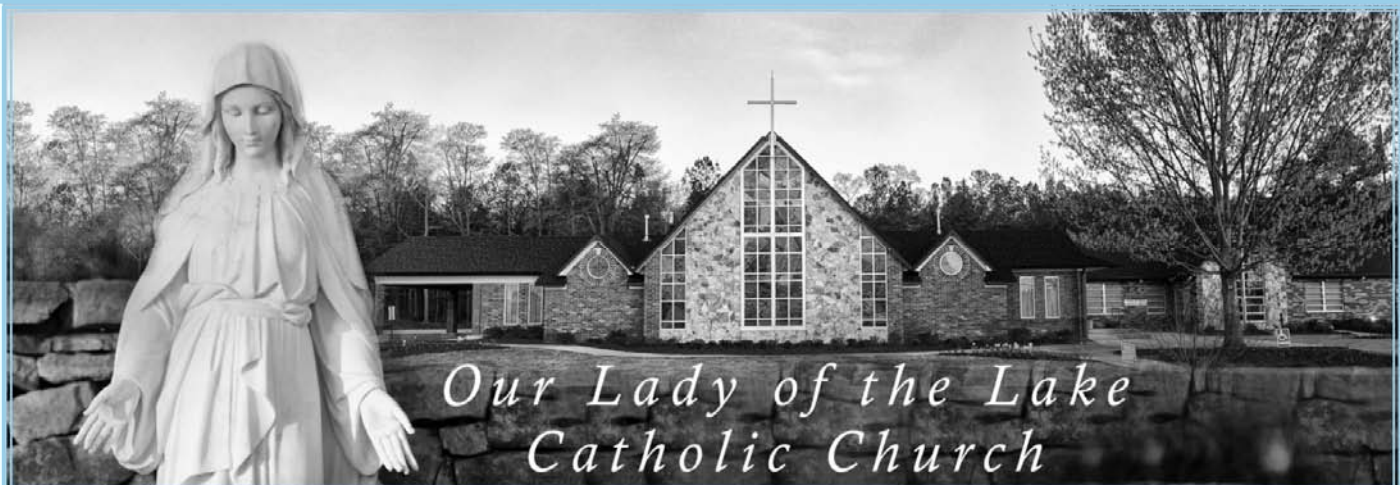




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MASSES

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.

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Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or
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MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

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Novena To The Sacred Heart
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Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, July 16, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016*

*It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching
everyone with all wisdom, that we may
present everyone perfect in Christ.*

— Colossians 1:28b



Mass Intentions

July 18 – July 24



Monday: Frank Dickinson, Sr. by the Brazzolottos †

Tuesday: Ron Stasko by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore †

Wednesday: Walter Zielinski by the Zielinskis †

Thursday: Ermencia Amaya by Gloria Raynor †

Friday: Rose & Joe Gabriel-50th Wedding Anniversary
by Enid & Jay Willi

Saturday: John Rogers by Gloria Raynor †

Sunday: Yolie Roy by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner,
Pat Roberts, Judy Dawley, Paul Boyle,
Dennis Tyler, Crystal Welford,
Cecil Rodgers, Yolie Roy, Jacky Johnson,
Wayne Adams.

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

Weekly Readings ~ July 18—July 24

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Today's Readings



First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD. (Genesis 18:1-10a)

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Psalm 15)

Second Reading — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past. (Colossians 1:24-28)

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part. (Luke 10:38-42)

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Pastor's Message

In today's First Reading (Genesis 18:1-10) and Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) we hear of acts of hospitality. Abraham attends to his visitors' needs, both physical and emotional. He not only ensures that bread is baked for them and meat prepared from a steer, but he stayed with them as they ate.

The Gospel tells of how Martha prepared a meal for the Lord while her sister, Mary, listened to him. The attention given to the guests in these stories is a model for our lives.

In the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis speaks of making present to others, "The fragrance of Christ's closeness and his personal gaze". He points out that "Spiritual accompaniment must lead others ever closer to God".

We need to be open to showing the same hospitality that Abraham and Mary and Martha showed. The art of hospitality was deeply treasured in the biblical world. Abraham lavished hospitality on the three strangers who visited him. Surprisingly, God visited Abraham in the guise of the three strangers. So often God visits us in the person of the stranger we meet on the street or at our door.

Hospitality takes many forms. In the Gospel, Martha prepared a meal for Jesus. Her sister, Mary, showed hospitality by listening attentively to the words of Jesus. Pope Francis again, speaks of the "art of listening". "Listening", he says, "is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur". We honor people in a special way when we take time to listen to them. We are bombarded with endless, empty words. How special it is when people simply listen to each other.

We must listen to God too as he speaks to our hearts. In this way we make room for God. We show hospitality to God.

The noise and distractions of this world frequently overwhelm the message of the Gospel. We are sometimes so caught up in the tedious details of daily life that we fail to pay attention to the sublime. This is why Jesus came to show us the way, to teach and to lead. It takes priority over the dishes.

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**Welcome to Deacon Lee Robinson and his wife, Cheryl.** We are delighted to welcome them to our Parish where Deacon Lee has been assigned by Bishop Baker to serve in Diaconal Ministry. He has previously served as a Deacon at Holy Infant of Prague Church in Trussville. He is preaching at all the Masses this weekend. I know you will welcome him and his wife, Cheryl, with your customary hospitality.

**Thought for Today:** "If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything". (St. Bonaventure)

Peace and Blessings,  
*Fr. Sexton*

## *July 17-July 24*

### **Sunday-July 17**

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

\*Sr. Youth Social 5 pm

\*Praise & Worship 6:30 pm

\*Holy Hour 7 pm

### **Monday-July 18**

**Mass 9 am**

\*Legion of Mary

\*Bridge

### **Tuesday-July 19**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Wednesday-July 20**

**Mass 7 pm**

\*Surfsiders 10 am

\*Sr. Youth 5:30 pm

\*Parish Council after Mass

### **Thursday-July 21**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-July 22**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-July 23**

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-July 24**

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

\*Legion of Mary- Rosary & Movie 2:30 pm

**ALL ARE INVITED!**



**FINANCE NEWS**  
**July 2015-June 2016**

**Last week**

|                    | <b>Actual</b>     | <b>Budget</b>     |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 5021.50</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                     |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 13,531.25</b> | <b>\$ 11,540.00</b> |
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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.



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Reception immediately following Mass.

Please R.S.V.P. by July 20, 2016, via e-mail  
geneimadavis@gmail.com



## *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 – 44 cans**

### **Parish Council**

The following are emails for our Parish Council Members. Please contact them with questions or concerns you may have.

**Chair: Sonia Dale:**  
wmksdale2000@gmail.com

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mmcrae237@yahoo.com

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### **Pro Life Corner**

#### **Spiritual Adoption Program**

**Month 2**



Keep on praying for me. I am 2 months old now and 2 inches long. I am now called a fetus which means "little one". My teeth, fingers and toes are developing, and my ears, nose, lips, and tongue can now be clearly seen. I will use them to experience God's world after I am born. I can even suck my thumb!

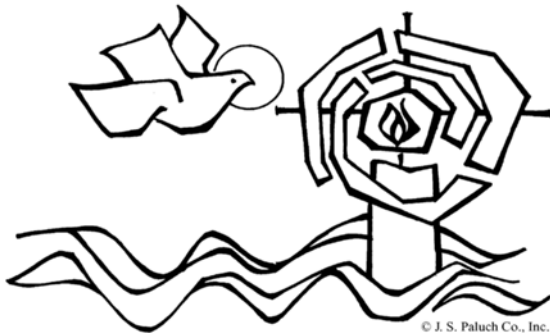
#### **Prayer**

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.



## Saints and Special Observances

|                   |                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Sunday:</i>    | <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>          |
| <i>Monday:</i>    | <i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>                     |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | <i>St. Apollinaris</i>                            |
| <i>Thursday:</i>  | <i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi</i>                   |
| <i>Friday:</i>    | <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>                         |
| <i>Saturday:</i>  | <i>St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary</i> |



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## Works of Mercy

### Give Drink to the Thirsty Corporal Works of Mercy

Water is essential for all life on earth. Jesus experienced thirst, and his thirst while dying on the Cross was a visible sign of his suffering. Ideas: Pass out water bottles to the homeless. Have a "donations only" lemonade stand and use the proceeds to improve the water supply in Ethiopia via Catholic Relief Services. Pay for the coffee of the person behind you at a coffee shop. Take a cold glass of water to a neighbor doing yard work. Donate baby formula to a local pregnancy help center. Work a drink station at a local charity race.

## Assignments—July 20- July 24

### WEDNESDAY

7/20/2016

7:00 PM

Altar Servers  
Lectors Sarah Brazzolotto

### SATURDAY MASS

7/23/2016

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Tom Graffo  
Greeters Darlene Leonard, Karen Hand  
Lectors Ron Zielinski, Micky Zielinski  
Ministers Parma Boyle, Larry Reese, Sara Reese  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Clayton Martin

### SUNDAY MASS

7/24/2016

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Laura Headley, Alexis Allor  
Lectors Gail Perry, Bart Perry  
Ministers Deacon, Janice Stella, Rosemary Mateer, Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Joe Stanley, Ruth Stanley, Joe Pittman

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Will Pittman, Destiny Markevich, Katie Boyle  
Greeters Marsha Armstrong, Jay & Enid Willi  
Lectors Tony Hollis, Miranda Jacks  
Ministers Deacon, Chris Gallegly, Lee Walser, Ronnie Sellers, Jennifer Sellers  
Ushers Don Frederick, Larry Foltz, Gloria Raynor, Jeanne Macon

**If you cannot keep your assignment  
PLEASE find a substitute.**

## Why I'm the worst catechist at my parish, and still signing up

In a less-than-perfect world, God can do a lot with the imperfect-but-willing.

This August, I'll begin my sixth year as a religious education teacher. Ora pro me.

So far, I've taught second, third, fourth and sixth grades at two different parishes. I spend my summers reading articles about trends in religious education and asking other catechists for advice. Then, the school year begins, and I spend my Wednesday nights never doing quite as well as I'd hoped I would.

I can safely say that I am the worst catechist at my parish. This isn't false modesty. It's just that the other catechists are great catechists. They've been at it for a long time, they know how to teach and reach kids, and they know their curricula inside and out.

Meanwhile, I'm still struggling to balance book time and talk time, to keep order when the kids are hungry and hyper after a long school day, and to get the most important parts of the faith across without neglecting the nitty gritty, or the Bible. I noticed that many of the lapsed Catholics of my acquaintance accuse us of never reading the Bible in religion classes, so each year we work through a New Testament book, one chapter a week. I alternate Luke and Acts, because a lack of teachers means I often have the same kids two years running.

Often, as a teacher, I am a mess. The kids are too, because with little reinforcement at home they have, over summer, all but forgotten everything beyond Jesus having died and risen, and I don't know where to start.

So, why am I in the classroom, trying to teach Catechism at a table surrounded by squirmy, exhausted kids who don't want to be there? Why did God call me to teach religion when there are better teachers out there, people who could really set the kids on fire with love for Jesus and mankind? "Shouldn't someone else be leading this class," I think, "and leave me to safer, less important tasks like photocopying activity sheets or making sure that no one floods the bathroom?"

But I tend to wonder the same thing about a lot of other places God calls me. Why am I homeschooling seven kids, running clubs and keeping house when I'm mediocre at much of it? Why am I my husband's wife, when he surely deserved better? Why did God put me at this soccer game trying to comfort this traumatized woman as she cries on my shoulder about a recent miscarriage, when I stink at social skills and freak out at tears? It seems like God keeps calling me to things I'm barely capable of, and often not comfortable with. Couldn't he find someone better?

Actually, I think the answer to that last question might be, "No, he couldn't." Not because I'm super-wonderful and practically perfect in every way, but because I'm available and willing. Maybe someone better for the job left the Church when she was 12 and never looked back. Or maybe she keeps saying "no" because "yes" can feel so scary. Maybe God takes who is available and willing. Moses was a murderer with a stutter; Saint Bernadette was the merest creature on earth. Saint Peter wasn't exactly a calm, cool management type, or a smooth operator, and look where he ended up. On paper, Judas might have had a better CV for the papacy, but he was unwilling to be led away from where he thought he should go.

So, here is what God and the Church are left with: the unworthy yet willing. A lot of us who are called to things we're not especially good at, but we're game to give it a try, all for Jesus. Fortunately, where our own talents, skills, and energies fail us, grace can fill the gaps, if we let it.

I know there are people in my parish, and in every parish, who would be better catechists than I am. When the DRE gets up front to make her annual plea, they're too afraid to answer God's call, because they know they're not the perfect person for the job. But here's the thing: The perfect person isn't here. The perfect person will probably never show up. But you are here, and you're the one God's calling right now, in all your imperfection. It's OK to hold your breath, close your eyes, make the leap and offer to help. His grace will make up for your faults.

Deirdre Mundy

*Deirdre Mundy is a home-schooling mother of six who blogs at Mommy Writes.*



## July School Supply Drive

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School starts the first week in August, and we will be collecting supplies during July. If your child needs

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|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
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| Notebook, Comp & Spiral    | Markers, All types                     |
| Pencil Sharpener, hand     | Pencil, Pouch zippered, 3 ring         |
| Page Protectors/Tab Sheets | Pencils, Colored                       |
| Binders, 1 inch            | Binders, 3 inch                        |
| Paper, Lined               | Watercolors                            |
| Scissors, metal Fiscars    | Kleenex Tissue                         |
| Crayons                    | Paper, Graph                           |

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## Mass for Priestly Vocations

August, 4, 2016  
at Cathedral of St. Paul

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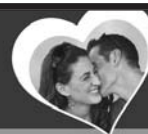
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