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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2016

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – **6:30 PM 2/2/16**

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 - 3:00 - 6:15 PM

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Hail, Redeem, King Divine" #551

OFFERTORY: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #627

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 One

The life of St. Bernadette Soubirous was steeped in paradox and irony. She was the chosen visionary of our Lady at Lourdes and was to bring forth, by heavenly guidance, a spring that would bring miraculous healing to thousands. Yet Bernadette herself was beset with health problems that would cause her dreadful suffering. Her quiet and heroic suffering, something she accepted with obedience and as a kind of mission for souls, is not common knowledge today. Hers was a beautiful, difficult testimony; she suffered mightily. I base my reflections here on a biography of her by Fr. Rene Laurentin:

Bernadette Speaks: A Life of

[St. Bernadette Soubirous in Her Own Words.](#)

Bernadette Soubirous was born in January of 1844. Her father and mother were among the working poor of the town of Lourdes, France. Her father was a resident miller of a mill he did not own. For a time, the family found lodging in the Boly Mill, where Bernadette was born. Surely the persistent, gentle sounds of the mill grinding the wheat were some of her earliest memories. But famine brought financial ruin to the Soubirous family; the mill was sold and they lost everything. So poor did they become that they were forced to live in a cell of the former town jail. Such poverty and poor nutrition surely contributed to her later health troubles and to her diminutive stature. Bernadette

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stood only 4 feet 7 inches tall and had an asthmatic condition that would be her cross throughout her life. Many who heard of the visionary of Lourdes and sought to meet her were surprised by the woman they met: diminutive, short of breath, and with a persistent cough. Her life was filled with suffering, and like Jesus, who suffocated on the cross, she would die in a similar (though less violent) fashion.

Bernadette's suffering began at a young age; her health declined beginning in the sixth year of her life. She had stomach trouble, seemingly a disorder of the spleen. And the cholera epidemic of 1855 struck her cruelly. From that time on Bernadette was asthmatic. Even in the period just after the apparitions, she was so sick that she received the last Sacraments.

Although she recovered, she was constantly sought out by a constant influx of visitors to Lourdes; this tired her greatly. Her pastor and her family sought to protect her as much as possible, but she found it impossible to refuse such numbers entirely. Although Bernadette preferred solitude and shunned the fame that others gave her, she strove to be generous and patient with the steady stream of pilgrims and admirers.

Many were surprised by what they saw when they met Bernadette. They noted that she often coughed and that her asthma seemed to give her much trouble. One visitor was quite startled by her appearance, calling her "puny." Some years later, another visitor described waiting in the entryway of the convent-school while Bernadette was summoned. As Bernadette came up the hall (with a sister escorting her) the visitor heard the sound of labored breathing and wheezing. The sister entered, followed by a "small child who looked to be merely 13 or 14." Yet Bernadette was by this time 19 years old. The visitor noted that her face was oval and full, but her cheeks were rather red (a common problem in those who have asthma).

Yes, many visitors were surprised that a woman whose legacy loomed so large was herself so diminutive and in such poor health. They would ask, "Have you prayed for a cure?" The answer often came back simply, strangely, and laconically, "No."

A visiting priest arrived to question Bernadette about the apparitions and, finding her in bed, asked how long she had been sick:

"Over a week," she answered.

"And what ails you?"

"My chest," she noted.

He observed that her cough indicated a considerable weakness in her chest.

"Are you asking the Blessed Virgin for a cure? Hasn't the water from the grotto helped many people? Why wouldn't she heal you?"

"Perhaps she wants me to suffer," Bernadette replied.

"Why would she want you to suffer?"

"Maybe I need to suffer."

"Why do you need to suffer?"

"Ah, God knows!" she said.

"Yes, people say that she told you that you would suffer very much."

"Yes," replied Bernadette, "but she promised me I would be happy in the next life."

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!

CANDLEMAS MASS

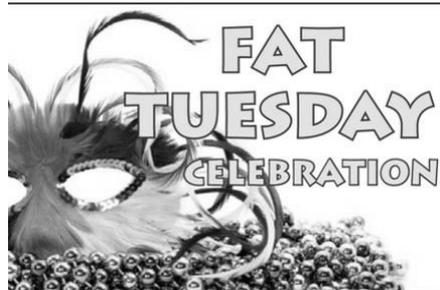
On Tuesday, February 2 there will not be an 8:30 am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm for the Candlemas Mass. Candles will be blessed and you will be able to take a box home with you.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Feast day of St. Blaise will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 pm Mass with blessings of throats.

FEBRUARY 9 FAT TUESDAY

With Ash Wednesday fast approaching 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.



FEBRUARY 10 ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

February 10

No Adoration

St. Michael - Noon

Our Lady of Lourdes 5:00 pm & 7 pm

PARISH ALL CALL PHONE SYSTEM

I hope many of you received the "All Call" this past week with the updates on Masses. If you did not receive the call and would like to be added please pick up a yellow sheet in the back of the church.

We will also update the website with announcements, www.ollsm.org and we will post on Facebook.



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.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 19 - 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on February 1 at 7:00 pm.



On February 19 the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fish Fry beginning at 5:00 pm.
Watch the bulletin for more

NDCCW NEWS

Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Spring Retreat at Bethany Retreat House April 1 & 2. Deadline for registration is March 1. Cost for Fri. & Sat. is \$100 members & \$105 non-members; for Sat. only \$30 members & \$35 non-members. The theme is Peace & Mercy. Please register with Becky Graef, Spirituality Commission Chair, 780 Antioch Rd., Dover, TN 37058, 931-232-7628 bgraef@mac.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

* For the repose of the soul of Logan Stephenson & Roseanne Munger

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 - 2/6/2016

Lector: Kay Braddock

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jenny Gonyea & John Schwarz

Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 2/7/2016

Lector: Colleen Felts

Extraordinary Ministers:

Robyn Masoner & Carol

Kuropatwinski

Ushers: Dick Joyce & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Cuinn Owens & Chris Hardy

Collection Counters: Vince

Moran & Claude Burton

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 2/7/2016

Lector: Debbie Traugher

Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Harbert & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter:

David Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: February 1-6

MONDAY: Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY: Luke 2:22-40

Presentation of the Lord

WEDNESDAY: Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY: Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY: Mark 6:14-29, St. Agatha

SATURDAY: Mark 6:30-34

St. Paul Miki

OFFERING

	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. MICHAEL
January 24	Parish: \$2,235.24	No Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Sarah Montague by Hugh & Kay Braddock
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For repose of the soul of Logan Stephenson by Hugh & Kay Braddock
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the intentions John Rampino by Cissy Rampino
TUESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Ralph Fuller, OP by John & Cissy Rampino
WEDNESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Michael Ebnet by Rita Erickson
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of David & Joanne Ebnet by Rita Erickson
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Harold & Carol Ebnet & Family by Rita Erickson
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Logan Stephenson by Frank & Kendra Monfette

The flowers on the altar at St. Michael are a gift by the Logan Stephenson Family