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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 5 PM & 7 PM - ASH WEDNESDAY

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 - NONE 2/10/16

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY - NOON 2/10/16

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "God, We Praise You" #540

OFFERTORY: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #524

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 Two

And here is a brief picture of what would be her life: often terrible sufferings, but accepted because she believed that she had been (in some sense) "assigned" this lot. Yes, it is a great paradox. Despite her many illnesses, Bernadette certainly had her strengths. She stood up to strong interrogation. At one point the town commissioner, anxious about the crowds, warned her not to return to the grotto. She indicated respectfully that she was compelled to go there and that she could not guarantee that she would not. He threatened to lock her away in jail. "Then I guess I couldn't go to the grotto!" was her fearless response.

She was no shrinking violet, despite her illnesses. She knew what she had seen and heard, and no amount of scoffing or threats made her doubt what she had experienced. She also fiercely resisted anyone's attempts to embellish or misrepresent the apparition. What had happened had happened; there was to be no adding or subtracting from it. She was serenely confident and never wavered from her descriptions.

Bernadette's teachers among the Sisters of Charity of Nevers noted that her character was strong and that she had her stubborn moments. She could be sensitive to small injustices and was said to be somewhat mischievous, especially in her younger years. Despite her fame for being a saint (because she had seen the Blessed Virgin),

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she displayed no affectations of sanctity. Bernadette did not play to the crowds. Her family and the nuns who taught her insisted that she was as normal a girl as one could imagine.

As the years went by, her health problems multiplied. One of the sisters in the school she attended noted that Bernadette was regularly short of breath and that she experienced all kinds of other troubles: toothaches, frequent rheumatism in her leg, and a painful shoulder—so painful that it almost caused her to faint. Her frequent coughs brought on vomiting, and she often coughed up blood, sometimes in large quantities. She would often have to be brought to the window to help her breathe.

In sickness Bernadette was never known to be impatient. The winter and the months of early spring were the worst for her.

Many visitors would ask her if she wanted to be a nun. She said, “Yes, but I haven’t the health.” By 1864 her poor health had not improved much, but her attraction to the religious life had grown. Bernadette despaired that she would ever have the health to enter into the religious life. And yet the sisters who saw her growth in holiness were willing to make exceptions.

In 1866 Bernadette entered The Sisters of Charity of Nevers, the same order that had schooled her in Lourdes. Entering the novitiate, she looked forward to the relative seclusion and solitude. The steady stream of visitors and the burden of her fame continued to weary her.

Within a month of entering, as the cool of late September approached, Bernadette’s asthma grew worse. The sisters who ran the infirmary marveled at her ability to withstand suffering. Her choking and coughing were profound yet she did not complain. She said to the sisters, “It’s necessary; it’s nothing.”

So intense were her sufferings that by late October the chaplain was summoned. It was announced to the community that Bernadette would probably not last through the night. The local bishop was summoned as well, and he admitted her into solemn vows that evening presuming that she would not survive the night. Indeed, she had just vomited a basin-full of blood and could barely recite her vows; the Bishop of Nevers recited her answers on her behalf. He left the room that night convinced he would never see her alive again.

And yet Bernadette made another miraculous recovery. Patterns such as this continued until her death in 1879. With every passing year, the asthmatic flare-ups in the winter and early spring worsened, each time bringing her closer to death.

Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

Msgr. Charles Pope

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL



Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Michael Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help parishioners who are having a temporary financial crisis. If you need help, please call our Helpline at 615-756-5626 or email us at ollsm.svdp@yahoo.com. Leave your name, phone number, and a brief description of your need and a Case Coordinator will contact you. The monetary support of OLLSM parishioners, the Women’s Ministry, and Knights of Columbus has made it possible for us to help you. Many thanks to all for your generosity!

NO ADORATION
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
TIMES
ST. MICHAEL - NOON
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
5 PM & 7 PM

CROWN OF THORNS



To help children and families embark on a Holy Lent, Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary will offer the making a crowns of thorns during the pot luck "Fat Tuesday" gathering, on Feb. 9. The crowns of thorns are made with clay and toothpicks. The idea is for children to do a good activity and remove a toothpick "thorn" from the crown each day of Lent so that by Easter the crown is thorn free. The Legion will provide suggested activities for good activities so they may have bare crowns come Easter.

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

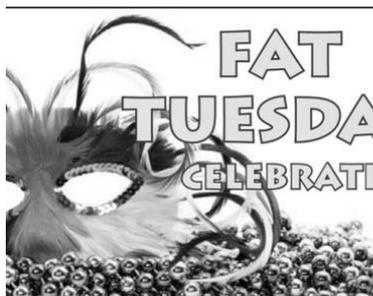
The altar society will meet Feb 21 following mass. Election of officers and collection of dues (\$10) will be the agenda.

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.

POTLUCK DINNER

The Women's Ministry is planning a Fat Tuesday potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to St. Luke's Hall and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9. If you have any questions please see Deacon Mike Morris or any Women's Ministry member.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

On February 19 The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fish Fry 5:00 pm. Watch more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**TOTUS TUUS
JUNE 19 - 24**

SECOND COLLECTION TENNESSEE REGISTER

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Novena Dates February 2-10, Feast Day February 11

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests.

Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

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 Traughber
 *Raquel Van De Velde

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

* For the repose of the soul of Margie Hunter Chowning

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Helen Byrne
 *Dorothy Crosslin
 *Claudia Traughber
 *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 - 2/13/2016

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Huddleston & Claude Burton

Ushers: Harry Lee & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 2/14/2016

Lector: Rose Mary Reed

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nathan Smith & Volunteer

Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Holly & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters: Paul Nutting & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 2/14/2016

Lector: Mike Ellis

Extraordinary Ministers:

Anna & Jim Conaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Mary Jackson & Bob Cyprus

GOSPEL: February 8-13

MONDAY: Mark 6:53-56

TUESDAY: Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY: Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY: Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY: Luke 5:27-32

OFFERING

	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. MICHAEL
January 31	Parish: \$4,093.85	\$2,860.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Jerry Crumpler by Alice Cole
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of members of the Joe Cotter Family by Tony & Cathy Cotther
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the intentions of John & Cissy Rampino
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Thomas Ebnet by Rita Erickson
WEDNESDAY MASS	Noon	For the deceased members of the Altar Society
	5:00 PM	For the intentions of Bob Klimek
	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Armand St. Pierre
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ralph Fuller, OP
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Joan Johnson & Family by Rita Erickson
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Georgia Sabo by The Rampino Family

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Harry & Thelma Lee