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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.-11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Exposición del Santísimo el segundo Miércoles
de cada mes @ 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018*

*[The LORD] tells the number of the
stars and calls each by name.*

— Psalm 147:4



Mass Intentions

February 5 – February 11



Monday: Joe Stanley by the Crapet Family †

Tuesday: Dee Ford by Mike Aiello

Wed.: Victor Rumore by Terry & Rita Rumore †

Thursday: Jackie Rogers by Karen & Bob Hand †

Friday: Bridget Brennan by Mike Aiello †

Saturday: Ron & Micky Zielinski by the Rumores

Sunday: Victor Rumore by Terry & Rita Rumore †

****Sunday's Mass Intentions are offered
at the 11:15 am Mass****

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

*Paul Boyle, Crystal Welford, Cecil Rodgers,
Jacky Johnson, Rita Martens, Gail Layton,
Nicki Brasfield, Rene Bentel, Carolyn Marston,
Daniel Centilli.*

**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

Weekly Readings ~ Feb. 5—Feb. 11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps
132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30;
Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-
6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps
106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-
34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-
22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps
32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1;
Mk 1:40-45

Today's Readings



First Reading — Job experienced months of
misery and troubled nights. (Job 7:1-4, 6-7)

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the bro-
kenhearted. (Psalm 147)

Second Reading — I have become all things to
all, to save at least some. (1 Corinthians 9:16-
19, 22-23)

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick
with various diseases. (Mark 1:29-39)

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Pastor's Message

Job in the midst of his suffering asks the troubling question: "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?"

A perennial problem which has both plagued and intrigued people from time immemorial is: the meaning of human suffering.

The Book of Job from which the First Reading is taken this Sunday is one of the longest books in the Bible. It is a unique piece of literature. Within the context of sublime poetry and didactic prose the author challenges the traditional and conventional belief of his day which attributed suffering to personal moral wrongdoing. In other words, suffering is a punishment from God.

As the Book of Job unfolds it becomes clearer that human suffering is a far deeper mystery than punishment for personal sin. There is no satisfactory human solution to the riddle and the enigma of human suffering. In the end Job says: "I have been holding forth on matters I cannot understand, on matters beyond me and my knowledge. I retract all I have said, and in dust and ashes, I repent". (Job 42:2)

We have made great advances in our age in controlling pain with the help of medication. But pain is not the same thing as suffering. I may be pain free and yet suffer great anguish, great anxiety.

When C.S. Lewis, the English writer, lost his wife to cancer and he was in deep grief he wrote: "We are each of us a piece of art, chiseled from granite by God, the artist. Bringing that form to completion is painful". In another place he wrote: "Life is a brutal teacher, but we do learn".

As today's Gospel Reading from Mark (1:29-39) makes clear, Jesus did not come among us as a philosopher to teach the meaning of suffering. He came to cast out fear and disease and all that shackled human beings; to deliver them from evil and alienation. "They brought to him many who were sick with various diseases and he drove out many demons".

One thing more, Jesus taught us by his own example that it is possible to bring good out of suffering, to transform it into a source of life as when he died a painful death only to arise at Easter.

Lent is approaching! Interested in forming a Small Group for discussion and prayer? Call the Church office. We will be offering an excellent book, called Getting More Out of the Mass. It is arranged in five sessions. You may also wish to form a group to study and discuss the Sunday Readings for Lent. (Found in the Lenten Booklet: The Word Among Us.)

Thought For the Week: "In a higher order it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often". (Cardinal Newman)

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

February 4~ February 11

Sunday-February 4

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*NO Sr. Youth

Monday-February 5

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

*Liturgy 6:00 pm

Tuesday-February 6

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-February 7

Mass 7:00 pm

Thursday-February 8

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-February 9

Mass 9:00 am

Saturday-February 10

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-February 11

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45 am

*Burning of Palms between Masses

*Little Ones & Jr. Youth 12:30-2:30 pm



Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$5376.19	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$192,340.12	\$176,762.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, 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 – 75 cans



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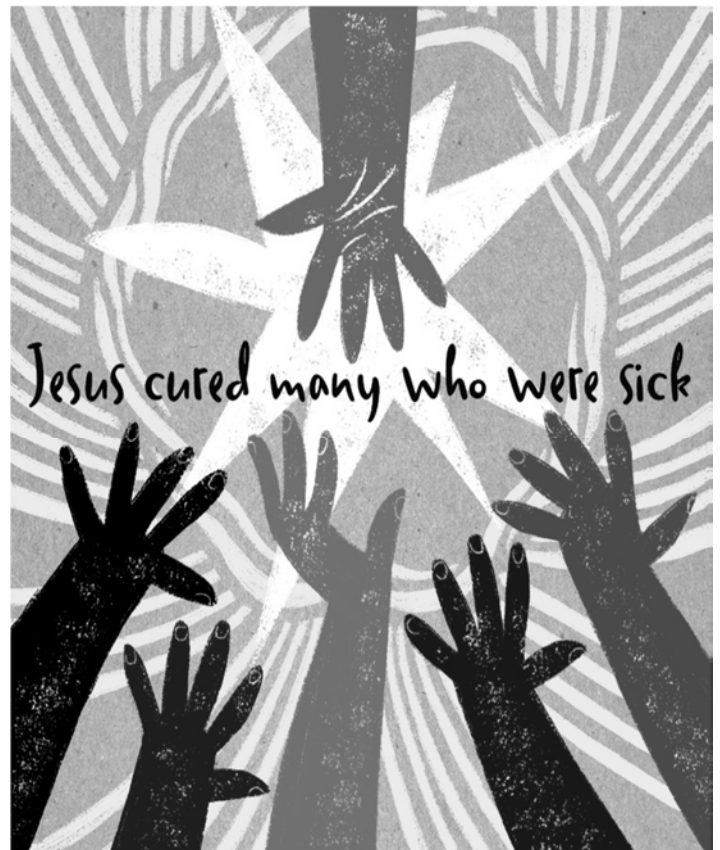
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**Council meetings are open to all
parishioners, and are typically on the
third Wed. of the month after Mass.**



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Dates to Remember...

February 14th.....Ash Wednesday

March 25th.....Palm Sunday

March 29th.....Holy Thursday

March 31st.....Holy Saturday

April 1st.....Easter Sunday

Discussion-Prayer Groups Forming for Lent

Some have asked if we are having Small Group Sessions this Lent. Our primary focus this Lent will be the Parish Mission: March 5, 6, and 7. We will have a visiting priest from the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois to lead the Mission. Mark your calendars now.

If you would like to lead a small group for weekly meeting and discussion-prayer during Lent, please contact the Church office and let us know time and place of your meeting.

We will have copies of a special booklet: Getting More Out of Mass available in the office. Another option is to use the Lenten booklet: Sharing the Word and discuss each week the Sunday Readings for Lent.

The small group experience in the previous years has helped a lot of parishioners. We need Group Leaders to come forward and offer this special gift for Lent.

Thanks for your help,
Fr. Sexton



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday*

Monday: *St. Agatha*

Tuesday: *St. Paul Miki and Companions*

Thursday: *St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking*

Saturday: *St. Scholastica*

Assignments—Feb. 7 ~ Feb. 11

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/7/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *
Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

2/10/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Chris Gallegly, Tom Michaels
Greeters Gisela Scruggs, Allen Ross
Lectors Allen Ross, Teri Gagliano
Ministers Deacon, (Gloria Albright, Parma Boyle)
Ushers *

SUNDAY MASS

2/11/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Jimillia Sayles, Brennan Cardenas, Amy Cardenas
Greeters Jay/Enid Willi, Bob/LouElla Menefee
Lectors Teri Gagliano, Karen Reese
Ministers Deacon, (Tom Graffo, Janice Stella, Stephen Reese, Matthew Reese)
Ushers Michael Gagliano, *

11:15 PM

Altar Servers Will Pittman, Peyton Foreman, Brooks Boyle
Greeters Lydia Jimenez, Mattie Osborne
Lectors Bernie Funderburg, Miranda Jacks
Ministers Deacon, (Wayne Adams, Mary Adams, Joe Hoffert, Tommie Ann Johnson)
Ushers Don Frederick, *

***PLEASE NOTE: EM's scheduled are listed in parenthesis, in the event we have returned to**

of-

Called to *Serve*



Little Ones in Christ

Grades Pre K—Grade 2

Contact Joanna Murphree (205) 473-1444

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Junior Youth

Grades 3— Grade 6

Contact Jordan Murphree (205) 863-5787

2nd Sunday 12:30—2:30pm

Senior Youth

Grades 7-12

Contact Carly Gagliano (205) 837-8888

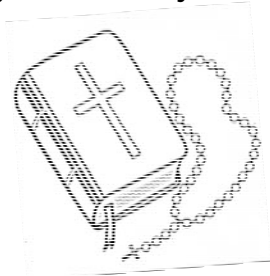
1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm

Food, Fun, and Faith!

**Diaper and wipe drive for Ann's New Life
Center for Women**



Prolife Rosary 2nd Sunday after 8:30 Mass



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

Feb. 4—RE 9:45a—11:00a

Youth Mass 11:15a

NO Sr. Youth

Feb. 11—Burning of Palms after 8:30 Mass

RE 9:45—11:00a

Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18—No RE

Rite of Sending 11:15 Mass

Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00p

Holy Hour 7:00p

**Feb. 24—Confirmation Sister Servant's
retreat**

Feb. 21 & 28—9th grade Chastity Retreat

5:30p—8:00p

Feb. 25—RE 9:45a—11:00a

2,3,4,5 grades reconciliation

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

No Adult Education Scheduled



The Beatitudes (Mt. 5:3-12)

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270



Lenten Fish Fry

Each Friday of Lent

(Feb. 16th, 23rd & March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd)

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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 at 7:00 pm.

The menu will consist of fried fish, baked fish, hush puppies, steamed vegetables, fries, macaroni & cheese and coleslaw. Take out available, no phone in orders please.

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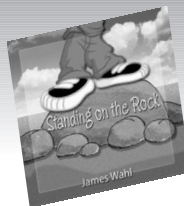
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