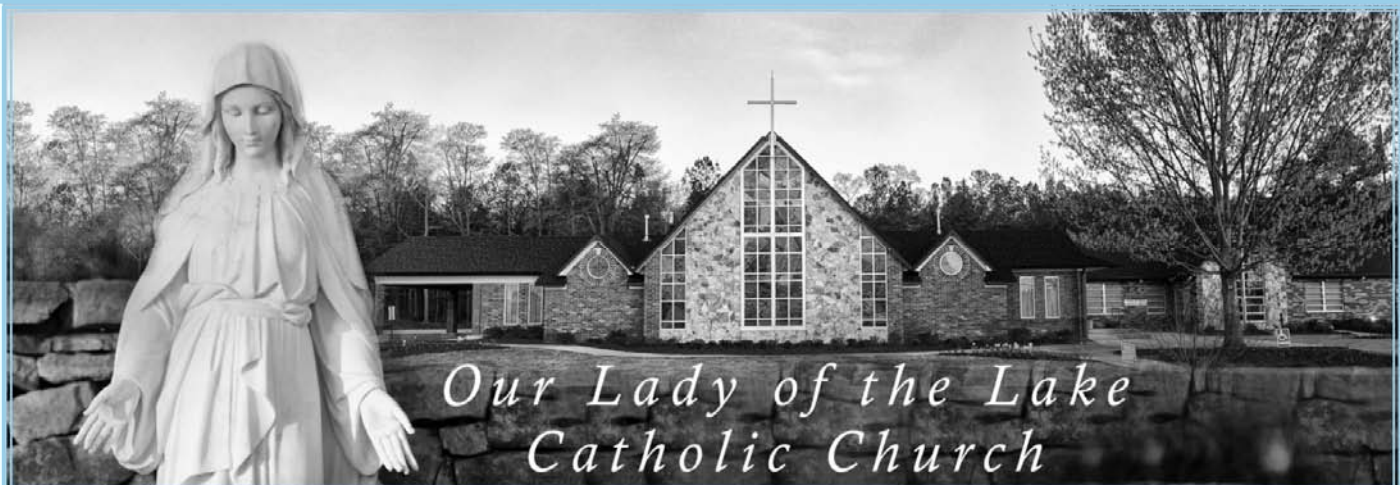




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### **MASSES**

**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, January 30, 2016

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 31, 2016*

*Faith, hope, and love  
remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.  
— 1 Corinthians 13:13*

*Welcoming a Year  
of God's Mercy*



### Mass Intentions

Feb. 1 – Feb. 7



**Monday:** David Burrus by Terry & Rita Rumore †  
**Tuesday:** Ruby Stone by Mike & Kitty Gordon †  
**Wednesday:** Bonnie Carr by Jeannie Reid  
**Thursday:** Andrew Paulitzky by the Brazzolottos †  
**Friday:** Lillie Rumore by Terry & Rita Rumore  
**Saturday:** Arthur Taylor by the Brazzolottos †  
**Sunday:** Paul & Parma Boyle by the Brazzolottos

### Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Gene & Walton Smith, Matt Joiner, Pat Roberts,  
Judy Dawley, Wayne Adams, Paul Boyle, Marie  
Battaglia, Dennis Tyler.*

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](mailto: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 February 1—February 7

|                   |                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;<br>16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;<br>Mk 5:1-20                      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10;<br>Heb 2:14-18;<br>Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]               |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps<br>32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6                               |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1<br>Chr 29:10-12;<br>Mk 6:7-13                        |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31,<br>47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29                           |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-<br>14; Mk 6:30-34                                  |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1<br>-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11<br>[3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11 |

## Today's Readings



**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremi-  
ah as prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:4-5,  
17-19)

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation. (Psalm 71)

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets  
is the most important of the virtues. (1 Corin-  
thians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13])

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mis-  
sion is for all people, not just the Jews, he is ex-  
pelled by the enraged members of the Naz-  
arean synagogue. (Luke 4:21-30)

## Pastor's Message

**"So Faith, Hope, and Love remain; but the greatest is Love". (I Corinthians 13:13)**

Our Scripture readings today include Paul's celebration of love. He speaks of a special kind of love that is called "Agape" in Greek, the love that is a reflection of God's love for us.

In our modern usage the word love is ambiguous and sometimes almost trivial. We love our i-phone and our cats and our favorite T.V. show and the sunrise on the lake. And yes, we love people and we love our friends. Surely the word needs some refinement or re-definition if we are to speak with clarity.

Paul's address to the Corinthians is quite specific. He has in mind the kind of love that is people-centered and that is self-giving and sacrificial. The kind of love that goes the extra mile for someone.

His language is beautiful and lyrical, more poetry than prose. He lifts his readers to the heights of idealism and takes their imagination to that perfect place where love endures to conquer all with its grace and magnanimity. We are humbled to hear that "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things".

A young doctor's story elaborates on Paul's idealism. Dr. Fosarelli was raised in a Catholic family. He attended Catholic schools from grade school through college. In medical school at Johns Hopkins he began to have doubts about his faith. He raised questions and became an agnostic. "Give me the proof" I said, "to those who would listen and I will believe".

After a few years in medical practice working with H.I.V. infected infants, children and teens and listening to their questions, he rediscovered faith in God. He wrote: "Consider selfless service to others. What explanation for it suffices? From an evolutionary prospective it makes no sense. Why risk one's life to save a person who is not kin? Yet, firefighters and emergency care workers do it all the time. Doing such jobs well means risking one's life. Where does the desire for such self-giving come from; since it is of no practical benefit to themselves?"

To put it in theological language: what is the origin of agape love? There is but one answer—it comes from God. Those who give selfless service to others show forth the God who gives and sustains. They reflect something of the divine in the midst of their own flawed humanity. How right is this young doctor!

**Sign Up for Small Groups for Lent:** Over 180 parishioners have signed up for the weekly small group reflection groups to ponder the gift of God's mercy. We cannot thank you enough and thanks again to Tom Welch for coordinating this and to Deacon Terry for his encouragement. We look forward to a very special Lenten season that begins on February 10th.

Peace and Blessings,

*Fr. Sexton*

## Calendar of Events Jan. 31- Feb. 7

### **Sunday-Jan. 31**

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

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Religion Bowl Gr 5-8 @ 9:45 in Church

\*KOC Mass 8:30 am

\*Blessing of Throats

\*Bring in last years blessed Palms for Palm burning ceremony

### **Monday-Feb. 1**

**Masses 9 am**

\*Bridge

\*Legion of Mary

### **Tuesday-Feb. 2**

**Mass 9 am**

\*RCIA 7 pm

### **Wednesday-Feb. 3**

**Mass 7 pm**

Feast of St. Blaise

\*SR Youth 5:30 pm

### **Thursday-Feb. 4**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Friday-Feb. 5**

**Mass 9 am**

### **Saturday-Feb. 6**

**Mass 5 pm**

\*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

### **Sunday-Feb. 7**

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

\*Youth Mass 11:15 am

\*RE 9:45 am

\*Palm Burning Ceremony between Masses

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

**Last week**

|                    |                    |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                    | <b>Actual</b>      | <b>Budget</b>     |
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 8,958.58</b> | <b>\$ 5770.00</b> |

**Year-to-date**

|                    |                      |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>*Offertory:</b> | <b>\$ 193,006.39</b> | <b>\$ 173,100.00</b> |
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**Lenten Fish Fries**

KOC Council 12270



**February 12 - March 18**  
**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**2-piece dinner \$8.00**  
**1-piece dinner \$6.00**  
**Child's plate \$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, and coleslaw.

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



*The family of John Crapet would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Father Sexton, Deacon Terry, Deacon Serge, the Knights of Columbus and our parish family for their prayers, love and compassion during this difficult time. The funeral service was so special and so peaceful for everyone. We are very fortunate to be a part of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.*



***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 – 51 cans**

**Lost Dishes?**

**We have a large collection of dishes, cookers and serving platters that have been left in the kitchen by parishioners that were kind enough to bring food for various events. These items have been placed on a table in the hall for you to pick up. Please pick up your items ASAP as we have no room to store them.**

**\*\*Items that are not picked up by Feb. 7th will be donated to charity.\*\***

**Thank you!**



**Pro Life Corner**

**Our Lady of the Lake Spiritual Adoption Program**

**Month 9**

**I'm here! Thanks for praying for me!**

**Shower of Blessings will be held on Feb. 21st after the 11:15 Mass. Details to follow.**

**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



**2016 Offertory  
envelopes are available  
for pickup in the North Foyer.**

**Please pick yours up before  
or after Mass!**

### DOES THE CHURCH HAVE YOUR EMAIL?

WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF MEMBER'S EMAILS.  
Please email yours to the office : [parish@ollpellcity.com](mailto:parish@ollpellcity.com)



**THANK YOU!**

## Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** *Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**Tuesday:** *The Presentation of  
the Lord;  
Groundhog Day*

**Wednesday:** *St. Blaise; St. Ansgar;  
Blessing of Throats*

**Friday:** *St. Agatha; First  
Friday*

**Saturday:** *St. Paul Miki and  
Companions;  
First Saturday*



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## Assignment List Feb. 3- Feb. 7

**WEDNESDAY MASS** **2/3/2016**  
**9:00 AM**

Altar Servers  
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

**SATURDAY MASS** **2/6/2016**  
**5:00 pm**

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels  
Greeters Bill & Loretta Frost, Tammy McRae  
Lectors Sonia Dale, Terri Brown  
Ministers Deacon, Gloria Albright, Parma  
Boyle  
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen  
Hand, Sam Marston

**SUNDAY MASS** **2/7/2016**  
**8:30 AM**

Altar Servers Andrew Thomaston, Will Thomaston,  
Carson Falkner, Brennan Cardenas  
Greeters Rosemary Mateer, Jimillia Sayles  
Lectors Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck  
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano,  
Carly Gagliano, Ronni Gagliano  
Ushers Herb Kuntz, Gregg Becnel,  
Chris Frey, Sawyer Stice

**11:15 AM** **Youth Mass**

Altar Servers James Lewis, Ryan Murphree, Will  
Pittman, Destiny Markevich  
Greeters Youth  
Lectors Amanda Manuel, Danielle McKinney  
Ministers Deacon, Sawyer Stice, Sophie  
Poteracki, Layne Monistere  
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly

**If you cannot keep your assignment**

**PLEASE find a substitute.**



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*by learning and living our Catholic Faith.*

## POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO FAMILIES



### **Making Christ's Love Visible**

St. Paul, in the Letter to the Ephesians, emphasizes the great mystery is reflected in Christian spouses: the relationship established by Christ with the Church, a nuptial relationship (cf. 5:21-33). The Church is the bride of Christ. This is their relationship. This means that matrimony responds to a specific vocation and must be considered as a consecration (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 48; *Familiaris Consortio*, 56). It is a consecration; the man and woman are consecrated in their love. The spouses, in fact, by virtue of the sacrament, are invested with a true

and proper mission to that starting with the simple ordinary things of life, they may make visible the love with which Christ loves His Church, by continuing to give His life in fidelity and service.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ST. PETER'S SQUARE, APRIL 2, 2014



### ***The Year of Mercy is an invitation—***

*an invitation to love, kindness, and unbounded generosity.*

*Pope Francis is offering you the opportunity to encounter the incredible mercy of God.*

*Encountering mercy means encountering God.*

*It can transform your life, your relationships, your work, and your ability to embrace and experience all of life.*

**M.Y.C.**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**January 31 Religious Education 9:45am**

**February 3 Feast of St. Blaise**

**February 7 Palm Burning Ceremony**

**Religious Education 9:45am**

**Youth Mass 11:15am**

**February 10 Ash Wednesday**

**Mass 9am & 7pm**



#### **Little Ones in Christ**

**Grades Pre K—Grade 2**

Joanna Murphree at 473-1444.

#### **Junior Youth (Grades 3-6)**

Every 2nd Sunday from 5-7pm

Contact Isabel at 753-9820.

#### **Senior Youth (Grades 7-12)**

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

## 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.**

## Holy Year of Mercy Lenten Small Groups

**Lenten small group lists are posted in both Church foyers and in the parish hall. Please let your group leader know if you are unable to attend or need to revise your schedule.**

## Stations Of The Cross

According to the Method of St. Francis of Assisi



For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross", the "Via Crucis", and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion. The majority of these key events concern His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station."

Today, images of the Stations (or simple crosses representing them) are on display in almost all Catholic churches. They serve mainly as a focus for Lenten worship services. But the Stations can also be prayed privately, at any time of the year, even at home.

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