



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054

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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*
Dawn Adamson, *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.

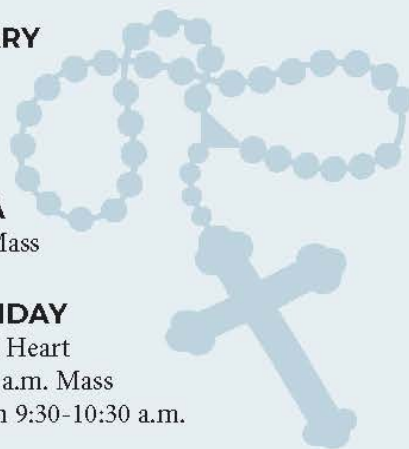
HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposición 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, August 29, 2026
Mass 5:00 pm*

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

*The 22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026*



*"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me".*



*Please pray for the
ill and shut-ins*

Dianna & Ron Markevich, Juanita Crowson,
Toni James, Silvia Moten, David & Audrey Springer,
Christine Jaks, Janice Stella, 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,
Roger & Linda Carreker, Chris Shields,
Jane Gallegly, Doug Armitage, David Paulitzky,
Robert Paulitzky, Brian Young, Lloyd Brown, Sarah
Svetlay, Marsha Manning, Chuck & Sharon Treece,
Michael Brayman, George Wolf, Madelyn Gauld,
Alicia Myrick, Sydney Goble, Mary Adams,
Karen Hand, Cheryl Robinson, Barbara Walsh,
Tom Graffo, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto,
Father Matthew Brennan, Gary Maylon,
Robert Bentell, Eleanor Garrett,
Debbie Adams, Michelle DiMello

*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 August 31 to September 6, 2026

Monday: 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Ps 119;
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2: 10b-16; Ps 145;
Luke 4: 31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Ps 33;
Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Ps 24;
Luke 5: 1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Ps 37;
Luke 5: 33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4: 6b-15; Ps 145;
Luke 6: 1-5

Sunday: Ezek 33: 7-9;
Ps 95; 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13: 8-10;
Matt 18: 15-20

Today's Readings



First Reading - "I grow weary holding it in; I cannot endure it." (Jer 20: 7-9)

Psalm - My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God! (Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)!

Second Reading - "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12: 1-2)

Gospel - "For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct!" (Matthew 16: 21-27)

WORK

In our technological age and culture, manual labor is looked down upon as evil. It was not always so. It's unclear to me why we still have Labor Day when manual labor is seen as a curse. The Catholic view of work is different.

In the Catholic faith, work is seen as a sharing in God's creative activity. In work, human beings use their God-given abilities to support their families, to better society, and to express their humanity, made in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of work.

It is not only the duty of individuals to find work that accomplishes these three purposes, but also the duty of society to create the conditions that make dignified work possible. Profit motive alone will not guarantee this outcome. The government alone will not guarantee this outcome.

What is needed is cooperation between employers and employees. There needs to be a shared vision of the purposes of work. There needs to be an "up front" understanding of the goals of work. If there is "buy in" from employers and employees, everyone can benefit from work.

In 1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote an encyclical on labor, "Rerum Novarum". In 1991 Pope St. John Paul II marked the 100th anniversary of that encyclical by authoring "Centesimus Annus". These papal writings can be read with profit for understanding the dignity of work.

To quote Pope St. John Paul II: "peace is built on the foundation of justice: what was essential to the Encyclical (Rerum Novarum) was precisely its proclamation of the fundamental conditions for justice in the economic situation of the time."

August 31 - September 6, 2026



Monday:	John Michael by KOC 12270	†
Tuesday:	All Souls in Purgatory by Billy & Mary Burns	†
Wednesday:	Fred Brown by John & Kathy Bryant	†
Thursday:	Jared Musgrove by David & Audrey Springer	
Friday:	Father Tim Pfander by the Brazzolotto's	
Saturday:	Betty & Yolie by Bob & Karen Hand	†
Sunday:	Larry & Mary Esther Krantz by the Brazzolotto's For the People!	†

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA begins Tuesday, September 1st
at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Registration forms are available in the foyers.
For more information, contact Father Bill
Lucas at 205-525-5161.

Knights of Columbus

Labor Day Barbecue Sale

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be selling barbeque for the Labor Day holiday. Boston butts will be sold for \$45; \$35 for large pork ribs; \$15 for a whole chicken. All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". Sales begin Friday September 4th and continue through Saturday September 5th. All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports.

Offertory Collection

July 2026 to	June 2027	
	Actual Offertory	Needed Monthly
August 16	\$5,333	\$9,327



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



For the tenth Bernard Blues & BBQ, we're bringing you more food options than ever — more smoke, more sweets, more to drink. Skip lunch before you come. Here is a taste of what is waiting.

Something savory, something sweet, bread and something cold.

Saturday & Sunday, September 12–13, 2026

\$10 per person · Children 12 and under free
Plenty of free parking · No pets please

St. Bernard Abbey
1600 St. Bernard Drive, Cullman, AL 35055

All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep.

URGENT MESSAGE!

For those who give on-line, you must change your link if you are still using the old Faithdirect link. The new address is:
giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-1065

The old Faithdirect link that you may be using expired on **June 1, 2026**.

RUN FOR LIFE

We wanted to let you know that Ann's New Life Center is hosting another Run for Life this fall. It is scheduled for October 10, 2026 in Pell City/Cropwell, AL. We are looking to expand our audience this year by including a 10K race, as well as the 5K and 1 mile! Your sponsorship of the event would help us continue providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and baby necessities to women and families in our community.

Flyers are available in each foyer.

Change of Physical Address or Contact Information?

Please let us know at the parish office if you have changed any of the below information so we can keep our records up to date.

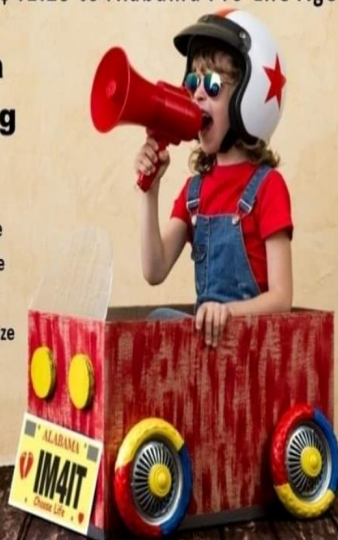
- Change of physical address
- Change of phone number, including dropping a landline
- Change of email address
- You were formerly listed under your parent's information and are now independent.

BUY A TAG = SAVE A BABY

Tag Fee of \$50 = \$41.25 to Alabama Pro-Life Agencies

**Switching to a
Choose Life Tag
is EASY!**

Take your renewal notice to the DMV and ask for the Choose Life Tag. \$50 will be added to your renewal fee. For link to personalize your tag or more information visit: ChooseLifeAlabama.org



NEW
TAG
DESIGN

Assignments

September 2, 2026 to September 6, 2026

WEDNESDAY MASS

9/2/2026 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS

9/5/2026 5:00 PM

Greeters: Cash Family, Chuck Treece

Lectors: Sarah Brazzolotto, Shane Shields

Ministers: Tom Graffo, Parma Boyle

Altar Servers: TBD

Ushers: Sam Marston, Dan Vandervoorde

SUNDAY MASSES **9/6/2026 8:30 AM**

Greeters: The Crapet/Freeman/Landman/
Price Family
and The Gagliano/Thomas Family

Lectors: Mary Burns, Karen Reese

Ministers Anita Allor, Sophie Alvarez,
Michael Gagliano, Ronni Thomas

Altar Servers: Kallie Reach, Allison Schillaci,
Blaze Smith

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Phillip Thomaston,
Bill Bethell, Matt Allor

Ushers: **9/6/2026 11:15 AM**

Greeters: Doug Ross, Brenda Monte

Lectors: Lexie Smith, Michael Poteracki

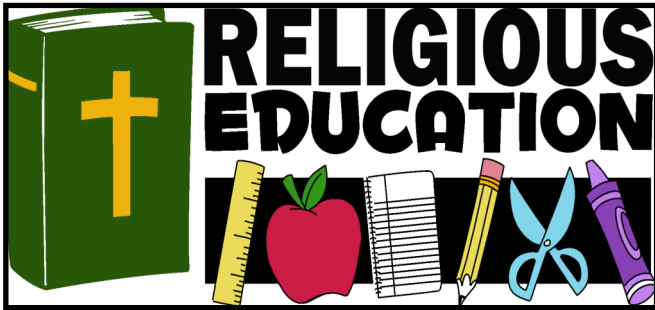
Ministers Chris Gallegly, Charlene Betz,
James Raynor, Shelly Schillaci

Altar Servers: Ethan Myers, Ethan Brockner,
Alex Sorci

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm,
Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

ATTENTION:

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



Looking ahead

Aug. 30, 2026 1st day of RE @ 9:45 am

Sept. 6, 2026 Labor Day (No Religious Education Classes)



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

JRQNH8

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!*



Columbarium Niches

**Please contact the parish
office if you are interested in
purchasing a niche in the
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.**

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 would
like a form emailed.**

**If you have any questions, call the office
at 205-525-5161.**

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.

For week ended August 23rd, we collected 4 cans and \$58.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

It is a privilege to pray for our priests and our Mama Mary asked us to pray for them!

Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour.

Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor!

We would like to give this gift to our Pastor, Father Bill Lucas!

We still have openings available.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

Calendar for August 30 September 6, 2026

Sunday – August 30

Mass 8:30 am

RE 9:45 am

Mass 11:15 am KOC

Spanish Mass & Activities- 3:00 pm

Monday – August 31

Mass- 9:00 am

Tuesday – September 1

Mass- 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

OCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday - September 2

Youth Group 5:30 pm

Mass- 7:00 pm

Thursday – September 3

Mass- 9:00 am

Legion of Mary - 6:30 pm

Friday – September 4

Mass- 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration- 9:30 am

KOC Labor Day BBQ

Saturday - September 5

First Saturday Mass 9:00 am

KOC Labor Day BBQ

Confessions: 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Mass- 5:00 pm

Sunday - September 6

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

No RE classes

Spanish Mass & Activities - 3:00 pm

