



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

Rev. William P. Lucas, Pastor

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Deacon Serge Brazzolotto

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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.

Sunday 3:00 p.m. - Spanish

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
Santisimo el segundo Miercoles de cada mes* 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May

Ages 3 years through High School

www.ollpellcity.com

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

*Saturday, February 14, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, February 15, 2026
Masses 8:30 am, 11:15 am,
3:00 pm (Spanish)*



*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026*

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think
that I have come to abolish the law or the
prophets. I have come not to abolish
but fulfill." --Matthew 5:17*



*Please pray for the
ill and shut-ins*

Ron Markevich, Juanita Crowson, Toni James,
Silvia Moten, David & Audrey Springer,
Christine Jaks, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli,
Angela Ledlow, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt,
Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Mortek,
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,
Mary Habrat, Roger & Linda Carreker,
Chris Shields, Jane Gallegly, Doug Armitage,
Benny Goodman, David Paulitzky,
Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Lloyd Brown,
Sarah Svetlay, Marsha Manning,
Chuck & Sharon Treece, Michael DeCastra,
Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Sara Reese,
Madelyn Gauld, Pat Monte, Mary Adams,
Christine Poissant

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 February 16- February 22

- Monday:** Jm 1:1-11; Ps 119;
Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jm 1:12-18; Ps 94;
Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3
-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,
14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20
-6:2; Mt
6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Deut 30:15-20; Ps
1; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51;
Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps
86; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7;
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-
13, 17; Rom 5:12-
19; Mt 4:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading— No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord (Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)!

Second Reading— For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Gospel — Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-37).

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

At the 8:30 Mass this weekend, 8 adults will be received into the Catholic Church. These candidates have already been baptized in a Christian denomination, that is, using a Trinitarian formula. In the Nicene Creed we say that we believe in, "one baptism for the forgiveness of sins." To say that their previous baptism did not count would be to question God's ability to transmit sanctifying grace through baptism.

The Catholic principle of "Ex Opere Operato" tells us that the worthiness of the minister or the recipient of the sacrament is secondary to God's purpose in the sacrament. "By virtue of the saving work of Jesus Christ, the grace of the sacraments is given by the power of God, rather than being based on the righteousness of the minister or the recipient." (CCC #1128)

The 8 candidates are first received into the Church through a profession of faith. Then after "becoming Catholic", they are eligible for the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. They will complete their Christian initiation at the same Mass.

Catechumens, those who have not received a Christian baptism, are initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. That will be on April 4th this year. We have one catechumen in our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults group.

This is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the gift God has given us in our Catholic faith. It is a gift we must decide to use as it unfolds in our life. We may have let it lapse, but there is always the opportunity to begin again.

These adults have found a value in the Catholic faith. Perhaps their discovery can be an opportunity for us to rediscover the gift God has given to us. It is never too late.



February 16 - February 22

- Monday:** All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns †
- Tuesday:** Andrew Rumore by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
- Wednesday:** Deacon Lee Robinson by Bob & Karen Hand
- Thursday:** Jim Benat by Madelyn Gauld †
- Friday:** Deacon John Paul Stepanowski by the Rumores
- Saturday:** Gene & Walton Smith by Susan Moseley †
- Sunday:** James D. Gutsell by KOC 12270 †
For the People



Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center OLL Baby Bottle Drive and Shower of Blessings

It's Baby Bottle Time!

This is one of our easiest fundraisers.

Please take a baby bottle located in the foyers.

Empty your change from your cup holder/console, underneath the couch cushions... place it in a bottle and return it to the foyer, church office, or bring it with you to the OLL Annual Shower of Blessings to benefit Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center.

Everyone likes a good baby shower, right? It will be held next **Sunday, February 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** (Between the Masses). There will be refreshments and a speaker. Rumor has it that Gloria is making her famous carrot cake!

Ann's Medical Center Needs:

Infant Car Seats (Pumpkin Seats)

Baby Trend Car Seats

Pack and Plays

Bouncy Seats

High Chairs

Baby Wipes

Size 6 Diapers

Size 2/3 Pull Ups

Infant Clothing Size 0-18 months

VOLUNTEERS

YOUR PRAYERS

Offertory Collection

July 2025 — June 2026

	Actual	Needed weekly
Offertory February 8	\$9,581	\$7,865
Year to Date	\$279,606	\$251,680



Chair: Jeff Reach
jreach@protonmail.com

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Jorge.Solis@butlersnow.com

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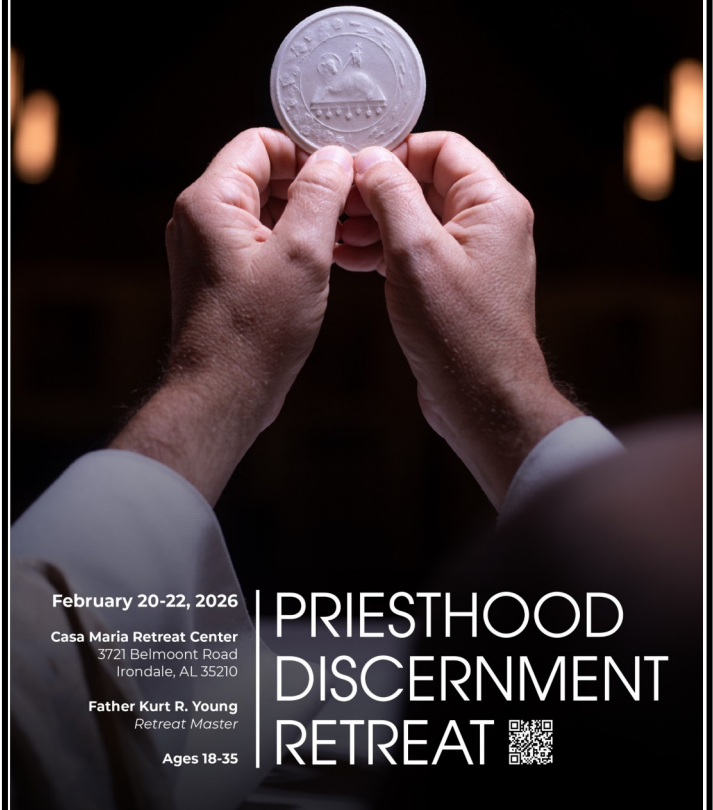
Paul Thomas: paulcthomas4@gmail.com

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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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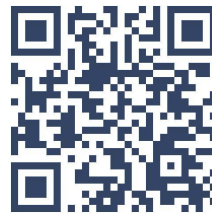
February 20-22, 2026

Casa Maria Retreat Center
3721 Belmont Road
Ironton, AL 35210

Father Kurt R. Young
Retreat Master

Ages 18-35

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Registration link:
[https://bhmdiocese.org/
discernment-weekend](https://bhmdiocese.org/discernment-weekend)



BLACK AND INDIAN
MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

Special Collection- February 22, 2026

Your support provides the presence of missionaries in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. **Your sacrifice** impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards. It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold.



KOC Council 12270 Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening **beginning February 20th through March 27th.** 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, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and coleslaw.

- 2-piece dinner (2 sides) \$10
- 1-piece dinner (2 sides) \$8
- Child’s plate (cheese pizza, 1 side) \$4

All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

The Word Among Us

There is a Lenten The Word Among Us for each family in the parish, located in each foyer. This publication has Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for the Lenten season.

Burning of the Palms

Sunday, February 22nd
After 8:30 am Mass
Bell Tower

Bring last year’s palms and put in basket in foyer.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 18th
9:00 am and
7:00 pm (bilingual)



Assignments

February 18, 2026 - February 22, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

2/18/2026 9:00 AM

Greeters: Allen Ross, Parma Boyle
Lectors: Lexie Smith
Ministers: TBD
Altar Servers: Knights of Columbus
Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

2/18/2026 7:00 PM

Greeters: Carson & Amelia Falkner, Francie Poteracki
Lectors: Jane Snider, Carl Rochford
Ministers: Anita Allor, Sonya Lewis
Altar Servers: Knights of Columbus
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Teri Gagliano, Matt Allor, Bill Bethell

SATURDAY MASS

2/21/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Bob & Michelle Voll, Dawn Adamson
Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Shane Shields
Ministers: Teri Shields, Martha Hayes
Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Buddy Adamson
Ushers: Bob Nichols, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASSES

2/22/2026 8:30 AM

Greeter: Dennis & Sandy Veigl, Joyce Jones
Lectors: Dennis Veigl, Meagan Price
Ministers: Jane Snider, Ronni Thomas, Stephen Reese, Anita Allor
Altar Servers: Jeff Reach, Otto Mueller
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston, Bit Thomaston, Bart Perry

2/22/2026 11:15 AM

Greeters: Sean Ahonen, Melba Willis
Lectors: Lexie Smith, Larry Foltz
Ministers: Sean Ahonen, Michael Poteracki, Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith
Altar Servers: Natalie Rodgers, Logan Bluhm, Marie Dean
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith, Doug Ross, Jeff Smith



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Looking Ahead:

February 15- No RE

- OCIA Candidates received into the Church-8:30 Mass

February 22- RE- 9:45 am

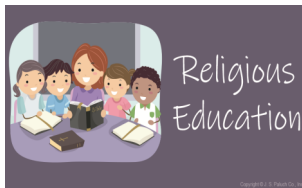
-Burning of the Palms-9:45 am

March 1- - RE- 9:45 am

-RE Confessions- 9:45 am
(2nd-4th grades)

March 8- - RE 9:45 am

-RE Confessions- 9:45 am
(5th-7th grades)



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, Parish Hall

Currently Studying the Letters of St Paul to the Thessalonians, Timothy and Titus.

Exciting discussion and faithful fellowship! Join us!



The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is helping the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are collecting canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in either vestibule.

There is also a box for cash donations in each vestibule. If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

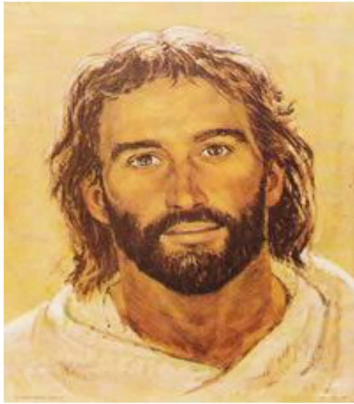
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Bishop Stephen Raica will be confirming the young people from our parish on March 8th at the 11:15 Mass. Please pray for the candidates who will be confirmed then: Parker Ahonen, Logan Bluhm, Tevin Diaz, Parker Everett, Reese Keel, Mason Mink, Jose Rojas, and Haliegh Taylor.

Columbarium Niches



Please contact the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a niche in Our Lady of the Lake Columbarium. Contract for selection and use of the niches is allowed after full receipt of payment which is \$3,500 per niche.



AS WE APPROACH EASTER

**Experience a weekend
with Christ
Increase your Faith**

**Attend a CURSILLO
Week End**

For more information

Call: Parma Boyle: 205-405-0948
Deacon Serge Brazzolotto
205-753-3230

**The Joyful Proclamation of Being a Christian
Listen to Christ's call**

Upcoming WOMEN Cursillo Weekend # 148

MARCH 12-15, 2026

**The Magnificat Luncheon
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
Saturday, February 21, 2026
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Speaker, Lauren Franklin, is an inspirational creator of Catholic content on social media and a creator of sacred art. Come be inspired by Lauren who has been set on fire with God's love!

A Ticket is \$20 or a Student Rate is \$15 (youth to age 22) and includes a catered luncheon. Tickets are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org or by contacting Jan Smith at (205)

381-8481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts.

No tickets are sold at the door or after February 15th.

THE LITERACY COUNCIL
OF CENTRAL ALABAMA



**Learn to Read
Better**

Do you know someone who needs help learning to read better or speak English?

The Literacy Council offers programs in adult basic literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

**There is a class in the Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall
on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.**

Contact 205-378-9072 for more information.

Calendar for Feb 15, 2026—Feb 22, 2026

Sunday – February 15

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

OCIA Candidates Received in Church- 8:30 am

Reception in the Parish Hall

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday –February 16

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday – February 17

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Mass 9:00 am

Bilingual Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – February 19

Mass– 9:00 am

Legion of Mary- 6:30 pm

Friday – February 20

Mass- 9:00 am

KOC Fish Fry-5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday – February 21

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass– 5:00 pm

Pilgrim Virgin- 6:30 pm

Sunday – February 22

Masses- 8:30 & 11:15 am

RE- 9:45 am

Burning of the Palms- 9:45 am

Shower of Blessings-10:00 am

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

POSITION AVAILABLE

Our secretary, Shelly Hamman, is retiring. We have a position open. It is part time. If you are interested, please contact Father Bill at the office phone number, 205-525-5161.