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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, April 25, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2015

*See what love
the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.*

— 1 John 3:1



Mass Intentions April 27– May 3



Monday: Hugh Crowson by The Brazzolottos †
Tuesday: Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Sellers by The Rumores
Wednesday: Rodney Martin by The Rumores
Thursday: Elenor Tomaszewski by The Morteks †
Friday: Sam Willi by KOC Ladies Auxiliary †
Saturday: First Holy Communion Class by Ladies Auxiliary
Sunday: Andy McClay by The Zielinskis †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Centil-
li, 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 April 27– May 3

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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Pastor's Message

We have today a beautiful, familiar passage from John's Gospel (10:11-18). Jesus is presented as the model shepherd who gives his life as the ultimate act of caring. This act of love stands out impressively against the dark backdrop of hired workers who, at the slightest threat of danger, abandon the sheep.

For many people in the ancient world, shepherding was more than an occupation: it was their life, their very identity. The needs of the sheep determined how they spent their time. The flocks had to be fed and watered and protected.

Because of the total commitment of the shepherd to the sheep, this image seemed an appropriate one to characterize the Kings of Israel. The King was expected to be totally committed to his people; to provide leadership and nourishment as well as protection from enemies. In this regard David was the ideal shepherd-king. He was the shepherd who became king.

In the Psalms God was given the title of "Good Shepherd", the ideal shepherd who gave life and protection and healed the broken and the wounded.

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus appropriates this ancient title, "The Good Shepherd" for himself. He fulfilled the role as no other, giving his life on the cross so that all might have life. Jesus tells us, "I am the Good Shepherd", and again he says: "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father".

Jesus interprets the meaning of his own life as reflecting that of a good shepherd and speaks of laying down his life for the sheep.

Even though we do not live in an agrarian society now but in the midst of technology and science, still the image of a Good Shepherd as applied to the Pope or the Bishop or the pastor has a powerful appeal and finds a treasured place in the life of believers.

Is this not why Pope Francis in our time is one of the most popular figures in the world today and why he is loved and admired by believers and non believers. Something of the Shepherd's Touch and the Shepherd's Heart endears him to millions.

We pray on this Sunday for all in leadership positions in our Church that they will model their lives on Christ, the Good Shepherd. We pray too that God will give an abundance of religious vocations for the service of his Church.

A Special Thanks to Fr. Brennan: I am deeply grateful to Fr. Brennan who is visiting in our Parish at present. He graciously and generously filled in for me last week while I visited many cousins in New York. As a priest who served as Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, he has left a lasting influence for great good among us. Parishioners have always recognized and loved him as a true shepherd and spiritual guide. We wish him many blessings as he returns to Ireland this week and we hope he will come back to us often.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events April 26– May 3

Sunday-April 26

- * RE
- * Communion Practice 9:45 am
- * Confirmation Service Hours Due
- * Adult Ed 9:45 am
- * Special Collection: Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Monday-April 27

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary

Tuesday-April 28

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-April 29

Mass 7 pm

Thursday-April 30

Mass 9 am

Friday-May 1

Mass 9 am

- * First Friday Adoration 9:30 -12:30

Saturday-May 2

Mass 5 pm

- * Sign up starts for Pictorial Directory

Sunday-May 3

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * Youth Mass 11:15 am
- * First Holy Communion 2 pm

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 4691.20	\$ 5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 281,602.69	\$ 241,104.00
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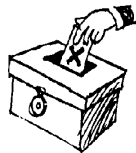
The Love Pantry

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 - 57 cans.



**Pastoral Council
elections coming May
16th & 17th.**



Ministry Spotlight



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

Maintenance

Responsibilities include the maintenance of all the church properties. Some light carpentry, electrical and plumbing experience would be helpful, but not necessary.

**For more information please contact:
Rodney Martin 205-884-7341.**



**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 April 27th, 7:00 pm.
Ladies Auxiliary Meets May 25th, 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.



**New Pictorial
Directory!**

Sign up will begin on May 2nd.
Photography will take place:
June 10, 11, 12 & 13.

You may sign up on the Church website: www.ollpellcity.com, click Lifetouch and follow the prompts or call Brenda Rochford : 423-242-5029 or the church office.

Announcements

Congratulations



*Mr. & Mrs. Raynor,
Who were married at the
Church April 10th.
Your Parish family wishes
you joy and happiness!*

Special Collection **Catholic Home Mission Appeal** *From Bishop Baker*

During the weekend of **April 25 & 26**, the bishops are inviting Catholics across the country to contribute to the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

Over the years, this annual Appeal has helped to support programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education and ministry training in mission diocese, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Without the **Home Mission Appeal**, these essential ministries would not be possible in many dioceses of the United States. This national collection has been a powerful and successful expression of your stewardship and generosity.

I ask you to be generous in this year's appeal to strengthen the Church at home. As we continue to recover from economic downturn, it is important to remember our Catholic brothers and sisters whose dioceses need our support. Thank you for your parish's life of stewardship and faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

† *Robert J. Baker*

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

Assignment List April 29– May 3

WEDNESDAY MASS **4/29/2015** **7:00 PM**

Altar Servers
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

SATURDAY MASS **5/2/2015** **5:00 pm**

Altar Servers
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Kathy Shivers
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto, Sonia Dale
Ministers Deacon, KOC
Ushers

SUNDAY MASS **5/3/2015** **8:30 AM**

Altar Servers
Greeters Julie Paulitzky, Mike/Kitty Gordon
Lectors Karen Reese, Betty Huetteman
Ministers Deacon, Rosemary Mateer, Teri Gagliano, Ronnie Gagliano, Carly Gagliano
Ushers

11:15 AM **YOUTH MASS**

Altar Servers
Greeters Joseph Himmler, Ally Struzik
Lectors John Himmler, Gannon Osborne
Ministers Deacon, Matthew Reese, AnnMarie Freeman, James Pittman, Ashley Himmler
Ushers Destiney Markevich, Shelby Hall, Alex Walser, Tad Euler

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter * April 26, 2015

Theme: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Question for Youth: How do you feel about Jesus' being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that he lays down his life for you?

Question for Adults: What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd suggest? How do you experience God in this way?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo te sientes acerca de Jesús sea tu pastor? ¿Qué significa para ti que entregue su vida por ti?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué cualidades de Dios le sugiere la imagen del Buen Pastor? ¿Cómo experimenta a Dios de esta manera?

JOIN THE FUN * MAKE NEW FRIENDS Be apart of our YOUTH GROUPS



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PreK-Gr 2

Next Mtg: **MAY 3 12:30-2:30pm**

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 will break until fall!

WE NEED YOUR HELP... If you would like to lead JR Youth Meetings please Contact Parma at 405-0948 or Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 1st & 3rd Wed **PLUS PLUS**

Next Mtg: **Wed May 6 5:30 pm**

**Praise & Worship 6:30pm &
Holy Hour 7pm**



Bring a friend and share the faith!
Join the faith, fun and community.
Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435

Religious Education 2014-2015 Every Sunday at 9:45am. Grs PreK4-12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

4/26 4th Sun of Easter * RE 9:45am

First Communion Practice 9:45am



Adult Ed w/Deacon Terry 9:45am

TOPIC: "Restoring our Culture with Holiness" See you at the coffee pot w/Donuts

5/1 First Friday Adoration after 9am Mass till 12:30pm

Bible Study 10am Women of the New Testament

5/3 5th Sun of Easter RE 9:45am

Youth Mass 11:15am

LOIC Mtg Grs PK-Gr2 * 12:30-2:30pm

First Holy Communion Mass 2pm

5/6 Confirmation Practice after 7pm Mass

5/6 & 7 Confirmation Interviews 4-6:30pm

5/8 Bible Study 10am Women of the New Testament

5/10 6th Sun of Easter NO RE HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May Crowning after 8:30am Mass

5/11 Celebrating Sacrament of Confirmation

Dinner w/Bishop & Candidates 4:45pm Mass 7pm

5/15 Bible Study 10am Women of the New Testament

5/17 Ascension of our Lord RE 9:45am

Senior Sunday Recognition 8:30am Mass

Senior Tables and Reception following Mass

SR YOUTH Social Hour 5pm

Praise & Worship 6:30pm Holy Hour 7pm

5/22 Bible Study 10am Women of the New Testament

5/24 Pentecost Sun HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Church

RE Year End Brunch after 8:30am Mass.

RE Registration for 2016-2017

VBS Registration



Please pray for the following students who are preparing for

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 3 at 2pm Tristen Cooley, Matthew Emerick, Elizabeth Frederick, Jhon Paul Rodgers, Jesus Rosas, Hannah Smith, Raul Torres, Arturo & Angel Villanueva, Brooks Forman.

May the Eucharist be the center of your lives!



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

May 6 Confirmation Practice 7:45pm after 7pm Mass

May 6 & 7 Personal Interviews with Fr Sexton
4-6:30pm in the conference room

May 11 Dinner with Bishop Baker

4:45pm Candidates only.

Sponsors & Parents arrive at 6:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm

Please pray for the following students who are preparing for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

Paul Boyle, Brock Falkner, John Peter Halog, Catherine Lewis, Amanda Manuel, Danielle McKinney, Jose Mendez, Andrea Nicastro, Brooke Robinson, Andrew Thomaston, Max Toohey, Davis Torres. Come Holy Spirit!

BINGO!

Catholic Center of Concern Auxiliary to host
BINGO LUNCHEON
 Wednesday, April 29, 2015
 At the
CEDARS CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
 301 Green Springs Avenue S
 Birmingham, Al 35205

The TRASH & TREASURES SALE WILL
 BEGIN AT 10:00 AM, WITH
 BINGO at 11:00 AM
 TICKETS ARE \$10.00 DOLLARS
 Which include LUNCH and FOUR BINGO
 CARDS. Additional cards may be pur-
 chased.

The Cedars Club, which holds Bingo on the
 last Wednesday of every month, will give
 their day- April 29th – and all proceeds to the
 Catholic Center of Concern. Please, support
 this generous effort!

All are invited!

CATHOLIC CENTER OF CONCERN
 P.O. BOX 12701
 Birmingham, Alabama 35202
 205-786-4388

THE GLORY OF GOD

*The glory of God is humanity
 fully alive.*

—St. Irenaeus

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH to HOST ANNUAL LASAGNA DINNER

Blessed Sacrament Parish will host it's annual **LASAGNA DINNER** on **SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015**. MASS will be at 4:00 PM and dinner will begin being served immediately after in the Parish Hall. Price of the dinners: \$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for children 6- 12 and kids under 5 eat free. The dinner includes all the "trimmings". This is always the annual **HOMECOMING** gathering for the parish and we hope to see all of our former parishioners and welcome the many new families that have joined our parish. Come join us for a enjoyable evening of a taste of ITALY and it's culture. **THANK YOU** for your support.

Women's Health Expo

In June, 2013 the apostolate Catholic Women of the Diocese of Birmingham (CWDB) was formed on the request of Bishop Baker. Our mission is to foster in women a greater desire to know, love and serve Jesus Christ and His Church by promoting spiritual growth, educational opportunities, apostolic projects, and social events in a community founded on love for each other and being faithful to the Magisterium of the Church.

The CWDB Coordination Team is excited to announce our upcoming **Women's Health Expo** set for May, 2015 at two locations, **St. John Paul II High School** in Huntsville on **May 2nd** and **Our Lady of the Valley** in Birmingham on **May 30th**.

Please visit our website
www.bhmccatholicwomen.com or our Facebook page for more information.

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