



# THE MESSENGER

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### 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

### CONFESSIONS

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

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - 6:30 PM - ENGLISH  
7:15 PM - SPANISH

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "The Glory of These Forty Days" #781

**OFFERTORY:** "O Sacred Head, Surrounded" #679

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

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

[I Am Ground, Like a Grain of Wheat](#) – A Reflection on the [Paradoxical Passion of St. Bernadette](#)

Part Three

Bernadette entered the infirmary for the last time in December of 1878. In addition to her asthma, she had a tumor that produced rigidity in her knee and caused horrible suffering. The pain was so intense for Bernadette that it sometimes took an hour to move her into a "good" position. Her face was said to have taken on a cadaverous appearance. If she was able to sleep at all, even the slightest movement of her leg would elicit involuntary screams. She lost weight and was said to have slipped away to almost nothing. The descriptions of her condition at this time included the following: chronic asthma, chest pains

up of blood, an aneurysm of the aorta, a tumor on the knee, stomach pains, bone decay, abscesses, and bedsores.

Bernadette revealed that she was no longer able to meditate. She was heard to murmur from time to time, "My God, I offer this up to you. Give me patience." One of the sisters in the Infirmary said that Bernadette's poor body seemed to be nothing but one large wound. During Holy Week of 1879, Bernadette's bedsores became extreme. She coughed almost continuously. By now she knew and stated aloud, "My passion will last until I die." Still, she rarely complained, though involuntary groans often came forth.

Bernadette's concern seemed to be more about the others around her in the infirmary who were disturbed

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by her coughing, than about her own condition.

Added to this were satanic attacks. She was heard to say, "Be gone, Satan." She admitted that the devil tried to frighten her. But when she invoked the holy name of Jesus, the devil soon disappeared.

As death drew near she marveled, saying, "I wouldn't have thought it took so much suffering to die." But she then added, "It is no sacrifice to give up a miserable life, where we encounter so many hardships, to belong to God." She further lamented, "I'm afraid I've received so many graces, and have profited so little."

Her gaze was now directed most frequently toward the crucifix on the wall. She began to extend her arms in imitation of Christ on the cross, saying, "My Jesus! How I love Him!"

Two days before she died, St. Bernadette offered a metaphor for the mystery of her suffering. Something in her hearkened back to the Boly Mill where she grew up in Lourdes. The grinding of the millstone had lulled her to sleep as an infant and accompanied her first years as a child. Perhaps it was that now-distant memory that caused her to say, shortly before she died, "I am ground like a grain of wheat." She had never willfully complained about her suffering. Somehow she seemed to know this was her mission: to suffer for others.

Yes, it was a supreme paradox that this visionary of Lourdes, who found through God's grace and Mary instruction a spring of healing water for multitudes, would herself suffer so much for souls, offering her agonies for them, for us. It was her personal and hidden passion for us. The other side of the gift of healing that Lourdes gives is the grace to endure suffering. Bernadette died on April 16, 1879. Her long passion was now ended. Like Jesus, she gave over her spirit and breathed her last. She was 35 years old.

Visitors to her tomb are able to see her incorrupt body in the glass casket at Nevers. But the face that they look upon is really a wax mask. Surely it captures her beauty, but it also hides the glory of her suffering: suffering embraced and accepted. Her true face at death was more gaunt and showed the effects of the cross she accepted as she was "ground like wheat" and as she lost herself entirely in the Cross of Jesus. Most know St. Bernadette simply as the little girl kneeling in prayer before the Virgin Mary in countless grottos throughout the world. Less well known is the private, personal, and profound passion of a great woman who discovered that her mission was to suffer for others.

Where does the water of Lourdes get its power to heal? Surely from the Lord. But something of Bernadette's passion runs through those waters as well. They are indeed precious waters, bought at great price.

Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

*Msgr. Charles Pope*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

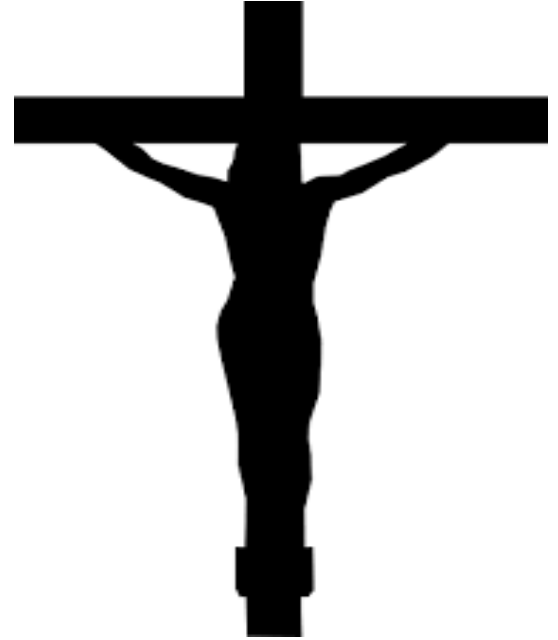
### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6:30 PM - ENGLISH

7:15 PM - SPANISH

### ST. MICHAEL

7:00 PM



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence means eating no meat and is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59. Fasting involves eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food s between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday. The Church offers to the world the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.

## SAINT MICHAEL ALTAR SOCIETY

The altar society will meet Feb 21 following mass. Election of officers and collection of dues (\$10) will be the agenda.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS -  
TOTUS TUUS  
JUNE 19 - 24**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual fish fry on Friday, February 19 at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.



## NASHVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

NDCCW is hosting their first fund raising event, Line Dancing!

St. Pius X  
Marc Carr Auditorium  
2750 Tucker Road  
Nashville, TN 37218  
Friday, April 22  
7-10 pm

For further information please contact  
Diana 615-519-0726.

## SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Michael Conference will hold its next meeting Thursday, February 18, at 7 p.m in the rectory. New members are needed and welcome to attend!



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

During Lent we will be collecting change for the Open Door Pregnancy Center with the baby bottle campaign. Please take home a baby bottle, located in the back of each church, to fill with loose change during this time. Thank you for your continued support to the Open Door Pregnancy Center.

## CATHOLIC MEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

### STRONG & COURAGEOUS

Catholic MEN of Faith Conference

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

St. Philip Church

Franklin, TN

[www.catholicmenoffaithconf.com](http://www.catholicmenoffaithconf.com)

email: [office@catholicmenoffaithconf.com](mailto:office@catholicmenoffaithconf.com)

## CATHOLIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

### COME BE BLESSED

Catholic WOMEN of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. Philip Church

Franklin, TN

[www.catholicwomrnoffaithconference.com](http://www.catholicwomrnoffaithconference.com)

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[office@catholicwomenoffaithconference.com](mailto:office@catholicwomenoffaithconference.com)

## PRAYER LIST

### HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*June Bell  
\*Susie Bess  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Richard Bogart  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Helen Byrne  
\*Tim Carney  
\*Don Cole  
\*Tom Cuff  
\*Jim Curry  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Macky Hunter  
\*Joe Langford  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Maurice Limoges  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Dee Smoker  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout  
\*Joyce Traugher  
\*Raquel Van De Velde

### 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

\*Helen Byrne  
\*Dorothy Crosslin  
\*Claudia Traugher  
\*Mary Ann Klimek  
\*R.C. Boyle  
\*Dorothy Johnson  
\*Tom Crumpler  
\*Dennis Zawierucha  
\*Patty Zawierucha

#### ST. MICHAEL

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

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY - 2/20/2016

*Lector:* Belle Holmes

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Pam Burton & Alice Cole

*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY - 2/21/2016

*Lector:* Jill Rucker

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Robyn & Gene Masoner

*Ushers:* Paul Nutting & Volunteer

*Altar Servers:*

Taw Owens & Nick Haynes

*Collection Counters:* Mel Warnecke & Taylor Johnson

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 2/21/2016

*Lector:* Kaye Sharp

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Linda Harbert & Anna Tinkle

*Usher/Greeter:*

Mary Jackson

*Collection Counters:*

Kaye Sharp & Jim Schott

### GOSPEL: February 15-20

MONDAY: *Matthew 25:31-46*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 6:7-15*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 11:29-32*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 7:7-12*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 5:20-26*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 5:43-48*

## OFFERING

	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. MICHAEL
February 7	Parish: \$5,318.00	\$1,815.00
	Tennessee Register: \$705.00	\$388.00

## 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 repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Terry & Brenda Kelch  
For the intentions of Shelli & Grace Robinson  
For the repose of the soul of Nellie & JJ Byrne by Pat Milner  
For the intentions of Carol Olafson & family by Rita Erickson  
For the repose of the soul of Jerry Crumpler by Alice Cole  
For the intentions of James Ebnet & family by Rita Erickson  
For the repose of the soul of Nancy Rampino by The Legion of Mary  
For the intentions of Belinda Kelley by Brenda & Terry Kelch