

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory. Jesus' gift of peace to his disciples was more than an absence of trouble. His peace included the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of everything good.

Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness. The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God, and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires. The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As Isaiah the prophet foretold the seven-fold gifts of the Spirit that would give to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

We shall thank Jesus for sending us the Spirit. We Pray to the Good Lord to always make right decisions at the right time through the help of the Holy Spirit. And may our decisions be good for us and for others as well. Let us pray together every day for the Holy Spirit: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Love and Prayers

Fr. Charley

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Celebrations:

Saturday: 5:00pm (Vigil) Church

Sunday: 8:00am Church & 10:00am Church

Rosary: Saturday: 4:30pm / Sunday: 7:30am / 9:25am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

Church during renovation

Rosary: 11:30 am before Noon Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30—4:30pm

Important Messages

First Friday-Healing Mass/Noon-Church

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist 11:00am

First Saturday morning Mass

8:00am, in the Church during renovation

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday – June 8

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11/1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-12/Jn 20: 19-23

Monday – June 9

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3: 9-15, 20/Acts 1: 12-14/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday – June 10

Weekday

2 Cor 1: 18-22/Mt 5: 13-16

Wednesday – June 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3/Mt 10: 7-13

Thursday – June 12

Weekday

2 Cor 3: 15– 4:1, 3-6/Mt 5: 20-26

Friday – June 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest

2 Cor 4: 7-15/Mt 5: 27-32

Saturday – June 14

Weekday

2 Cor 5: 14-21/Mt 5: 33-37

Sunday – June 15

The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8: 22-31/Rom 5: 1-5/Jn 16: 12-15

Participation in Mass Please make every effort to participate in the Holy Mass by sitting in the church. Sitting in the gathering area, unless there is an overflow issue, is not full participation in the Mass. Also, we ask everyone to give access to empty seats. We want everyone to feel welcome to the Eucharistic Table for the full service. Please also note, the back row (seating against the wall) is reserved for our elderly and handicapped. We have a cry room available for parents who need one. Our ushers are available to assist with seating.

“We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us.”
Pope LeoXIV

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Beth Anderson, Jay & Eliza Johnson,
Norman & Martha Marsh, William & Maria Martinez,
Daniel & Karelina Rivera-Smith, Timothy & Mary Schultz,
Curtis & Julie Yates



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Helen Bill-Cash, Rose Marie Phillips, Paul Shea, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Cathy McCoy, Teresa Wilson, Mary Stumpe, Riley Scott, Patti Barnard, Patricia Jackson, Monica Hirsch, Theresa Tuemeller and all those in our parish community in need of physical or spiritual healing.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a loved one remembered during the liturgy for any special occasion - a birthday, anniversary, get well, deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-0788.

Sat.	June 7	5:00PM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
Sun.	June 8	8:00AM	Ed & Barbara Stluka † Dave Shearburn †
		10:00AM	Issac Wheeler (I) Gabe Pullman (I)
Tues.	June 10	12:00PM	Mitch Wheeler (I) John & Terry Hallett †
Wed.	June 11	12:00PM	Michael Smith † Jim & Heidi Francisco (I)
Thurs.	June 12	12:00PM	St. Jude † Onofre Linsangan †
Fri.	June 13	12:00PM	Tanner Wheeler (I) Special Intention (I)
Sat.	June 14	5:00PM	Rose Ann Nussberger † The Vu Family †
Sun.	June 15	8:00AM	Amelia Nason † The Francisco Family (I)
		10:00AM	Stephen Jester † The Moise Family (I)

UPCOMING EVENTS

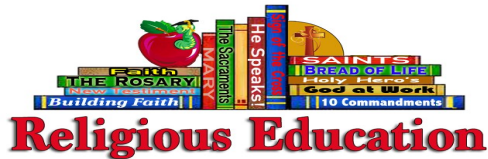
Mon. June 9	Monthly Chain Rosary	
Wed. June 11	St. Mary's Choir	6:30PM
Thurs. June 12	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00PM
Sun. June 15	Father's Day	
Fri July 4	Healing Mass Adoration	12:00PM 11:00AM

Ireland Pilgrimage

Fr. Charley and everyone who went to Ireland thoroughly enjoyed this pilgrimage to Ireland. They wish to thank everyone for their prayers for safety during their travels.

New to our parish? If you are visiting our parish and are interested in joining our Catholic Family, registration forms are available in the gathering area or at the parish office (office hours are Tues.- Fri. 9am –3pm). Fill one out and drop it into a collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to donate. Please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a date. The cost is \$150.



Religious Education

2025-26 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

All Grades Preschool* thru 10th	11:00 AM - Noon
First Sacrament Class 2 nd Grade	11:00 AM - Noon
Confirmation 10 th Grade	11:00 AM - Noon

*Preschool (age 3 by Sept. 1st & potty trained)

Registration forms are at the display in the gathering area.

O.C.I.A.

ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

The RCIA faith formation program is now known as the **O.C.I.A.** The name has changed just a bit, but it's still the same initiation process for adults who are interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic faith.

Our introductory evening for the 2025-26 session will be Tuesday, August 26th, at 6 PM. All are welcome to join us on the *journey of faith!*



CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is currently accepting applications for these positions: Head Strength Conditioning Coach, General Science Teacher, and High School Custodian. Applicants who have the qualifications and expertise for the role are encouraged to apply. For a complete job description and instructions for applying, please visit www.jp2falcons.org/employment today.

Holy Family School

Applications for the School Calendar Year 2025-2026 are now being taken. Please contact HFS at 256-539-5221 or email office@hfscatholic.com with any questions.

MUSIC * YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Events

Youth Group will have a cookout at the church on June 22nd at 4:30pm. Families hamburgers & hotdogs. This will be a time for fellowship, games and food. Bring a friend, an appetite and some sportsmanship.

Liturgy

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, decorators and Sacristans are needed for a smooth 2025 year. If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister don't hesitate to get in touch with Mark Blackburn at mark@olqu.org or call at 256-852-0788.

Music Ministry

Music Ministry is opening auditions for vocalists and instrumentalists for the 2025-2026 year. Please contact Mark Blackburn if you are interested in joining the music program to glorify God through music. Music ministry will also offer lessons for all parishioners who wish to learn an instrument or work on singing skills. No prior experience necessary. Again, contact Mark at mark@olqu.org if you are interested in these opportunities.

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Baptism If you have a child in need of Baptism and have not attended a class at OLQU contact Deacon Jim Multeri for information regarding when a class is available. Email him at deaconjim@olqu.org or call 256-852-0788 ext. 116.



Constant Contact

OLQU Email: Our Parish uses "Constant Contact" to communicate monthly newsletters, special events, reminders and important information for our parish. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to receive them, please send a request to mark@olqu.org or office at office@olqu.org with your name and preferred email address.

Loving Hands: We are about to begin a new year. If you have a little extra time on your hands please think about volunteering for the small ministry. A small group of dedicated women have carried on the task of polishing the solid oak pews and dusting/swiffering the floors twice a month ever since this church began. Would you like to join this group? Do you have time to fill in as a substitute if one of the regulars needs to be absent? We meet at 9:30AM on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Volunteers are most welcome to join us. Call Carol Lee

Severe Weather When bad weather is forecasted to come through this area: icy roads, tornadoes etc, at a scheduled Mass time, please stay at home and be safe. Father Charley will close the church on these occasions.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Deacon James Multeri

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Susan Turner, Director of Religious Education

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Shirley Bernal, Bookkeeper

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Juan Mark Blackburn SDS, Director of Music and Youth Ministry

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Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

OLQU Parish Office Contact:

office@olqu.org / Telephone 256-852-0788

OLQU Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of Our Lady, Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, through spiritual growth and service to others, seek to follow Mary's example of doing God's will by being a loving and open community centering on the Word, the Sacraments, and the Presence of Christ in our lives.

Councils, Commissions & Ministries

Ministry Coordinator: Eva Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Finance Council: Fran Spinelli 256-830-4135

Adult Ed/Sacrament/RCIA Susan Turner 256-852-0788

Agape Joy: Maria Nolen 334-517-8157

Altar Linens: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Altar Servers: Jared Ebelhar 256-684-8385

Arts & Environment: Beth Anderson 256-852-8734

Baptism Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Building & Maintenance: Joe Andrzejewski 256-430-3486

Care Ministry: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Chain Rosary: David McClure 502-759-1939

Charismatic Prayer Group: Jeff Anderson 256-852-8734

Communications: Damian Hochmuth 256-890-1621

EMHC: Maria Nolen 334-517-8157

Fund Raising: Fran Spinelli 256-830-4135

Gardening: Marge Mullen 256-683-1663

Greeters: Tom Heath 256-859-9554

Grief Ministry: Almareta Brislin 256-603-1213

IT & A/V Care: Jim Chaloupka 256-852-0788

Lawn Care: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

Lectors: Sybil Shearburn 256-679-7023

Life in Faith: Cindy Williams 256-509-7258

Marriage Preparation: Deacon Jim Multeri 256-852-0788

Loving Hands: Carol Lee 256-852-4095

Mass Coordinator: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Men's Club: Roberto Ruiz 256-655-2509

Money Counters: Pat Spinelli 256-830-4135

Music Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director 256-852-0788

Prayer Shawl Donna Pillarella 256-852-0788

Queen Bees: Claudia McClure 256-337-6986

Religious Education: Susan Turner, Director 256-852-0788

Sacristans: Pam Mefford 256-509-5000

Safety & Security: Celeste Brothers 707-365-1607

Social: Orlando Herrera 256-990-7212

St. Andrew's Table: Joanna Acker 256-721-6922

St. Vincent de Paul: Luster Ingram 256-852-2899

Ushers: Jay Hammer 256-337-1016

Youth Ministry: Mark Blackburn, Director 256-852-0788

Mass Intentions

We have many weekday dates available for those who wish to schedule a Mass. Please contact the parish office at

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pantry

Needs: Flour, pinto beans, canned meats, mashed potatoes, cookies, sugar, corn meal mix, pancake mix, syrup, jello, pudding, cereal, coffee, tea, toiletries. Please donate non perishable items only.

PLEASE HELP US HELP THE POOR...

NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Easter brings us new hope. Let us bring new hope to our marriages by attending a Marriage Encounter Experience to learn how Jesus gives us the graces for a strong Sacrament. The next WWME will be a virtual one hosted by the WWME community. It is scheduled for June 6-8. A \$100 Non-refundable registration fee applies. Early registration is highly recommended. Sign up at wwme.org/ apply (look for weekends in Atlanta). For more information contact: Doug & Maureen Newlands at 678-242-9963.

"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason." Pope Francis

St. John's Catholic School

Hughes Rd in Madison, AL

St John's is seeking qualified applicants for the 2025-2026 school year for the following positions: Middle school Social Studies Teacher, Second Grade Elementary Teacher, and a full-time PE Aide. All applicants must be Alabama certified or its equivalent. Certified teachers are welcomed to place resume on file should other positions become available. Please contact blumbley@stjohnb.com for an employment application.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 8	Building & Renovations Fund
June 15	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
June 22	Mission Cooperative
	Building Fund

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,358.66
Weekly Collection May 31/June 1	\$	5,986.00
Religious Education	\$	843.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	394.00
Building Fund	\$	461.00
Building & Renovations Fund	\$	161.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	344.00
Disaster Relief	\$	145.00
Mission Cooperative	\$	115.00