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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 24, 2018

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

*If God is for us,
who can be against us?*

— Romans 8:31b



Mass Intentions

February 26 – March 4



Monday: Marlene Catalino by Sam Catalino †

Tuesday: Victor Rumore by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Wed.: Sharon Nix †

Thursday: Victor Rumore by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Friday: Bob Barrett by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

Saturday: Trudy & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Bob Barrett by Brenda & Jerry Kern †

****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
the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings ~ Feb. 26—March 4

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Today's Readings



First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18)

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

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son. (Romans 8:31b-34)

Gospel — This is my beloved Son. (Mark 9:2-10)

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Pastor's Message

Parish Mission-March 5, 6, and 7

Our Lenten Parish Mission will soon begin. Be sure to mark your calendar now and reserve the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5, 6 and 7, at seven o'clock each evening.

The Parish Mission will be led by Fr. Don Ahles of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois. We are all looking forward to Fr. Don's reflections and insights, the fruit of his life-long experience as a priest and pastor.

A Parish Mission is a special time of grace and blessing for a Parish. We come together in prayer and reflection to avail of God's graces and to grow in our spiritual life. Making the Parish Mission is an excellent way to make a good Lent and to re-kindle faith and commitment. Bring your whole family and invite your friends too. Looking forward to seeing you at the Mission.

The Scripture This Sunday:

The Reading from the Book of Genesis (Gen. 22:1-18) is the famous story of Abraham's willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, if this is what God wanted of him. Like every father, (and mother) Abraham loved his son and would have done anything to protect him. But for Abraham, God's intentions and plans had to come first. With a pained and broken heart he was willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice if God had made such a demand.

The story has a happy ending. When God saw the depth and generosity of Abraham's faith, he changed his mind and did not ask him to sacrifice his only son. "I know how devoted you are to God" was the angel's praise of Abraham. What is the level and extent of my devotion to God?

The transfiguration story in Mark's Gospel (9:2-10) where Jesus is with Peter, James and John "On a high mountain" is filled with mystery and wonder. William Barclay, the Scripture scholar says: "It is no longer possible to say what it was that happened upon the mountain"; the high mountain of Mark's Gospel. Was it a vision? Was it a deep religious experience? We bow in reverence before this shining moment. The garments of Jesus became radiant, dazzling white, like the glistening gleam of burnished brass or the golden glare of the sunlight.

Peter, James and John were given for a brief moment a glimpse of the Glory of God, to strengthen them for the difficult days ahead. Such transfiguration moments are given to us too, sprinkled along the path of life.

Congratulations: To our four Catechumens—Bennie Goodman, Blake Hardin, Erin Rider and Zachary Smith. They were welcomed at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday by Bishop Baker, and approved for Baptism at Easter. The following Candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter; Deborah Beavers, Jeff Bowman, Alana Centilli, Jenny Cottrill, Kelly Dale, Tyler Johnson, Glenda Marston,



February 25~ March 4

Sunday-February 25

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Reconciliation 2,3,4,5

*Shower of Blessings 9:45 am

Monday-February 26

Mass 9:00 am

*Legion of Mary

Tuesday-February 27

Mass 9:00 am

*RCIA 7:00 pm

Wednesday-February 28

Mass 7:00 pm

*Ultreya after Mass

*Chastity Retreat 5:30-8:00 pm

Thursday-March 1

Mass 9:00 am

Friday-March 2

Mass 9:00 am

*First Friday Adoration 9:30-11:30 am

*KOC Fish Fry 5:00—6:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday-March 3

Mass 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Parish Mission

*Marion Mass 9:00 am

*First Scrutiny 5:00 pm

*Reconciliation 3:30-5:00 pm

Sunday-March 4

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

*Parish Mission

*RE 9:45-11:00 am

*Reconciliation 6,7,8

*Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Sr. Youth 5:30-8:00 pm

Pastor's Message Cont.

Summer Sergenti, and Mary Burke-Taylor. They too were officially welcomed and recognized by Bishop Baker. Congratulations to these faithful believers. We pray for them daily as we journey to Easter.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Weekly Offertory

July 2017 — June 2018

	Actual*	Needed
Last Week	\$5024.29	\$5702.00
Year to Date	\$217,080.65	\$193,868.00

*Please note the actual total includes Seminarian Fund, Building Fund & Special Collections which are not part of the general operating budget.



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



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 – 93 cans

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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Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 9:45 am

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Assignments—Feb. 28~ March 4

WEDNESDAY MASS

2/28/2018

7:00 PM

Altar Servers *

Lectors Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

3/3/2018

5:00 PM

Altar Servers Larry Reese, Stephen Reese
Greeters Bill/Loretta Frost, Allen/Phyllis Ross
Lectors Allen Ross, Phyllis Ross
Ministers Deacon, (**Jim Dale, Sonia Dale**)
Ushers Karen Hand, Bob Hand, Bob Nicholas, Sam Marston

SUNDAY MASS

3/4/2018

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Amelia Reese, Anthony Emerick, Matthew Emerick
Greeters Julie/Bob Paulitzky, Debra/Julius Beavers
Lectors Bart Perry, Gail Perry
Ministers Deacon, (**Michael & Teri Gagliano, Carly & Ronni Gagliano**)
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Jim Gorman, Tommie Ann Johnson

11:15 PM

Youth Mass

Altar Servers Troy Rosato, Paul Boyle, Katie Boyle
Greeters Carson Falkner, Briggs Falkner
Lectors Amy Cardenas, Brandon Jaks
Ministers Deacon, (**Wayne Adams, Danielle McKinney, Mary Adams, Catherine Lewis**)
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Brennon Cardenas, Alex Walser

PLEASE NOTE: EM's scheduled are listed in parenthesis, in the event we have returned to offering the Cup in the Eucharistic Celebration

**If you are unable to keep your assignment,
please find a substitute.**



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

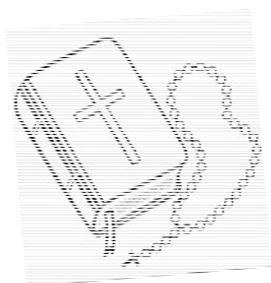
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1st and 3rd Sunday 5:30—8:00pm

Food, Fun, and Faith!



Prolife Rosary 2nd Sunday after 8:30 Mass



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Religious Education

Feb. 28—9th grade Chastity Retreat
5:30p—8:00p

Feb. 25—RE 9:45a—11:00a
2,3,4,5 grades reconciliation
Shower of Blessing

March 3—First Scrutiny 5:00p

March 4—RE 9:45a—11:00a
6,7,8 grades reconciliation
Youth Mass 11:15
Sr. Youth 5:30—8:00P

March 10—Confirmation Candidate/sponsor
Retreat 2:30p– 6:00p

March 11—Second Scrutiny 8:30a
RE 9:45a—11:00a
HS reconciliation
Little Ones & Jr. Youth 12:30p—2:30p

March 18—Third Scrutiny 11:15a

Adult Education

9:45 in the parish hall

March 18—David Wesson on the Mass



RCIA

Rite of Sending

Catechumens—Bennie Goodman, Blake Hardin, Erin Rider, Zachary Smith

Candidates—Deborah Beavers, Jeff Bowman, Alana Centilli, Jenny Cottrill, Kelly Dale, Tyler Johnson, Glenda Marston, Summer Sergenti, Mary Burke—Taylor

Please be praying for our RCIA class as they journey through the Lenten season in preparation to be received into full communion with the Catholic church Easter !

**Our Lady of the Lake
KOC Council 12270**

Lenten



**Each Friday of Lent
February 16th - March 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 5:00-6:30 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.**



**Saints and Special
Observances**

Sunday: *Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candi-
dates for Full Communion*

Wednesday: *Purim (Jewish observance)
begins at sunset*

Friday: *Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer*

Saturday: *St. Katharine Drexel; First
Saturday*



Parish Mission—2018

Our presenter this year will be Fr. Don Ahles from the Diocese of Rockford, IL. Fr. Don is known for his spirited homilies and his work with young and old alike. Fr. Don is well known and loved in his Diocese, and is looking forward to meeting all of us and experiencing our Southern Hospitality.

Fr. Ahles will be the celebrant at the Masses on **March 3, and March 4.** There will be Morning presentations on Monday, **March 5** and Tuesday, **March 6**, after the 9:00 am Masses. He will be delivering the homilies at the 7:00 pm Masses on Monday, **March 5**, and Wednesday, **March 7.** There will be a Communal Penance Service on Tuesday evening, **March 6**, and Fr. Ahles will be presenting then as well. Fr. Don will make himself available to anyone for private confessions and spiritual counseling.

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