



THE MESSENGER

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY-8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY - 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM
HOLY DAY - 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY -10:00 AM - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Let All Things Now Living" #612

OFFERTORY: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #791

COMMUNION: Instrumental

MASS PARTS: Siena Mass Chant, St. Michael Hymnal #149

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

The Case for a Mass Conversion of Men
Research published in The Catholic World Report "shows that almost 9 out of 10 Catholic men don't participate in a Catholic activity outside of attending Mass; if men aren't being reached in the Mass, they aren't being reached.

"Despite the fact the New Evangelization has been an ongoing emphasis by the Catholic Church for over 40 years, it has failed to stem the disastrous losses of the faithful in the U.S. Since 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith,

parish religious education participation of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, baptisms of infants has dropped by 28%, baptism of adults has dropped by 31% and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%.

"Something is desperately wrong with the Church's approach to the New Evangelization.

"One reason the New Evangelization is faltering is because it is missing men.

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“The *New Evangelization Project* has documented the serious Catholic ‘man-crisis’ in the United States. 1 in 3 baptized Catholic men have left the faith and of those who remain, 50-60% of them are ‘Casual Catholics’, men who don’t know and don’t practice the faith. Of those who practice the faith, many are lukewarm, not converted to the point of conviction, a conviction in which they are prepared to make disciples for Christ and His Catholic Church. The *New Evangelization* has largely ignored men, with no substantial or sustained efforts to directly confront the Catholic ‘man-crisis’.

“The Catholic ‘man-crisis’ matters. The souls of men matter and many are being lost; for example, two-thirds of Christian men are looking at porn at least monthly and the numbers are much higher for younger men. The faith of the children matter and huge numbers of young people are leaving the faith because they have followed their fathers out of the Church. Without a *New Evangelization* in which millions of Catholic men become newly committed to Christ and His Church, there can be no *New Evangelization*.

“While a complex set of forces have driven the Catholic ‘man-crisis’, including both massive cultural changes outside the Church and serious missteps within the Church, the lack of engagement of men in the Mass is a major contributing factor: men don’t understand the Mass and well-meaning, but misinformed priests in many parishes have de-sacralized the Mass causing many men to simply drift away.

“Why is the Mass a key driver of the Catholic ‘man-crisis’? Research shows that almost 9 out of 10 Catholic men don’t participate in a Catholic activity outside of attending Mass; if men aren’t being reached in the Mass, they aren’t being reached. Only about 1/3 of Catholic men are attending Mass on a weekly basis. Only 1 in 50 Catholic men have a monthly practice of Confession, underscoring the fact that many are attending Mass without a proper preparation to receive the Eucharist. 48% of Catholic men are ‘bored’ in the Mass and 55% of Catholic men don’t feel they “get anything out of the Mass.” These statistics confirm what dozens of the *New Evangelization Project* interviews with top Catholic men’s evangelists know: men don’t understand the Mass. No man can truly understand the Mass and be bored.”

ad Jesum per Mariam. Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, April 12:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Religious Education
Classes

10:30 AM –Mass

Tuesday, April 14:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, April 15:

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Confirmation and Dead
Theologians Classes

Thursday, April 16:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, April 17:

8:30 AM - Mass

Saturday, April 18:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Noon - Adoration and
Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion meeting in the
Rectory

11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the
Rectory

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 19:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Religious Education
Classes

10:30 AM –Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, April 12:

8:00 AM - Mass

Breakfast Sunday

Sunday, April 19:

8:00 AM –Mass

TEEN GROUP STUDIES ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

In eight years, an illiterate 16 year old girl goes from being a recluse in her parents' home to being an advisor to the Pope. That young woman was St. Catherine of Siena, who was the topic of study for the most recent meeting of the Dead Theologians Society for confirmed youths of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael. The Dead Theologians Society meets on Wednesday nights starting with the 6:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and ending at 8 PM in the parish hall. The group strives to increase in holiness through prayer and study of the lives of the saints.

St. Catherine not only advised the Pope, but also dictated her conversations with God in a book called the Dialogue.

She asked God how people could be saved. His answer was to give her the image of Jesus as a bridge to obtain the eternal goal for which we were all created – union with God. She was told that everyone must pass on the bridge and everyone is capable of doing so. At the end of the bridge is a gate that leads to heaven.

Under the bridge is a river filled with sinful people, who are blind to God's truth and are following the enticements of the devil. The river has a gate that leads to hell.

God explained to St. Catherine that when we sin we diminish ourselves, lose our freedom and become fearful. He said the driving forces that bring people out of the river and onto the bridge is suffering and fear, but to stay on the

"I loved you before you existed, and knowing this you can place your trust in my love and set aside every fear." – **God speaking in the Dialogue**

bridge we must form a loving relationship with him.

St. Catherine also was told of the three stages of spiritual growth for people on the bridge – mercenary servant, faithful servant and child of God.

In the first stage, we are

faithful because of the consolations we receive from God and are more drawn to the gift rather than the giver.

To advance onto the second stage, we must persevere in our faith in times of adversity when we don't feel God's presence.

In the final stage, we become a child of God and have a faith like that of the Apostles after Pentecost. We love and trust God in all our circumstances.

To learn more about St. Catherine, go to www.drawnbylove.com.

HEALING

- *Dee Smoker
- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Glen Isom
- *Mary Stout

PETITIONS

- *For the respect and protection of human life.

*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

*For all who have entered the church on Easter may God's Grace sustain them in truth and charity.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traughber
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

EASTER BLESSINGS

Thank you to all the altar servers, readers, musicians and cantors who helped make the Holy Week Triduum a sacred and reverent time for the faithful.

I also would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the Easter egg hunts and the decorating of the churches, as well as those

who made contributions for the Easter flowers.

I am also grateful for the generous participation in the Lent Food Drive to benefit the local food bank operated by United Ministries.

The two parishes contributed more than 300 pounds of food!



TOTUS TUUS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 21 THUR 26 AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

GOSPEL: 4/13-18/15

MONDAY: *John 3:1-8*

TUESDAY: *John 3:7b-15*

WEDNESDAY: *John 3:16-21*

THURSDAY: *John 3:31-36*

FRIDAY: *John 6:1-15*

SATURDAY: *John 6:16-21*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

4/5

Parish: \$9,724.38

Haiti: \$ 111.00

ST. MICHAEL

4/5

Parish: \$2,114.00

Haiti: \$ 89.00

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 4/18/2015

Lector: Shelby Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Schwarz & Harry Lee

Ushers: Claude Burton &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 4/19/2015

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

Colleen Felts & Robyn

Masoner

Ushers: Paul Nutting &

Volunteer

Altar Servers: Carson Rucker

& Nick Haynes

Collection Counters: Paula

Moran & Paul Nutting

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 4/19/2015

Lector: John Restey

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia & James Connaghan

Usher/Greeter: Debbie

Traugher

Collection Counters: Mary

Jackson & Bob Cyprus

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Jenny Gonyea

For the repose of the souls of Joe, Ruth, Gayle & Brenda Cotter by
Tony & Cathy Cotter

For intentions of Doug & Frieda Coutts

For intentions of Tommy Crunk

For intentions of Jerry Gonyea

For intentions of Kay Holt

For intentions of Matthew Guinn

For the repose of the soul Ruby Bjalobok by Dorothy Monsorno

The Altar Flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Connie Mitchell