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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, August 22, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2015

*As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.*

— Joshua 24:15b



Mass Intentions August 24 – August 30



Monday: Thomas Madden by Lisa Boyd †
Tuesday: Niki Harrell by the Zopfi Family †
Wednesday: Loretta Frost by Bob & Karen Hand
Thursday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †
Friday: Our Lady's Intentions
Saturday: Tom Bryant by the Brazzolottos †
Sunday: Deceased KOC by Council 12270 †

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, Mildred Brownlow.

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 August 24– August 30

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Today's Readings



First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord. (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b)

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 34)

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other. (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32])

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:60-69)

Pastor's Message

"Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life'."

Sadly, the great Chapter Six of John's Gospel on which we have reflected for five weeks, closes with the observation that "many of Jesus' Disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

And what did Jesus do? Did he hasten to make some compromises in order to keep his followers? No. He let them go. He wept over them, but he let them go. And he prayed for them.

What was in the long, long prayers of Christ? Often they went on all night. He prayed for all those who rejected him (and who reject him today). He let them go, but he did not forget them. He prayed for them. This is what loving and caring parents do for their children or teenagers or adult children who have drifted from the faith. Love them and pray for them.

We hope we can echo the words of Simon Peter. Where else is there to go if not to God? Who can possibly make us a better offer? And yet, the alternatives are many as anyone who has ever seriously considered finding something to take the place of Jesus knows.

Not only are there other religions and other teachers; there are many distractions and obsessions that can draw upon our mental and physical resources. These alternatives may not have eternal life, but in the meantime, they can be quite absorbing.

Even if, like Peter, we decide to stay with the Lord that does not settle everything either. How do we stay? Are we half-hearted or lukewarm, Christians in name only?

If we really believe Jesus has the words of Eternal Life, then we will be transformed by these words into genuine disciples and drawn into full union with him. Lord, make me a whole-hearted believer.

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**Handing On The Faith.** Sunday School sessions have resumed after the summer vacation. Thanks to all the parents who have arranged for their children to take part in the weekly religious education classes. And thanks to all the Catechists who are so generously giving of their time to help hand on the Faith to our young people. We welcome Tammy Ingels, our new Director of Religious Education who is working very hard to provide leadership and support for our Catechists and the children.

**A Grief Observed-** -We offer our sympathy and prayers to Bob Wood on the death of his sister, Kay Hughey. She lived a long and faithful life filled with good deeds. . . We also offer sympathy and prayers to Ken and Christine Carley on the death of their son, Tim. At 24 he was too young to die. His life was a struggle but had its own beauty and value. May he live among God's Holy Ones.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Aug. 23—Aug. 30

### Sunday-August 23

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

\* RE/ Soup Drive cont. 9:45 am

\* Adult Ed 9:45 am-Media Survival

### Monday-August 24

**Mass 9 am**

\* Bridge

\* Legion of Mary

\* Liturgy Mtg. 6 pm

### Tuesday-August 25

**Mass 9 am**

### Wednesday-August 26

**Mass 7 pm**

### Thursday-August 27

**Mass 9 am**

### Friday-August 28

**Mass 9 am**

### Saturday-August 29

**Mass 5 pm**

**Reconciliation 3:30– 5:00 pm**

### Sunday-August 30

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

\* RE/ Soup Drive cont. 9:45 am

\* Knight's Mass 8:30 am

\* General Parent Mtg. after 8:30 Mass



Master,  
to whom  
shall  
we go?

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

|                    |                   |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 5872.61</b> | <b>\$ 5769.23</b> |

Year-to-date

|                    |                     |                     |
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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 40,729.73</b> | <b>\$ 38,367.00</b> |
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## Labor Day Barbecue Sale

At Our Lady of the Lake

The Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Labor Day holiday.



**Boston Butts - \$35**  
**Pork Ribs - \$25**  
**Whole Chicken - \$10**

All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". **Sales begin Friday September 4th at 8:00 a.m. and continue through Saturday September 5th.** All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.



### 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 August 24th at 7:00 pm.**

**Ladies Auxiliary Meets Aug. 24th, 7:00 pm**



## *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 - 102 cans**



## *Stewardship Fair Our Lady of the Lake*

*September 26th & 27th  
Parish Hall*

*The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. (Titus 3:8)*



## **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 squint, 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.





## Announcements



### RCIA

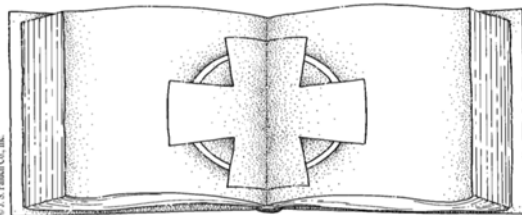
#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

#### Why do Catholics do that?

Classes start soon for anyone who has an interest and questions about the Catholic Faith. If you know someone who has expressed that interest, now's the time to invite them to our **Inquiry Classes** beginning **Tuesday, September 8th**, at 7 pm in the Church hall.

**Sign up sheets are in foyers or contact Tammy at the Church Office 205-525-5161 or 678-848-9738.**

YOU HAVE  
THE WORDS OF  
ETERNAL  
LIFE



### Parish Picnic



**Mark your calendars!** This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sept. 13th** at Lakeside Park, from 12-4. The picnic committee will be asking for help with set up, clean up and for each family to bring a dish to share. Further details and sign up sheets will be available soon.

## Assignment List August 19- 23

**WEDNESDAY MASS** 8/26/2015  
7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors Terri Brown

**SATURDAY MASS** 8/29/2015  
5:00 pm

Altar Servers Jim Gorman, Tom Graffo  
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Connie Hertrich  
Lectors Marguerite Gorman, Sonia Dale  
Ministers Parma Boyle, Marty & Sue Poteracki  
Ushers Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

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

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Amelia Reese, Sophie Poteracki, Carson Falkner  
Greeters Dennis Veigl, Jay/Enid Willi  
Lectors Robert Lewis, John Stice  
Ministers Deacon, Lloyd Brown, Tom Graffo, Stephen Reese, Joe Stanley  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley

**11:15 AM**  
Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Paul Boyle, Travis Cooley, Troy Rosato  
Greeters Patrick Cowart, Patsy Lopez de Victoria  
Lectors Chere Lowery, Larry Foltz  
Ministers Deacon, Ken & Edie Otto, Tommie Ann Johnson, Sarah Brazzolotto  
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer Sellers

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



Radiating HIS Love by learning and living our Catholic Faith.

An excerpt from the MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH WORLD YOUTH DAY 2014

What does it mean to be "blessed" (makarioi in Greek)? To be blessed means to be happy. Tell me: Do you really want to be happy? In an age when we are constantly being enticed by vain and empty illusions of happiness, we risk settling for less and "thinking small" when it comes to the meaning of life. Think big instead! Open your hearts! As Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati once said, "To live without faith, to have no heritage to uphold, to fail to struggle constantly to defend the truth: this is not living. It is scraping by. We should never just scrape by, but really live" (Letter to I. Bonini, 27 February 1925). In his homily on the day of Piergiorgio Frassati's beatification (20 May 1990), John Paul II called him "a man of the Beatitudes" (AAS 82 [1990], 1518).

If you are really open to the deepest aspirations of your hearts, you will realize that you possess an unquenchable thirst for happiness, and this will allow you to expose and reject the "low cost" offers and approaches all around you. When we look only for success, pleasure and possessions, and we turn these into idols, we may well have moments of exhilaration, an illusory sense of satisfaction, but ultimately we become enslaved, never satisfied, always looking for more. It is a tragic thing to see a young person who "has everything", but is weary and weak.

Saint John, writing to young people, told them: "You are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one" (1 Jn 2:14). Young people who choose Christ are strong: they are fed by his word and they do not need to 'stuff themselves' with other things! Have the courage to swim against the tide. Have the courage to be truly happy! Say no to an ephemeral, superficial and throwaway culture, a culture that assumes that you are incapable of taking on responsibility and facing the great challenges of life!

From the Vatican, 21 January 2014
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr



Religious Education 2015-16

Help us pass on the Faith.

If you know of anyone who has not registered, it's not too late to join us!

M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 23 Adult & Youth Education 5th grade—Adult at 9:45am in the Parish Hall.

Aug. 30 General Parent Meeting

Sept. 6 NO Religious Ed. Classes (Labor Day Holiday Weekend)



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Joanna Murphree at 473-1444.

Junior Youth

Grades 3-6

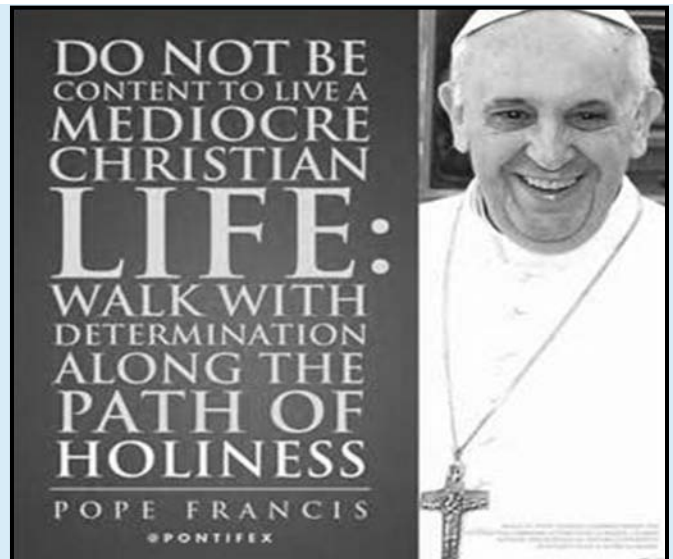
Contact Isabel Cooley at 753-9820.

Senior Youth

Grades 7-12

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Contact Peter Boyle 613-5435



## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

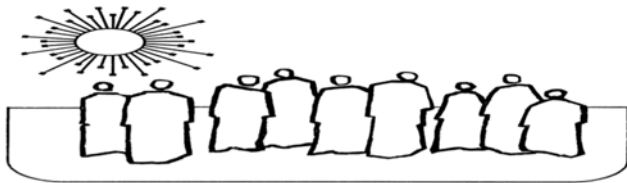
**Monday:** *St. Bartholomew*

**Tuesday:** *St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz*

**Thursday:** *St. Monica*

**Friday:** *St. Augustine*

**Saturday:** *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*



## Blessed

*If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.*

—Anonymous



## Little Rock Bible Study

Our Little Rock Bible Study will resume on Friday mornings at 10 am in September. We will be studying "Women of the Old Testament". Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

**For additional info contact  
Micky Zielinski**

## Homeschoolers

All Catholic homeschoolers from the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to a Beginning of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham.

Mark your calendars for the Mass, to be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 26 at 10 AM**. Come join other Catholic homeschoolers to begin the school year in prayer and fellowship! The Mass will be followed by light refreshments and opportunities for homeschooling families to connect with others having similar interests.

For more information:

<https://birminghamcatholichomeschoolers.wordpress.com/>

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