



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

4609 MARTIN STREET SOUTH
CROPWELL, ALABAMA 35054



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

August through May
Ages 3 years through High School

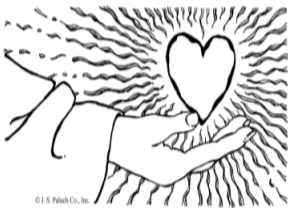


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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday August 26, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 27, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-First
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
-Matthew 16:15



August 28 - September 3

Monday:	James Tyus by Sharon Stice †
Tuesday:	Gini Kerr by Marti Baird †
Wednesday:	Matthew Brazzolotto by Susan Moseley
Thursday:	John Michael by KOC 12270 †
Friday:	Jay Benson by Susan Moseley
Saturday:	Jared Musgrove by David & Audrey Springer
Sunday:	Pat Cannon by Dee Watkins † For the People

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Ron & Diana Markevich, Walton Smith, Juanita Crowson, Toni James, Bob Walsh, Sarah Svetlay, Fred Brown, Silvia Moten, Herb & Sherry Kuntz, Bill & Loretta Frost, David & Audrey Springer, Christine Jaks, Jeanie Reid, Ruth Stanley, Janice Stella, Frank Troncalli, Angela Ledlow, Michael Brayman, Shannon Ray, Lee Walser, Geri Bunt, Charles & Libby LaFleur, Marcia Morteck, Benny Goodman, Margaret Banks, Jose Riveria, Helen Turner, George Sobolowski, Darrell & Teresa Reeser, Jimmy Hollis, William Konnor Stone, Pat Roberts, Tommie Ann Johnson, Bill & Dee Watkins, Emily Bell Smith, Mary LaFleur, Greg & Robin Becnel, Micky Zielinski, Jim Reilly, Connie Parsons, Janie Gallegly, Valerie Kern

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 August 28- September 3

Monday:	1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 98; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Today's Readings



First Reading — He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138)

Second Reading — For from him and through him and for him are all things (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church (Matthew 16:13-20).

FRIDAY

The scriptures tell us that Jesus died on a Friday. He died because we sinned. Therefore, for Catholics, Friday is a day of penance. Every Friday. The exception is when a Liturgical Solemnity occurs on Friday. For example, if Christmas fell on a Friday, it would not be a day of penance.

Though we are familiar with the Fridays of Lent being days of penance, usually requiring abstinence from meat, all Fridays are days of penance. On the Fridays outside of Lent, the Church allows individuals to determine what their penance will be.

Some examples of penance to observe on Fridays include abstaining from meat and eating a simple meal instead; fasting, that is, eating only one full meal that day; praying the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary; praying the stations of the cross; giving up whatever you give up for Lent. You can come up with your own way of doing penance on Friday. It should be a sacrifice that you unite to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

The Church wants us to act like adults and take ownership of our day of penance on Friday. The Church is also universal (Catholic) and wants local churches to decide what type of penance would be best for their local community.

What is important to remember is that Jesus Christ died because of our sins. He sacrificed His life for us sinners. Friday is a day to remember Christ's sacrifice and the reason for it. Doing acts of penance is a way to remind us of our beliefs.

Bottled Water Drive

The Pell City schools are still not allowing students to drink directly from the water fountains in their schools. Therefore, we are collecting bottled water for the students to use (and reuse). Please place your donations of bottled water in the foyers of the church. Someone from the schools will pick them up each week.

Knights of Columbus Labor Day Barbecue Sale

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
Friday, September 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
through Saturday, September 2, 2023.

\$40 for Boston butts

\$30 for large pork ribs

\$15 for a whole chicken



All meat will be freshly smoked with KOC "special dry rub". All proceeds will be used to fund the numerous charitable activities KOC Council 12270 supports. Our Lady of the Lake is located at 4609 Martin St (Hwy 231 South) in Pell City.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) just began on Tuesday, August 22nd. The group learns about the Catholic faith, prays together, and enjoys fellowship each week from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Father Bill, Deacon Lee, or Allen Ross.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

	Actual	Needed weekly
August 20 Offertory	\$10,438	\$7,264
Year to Date	\$64,118	\$58,112



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

The weekend of September 23rd & 24th has been set for our annual Parish Stewardship Drive. It is an opportunity for parishioners to commit to serving in the many ministries we have in our parish.

Representatives from the various ministries active in our parish will be available in the parish hall following all weekend masses to answer any questions you may have about their ministry and to sign up new and current members.

MARK YOUR CALENDER for the weekend of September 23rd and 24th!



SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Picnic



Sunday, September 24, 2023

Church Grounds

After 11:15 Mass

More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Pro Life Corner

Many thanks to all of the parishioners that took the time to come out to the annual fundraising banquet to benefit, Ann's New Life Pregnancy Medical Center.

Banquet donations collected the night of the banquet were, \$10,100. There was another \$8,000 raised through sponsors of the event totaling \$18,100.

The event was lightly attended, but of those present, Our Lady of the Lake took the majority. Donations are still being excepted at Ann's New Life Medical Pregnancy Center 3440 Martin St. S. Suite 1, Cropwell, AL 35054. They are there on T/W/Th beginning at 10:00 a.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-1:00.

Thank you all for all that you do for the unborn! Sharon Stice

Catholic Charismatic Monthly Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows

2nd Thursday of the month (the next one is September 14th)

Confessions: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

Individual Prayer is available after Mass.

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

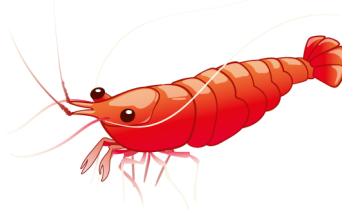
For those of you interested in corresponding with Matthew, here is his contact information:

Matthew Brazzolotto, SJ.

3737 Westminster Place

St. Louis, MO 63108

St. William's 53rd Annual Seafood Festival Labor Day Weekend The Foley Center 915 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, AL



Drive-Thru Hours and Menu

Friday, September 1st

4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Saturday September 2nd

7:30 am until SOLD OUT

Cajun Boiled Shrimp by the Pound

Frozen Gumbo by the Quart

Monk's Bread

Dine-In Hours and Menu

Saturday, September 2nd

10:30 am until SOLD OUT

Cajun boiled Shrimp by the Pound

Hot or Frozen Gumbo by the Quart

Catfish Dinner w/ Coleslaw & Hushpuppies

1/2 Grilled Chicken Dinner w/ Coleslaw & Hushpuppies

Gumbo by the Pint served Hot

Ala Carte Items: Rice, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies

St. Elias Bingo Luncheon

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Tickets-\$15



Ticket price includes a delicious Lebanese lunch and free bingo card.

Tickets can be purchased at the door along with more bingo cards.

Take-out are available by calling ahead to 205-837-5566.

All proceeds go to the orphanages in Lebanon who are in need of help. Call St. Elias at 205-251-5057 for more information.

Assignments

August 30, 2023 - September 3, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

8/30/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Bernie Funderburg

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

9/2/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Dawn Adamson, Allen Ross

Lectors: Susan Moseley, Buddy Spradley

Ministers: Tom Graffo, Parma Boyle

Altar Servers: Tom Michaels, John Bryant

Ushers: Amy Carreker, Jim Gorman

SUNDAY MASS

9/3/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: J&B Paulitzky, Debra Beavers

Lectors: Mary Burns, Carey Monistere

Ministers: Stephen Reese, Anita Allor,

Brenda Rochford, Michael Gagliano

Altar Servers: Sophie Alvarez, Ronni Thomas

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl,

Matt Allor, Phillip Thomaston

9/3/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: Brenda Monte, R&C Betz

Lectors: Gloria Raynor, Michael Poteracki

Ministers: Lexie Smith, Chris Gallegly

Altar Servers: Logan Bluhm,

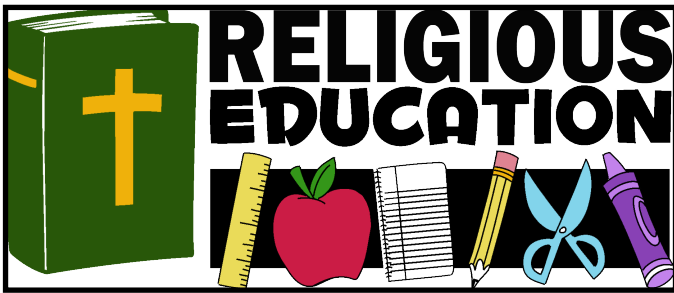
Tommie Ann Johnson

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Lexie Smith,

Danny Smith, Jeff Smith

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

“You are Peter.”

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who he thought He was, Simon said that He was “the Christ, the Son of the living God!” Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.

When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?

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Looking Ahead:

Aug 26th - Trivia Night at 6PM!

Aug 27th - RE 9:45-11am

Aug 30th - Youth Group Kick-off @ South of Sanity Farms 6PM.

Sept 3rd– No RE-Labor Day Weekend



Youth Group Kickoff!

Join us on Wednesday,
Aug 30th, 6PM at
South of Sanity Farms
as we kickoff Youth
Group! Food and fun
provided!

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

The site preparation is underway! Some of the forms for the columbarium units and the memorial wall have been poured. The recent rains have delayed work. We still anticipate mid-October for the niches to arrive. Please pray for the intercession of St. Joseph the worker for the safety of the workers and a successful completion of the project.

PAINTING THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH

The painting of the inside of the church building is complete. We thank Matt "Michaelangelo" Allor for his tireless work along with Jay Benson, Bob Nicholas, and John Paul Stepnowski. It had been more than 20 years since the inside of the church had been painted. The "new" look has brightened our worship space!



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

Total for August to date - 300 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Sunday– August 27

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
RE – 9:45 am

Monday– August 28

Mass 9:00 am
KOC Meeting– 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday– August 29

Mass 9:00 am
Bible Study– 9:45 am
RCIA– 7:00 pm

Wednesday–August 30

Youth Group–South of Sanity Farms
6:00 pm
Mass -7:00 pm

Thursday– August 31

Mass-9:00
Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday– September 1

KOC BBQ– 8:00 am
Mass– 9:00 am
First Friday Adoration– 9:30-10:30 am

Saturday – September 2

KOC BBQ– 8:00 am
First Saturday Mass– 9:00 am
Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm
Mass-5:00 pm
Pilgrim Virgin– 6:30 pm

Sunday– September 3

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am
No RE –Labor Day Weekend