



Our Lady of the Lake

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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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

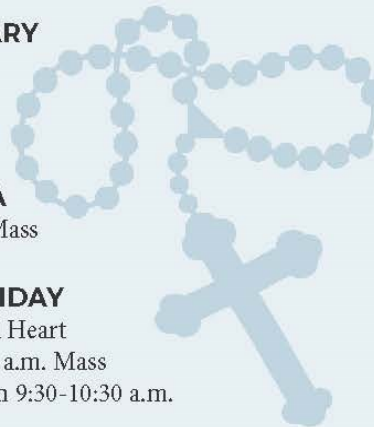
Novena to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

Third Sunday of every month 7:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of every month | *Exposicion del
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 September 2, 2023
Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 3, 2023
Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am



Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023

Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up his
cross and follow me.
-Matthew 16:24



September 4 - September 10

- Monday:** Janice Stella by Marti Baird
Tuesday: Ricky Gibb by Joe & Sarah Svetlay †
Wednesday: Doris & Lynn Wilkins by Susan Moseley †
Thursday: Melinda Driggers by Jared Musgrove
Friday: Wayne Adams by KOC 12270 †
Saturday: Paul Smith by Walton Smith †
Sunday: For the People
Wayne Adams by Sara & Larry Reese †

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 Mortek, 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, Gayle Huff

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 September 4- September 10

- Monday:** 1 Thess 4:13-18;
Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52;
Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98;
Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Micah 5:1-4a; Ps 13;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54;
Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95;
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Today's Readings



First Reading — I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice (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 an 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 as 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.

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 Prayer Service Our Lady of the Lake Grotto September 9, 2023

10:00 am

Everyone is welcome!
Coffee & Donuts will be served.
Contact Bernie Funderburg with questions at
205-405-6382

UPDATE ON THE COLUMBARIUM

Good News! The manufacturer has finished the niches. They are due to be installed this week! Once that step is complete, the contractor can continue the brick and fence work, the building of the Marian shrine, and the completion of the memorial wall. Thank you, St. Joseph, for your prayers to assist us. We need to continue to ask for his intercession for a successful completion of the project.

Offertory Collection

July 2023 — June 2024

| | Actual | Needed weekly |
|------------------------|----------|------------------|
| August 27 Offertory | \$5,046 | \$7,264 |
| Year to Date | \$69,574 | \$65,376 |



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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



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary focuses on prayer and visiting the sick and shut-ins. We have both Active and Auxiliary (praying) members. Interested? You are welcome to come to our meeting as a guest! Active members meet weekly at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in the Parish Hall conference room. For more information, contact Martha Hayes at (205) 812-6126.

Is God Calling you to become a Lay Dominican?

Did you know that Birmingham has a Lay Dominican chapter?

Adult men and women who have been Sacramental Catholics for at least two years are invited to learn about the Dominican Laity and see if this is where God may be calling you. The pillars of Lay Dominican life center around prayer, study, apostolate (sharing our faith with others in ways appropriate to the laity), and community (monthly meetings on Sunday afternoons in Birmingham). As lay member of the Dominican Order, we are drawn together by the love of St. Dominic, and invite you to consider joining us! To learn more, contact Pam Leverett, chapter president at elliegrace798@gmail.com.

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 is 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

September 6, 2023 - September 10, 2023

WEDNESDAY MASS

9/6/2023 7:00 PM

Lector: Susan Moseley

Ministers: Deacon

SATURDAY MASS

9/9/2023 5:00 PM

Greeters: Paige Everett, Karen Hand

Lectors: Allen Ross, Marguerite Gorman

Ministers: Edgar Solis, Dawn Adamson

Altar Servers: Buddy Adamson, David Blaylock

Ushers: Bob Nicholas, Jay Benson

SUNDAY MASS

9/10/2023 8:30 AM

Greeters: B&D Freeman, The Veigls

Lectors: Karen Reese, Carl Rochford

Ministers: Sophie Alvarez, Jane Snider,

Ronni Thomas, Patrick Everett

Altar Servers: Tom Graffo, Marty Poteracki

Ushers: Michael Gagliano, Bart Perry,

Bill Bethell, Phillip Thomaston

9/10/2023 11:15 AM

Greeters: The Bluhm Family

Lectors: Doug Ross, Mary Adams

Ministers: Gloria Raynor, James Raynor

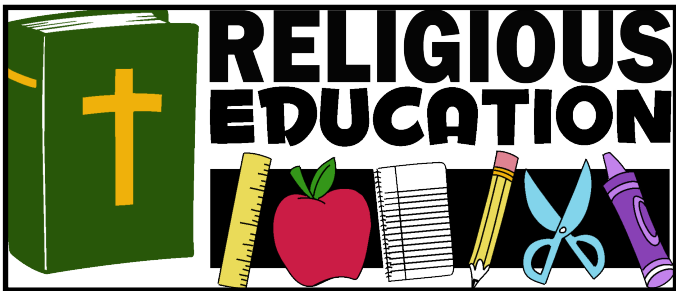
Altar Servers: Jhon Paul & Natalie Rodgers

Ushers: Chris Gallegly, Jerrold Bluhm

Emily Bluhm, John Bluhm

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.



If you want to be my disciple...

What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading, Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him, they would have to take up their cross and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.

Sometimes, we think that we need nice thing or to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



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Looking Ahead:

Sep 3rd - No R.E. Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Sep 10th - R.E. 9:45-11am

Sep 13th - Youth Group in Parish Hall at 6pm.

Sep 17th - R.E. 9:45-11am

Sep 24th - No R.E. / Parish Picnic / Stewardship Fair

Sep 27th - Youth Group Outing TBA at Sep 13 Youth Group Meeting.



Next Youth Group meeting will be **Sep 13 @ 6pm** in the **Parish Hall!** Food, fun, and fellowship provided!
Grades K-12 are welcome!

Mass at St Vincent's Chapel

Wednesday morning Mass is held at St. Vincent's Hospital St. Clair. at **8:30 am**. The Mass is held in the chapel on the first floor. It is held every Wednesday, as long as Father Sexton or Father Bill are available.



Our Lady of the Lake Bible Study

Please join us for a special Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke.



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 2023 - 363 cans

Please consider donating \$1 per week

Sunday- September 3

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

No RE -Labor Day Weekend

Monday- September 4 -Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Mass 9:00 am

Tuesday- September 5

Mass 9:00 am

Bible Study- 9:45 am

RCIA- 7:00 pm

Wednesday-September 6

Mass -7:00 pm

Thursday- September 7

Mass-9:00

Legion of Mary- 7:00 pm

Friday- September 8

Mass- 9:00 am

Saturday - September 9

KOC Prayer Service- 10:00 am

Confessions 4:00-4:45 pm

Mass-5:00 pm

Sunday- September 10

Masses- 8:30 am & 11:15 am

RE-9:45 am