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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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 – 9:00 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: "O Mary, Our Mother" #675

OFFERTORY: "Sing of Mary" #748

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

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

Pastor's Column

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

“If the Jews and Romans agreed on anything, it was on their contempt for Persia, the empire to the east. And for both Jews and Romans, Persia’s loathsomeness was best symbolized by its “wise men,” or Magi. The Magi were astronomers who closely tracked the movements of heavenly bodies – the relative position of the stars, the phases of the moon – and claimed to read them as omens of earthly events. Their doctrine “attained an influence so mighty,” said Pliny, that it “held sway throughout a great part of

the world, and ruled the kings of kings in the East.” In the Old Testament, we find Magi – the word is usually translated as “wise men” serving as advisors to the king in Babylon as well (see Daniel 2:48). So there was a jutual repulsion between the Magi and the Jews – yet there was mutual attraction. If Jews had never felt drawn to the wisdom of the Persians, there would have been no need for warnings in the Bible and the Talmud. As for the Magi themselves:

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if they had never been tempted to know the God of Israel, why were they watching the sky for signs of a divine “King of the Jews?”

““When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy” (Matt. 2:10). We should linger on that single line. For it captures the very moment when God gave “Joy to the World” not merely to Israel, but to the whole world: the nations, the foreigners, the Gentiles. All through the Old Testament there had been hints that such a day would come. (See Psalms 138 and 72 and the prophesies of Isaiah).

“This star,” said St. John Chrysostom, “was not of the common sort, or rather not a star at all, it seems to me, but some invisible power transformed into this appearance.”

I have to conclude that an angel appeared to the Magi as light and led them to true worship – which, as I’ve said before, is what angels were created to do. What brought the Magi to the crib in Bethlehem, however was their ardent disposition to know the truth.

“The visit of the Magi is a brief episode in the Christmas story, but we cannot exaggerate its importance. It signals the salvation of the whole world and the restoration of the cosmic order, which had been disturbed with the fall of humanity and the angels.

The early Christians who had converted from idolatry, from “paganism,” had a profound appreciation for the story of the Magi. It is cited repeatedly in the second century by authors as diverse and geographically dispersed as St. Justin Martyr, Tatian, Julius Africanus, St. Irenaeus of Lyons, and Tertullian of Carthage. God had extended joy to the world, and the world responded with worship and celebration.”

From, *Joy to the World*, by Scott Hahn

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, January 4:

10:30 AM – Mass

Tuesday, January 6:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, January 7:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Confirmation & Dead Theologians Class

Thursday, January 8:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, January 9:

8:30 AM - Mass

Saturday, January 10:

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, January 11:

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

10:30 AM – Mass

3:00 PM - Removal of Christmas Decorations

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, January 4:

8:00 AM - Mass

Sunday, January 11:

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Breakfast Sunday

9:00 AM - Removal of Christmas Decorations

REMINDER

IF YOU HAVE MOVED PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO
UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE NUMBER

ADORATION TO END ABORTION

January 22 is the official day in the United States when faithful Catholics are asked to pray for an end to abortion. The day will be observed by our parishes through a period of overnight Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The faithful are asked to beg God's forgiveness for 42 years of legally taking the lives of unborn children in this country and to seek his aid to restore respect for the dignity of all human life.



Adoration for life will start on Thursday, January 22 after the 8:30 AM Mass and conclude before the 8:30 AM Mass on Friday, January 23.

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday, January 21. Mass will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday night.

Signup sheets to spend an hour in prayer in reparation for abortion are located in the back of both churches.

Special prayers for life will be available during Adoration.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

January 7

7:00 PM Confirmation
Class Resumes

January 11

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

9:00 AM - Removal of
Christmas Decorations at
St. Michael

9:00 AM - Breakfast
Sunday

3:00 PM - Removal of
Christmas Decorations at
Our Lady of Lourdes

January 22

24 Hour Adoration

HEALING

- *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

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

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

PETITIONS

- *For the respect of human life
from natural conception to
natural death.
- *May we be ever mindful of
our many blessings and may
we give thanks to Almighty
God, the author of all good.
- *For the safety of persecuted
Christians.

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

BISHOP HONORS MARRIAGES

World Marriage Day is Sunday, February 8th, 2015, and Bishop David R. Choby will once again give honor to couples in the Diocese who will be celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2015.

Bishop Choby will celebrate a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville on

Sunday, February 8th at 2 PM followed by a reception.

Couples who are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage and would like to attend the



Mass and reception at the Cathedral must contact the Our Lady of Lourdes office by January 20th to receive an invitation for the event.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 1/10/2015

Lector: Kay Braddock
Extraordinary Ministers: Connie Mitchell & Claude Burton

Ushers: Terry Kelch & Armand St. Pierre
Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 1/11/2015

Lector: Taryon Carney
Extraordinary Ministers: Colleen Felts & David Johnson

Ushers: Gene Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nathan Aviles & Nick Haynes
Collection Counters: Mel Warnecke & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 1/11/2015

Lector: Mike Ellis
Extraordinary Ministers: John Restey & Annecia Conaghan
Usher/Greeter: Anna Tinkle
Collection Counters: Kaye Sharp & Jim Conaghan

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12/25 & 12/28

Parish: \$2,772.75

Christmas: \$2,788.24

ST. MICHAEL

12/25 & 12/28

Parish: \$1,940.00

Christmas: \$868.00

GOSPEL: 1/5-10/15

MONDAY: *Matthew 4:12-17,23-25*

TUESDAY: *Mark 6:34-44*

WEDNESDAY: *Mark 6:45-52*

THURSDAY: *Luke 4:14-22*

FRIDAY: *Luke 5:12-16*

SATURDAY: *John 3:22-30*

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the repose of the soul of Ricky Heatherly by Barbara & Mel Warnecke
In Thanksgiving for answered prayers by Mary Jackson
For the repose of the soul of Van Perdue by Barbara & Mel Warnecke
For the repose of the soul of Claude Isnard by Hugh & Kay Braddock
For the repose of the soul of Joe Traughber by Terry & Patricia Avril
For the repose of the soul of Claude Isnard by Jim & Paula Weller
For the repose of the soul of Sam Traughber by Jon & Janet Knuth
For the intentions of Loretta Thompson