



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

Deacon Terrence Rumore
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
Deacon E. Lee Robinson

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Hours Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jim Mathis, *Director of Religious Education*
Charmaine Welch, *Music Director*
Shelly Hamman, *Parish Secretary*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00-4:45 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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Mondays following Mass

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY

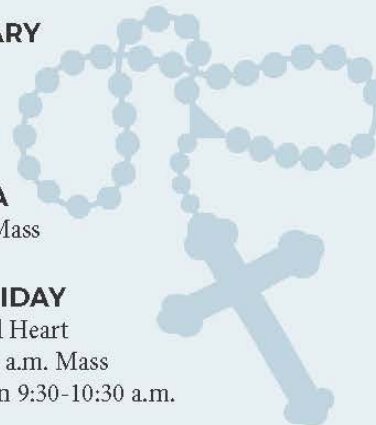
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
Santísimo el segundo Miércoles de cada mes* 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May
Ages 3 years through High School



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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, September 6, 2025
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025



*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple."
-Luke 14:27*



September 8 - September 14

- Monday:** Larry Krantz by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Tuesday: Don Williams by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Wednesday: Bob Walsh by Jay & Enid Willi †
Thursday: Anthony Bruno by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Friday: Patrick Lauren Rumore by the Rumores
Saturday: Chester Lambert by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Sunday: Frank K. Connell by KOC 12270 †
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Juanita Crowson,
Toni James, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, David
& Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Janice
Stella, Frank Troncilli, Angela Ledlow, Lee
Walser, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur,
Marcia Morteck, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner,
George Sobolowski, Jimmy Hollis, Pat Roberts,
Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary
LaFleur, Gayle Huff, Jane & Randy Gray,
Thomas Mark Jones, Phillip Thomaston, Bobby
Johnson, Marti Baird, Deacon Lee Robinson,
Lucas Stice, Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda
Carreker, Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Doug
Armitage, Benny Goodman, David Paulitzky,
Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Frances
Crappet, Teresa Stubblefield

To add a name, call the church office or to add to the Prayer
Hot Line please email Sharon Stice at
sharonstice46@gmail.com or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings September 8 - September 14

- Monday:** Mic 5:1-4a; Ps
13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-
23
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps
145; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps
145; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps
150; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-
14; Ps 16; Lk
6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tim 15-17; Ps
113; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Num 21:4b-9; Ps
78; 1bc-2, 34-35,
36-37, 38; Phil
2:6-11; Jn 3:13-
17

Today's Readings



First Reading— And thus were the paths of those
on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge (Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17).

Second Reading— So if you regard me as a
partner, welcome him as you would me (Philemon 9
-10, 12-17).

Gospel — "In the same way, anyone of you who
does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my
disciple (Luke 14:25-33)."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Next week begins our annual Catholic Charities and Communities pledge drive for the Diocese of Birmingham. This fund goes to support many of the apostolates that bring the mercy and compassion of Jesus Christ to those in need in North and Central Alabama.

Some of the apostolates funded by your contributions include:

- The Catholic Centers of Concern: giving material assistance to the poor.
- Catholic Family Services: provides counseling and offers adoption services as an alternative to abortion.
- Catholic Campus Ministry: provides a Catholic presence on college campuses in our diocese.
- Seminarian Education: defrays the cost of seminarian formation so that no man is prevented from discerning a vocation to the priesthood because of finances.
- Hispanic Ministry: Provides educational and sacramental resources to small parishes with large Spanish-speaking populations.
- Education Office: provides support and training for parishes to hand on the Catholic faith to the next generation.

All registered parishioners should receive a pledge card and brochure of Catholic Charities and Communities this week. Please bring the pledge card with you the weekend of September 20th and 21st. We will take up a special collection of the cards. If you do not receive a mailing, extra pledge cards will be available. Also, there is an option for online giving.

Budgets for these apostolates will be set based on the results of the pledge drive. Please be prayerful, generous, and quick in responding.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 14, 2025 12:45 pm

Please join us at the annual parish picnic on the church grounds. The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite picnic side dish to share.

**We will have a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, bouncy house for the kids and Bingo!
Look forward to seeing you there!**



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville on **Saturday, October 4th**. The cost for the bus trip will be \$25.00/person.

We will depart from the church promptly at 7:00 a.m. (start loading at 6:30 am) and will return at 5:30 p.m. The day will include Mass/Confessions, catered lunch, a healing service, and a spiritual talk. The deadline for reservations is September 14th. Sign-up sheets are available in each foyer and payment can be made at any time.

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory for 8/24/25	\$6,752	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$67,132	\$62,920

Faith Direct (E-Giving) Upgrade

For those of you who contribute via E-giving, we want to notify you that Faith Direct will be upgrading on September 9th to ParishSOFT Giving—a new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

Weekly Giving: If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.

More Flexibility: Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.

More Ways to Give: Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.



Chair: Jeff Reach
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Oswaldo Jimenez: ozzy9892@gmail.com

Meagan Price: meaganfprice@gmail.com

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

Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center

3440 Martin Street South, Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054
205-338-4580

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

7404 Roosevelt Drive, Leeds, AL 35094
205-702-6500

Hours of Operation: Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am-4:00 pm
24/7 Hotline: 1-800-712-4357

Current Needs:

Hooded towels and baby bath supplies at Pell City location
Gently used newborn- 2T winter clothes



Ann's 5K Run & Walk for Life Saturday, October 11, 2025

Join us for the 3rd Annual 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run for Life! A fun and fast 5K, the race will start & finish at Ann's New Life Center and run through the neighborhood streets. Enjoy spectacular views running beside Logan Martin Lake. There will be an option this year to get performance shirts for a small extra fee if you so desire; otherwise, shirts will be regular cotton t-shirts. Shirt choice and size is guaranteed to those who Pre-Register by September 1st. Post race there will be an awards ceremony, door prizes, and refreshments available for purchase.

7:00 AM – Race Day Registration begins

8:00 AM – 5K Run Starts

9:15 AM – 1 mile fun run starts

9:45 AM – Awards Ceremony

\$35 for the 5K and \$20 for Mile Fun Run

Go to RunSignUp.com to register and support Ann's.

Registration at Our Lady of the Lake

If you have not registered with our Parish, please take a moment to fill out a form located in the foyer. Complete the form and drop it at the office or in the offertory basket. You may also call the office if you'd like a form emailed to you.

If you are listed under your parents registration and are now not a dependent, you will need to fill out a form to register your family separately.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 205-525-5161.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is for adults 16 years of age and older, who are looking to join the Catholic Church or, who were baptized Catholic and are interested in completing their initiation into the Church. Classes started on Tuesday, September 2nd. For more information, contact Father Bill at 205-525-5161.

A Winter Pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Italy with Father Bryan Jerabek February 2 - 13, 2026 \$3496 + \$1190 roundtrip airfare from Birmingham

Join the Very Reverend Father Bryan Jerabek on the trip of a lifetime this winter to Germany, Austria and Italy. With overnight stays in Bavaria, Salzburg, Padua, Loreto and Rome, you can expect to be awestruck by the beauty and magnificence of places so near and dear to our Catholic faith. Featuring a daily program that prioritizes daily Mass, exploration of some of Europe's greatest cities - such as Venice, Salzburg, Loreto and Rome - a General Audience with the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, and a uniquely crafted Catholic itinerary, and you have the trip of a lifetime. The package features four-star hotels, private coach transportation, a highly trained Catholic ProRome tour manager, exclusive private tours and so much more. Everything is included in the cost except one daily meal. For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/birmingham2026 or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

Assignments

September 10, 2025 - September 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY MASS

9/10/2025 7:00 PM

Lector: Arturo Solis

SATURDAY MASS

9/13/2025 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob Voll, Allen Ross
Lectors: Christie Whaley, Susan Moseley
Ministers: Susan Moseley, Teri Shields
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Tom Michaels
Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandevoorde

SUNDAY MASSES

9/14/2025 8:30 AM

Greeters: The Thomastons, Sonya Lewis
Lectors: Teri Gagliano, Shelly Hamman
Ministers: Sonya Lewis, Michael Gagliano
Ronni Thomas, Jane Snider
Altar Servers: Marty Poteracki, John Bryant
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston
Bill Bethell, Bart Perry

9/14/2025 11:15 AM

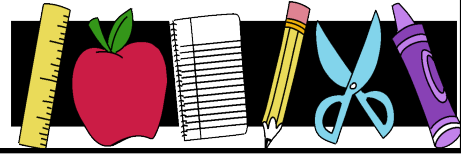
Greeters: Joan & Carl Wright, Rita Rumore
Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Stephanie Fischer
Ministers: Lexie Smith, Sammy Schillaci
Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

ATTENTION:

If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a substitute. Arrive 15 minutes ahead of Mass and sign in at the back of the church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

September 7- First Day of Religious Education- 9:45 am Breakfast & Orientation

September 14- RE- 9:45 am
Parish Picnic- 12:45 am

September 21- RE- 9:45 am

September 28- RE- 9:45 am



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Access the Catholic Faith ONLINE and ON DEMAND for FREE with our Parish code:

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Our Lady of Our Lake Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9:45 am
Studying The Letters of
St. James, St. Peter and St. Jude
Exciting discussion and faithful
fellowship! Join us!



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass At Our Lady of Sorrows

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama announces the celebration of monthly Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church the second Thursday of each month. Come worship and praise and enjoy coming together to give glory to God. Confessions are at 6:15 pm, Praise Music at 6:30 pm and Mass begins at 7:00 pm. Individual prayer is available after Mass.

This month's Mass will be held on September 11th. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For more information, contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, September 20, 2025

All new and current liturgical ministers must attend. All training sessions will be held in the church.

Schedule is as follows:

Lector-9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister- 9:30 am

Ushers- 10:00 am

Greeters- 10:30 am



Pilgrimage Sites

The following have been chosen as pilgrimage sites in our diocese for the Jubilee Year:

Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham
St. Leo the Great in Demopolis
Good Shepherd in Russellville
St. Joseph's Chapel located at Annunciation Church in Decatur
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville
St. Mary of the Visitation in Huntsville
Our Lady of the Valley in Fort Payne
St. John the Apostle in Alexander City
Chapel of Our Savior located at Our Lady of Sorrows in Birmingham
Chapel of Wisdom in Tuscaloosa

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service

Our Lady of the Lake Columbarium

September 13, 2025

10:00 am



Everyone is welcome!

Coffee & Donuts
will be served.

Contact Bernie
Funderburg with
questions at
205-405-6382.

Calendar for September 7, 2025—September 14, 2025

Sunday – September 7

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Religious Education Breakfast & Orientation-
9:45 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00-5:00 pm

Monday – September 8

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – September 9

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday – September 10

Youth Group- 6:00 pm

Spanish Mass- 7:00 pm

Spanish Holy Hour/Adoration- 7:30 pm

Thursday – September 11

Mass– 9:00 am

Community Food Distribution- 5:00 pm

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – September 12

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday – September 13

KOC Prayer Service- 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Sunday – September 14

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Parish Picnic- 12:45 pm Church Grounds

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00-5:00 pm