



THE MESSENGER

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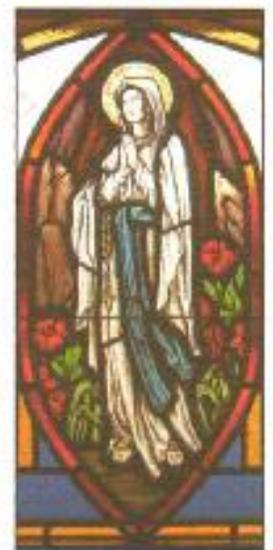
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM
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 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - None in August
SATURDAY – 9:00 - Noon

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Praise to the Lord" #721

OFFERTORY: "O God Beyond All Praising" #659

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

I took my own advice from a sermon a while back. The past week or so I went off for "rest and relaxation of mind and body" (a quote from the catechism). With assorted family we went to an Atlantic ocean beach and tried to do a lot of nothing. Now I am slowly working my way through all the emails and getting back to routine. School has started, and for many routines of school and extracurricular activities is the norm, again. Did we all get a chance to break our routines and contemplate and ponder? Did we all find some time to give thanks to God for the blessings that truly surround us? And especially, did we make changes so we don't get

frazzled and harried with the routine?

For me it wasn't quite doing "nothing." I read the two books I packed, read a third that was in the beach house bookshelves, and started a fourth, but had to leave it behind. Later I picked up a couple more used books and while the suitcase was rather heavy, I have promised myself to read them. So, just in case you are wondering where my head and heart was during those periods of rest and relaxation, I finished The Final Conclave by Malachi Martin and Helena by Evelyn Waugh. Malachi Martin was a Jesuit priest who worked closely with Popes John XXIII and Paul VI. His book is half straight history and half fiction, the fiction

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based on his intimate experience in the Vatican, written in a fictionalized way. And Helena is the story of the mother of Roman Emperor Constantine, who “legalized” Christianity and she is the one who found the true Cross of Christ. Waugh is best known for his “Brideshead Revisited,” was a devout English Catholic convert and his characterization is second to none. I highly recommend both books – and their respective authors. It was food for the “little grey cells” in the brain, and I could turn a page, rather than “scroll down” on the computer. I also worked on a renewed pattern of devotional prayer.

Why do I mention all this? Because this is what I used to do...a lot...read. The TV, with its ever expanding possibilities of choice, seems to be a mind-numbing choice of...nothing; nothing terribly edifying. It gets turned on less and less. TV for the most part is a passive activity, oftentimes “mind candy,” and sometimes the visual can be enriching, but most of the time it dulls and deadens the brain cells. We go days when it is not on. The world-wide-web is, however, something else. That is where I get news, weather, daily office, devotional, religious blogs, research for sermons; that is what I wanted to show myself I could make a break from...at least temporarily. I wanted to get back to the simple basics that for many, many years gave me contentment, information, sometimes some knowledge and sometimes a diversion into history or fiction.

How often has each of us said “I wish I had more time for...?” Let us be watchful of the routines we fall into. Yes, it is a new school year for many. Kids are still growing up. And they are still sponges, soaking up what we adults are doing and saying. It was good to be gone (for a while); it is good to be back; and it is also good to be in the routine again. But hopefully the routine will be modified to allow bringing back those things which once fed my soul, but gradually fell by the wayside. I’ll say it again, no one ever died wishing they spent more time in the office, or on the road, or on the loading dock. If your wish is to spend more time with loved ones, or to help out someone struggling to balance the time between job and home, offer to help. Offer a casserole. Turn off the TV and read; better yet read to some you have not read to in a long while. Play catch. Walk on the greenway. Let time stand still. Watch the grandkid, or nephew or niece learn to play and not constantly be stimulated with the gadget we adults think they need. Come to daily Mass. Volunteer at Open Door Pregnancy Center. And...Pray. Pray. Pray. These are crazy, scary times. Let us make sure our prayers and time alone with God and Jesus are part of our “new” routines.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

IMPORTANT DATES

August 24-29

Legion of Mary pro-life booth at
the Robertson County Fair

Friday, August 28

6:00 pm Over 50 Group

Sunday, August 30

Parent Meeting after all Masses
(Religious Education)

Friday, September 4

9:30 - 11:30 am Mother's Group

Sunday, September 6

Altar Society Meeting after the 8am Mass
at St. Michael

Monday, September 7

Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

Saturday, September 12

Look for details in next weeks bulletin
for an event after the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 13

Religious Education Classes start
9am - 10:15 am
Kindergarten - Confirmation

Monday, September 14

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
(moved from Sept. 7 due to Labor Day)

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to these volunteers!!!

Bill Little for cleaning the
prayer garden!

To Henry Gomez & Crew for
trimming the Roses!

Claude Burton for weeding the Roses!

TIME TO REGISTER FOR AQUINAS CLASS

We live in a society that has created rights to immoral behavior and established a class of human beings (the unborn) who may be legally slaughtered, dissected and sold. How did we get to this place?

If Saint Thomas Aquinas were living today, he would probably say we have forgotten that there is objective truth that we are capable of discovering and knowing. This holy and brilliant saint also would say that the only way to bring people to the truth is by engaging in respectful and rational discussions.

Begin your own quest to know the truth and share it with others by attending the Aquinas for Beginners Part 1 class to be held on Wednesday nights starting on Sept. 16 from 7:10 to 8:30 PM in the Our Lady of Lourdes rectory (small house beside the church). This 16-week class aims to help women come to know and love the Lord more deeply.

The cost of the course is \$19.95 plus shipping. Participants register and pay for the course online at <https://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p2491.aspx>. If you need assistance with registration or help in paying for the course, please call Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father John Quinn on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

ENDING ABORTION THROUGH PRAYER

Parishes throughout the diocese are preparing to participate in the 10th peaceful prayer vigil to end abortions in Nashville and throughout the world. Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner Nathan Smith recently attended a planning meeting for the next 40 Days for Life campaign in our community, which will be held from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1 in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 412 D.B. Todd Blvd. in Nashville from 7 AM to 6 PM. Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary is looking for people who will make a commitment to come with them and prayer for an hour each week during the campaign. If you are interested, please call Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864 or contact Nathan Smith or any other member of the Legion of Mary.

40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational, faith-based effort to end abortion throughout the world by: prayer and fasting; peaceful prayer witness outside abortion facilities; and educational outreach. So far, 40 Days for Life campaigns have been conducted in 579 communities in 30 nations. More than 10,300 children have been reported as saved from abortion. Through the previous campaigns in Nashville, the number of abortions have dropped by as much as 28 percent. All participants in 40 Days for Life campaigns must sign a statement of peace where they pledge to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the compassion and love of Christ. The prayer vigils are staffed by coordinators who provide prayer books for participants and who are able to provide helpful resources for both pre and post abortive men and women.

A Mass and opening rally will be held for the local campaign on Sept. 23 at Assumption Parish at 1227 7th Ave. N., in Nashville. Mass will begin at 7 PM followed by a Rally in the Germantown Abbey across the street until 10 PM. More information is available on the Web at 40daysforlife.com/Nashville.

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

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

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

* *Eternal rest grant to 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

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 8/29/2015

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jenny Gonyea & John Schwarz

Ushers: Carol Huddleston & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 8/30/2015

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

Robyn & Gene Masoner

Ushers: Robyn Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Nathan Aviles & Chris Hardy

Collection Counters:

Buddy Curran & Paula Moran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 8/30/2015

Lector: Linda Harbert

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia & James Conaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Kaye Sharp

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Jim Schott

GOSPEL: August 24-29, 2015

MONDAY: *John 1:45-51*

St. Bartholomew

TUESDAY: *Matthew 23:23-26*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 23:27-32*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 24:42-51*

St. Monica

FRIDAY: *Matthew 25:1-13*

St. Augustine

SATURDAY: *Mark 6:17-29*

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8/16

Parish: \$3,307.36

ST. MICHAEL

8/16

Parish: \$1,326.00

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 Bill Little

For the repose of the soul of Andrew & Joan Catignani

by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the intentions of Rose Mary Reed and Family by Hugh & Kay Braddock

For the intentions of Thelma Lee by Hugh & Kay Braddock

For the intentions of Kerry Robinson Jr.

In thanksgiving for Deacon Mike Morris and his ministry

For the intentions of Ernie Axley

For the intentions of Marilyn Wheaton

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Jerry & Jenny Gonyea