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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY – 7:00 PM 2/2/14

TUESDAY – 7:00 PM 2/3/14

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 – 9:00 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

HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Let All Things Now Living" #612

OFFERTORY: "How Great Thou Art" #569

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

In an article by Professor Anthony Esolen, he reflects on the beauty of our churches and how it inspired worship and vocations.

"A few days ago I entered for the first time what some people in the area call the Sistine Chapel of America. There's reason for that. Saint Anne's Church, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is a towering neo-Romanesque church whose interior vaults and domes, walls and panels, are covered with frescoes of sacred art. The people who love their old church and who are committed to maintaining it say that there are more frescoes here than in

any other church in the nation. I don't know how you could establish it for a fact, but I wouldn't doubt it, either.

"What happened was this. The French who laid the first stone for the church exactly 100 years...hired an Italian from Quebec to come down and cover the church with beauty. He arrived in 1940 and spent eight years there, painting during the warm months and drawing sketches during the cold months. He worked on scaffolding up to eighty feet high. He painted hundreds of human figures: the Father, the Son, angels,

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saints, prophets, and priests. Each of the figures was a portrait of one of the parishioners of Saint Ann's. The girl who modeled for the child Mary passed away only a few months ago. Even the three devils who are being cast into Hell in the painting above the sanctuary are portraits of parishioners. Signore Nincheri asked the sisters at the parochial school to send him the three most mischievous boys.

"Every time they entered their church, they walked into a great symphony of stories. Here is Abel, the smoke of his sacrifice ascending straight toward the heavens. Here is Cain, ducking, his arms held before his head, the smoke of his sacrifice blinding and choking. Here is God the Father, bringing light out of darkness. Here exactly opposite Him is the prophet Jonah, spat out by the whale *de profundis* onto the shore. You cannot understand the paintings and their placement in the same way in which you understand a plain message, such as, "The last person to leave the church must lock the doors." You cannot come to an end of understanding them. They are mysteries, familiar and utterly unfamiliar at once. They cause you to be at home with wonders... It was not quarry workers who demanded that their communion rails be knocked out with sledge hammers. It was not little children who pleaded with their pastors to cover paintings with whitewash. It was not housewives who demanded that the high altars with all their draperies and candelabra be replaced with tables so bare and spare that they would not do for an ordinary kitchen... why must *everything* we say or sing be reducible to the dull and plain and everyday? Isn't the Eucharist itself a mystery? Why then should it not be celebrated in words that will never quite yield up their secrets? Why must all of our worship be reduced to less and less, rather than be elevated into more and more?

"What I'm trying to get at here is hard to put into words. When I entered Saint Anne's in Woonsocket, a church that had narrowly escaped destruction by the diocese, it was as if I had entered the ruins of a lost way of life. Then I began to see that the *libido delendi* (lust to obliterate) that seized my Church applied to *everything* in our worship and education. They were not separate but coincidental movements for destruction. They were and are parts of one movement, and not a new movement in the history of the Church, either. The elimination of altars and communion rails *is the obliteration of sacred art*. The obliteration of sacred art *is the flattening of liturgical language*. The flattening of liturgical language *is the abandonment of ageless chants and hymns*. The abandonment of those chants and hymns *is the forgetting of immemorial devotions and prayers*. The forgetting of those prayers *is the secularization of time*. The secularization of time *is the laicization of clergy and religious*. Their laicization *is the rage to deny the mysteriousness of the faith*. The denial of that mystery implies *the building of churches as neutral spaces*. The...*destruction of churches like Saint Anne's...* [would be] the destruction of Christ's Church on earth.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, February 1:

Second Collection - Tennessee Register

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

10:30 AM - Mass

Monday, February 2:

6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM - Mass - The Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, February 3:

7:00 PM - Mass - Feast of St. Blaise

Wednesday, February 4:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Confirmation & Dead Theologians Class

7:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class

Thursday, February 5:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, February 6:

8:30 AM - Mass

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

Saturday, February 7:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & 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, February 8:

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

10:30 AM - Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, February 1:

Second Collection - Tennessee Register

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Altar Society Meeting - Elections and

collection of dues - NO MEETING FEBRUARY 5

Sunday, February 8:

8:00 AM - Mass

Breakfast Sunday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES & SPECIAL MASS ON FEB. 11

Fr. Dean is encouraging everyone to participate in a nine-day Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes starting on Monday, Feb. 2 and ending with a special 6:30 PM Patronal Feast Day Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Novena prayer will be said at each daily Mass or may be said at home. In addition to attending Mass as frequently as you are able during the Novena, please recite at least one decade of the Rosary.

There is a plenary indulgence for visiting a parish on its titular feast day. In addition to visiting the church, one has to complete the normal conditions for an indulgence: true repentance for all sin -- mortal and venial, having a recent confession, receiving communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Indulgences assist us (or someone in purgatory) from the temporal punishment of our sins.

Our Holy Mother began appearing to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. During the 18 appearances to Bernadette,

the Holy Mother announced that she was the "Immaculate Conception" and requested that a chapel be built for people to visit. She also

instructed Bernadette to find the hidden spring of water, and the use of the water has resulted in 69 miraculous cures recognized by the church.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena Prayer

Blessed, Immaculate Conception, I come to you with full confidence in your mercy and deep sorrow for my past sins. Mother of Mercy, Healer of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, look upon me with compassion. Obtain for me, from your Divine Son, O loving Mother, this special request (mention your need) if it be in accord with God's perfect will. And through your prayers Holy Mother, may I lead a more Christian life modeled on your own life of love and humility.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for me. (Recite one decade of the Rosary)

REMINDERS

Special 7 PM Masses on
February 2 & 3

Confirmation

March 22 at 2:30 PM

Cathedral of the
Incarnation in Nashville

HEALING

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

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

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

PETITIONS

*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

ST. MICHAEL

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

PROGRAMS FOR LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – Lent Preparation Program for families will be held after the 10:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes with a crown of thorns activity and free pizza lunch provided.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – Noon Ash Wednesday Service at St. Michael and 5 and 7 PM Ash Wednesday Services at Our Lady of Lourdes.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – Fish Fry by the Knights of Columbus starting at 5 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM at Our

Lady of Lourdes and 7 PM at St. Michael.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – **VICE AND VIRTUE LENT CLASS FOR ADULTS** from 9 to 10:15 AM in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Sin separates us from the love of God, but the cultivation of virtue can restore our relationship with Him. Begin the journey from sin to sanctity this Lent with Fr. Robert Barron's spiritual study on the 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues.

Signup sheet located on the back table.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 2/7/2015

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers: Kay Braddock & Carol Hostettler

Ushers: Terry Kelch & Volunteer

Altar Server: John Schwarz

SUNDAY – 2/8/2015

Lector: Gloria Snow

Extraordinary Ministers: Dick Joyce & Nathan Smith

Ushers: Gener Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nathan Aviles & Carson Rucker

Collection Counters: Pam Curran & Mel Warnecke

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 2/8/2015

Lector: John Restey

Extraordinary Ministers: Anna Tinkle & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter: Debbie Traugher

Collection Counters: Sandy Sawyer & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: 2/2-7/15

MONDAY: Luke 2:22-40

TUESDAY: Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY: Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY: Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY: Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY: Mark 6:30-34

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

1/25

Parish: \$4,046.54

ST. MICHAEL

1/25

Parish: \$1,315.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM
 SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM
 MONDAY MASS 7:00 PM
 TUESDAY MASS 7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM
 THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Harry & Thelma Lee
 For the deceased members of the Altar Society
 For the repose of the soul of Larry Bean by Hugh & Kay Braddock
 For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by the Jr. Legion of Mary
 For the intentions of James & Susan Owens by Hugh & Kay Braddock
 For the repose of the soul of Frank Williams by Mary Jackson
 For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by Mel & Barbara Warnecke
 For the repose of the soul of Barbara Devine by Mel & Barbara Warnecke
 For the repose of the soul of Claude Isnard by Mel & Barbara Warnecke

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Fr. and Mrs. Dean in memory of Raymond Johnson and Alice Dean.