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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.-12:30 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 4, 2017

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

*"The Lord, your God,
shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

— Matthew 4:10



Mass Intentions

March 6– March 12



Monday: Fr. Michael Wrigley by Jennie Haynes †
Tuesday: All Parishioners by Betty Huetteman & Yolie Roy
Wednesday: Anthony Trocale by Terry & Rita Rumore
Thursday: Tom Scruggs by Gisela Scruggs †
Friday: Gene Smith Brenda & Jerry Kern †
Saturday: Frank Connell by KOC 12270 †
Sunday: Frank Connell by KOC 12270 †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil
Rodgers, Jacky Johnson, Kitty Gordon,
Jim Hopper, Anne & Cary Forister,
Rita Martens, Jeanie Reid, Richard &
Ann Marston.*

**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: sharonstice46@gmail.com.**

Please note that names remain on the prayer
list for 30 days and then are removed unless
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ March 6—March 12

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18;
Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,
16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,
12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-
8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,
4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5,
18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-
10; Mt 17:1-9

Today's Readings



First Reading — The man and the
woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had
told them to avoid, and their shame overtook
them. (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7)

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have
sinned. (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam
to Moses, but now grace and life abound in
Christ Jesus. (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19])

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the
Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty
nights. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Pastor's Message

Of all the Liturgical seasons, Catholics may have the closest affinity for Lent which we entered on Ash Wednesday.

People who have not been to Mass in weeks typically arrive at Church on Ash Wednesday to receive their ashes and hear the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Regular attendees, as well as those who come to Church occasionally, usually resolve to do some act of penance for Lent. There is still something that appeals to us in taking on some act of self-denial or some restriction for Lent. Even the old practice of “giving up ice cream or giving up candy” for Lent has its appeal. For some this is the extent of their Lenten awareness.

We need to enrich our understanding of Lent in keeping with current Liturgical insights and in relation to Easter or we won't get past the child's Lenten experience—giving up something and gritting one's teeth.

The Church teaches us these days to see Lent as a journey upon which we embark together as a Church community to bring us to Easter with renewed minds and hearts.

We make this journey with those who are preparing for Easter Sacraments—to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. This Lent, we will be accompanying three candidates on this special journey—praying for them and supporting them. When we arrive at Easter we hope to be ready to make a vibrant renewal of our Baptismal Promises, having experienced a deep conversion in Lent.

On the Lenten journey we will want to be more attentive to the hearing of God's Word at the Sunday Masses and on weekdays when we come to Mass. Listening to the Word changes us.

We will also want to be mindful of the poor in this Lenten season and reach out in help. Our giving to the poor should be more sacrificial now. It is recommended that we fast from food and be reminded of the world's hungry.

It goes without saying too, that in this Lenten season we will want to turn away from sin in our lives, to name our sin and seek conversion of heart. God's grace is abundant in Lent as God seeks to change our hearts. It is, after all, a "Joyful season" too and not one of gritty endurance.

Participation in the Lenten small-group reflections is also recommended as an “extra” for Lent. Reach out and be nourished.

Flannery O'Connor, the Catholic writer from Georgia once described the theme of her writing as : "The action of grace in territory held largely by the devil". She admitted the difficulty doing this in a time when most people put little faith either in the devil or grace. Fortunately she did not give up on her mission, even as her health failed her. She graced the world with amazing prose.

Our Lenten journey matters because when we ignore the presence of evil we also ignore our need for God.

May your Lenten journey be filled with surprises and may you become more and more a “Kingdom” person.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

March 5 ~ March 12

Sunday-March 5

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*PSR Lenten Confessions

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Rite of Election-St. Paul's 4:00 pm

Monday-March 6

Mass 9 am

*Legion of Mary

*Bridge

Tuesday-March 7

Mass 9 am

Wednesday-March 8

Mass 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Thursday-March 9

Mass 9 am

*Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday-March 10

Mass 9 am

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

*Fish Fry 5-6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7 pm

Saturday-March 11

Mass 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

*First Communion Retreat 9:00 am

Sunday-March 12

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*PSR 9:45 am

*PSR Lenten Confessions

*Pro Life Rosary/Spanish



FINANCE NEWS
July 2015-June 2016

Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 3974.00	\$ 5653.85

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 220,119.35	\$ 197,884.75
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*Please note the actual total includes Burse Club, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.



The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Goal -100 cans/week.

Total cans last week – 50 cans

Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270

Lenten Fish Fries



March 3 - April 7
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Each Friday of Lent

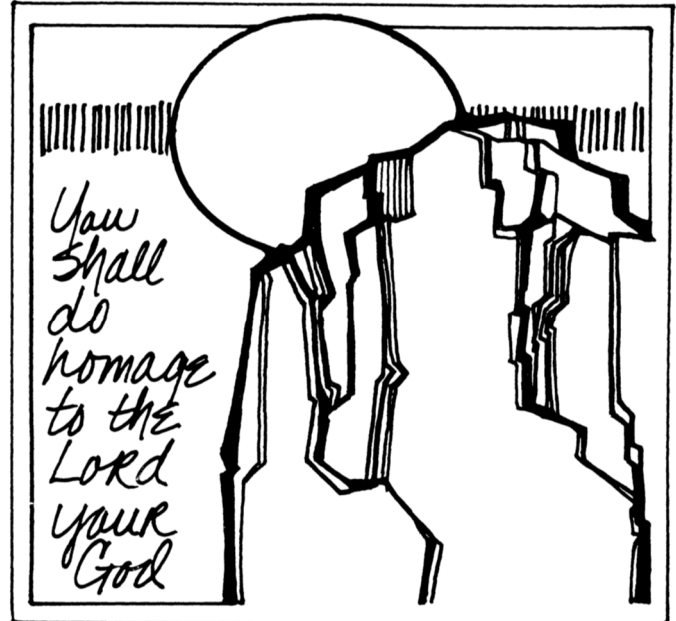
2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8.00

1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$6.00

Child's plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$3.00

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries each Friday evening during Lent. **Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.** The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, fries, macaroni & cheese and coleslaw.

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities the KOC supports.



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Council meetings are open to all parishioners, and are typically on the third Wed. of the month after Mass.



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Ss. Perpetua and Felicity</i>
Wednesday:	<i>St. John of God</i>
Thursday:	<i>St. Frances of Rome</i>
Friday:	<i>Abstinence</i>
Saturday:	<i>Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset</i>



All are Welcome

Our Lady of the Lake Welcomes the following New Members to our Church Family:

John & Jean Turner

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

- Romans 15:7

Many Thanks: to Msgr. Sexton, The Knights of Columbus, and all of you for your prayers and your assistance with the Shower of Blessings! Your attendance, prayers, gifts, and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. It was great having the Students for Life here delivering a powerful message to all of us about what we can do to promote life right here where we live. It doesn't have to be at a rally or a march, but in our everyday lives.

Please continue to pray for the success of **Ann's New Life Center**, as they complete the final stages to go medical and provide free ultrasounds for women. Please continue to pray for the respect of Life in all its stages, from conception to natural death.

Sharon Stice,
Pro Life Committee

Assignments—March 8— March 12

WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM

3/8/2017

Altar Servers
Lector Charmaine Welch

FRIDAY
7:00 PM

3/10/2017

Stations of the Cross

Altar Servers Sophie Poteracki, Danielle McKinney,
Teresa Ray

SATURDAY MASS
5:00 PM

3/11/2017

Altar Servers Michael Gagliano, Tom Graffo
Greeters Tammy McRae, Darlene Leonard
Lectors Sara Reese, Marguerite Gorman
Ministers Deacon, Jim Dale, Sonia Dale
Ushers Jim Dale, Bob Nicholas, Jerry Kern,
Brenda Kern

SUNDAY MASS
8:30 AM

3/12/2017

Altar Servers Anthony Emerick, Danielle McKinney,
Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Jennifer Euler, Anna Emerick
Lectors Karen Reese, Joe Stanley
Ministers Deacon, Joe Hoffert, Brenda Rochford,
Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,
Joaquina Reyes, Herb Kuntz

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, John Himmler, Troy
Rosato, Jhon Paul Raynor
Greeters John Himmler, Mattie Osborne
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto, Chere Lowery
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Maria Jimenez,
Wayne Adams, Mary Adams
Ushers Don Frederick, Ron Sellers, Jennifer
Sellers

If you cannot keep your assignment,

PLEASE find a substitute.

LENT

WHY NO MEAT?

On Fridays, we
refrain from eating meat since
Jesus sacrificed
His flesh for us
on Good Friday.

Why is fish permitted on Fridays? Fish doesn't belong to the "fresh meats" category. The Latin word for meat "caro," from which we get words like carnivore and carnivorous applies to fresh meat and does not include fish.

Traditionally, meat was more expensive and eaten only during times of feasting and rejoicing.



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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

March 5 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45 am

11:15am Youth Mass

March 11 First Communion Retreat

March 12 PSR (Religious Ed) at 9:45



Little Ones in Christ Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444.

Junior Youth Grades 3– Grade 6 Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

Senior Youth Grades 7-12 Contact Peter Boyle (205) 613-5435

1st & 3rd Wednesdays— Sr. Youth Meetings & Every 3rd Sunday—Social Night
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Special Collection

The Black & Indian Mission Collection March 4-5, 2017

A message from Bishop Baker:

The Black & Indian Mission Collection has for the last 131 years, changed evangelization & education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the U.S.

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Many of you have requested Rose Ballard's new address. She would enjoy hearing from each of you!

Mrs. Rose Ballard
3011 Hayden Road, Apt. 319
Columbus, OH 43235

Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the scrutinies, and Catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.

The Catholic Church, in an attempt to help Catholics do at least a minimum during Lent, asks all Catholics to fast and abstain from meat on certain days. **Fasting means** to limit food to one full meal a day with the possibility of two smaller meals (not adding up to a full meal) as needed. **Abstinence means** not eating meat, although fish is allowed. Catholics are asked to observe all days of fasting and abstinence which is one of the precepts of the Church.

Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59 are also to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If one's work or health make it inadvisable to fast or abstain from meat, they are not obligated to do so.

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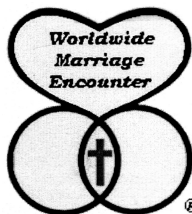
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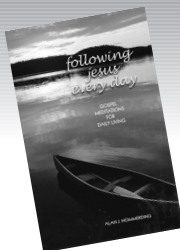
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