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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.-10:30 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

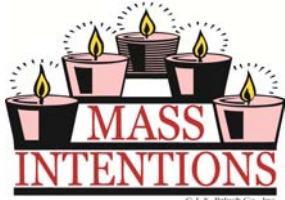
Saturday, March 26, 2022
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things
have passed away; behold, new things have come.
—2 Corinthians 5:17*



March 28 - April 3

- Monday:** Jeff Hahn by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday: Jan Bowman by Jeff Bowman †
Wednesday: Frances Hand by Bob & Karen Hand †
Thursday: Hildegard Bowman by Walton Smith †
Friday: Richard Thoma by Jackie Thoma †
Saturday: Paul Boyle III by Bob & Karen Hand †
Sunday: Judy Michaels by Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Jacky Johnson, Ron & Diana Markevich,
Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James,
Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia
Moten, Mary & Wayne Adams, Herb & Sherry
Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey
Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid,
Ruth Stanley, Jackie Thoma, Frank Troncalli,
Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon
Ray, Mark Boyle, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Jay
Benson, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Bill Trussell,
Tom Welch, Lance Stella, Monsignor Sexton,
Jay Willi

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 28—April 3

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3,
5-6, 8-9; J 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,
13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-
30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-
23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps
34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2,
10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,
9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6;
Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Today's Readings



First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

AWAKENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

In the most recent issue of One Voice magazine, Bishop Steven Raica wrote a column about Lent. He wrote: "How many times have I needed to remind myself that the Christian life begins with an unexpected encounter with a person who offers me more than I could ever expect. Christ offers me eternal life! Once I accept His invitation and embark on the path of converting more and more of my life toward His, I learn that life is not useless or baseless. It has great meaning and purpose far beyond what I could have ever imagined."

What is traditionally called almsgiving, the bishop refers to as "works of charity." (A more ancient term.) He writes, "Charitable works can help us recognize that we can share our resources with those in need. We have our favorite charities, for sure. At the same time, we are acknowledging the dignity of the mission of Christ where we are brothers and sisters in one family. We have a responsibility, as part of our Christian stewardship, to care for each other through our time, talent, and treasure. Supporting various efforts through our churches can be an efficacious way to partner with each other in order to achieve the mission of Christ which says, 'I care' because 'Christ cares.'"

Lenten Buy One Give One (BOGO) Food Drive

Pope St. John Paul II stated on Feb. 16, 1997 that "Almsgiving, far from being reduced to an occasional offering of money, means assuming an attitude of sharing and acceptance. We only need to "open our eyes" to see beside us so many brothers and sisters who are suffering materially and spiritually. Thus Lent is a forceful invitation to solidarity." With this in mind we are asking each of you to help us, help those less fortunate than ourselves. An easy way to do this is when shopping at your favorite grocery store and you notice you are buying any dry good or canned good that has a "BOGO" buy one get one for free sale, please consider picking up that second item and donating it to the church.

Confession Opportunities During Lent

Wed, April 6 – Communal Penance Service 7:00 pm

Friday, April 8 – 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, April 10 – Between Masses

Monday, April 11 – 9:30-10:30 am

Wednesday, April 13 –
During Holy Hour-7:30-8:30 pm

Friday, April 15 – 9-10 am



Our Lady of the Lake Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training Saturday, April 2nd 9:00-11:00 am

Please attend this training even if you are already serving so that you receive the most current instructions.



Surfsiders

The Surfsiders group will start back up in April, meeting on April 20th at 10:00 am. Potluck lunch will be at 11:30 am. Join us for food and fun every third Wednesday of the month!

Offertory Collection

July 2021 — June 2022

	Actual	Needed weekly
Mar 20 Offertory	\$6,897	\$6,500
Year to Date	\$260,963	\$247,000



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



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.

Goal –400 cans/month

Cans donated to date in March – 382 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Diocesan Homeschool Graduation Ceremony May 15, 2022 3:30 pm The Cathedral of Saint Paul

The homeschool seniors in the Diocese of Birmingham are invited to participate in a diocesan wide graduation ceremony. There will be a Baccalaureate Mass immediately preceding at 2:00 pm.
Email bhamcathgrad@gmail.com to register

Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 18th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE Friday, May 20, 2022 Highland Park Golf Course Lunch at 12:00 pm * SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 pm

The cost is \$250 per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament.

The Her Choice Women's Center exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision.

Contact Her Choice Women's Center: 205-447-8796 or golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

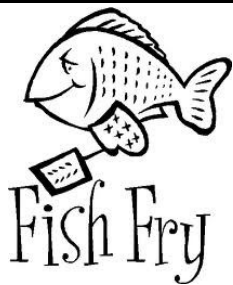
EASTER BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY

OLL Social Concerns will be assembling Easter Baskets for the needy in our community. If you would like to donate candy or small toy items, please place in the blue containers in each foyer.

We will collecting items all through March with the goal of giving out 100 Easter baskets. Rosaries and church information will also be included in the basket.

If you have any questions, please contact Cristy McKinney at 256-239-9839.





KOC Council 12270

Lenten Fish Fries

Knights of Columbus Council 12270 will be sponsoring Lenten fish fries every Friday evening during Lent beginning March 4 through April 8. Serving will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. 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.

COME BE A PILGRIM

St. Francis of Assisi, Tuscaloosa, has organized two pilgrimages for 2022.

June 14-25, 2022-Travel to Oberammergau, Germany for a 5 hour production of the Passion Play that is offered only every 10 years. After the play, we travel to Paris and Lourdes visiting beautiful churches, holy sites and the grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette.

August 23-September 2, 2022- Travel to the Holy Land. We will experience the Sea of Galilee, pray at Jesus' birthplace, walk the Via Dolorosa to Calvary and celebrate Mass at Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem.

Our pilgrimage priests will offer Mass daily on both pilgrimages

Email Patti Rimmert at pattiremmert@gmail.com or call at 2056-799-5741 for a brochure and more information.
Patti and Deacon Bill Rimmert



CAMP ST. BERNARD

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Registration is now open for Camp St. Bernard for this summer. Camp St. Bernard offers overnight and day camps for campers ages 6-14 on the campus of St Bernard Abbey and Prep School. Camp activities start on Sunday evening and conclude on Friday afternoon. Registration is now open for a great summer of making friends, enjoying the outdoors, and spending some time at St. Bernard! Contact John Arndt at campstbernard@gmail.com if you have questions. Go to campstbernard.com to register.

Assignments

March 30, 2022 - April 3, 2022

WEDNESDAY MASS

3/30/2022 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

4/2/2022 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jan Spencer, Loretta Frost

Lector: Marguerite Gorman

Ministers: Deacon, Susan Moseley

Altar Servers: Larry & Stephen Reese

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

4/3/2022 8:30 AM

Greeters: H&M Houk, Alexis Allor

Lectors: Robert Lewis, Mary Burns

Ministers: Deacon, Sonya Lewis

Altar Server:

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, TBD

4/3/2022 11:15 AM

Greeters: Shirley Skeivelas, Maria Jimenez

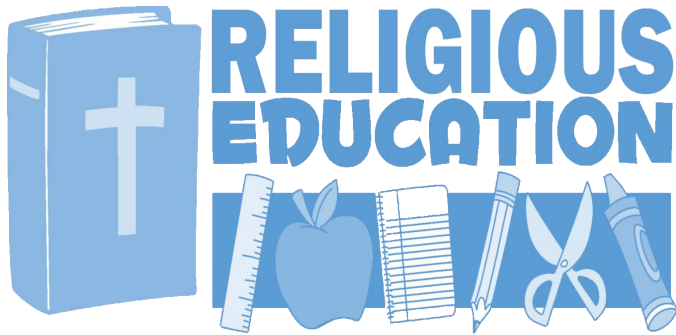
Lectors: Doug Ross, Lexie Smith

Ministers: Deacon, Gloria Raynor

Altar Servers: Destiny Markevich, Ethan Myers

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, TBD

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



The Son who was Sorry

Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration.

Source: The Kids' Bulletin

Looking Ahead:

March 27th - SPRING BREAK! No RE.

April 3rd - SPRING BREAK! No RE.

April 10th– Religious Education 9:45-11AM.

April 17th - Easter / NO RE. / Easter Egg Hunt in between masses for youth.



Check out our new youth and adult ministries! Join us on Wednesdays at 6PM for food, fellowship, and reflection on His Word! ALL ages are welcome! Contact Jim Mathis for more information:

jimmathis.oll@gmail.com



Text @ollparents to 81010

"The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."

- Psalm 145:9

The CHOSEN

As we prepare spiritually to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, we will be showing Season 2 of The Chosen during Lent.

There will be 8 presentations and each episode will be shown on Sunday between the Masses and again on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for those who cannot make it on Sunday.

We encourage everyone to come to spend some time in meditation as we learn more about the life of Jesus and his followers.

Episode 4 – March 27 and 28

Episode 5 – April 3 and 4

Episode 6 – April 10 and 11

Episode 7 – April 24 and 25

Episode 8 – May 15 and 16

No Presentation on April 17 and 18 due to Easter Sunday, May 1 and 2 due to First Holy Communion and May 8 and 9 due to Mother's Day.

SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

The 15 minutes before Mass and the 15 minutes following Mass are used by some people as a time for prayerful preparation and thanksgiving. That is why we try to maintain a "reverential silence" in the church during those times. Fellowship is also a part of our faith, but the place for that is in the foyers of the church or outside. Please try to be respectful of the needs of others and maintain a reverential silence in the church before and after Mass.

Father Bill

Calendar for March 27, 2022—April 3, 2022

Sunday– March 27

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE –Spring Break

Adult Ed– The Chosen-9:45 am

Monday– March 28

Mass 9:00 am

Adult Ed-The Chosen 7:00 pm

Tuesday– March 29

Mass 9:00 am

RCIA– 7:00 pm

Wednesday–March 30

Mass 7:00 pm

No Youth Groups/Adult Education

Thursday– March 31

Mass 9:00 am

Friday– April 1

Mass 9:00 am

First Friday Adoration-9:30 am-10:30 am

KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross– 7:00 pm

Saturday– April 2

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training-9:00-11:00

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday– April 3

Mass 8:30 & 11:15 am

No RE –Spring Break

Adult Ed– The Chosen-9:45 am

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Dear Families,

This Lent, our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our **prayer**, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we **fast**, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we **give alms**, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities.

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

Jim Mathis

FOR LENT FOR LIFE



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This Lent, be transformed—
and transform the world—by
practicing:

- ▣ Daily prayer.
- ▣ Weekly fasting.
- ▣ Almsgiving.

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