



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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### 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 - NOON  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

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

## ST. MICHAEL

Website: [www.ollsm.org](http://www.ollsm.org)

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "The King Shall Come" # 785

**OFFERTORY:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1 & 2), #652

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

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

Advent means the coming of the Lord, but....

Advent means the coming of God, the King of eternity, King of the world, King of the poor.

Advent means the coming of God who wants to unite us with himself by making himself a child of our human race.

Advent means the coming of God, who in the course of history transforms," divinizes" the world and brings mankind into the divine kingdom. Isaiah is the great prophet of Advent.

In the eighth century before the coming of Christ he foretold that a Child would be born from a virgin; this Child would bring together into Jerusalem the people who were enslaved in the pagan country of Babylon. For us, Jerusalem means Heaven. For we are the people

in exile, enslaved by sin. He who comes to save us will bear the titles "God, Almighty, Prince of peace." We know all this, but....

Fr. Longenecker wrote on the root of restlessness: an Advent hope.

"What is it that makes us so restless and so unhappy? Some say it is desire. The root of all unhappiness is desire. We desire what we do not have, and we desire more what we cannot have.

But what is at the root of that desire? I think it is something else.

It is fear. The nameless fear in the middle of the night. It is the fear that haunts our waking hours as a gnawing restlessness that focuses itself in desire.

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We desire as we hunger and we don't know what we desire or for what we hunger.

That desire and restlessness is rooted in fear.

"But what am I afraid of?"

That's just the thing. We don't know what we're afraid of. The fear is formless. The fear is simply there as a ground level anxiety in our human condition.

At times, of course it comes out as real fear and anxiety. Some small thing sparks it or some great concern fans the flames and the fear erupts in full terror.

More often the fear surfaces as resentment towards others, suspicion of others and condemnation of others.

Why do we bad mouth and blame the other? Because we fear. We fear they will have something better than us. They will have something we cannot have. They will be better than us and shame us and their superiority will put us down and we fear.

Why do we strive so hard to succeed and be better than others? Because we fear.

Why do we work so hard to earn so little and then spend it on stuff we don't need? Because we fear. We fear being alone and not being secure. We fear not being loved for who we are so we try to be loved for what we have.

Why do we put on artificial masks and do things and say things to people who we don't like in order to win approval from them even though their approval means nothing? Because we fear.

Why do we attack other racial groups, other socio economic groups, immigrants, Democrats, Republicans, the rich, the poor, the Catholics, the Protestants, the bishops, the clergy, the people, the neighbors, the children, the adults, the parents, the students, the teachers. Why do we attack and blame most anyone but ourselves? Because we fear.

Fear is the root of original sin for the original sin is that of pride: "I am the best. I am like God." That's pride, and that ugliness springs forth from fear.

Fear at the foundation which is fear of God.

That is why the proverb is so profound: "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"

Not fear for its own sake, but the realization that the fear is there, and once we realize that the fear of the Lord is there like a silent beast in the darkened cellar of our lives we can begin to face the fear.

Then one day, if grace is given and the journey leads that way, then one day if the door is opened and we see our way there we come to realize at that very same depth that the message of the angel is always, "Do not fear. Do not be afraid."

This is an Advent message from the angel to you. "Do not be afraid."

Do not be afraid because God is with you. He is on his way.

Perfect Love is about to enter the world and as we know, "Perfect love casts out all fear."

ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Fr Dean

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Sunday, November 29***

8 am - Mass at St. Michael

10:30 am - Mass

1 pm - Spanish Mass

2:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice

### ***Tuesday, December 1***

8:30 am - Mass

### ***Wednesday, December 2***

3 - 6:15 pm Adoration

8:30 am - Mass

### ***Thursday, December 3***

8:30 am - Mass

### ***Friday, December 4***

8:30 am - Mass

### ***Saturday, December 5***

8:30 am - Mass

9-noon Adoration & Confession

9-11am - Jr. Legion

11am - Legion of Mary

1:00 - Spanish Choir Practice

5 pm - Vigil Mass

6:00 pm - Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Dinner

7 pm - Charismatic Group

### ***Sunday, December 6***

8 am - Mass at St. Michael

9 - 10:15 - Religious Education Classes

10:30 am - Mass

1 pm - Spanish Mass

2:30 pm Spanish Choir Practice

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CLASSES WILL HAVE  
CHRISTMAS BREAK FROM  
DECEMBER 27, 2015 -  
JANUARY 3, 2016  
CLASSES RESUME ON  
JANUARY 10, 2016

## 2016 ENVELOPES

The 2016 collection envelopes are located in the back of the church. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box please contact the office, 615-384-6200.

Children's envelopes are available upon request.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus sponsor a free spaghetti dinner for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael next Saturday, December 5 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall after the 5 pm Mass.



## SECOND COLLECTION UNITED MINISTRIES

## FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

December 8 is the feast day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of obligation. There will be noon Mass at St. Michael and 7:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.



## FIRST ADVENT - THE COMING OF CHRIST

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Advent that anticipates the Second Advent -- the Coming of Christ at the end of the world and remembering the First Advent -- the Coming of Christ at Christmas.

I would like to thank the Legion of Mary, the Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Ministry, Kendra Monfette and Wayne Stout for their hard work in providing the opportunity for parishioners to make Advent Wreaths for their homes.

This year we expanded the Advent Preparation Program to people attending every Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael, and we doubled the number of parishioners attending the program.

It is my prayerful hope that the circle of greens, candles and accompanying prayers will help each family enter into the season of Advent. It is a season where we somberly take stock of our lives in the shadow of final judgment, while at the same time anticipating the incredible mercy of the process of our redemption, which began at the Annunciation and was made known to the world at Christmas.

The season of Advent is a long observed tradition of the church.

Here are some facts about the history of Advent from Dr. Taylor Marshall:

The first recorded time of "preparation for Christmas" is found in the acts of the Synod of Saragossa, Spain in 380 A.D.

This synod declared that all baptized Christians should be present in Church from Dec. 17-25.

In 581 A.D., the Synod of Macon in Gaul (modern day France) called for the liturgical norms for Lent be kept from Nov. 11 to Dec. 24, which is about 40 days.

There is a copy of a sermon given by Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590-604) for the second Sunday of Advent.

In the seventh century, Advent was celebrated in Spain with five Sundays. Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85) reduced the number of Sundays in Advent from five to four, which is the current practice.

The third Sunday of Advent is technically called Gaudete Sunday and it is marked by rose vestments. Gaudete means rejoice because the third Sunday marks the over-half- way-point of Advent.

And what about the Advent Wreath? It originated in Germany in the 19th century and quickly spread to what we use and teach today.



# PRAYER LIST

## HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*June Bell  
\*Susie Bess  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*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

## PETITIONS

\*For the respect and protection of human life.

## DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

\* Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wilfred Thibeault

## HOMEBOUND

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

\*Helen Byrne  
\*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

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY -12/5/2015

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Harry Lee & Colleen Felts

Ushers: Harry Lee & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 12/6/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

David & Mandee Johnson

Ushers: David Johnson &

Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Jake Rucker & Nathan Aviles

Collection Counters: Claude

Burton & Taylor Johnson

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 12/6/2015

Lector: Debbie Traugher

Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Harbert & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter:

David Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Kaye Sharp & Jim Schott

## GOSPEL: Nov. 30 - Dec. 5

MONDAY: *Matthew 4:18-22*

*St. Andrew*

TUESDAY: *Luke 10:21-24*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 15:29-37*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 7:21,24-27*

*St. Francis Xavier*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 9:27-31*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 9:35-10:1 5a,6-8*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11/22

Parish: \$5,743.68

### ST. MICHAEL

11/22

Parish: \$1,855.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Helene Lassister  
by The Cole & Crumpler Families

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

For the repose of the souls of Andrew & Joan Catignani  
by Tony & Cathy Cotter

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

For the intentions of the departed members of the Legion of Mary

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul Dorothy McCleary by Pat Grandon

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

For the repose of the soul of Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Don Axley by Terry & Patricia Avril

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

The greenery on the Altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Colleen Felts