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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 12, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2015

*The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.*

— *Isaiah 50:7*



Mass Intentions

Sept. 14 – Sept. 20



Monday: John Landman by the Stice Family †
Tuesday: Kenneth Ingels by Tammy Ingels †
Wednesday: Jesus Gonzalez by Gloria Raynor †
Thursday: Walton Smith by Gene Smith
Friday: Our Lady's Intentions
Saturday: David Smith by Gene & Walton Smith
Sunday: John Hoffert by Paul & Parma Boyle †

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.

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 September 14- September- 20

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

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Today's Readings



First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a)

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Psalm 116)

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-18)

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35)

Pastor's Message

Finding God in the Rough Places!

Sister Melanie Soboda, a Retreat Director, wrote recently: "Last year I was asked to give a talk at a Parish in Florida. The group assigned me the topic: Where is God when Life is Rough? I told them I could answer their question with a single word: "Here!" Where is God when life is rough? Here! When life is joy-filled where is God? Here! Where is God when life is confusing? He is here! Whatever the general drift of our life, God is in the midst of it. As children we learned that God is everywhere. As adults we can say- "There is nowhere- where God is not".

Fr. Daniel O'Leary, an English priest and writer makes a similar point. "God's brightest presence is hidden in our darkest places. There is nothing in life so scientific, so secular, so painful, that we cannot find God in it".

It is a truth I find revealed again and again in the lives of parishioners who often live with great pain, who struggle against great odds, who carry heavy burdens, and yet they radiate a joy and a faith that is amazing.

The passage from Isaiah (50:5-9) today is often associated with Holy Week as it depicts the mysterious "suffering servant" of the Lord. He accepts his situation willingly, stating, "I have not rebelled". His faith in God is not diminished. At the end of the passage he boldly declares that "the Lord God is my help".

The passage from Mark's Gospel (8:27-35) comes at a critical point in Jesus' ministry. Mark places it near the center of the Gospel and it can be regarded as a turning point for the disciples. Do they really know who Jesus is and are they willing to accept a suffering Messiah?

Although Peter has the right answer: "You are the Christ", he is not prepared to accept what comes with Jesus being the Son of Man, especially if that involves suffering and death. Once again the Gospel cautions us about "having the right answers" but not knowing the One who is behind the answers.

The excerpt from the Letter of James (2:14-18) makes us aware that faith is expressed in action. Faith is most practical. It does not exist in ones thoughts alone but in acts of charity on behalf of others. Food for the hungry, shoes and clothes for the poor.

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**Catechetical Sunday:** is observed today in recognition of all our dedicated and faithful Catechists who have accepted the great ministry of handing on the faith to the children and youth among us. The work begins in the home but the Church has a vital part too. Thanks and blessings to all our Catechists and to Tammy Ingels, Director of Religious Education for all your care.

**Catholic Charities Appeal:** The annual Appeal will be held in every Parish next weekend. The needs are greater than ever. We need every parishioner to pledge even a little. It will go a long way.

**Annual Priest Retreat:** Is taking place at St. Bernard Abbey this week-Monday through Thursday. Deacon Serge will care for the Parish through Communion Services and ministry to the sick.

Cont. ➡

## Calendar of Events Sept. 13-Sept. 20

### **Sunday-Sept. 13**

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

- \* RE/ Soup Drive cont.
- \* Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- \* Catechetical Sunday 8:30 & 11:15 Mass
- \* Catholic Charities Promotion
- \* Parish Picnic Lakeside Park 12-4

### **Monday-Sept. 14**

#### **Communion Service 9 am**

- \* Bridge
- \* Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-Sept. 15**

#### **Communion Service 9 am**

- \* RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Sept. 16**

#### **Communion Service 7 pm**

- \* SR Youth 5:30 pm

### **Thursday-Sept. 17**

#### **Communion Service 9 am**

### **Friday-Sept. 18**

#### **Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-Sept. 19**

#### **Mass 5 pm**

#### **Reconciliation 3:30- 5:00 pm**

- \* Catholic Charities Pledge

### **Sunday-Sept. 20**

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

- \* RE/ Soup Drive cont.
- \* SR Youth Social 5 pm
- \* Praise and Worship 6:30 pm
- \* Holy Hour 7 pm
- \* Catholic Charities Pledge

*Pastor's Message- cont.*

Pray that this will be a graced time for all our priests.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

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

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 6894.20</b> | <b>\$ 5769.23</b> |
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Year-to-date

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| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 57,618.78</b> | <b>\$ 54,810.00</b> |
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*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)*



**Knights of Columbus**  
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 J.P. Willi : 205-338-3131.**

**Our website is : [www.ollkofc.com](http://www.ollkofc.com).**

**Next meeting Sept. 21st at 7:00 pm.**

**Ladies Auxiliary Meets Sept. 21st- 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 - 154 cans**



**RCIA**

**Rite of Christian  
 Initiation for Adults**

**Come and See  
 WHO we are WHAT we Believe  
 and WHY it Matters.**

**Classes meet on Tuesdays,  
 at 7 pm in the Church hall.**

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!

**More info: Call Tammy  
 205-525-5161 or 678-848-9738.**



**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

### Parish Picnic



**THIS SUNDAY!**

This year's Parish Picnic will be held  
**Sept. 13th at Lakeside Park,**  
**from 12-4.**

This is a great family event and we  
hope everyone will attend!

## Assignment List Sept. 16- Sept. 20

**WEDNESDAY MASS**                      **9/16/2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Altar Servers    Bernie Funderburg  
Lectors

**SATURDAY MASS**                      **9/19/2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers    Tom Michaels, Larry Reese  
Greeters        Susan Moseley, Gisella Scruggs  
Lectors         Ron and Micky Zielenski  
Ministers       Deacon, Marty Poteracki, Sue  
                      Poteracki  
Ushers          Jerry Noto, Jim Dale, Jim Gorman,  
                      Bob Nicholas

**SUNDAY MASS**                      **9/20/2015**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers    Sophie Poteracki, Michael &  
                      Anthony Emerick, Danielle  
                      McKinney  
Greeters        Jennifer Euler, Anna Emerick  
Lectors         Bart & Gail Perry  
Ministers       Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Tom Graffo,  
                      Janice Stella, Martha Hayes  
Ushers          Michael Gagliano, Chris Gallegly,  
                      Belia Solis, Edith Pavez

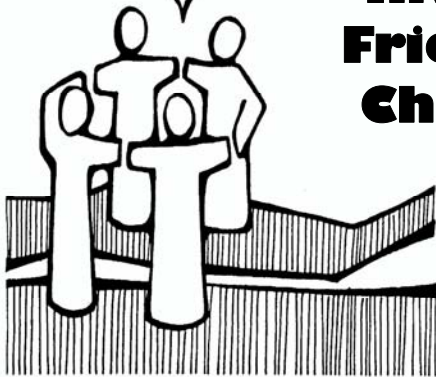
**11:15 AM**  
Altar Servers    James Lewis, Payton Forman, Will  
                      Pittman, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters        Patrick Cowart, Patsy Lopez de  
                      Victoria  
Lectors         Chere Lowery, Larry Foltz  
Ministers       Deacon, Sarah Brazzolotto, Maria  
                      Jimenez, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ushers          Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria  
                      Raynor, Jeanne Macon

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



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Friend to  
Church.**



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by learning and living our Catholic Faith.



*"Preach the Gospel  
at all times and  
when necessary  
use words."*

*Francis of Assisi*

**M.Y.C. MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sept 13 R.E. 9:45 / SOUP DRIVE  
Sept 13 Catechetical Sunday-  
Commissioning at both  
the 8:30am & 11:15 am Masses

Sept 20 R.E. 9:45 / SOUP DRIVE  
Sept 20 Sr. Youth Social at 5:00 p.m.  
Praise & Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Hour 7:00p.m.



**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.

**YOUCAT**  
Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

#341 *Can someone earn heaven by good works?*

No. No man can gain heaven merely by his own efforts. The fact that we are saved is God's grace, pure and simple, which nevertheless demands the free cooperation of the individual. [2006-2011, 2025-2027]

Although is it grace and faith through which we are saved, nevertheless, our good works ought to show the love produced by God's action in us.

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- clothe the naked
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick and the imprisoned
- bury the dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- to instruct the ignorant
- to counsel the doubtful
- comfort the sorrowful
- admonish the sinner
- bear wrongs patiently
- forgive all injuries

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**



**Month of September**

**Universal:** *Opportunities for the young.*

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization:** *Catechists.*

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.



**National Catholic Engaged Encounter** is celebrating 40 years of ministering to the Engaged. Our Birmingham Diocese Engaged Encounter Community will be celebrating this milestone **Sunday, October 4, 2015 beginning at 11:00 am** at Homewood's Central Park, on Oxmoor Road, Birmingham. We invite all families who have been involved in the past or have attended a weekend. Meat will be provided, just bring a side dish and drink to share.

Please RSVP to Pam DiPiazza at [diaaron@aol.com](mailto:diaaron@aol.com), or 871-1607.



**Melanie McNary  
To Speak at Magnificat  
Breakfast, October 3**

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at St. Elias Parish Hall. Our speaker, Melanie McNary, gives testimony to the fact that God's grace is sufficient as she courageously confronted significant challenges in all phases of her life.

**Tickets are \$10** and are available by contacting Catherine Patton (205) 680-6007, and from Alpha Church Supply and from any Service Team Member. Ticket sales end September 30 at 5:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door.



**Little Rock Bible Study**

Our Little Rock Bible Study will resume on Friday mornings at **10 am** on **September 25th**. We will be studying "Women of the Old Testament". Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

**For additional info contact  
Micky Zielinski**



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