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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 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 Mass.

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.
Second Wednesday of every month— 7:30 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 27, 2021
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021



If God is for us, who can be against us?
—Romans 8:31b



March 1 - March 7

- Monday:** J.W. Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
Tuesday: Elizabeth Smith by Walton Smith †
Wednesday: 40 Days for Life by Fr. William Lucas
Thursday: Diana Mitchel by Walton Smith †
Friday: Lillie Rumore by Jerry & Brenda Kern †
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †
Sunday: For the People
Doris Otradovec by Jerry & Brenda Kern †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Paul Boyle, Jacky Johnson, Peggy Gessler, Gail Layton, Diana Markevich, Dorothy DiMattia, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Kelly Dale, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Joe & Sarah Svetlay, Charles & Libby Lafleur, Fred Brown, Jan Bowman, Silvia Moten, Wayne Adams, Herb Kuntz, Bill Frost, Audrey Springer, Patsy de Victoria, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Nancy Ross, Jackie Thoma, Robert Paulitzky, Cathy Funderburg Parker, Bob & LouElla Menefee, Tommy Dickerson, Fr. Gray Bean, Dan Moynihan

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 please email Sharon Stice at sharonstice46@gmail.com or call 205-613-1053.

Weekly Readings ~ March 1—March 7

- 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

Today's Readings



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

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

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

TRANSFIGURATION

The Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Lent is always one of the Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration of Jesus before the apostles. This year we read the account from the Gospel of Mark.

In all three accounts, Jesus had just told the apostles that He was going to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross and rise on the third day. He also told them that to follow Him would mean suffering for them. They would have to “deny themselves” in order to follow Him. The transfiguration showed the apostles what the result of following Jesus would be.

Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus in His transfigured state. Traditionally, they are interpreted as symbols of the Law and the Prophets from the Old Testament. Jesus fulfills the promises of the Old Testament concerning our salvation. His suffering, death, and resurrection were all predicted by the Law and the Prophets.

Another connection between Moses, Elijah, and Jesus is that their tombs are empty. Moses' tomb cannot be found (Deuteronomy 34). Elijah was transported to Heaven in a flaming chariot (2Kings 2). Jesus rose from the dead. Death could not defeat or hold Jesus. All who belong to Him will share in His victory over sin and its consequent death. Moses and Elijah share in Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death preveniently.

The Gospel accounts of the Transfiguration are read on the Second Sunday of Lent to give us hope. Lent is a time of denying ourselves. The transfiguration shows the result of denying ourselves and not denying Jesus Christ: we are transformed. The light of Christ shines in us and through us to others. We become the lamps through which Christ, the light of the world, can shine.



Offertory Collection

July 2020 — June 2021

	Actual	Needed
Feb 21 Offertory	\$7,766	\$5,558
Year to Date	\$204,594	\$188,972



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

Lenten Regulations

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its two-fold 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.

BELL TOWER FUND DRIVE

The parish has received architectural renderings for a tower to house a bell. The bell has been purchased and fitted for automatic ringing. The total cost of the project is approximately \$100,000.00. We have a pledge of \$25,000.00.

The rest of the cost will need to be raised **before** a contract can be signed by Bishop Raica and construction can begin.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make the check out to Our Lady of the Lake and write "Bell Tower" on the check.

Updates on the progress of the fund-raising will be included in future bulletins.

Computer-generated renderings of the bell tower can be found in either foyer of the church.

Opportunities for Confession During Lent

Mondays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)
Wednesdays- 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Before Mass)
Fridays- 9:30-10:00 a.m. (Following Mass)
Saturdays- 4:00-4:45 p.m. (Before Mass)
Friday, March 5- During Adoration (9:30-11:00 am)
Wednesday, March 10- During Adoration
(7:30-8:30 pm)
Sunday, March 21- During Adoration (7:00-8:00 pm)
Wednesday, March 24-Communal Penance Service
Sunday, March 28th - Between Morning Masses

NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our current Director of Religious Education, Kelly Cardenas, will be leaving that position after May 16th. We thank Kelly for guiding the religious education of our parish during this most difficult year.

The parish will be hiring a new Director of Religious Education. If you are interested in finding out more information about this paid, part time position, contact Father Bill at the office. The number is 205-525-5161.



The Christian Love Pantry

The Christian Love Pantry is still trying to help the poor in the St. Clair County area. To assist them we are continuing to collect canned soup at the church. You can leave donations in the South vestibule. There is a box for cash donations in each vestibule.

If you prefer, you may drop your donation at the parish office during normal office hours.

Goal -100 cans/week.
Total cans the last 2 weeks - 151 cans.

Please consider donating \$1 per week!

Assignments—March 3~ March 7

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/3/2021 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg
Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS 3/6/2021 5:00 PM

Greeters: Loretta Frost, TBD
Lector: Susan Moseley
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Mark McRae, Amy Carreker

SUNDAY MASS 3/7/2021 8:30 AM

Greeters: Willi & Thomaston families
Lector: Jane Snider
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Belia Solis, Cristy McKinney, Bart Perry

3/7/2021 11:15 AM

YOUTH MASS

Greeters: Natalie Rodgers, Ethan Everett
Lector: Jhon Paul Rodgers
Ministers: Deacon
Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Caleb Bluhm, Emily Bluhm, Andy Payant

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

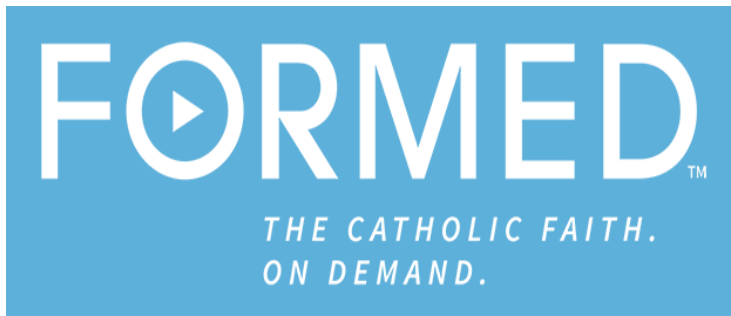


Our annual CRS rice bowl fundraiser began last Sunday. We will not send home rice bowls with each student. Instead, a bowl will be in each classroom. We are asking students to bring spare change from home each week to fill the bowls. The class/classes who raise the most \$\$ will get to have a "popsicle party" outside when the weather turns nice.

Nuestra recaudación de fondos anual de CRS Rice Bowls comienza hoy, domingo 21 de febrero. No enviaremos tazones de arroz a casa con todos los estudiantes. En cambio, habrá un cuenco en cada habitación. Les pedimos a los estudiantes que traigan dinero de casa cada semana para llenar los tazones. Las clases que recaudan más \$\$ tendrán una "fiesta de paletas heladas" afuera cuando el clima se vuelva agradable.

For faith formation

at home try...



Our parish code is JRQNH8

No Nursery at this time

Looking Ahead...

February 28—RE: 9:45 am –11 am (Class Reconciliation 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grade)



March 2—RCIA at 7 pm

March 7—RE: 9:45 am—11 am/
Youth Mass at 11:15 am

March 9—RCIA at 7 pm

March 13— Confirmation Retreat
2:30 pm– 6pm

Join the Youth Group

Our meeting time has changed!

(Grades 5th –12th)

Next Meeting: March 21st, after the 11:15 mass!!! Come for Mass stay for FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!

*****For More information contact our Youth Ministers, Carly Sadler (205)837-8888 & Jordan Rawson (205)863-5787*****

(Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram!)

VISITS TO THOSE STUCK AT HOME

If you or someone you know would like a phone call or a visit from Father Bill or one of the deacons, please let us know. We would like to encourage anyone who feels discouraged at this time. We can visit in person or over the phone. We can bring communion if desired. The phone numbers are:

- Father Bill Lucas, 205-383-8134
 - Deacon Terry Rumore, 205-253-9223
 - Deacon Lee Robinson, 205-936-9330;
 - Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, 205-753-3230.
- You may also call the office at 205-525-5161.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: *During this Lenten season, reflect on God's love for you as a married couple. Enrich and renew your Sacrament of Matrimony by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.*

The next weekend is VIRTUAL and is scheduled for March 19-21, 2021. You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Sean and Angie Murray at 205-530-3607.



Calendar for Feb 28 -March 7, 2021

Sunday- February 28

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am
 RE 9:45-11:00 am
 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grade
 Reconciliation during RE

Monday- March 1

Mass 9:00 am
 Confessions 9:30-10:00 am

Tuesday- March 2

Mass 9:00 am
 RCIA- 7:00 pm


Wednesday- March 3

Mass 7:00 pm
 Confessions 6:00-6:45 pm

Thursday- March 4

Mass 9:00 am

Friday- March 5

Mass 9:00 am
 First Friday Adoration-9:30-11:00 am 
 Confessions 9:30-11:00 am
 Stations of the Cross- 7:00 pm

Saturday- March 6

Reconciliation 4:00-4:45 pm
 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday- March 7

Mass 8:30 am
 Youth Mass-11:15 am
 RE 9:45-11:00 am
 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Reconciliation
 during RE

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