast!
 Dine with the K of C



Following the Fish Fry *PRAY with us

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 pm



Pick up your cross and follow me. Pray **the Passion of our Lord** as a family. Jesus asks, **"Won't you spend 1 hour with me?"**

JOIN US AS WE HONOR ST. JOSEPH

at THE ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

MAR 18 after 7pm Mass

What to Bring? We ask TWO

things from you: 1. In keeping with the tradition, we are asked to bring one of the following to share with each other: a meatless dish; fish dishes, meatless soups, breads, fruits, vegetables, salads, cakes, or cookies. (If you are creative, bring cakes in the shape of a Cross, Heart, Bible, Dove, Chalice, or Wreath. 2. Also in keeping with the tradition, bring Cans of Soup! We will share our harvest with the Pell City Love Pantry.

