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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 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10 AM - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9:00 - Noon

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Let All Things Now Living" #612

OFFERTORY: "How Great Thou Art" #569

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

Right now, Christian education is on my brain. Seeing all our children again on Sunday morning, the mild (and holy) chaos of first day, teachers learning names, trying to find chairs, showing off our new paint job and paintings along the hallway, hearing the kids recite prayers that maybe they don't know, all this and more is no accident. Our teachers (and Deacon Morris) are gifts; our little ones are gifts, staff rushing out and getting more chairs...we are in this together and we cooperate with God for the spread of his kingdom. Together, family and Church must work together to pass on a faith that has meaning. And this got me thinking...I came across this quote in my reading this

past week:

"Catholicism is a cosmological religion, that is, one that integrates all the phenomena of space and time into a sacred order in which divine and human existence are continuous. This cosmology locates and explains man's existence. For the Catholic, therefore, religion is not private and autonomous but communitarian and cosmic. Every aspect of existence is explained a part of an eternal benevolent continuity. For the Catholic, suffering is rescued from absurdity by being seen as a valuable co-operation with the suffering of the Son of God on the Cross, and Christ's suffering in turn is seen as the Atonement, [which] only the Son of God

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made man, could offer for the original sin of Adam.”

That quote, which seems like a mouthful, really is not that difficult. First, we need a couple of definitions. “Cosmological,” means metaphysics that treats the character of the universe (all space in the cosmos, including all universes, black holes, heaven and everything in between) as an orderly system including the processes of nature. “Catholic” means universal and/or general. The Eastern Christian churches broke away in 1054, and the protestant revolution happened in the early 1400’s; but still, to be Christian from the early days of Jerusalem was to be “Catholic;” it was truly universal, it was *the* Church. That is what we are truly a part of.

In other words, we Catholics are a faith that believes God created the world, the heavens and the earth, and that this is orderly, and all parts, are sacred and has meaning. “Communitarian” is an old-style word meaning community, with a commonality of interests and relationships. In short, we all believe, and more to the point, we all believe *together*; we are in this together. What the Catholic Church proposes to the world is view of a universal faith in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, who created the world, everything has meaning, everything has purpose, even all that “stuff” that we don’t understand.

And when we “cooperate” with God that means we worship together in the most important act we can possibly do: participate in heart and mind, body and soul, in the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Calvary on the Altar each week. When we adults (which means everyone one of us is also a “teacher”); when we truly understand what the Mass is and means, everything in our life changes. What we pray is truly what (I hope) we believe. Yes, I know not everything is perfect, but because we are together, we volunteer, we offer, we sacrifice in ways we have not thought of so that our understanding of the cross is that much more deeper. And when our faith deepens, there will be a clarity to life not seen. Our faith is supernatural, it is cosmic, it is sacramental, it is eternal, it has purpose, it is communal, it is joyful, it is life-giving, it is sacred, it is the Mass. Together, let us pass our love of the Mass on to the other; the next generation.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Club Meeting
Sunday, September 20 - 11:30 am

Over 50 Group
Friday, September 25 - 6:00 pm

St. Michael Feast Day
Sunday, September 27 - 3:00 pm
(Outside Altar)

NO 8 AM MASS THIS DAY

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN
HELP LEAD THE ROSARY ON
SATURDAY BEFORE THE
VIGIL MASS PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE
615-384-6200**

CRAFT FAIR NEEDS ARTISTS

The Women's Ministry at
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
is sponsoring a Craft Fair on
Saturday, October 17 from 9 am - 4 pm

Tables will be available for rent for
\$20.00. Proceeds from the rentals will be
used in various outreach ministries in
Robertson County.

Artists and craft persons should contact
Carol Bray, 615-384-4281 or Margaret
Calvin, 615-746-0723 to reserve a space.

Bake sale items and a pizza lunch will be
available to purchase during the fair.

This is an indoor event so rain or shine!

ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY MASS

Spread the word. St. Michael parish will celebrate its feast day with an outdoor Mass at 3 PM on Sunday, September 27. The Mass will replace the parish's normal 8 AM Sunday Mass.

The church offers a plenary indulgence for visiting a parish on its titular feast day. In addition to visiting the church, one has to pray one Our Father and the Creed, as well as the normal conditions of true repentance, having a recent confession, receiving communion and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. Indulgences release us from our sins that have been confessed and forgiven.

After the 3:00 pm Mass The Church will provide BBQ please bring a side dish and enjoy a meal with everyone.

In preparation for this day there will be a clean up day on Saturday, September 26 starting at 9:00 am. Thank you in advance for all who can help.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE STARTS WEDNESDAY

WHAT: 40 days for life is an international campaign of prayer, sacrifice and education to end abortion around the world.

WHEN: The 40 day period starts on September 23 and ends on November 1.

WHERE: Peaceful prayer vigils will be held in 307 cities around the world. The local prayer vigil will be held from 7 AM to 6 PM in the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 412 D.B. Todd Blvd. in Nashville. All participants must sign a statement of peace pledging to conduct themselves in a calm and prayerful manner. Prayer participants should think of themselves as being like Mary at the foot of the cross of Jesus.

WHO: Everyone is welcome to participate. To sign up for a time slot go to www.40daysforlife/nashville. Legion of Mary members Nathan Smith and Teresa Dean will be representing Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursdays during the campaign in Nashville. People who are interested in joining them, should call Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864.

WHY: To beg God's forgiveness and assistance to end the loss of innocent life; to bear a public witness for the unborn and testify to their humanity; to save lives; and to offer love and hope to those facing crisis pregnancies or in need of healing from abortions.

HOW: Here is an example of one prayer by Archbishop Fulton Sheen that may be said during the 40 days:

Mary, Mother of the Unborn

Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life

Of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Let me live ...

Let me walk into the sunshine...

Let me live ...

Feel my mother's arms around me ...

Feel my father's love surround me ...

Be a part of God's creation...

Let me live ...

NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Fr. Dean will teach an Inquirers' (RCIA) class for those who are new to the faith and all those who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding.

The class will meet on Thursdays at 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes starting Oct. 8th.

A signup sheet is located at the back of both parishes.

AQUINAS CLASS & DEAD THEOLOGIANS CLASS

These two classes have started and are on Wednesday nights after the 6:30 pm Mass. The Aquinas Class is held in the Rectory and The Dead Theologians Class (for any student who has completed confirmation) is held in the hall.

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*June Bell
*Shannon Bell
*Susie Bess
*Dorothy Bradley
*Robert Bradley
*Cheryl Bush
*Jerry Bush
*Don Cole
*Tom Cuff
*Eva Davanport
*Bea Heatherly
*Macky Hunter
*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

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

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*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 – 9/26/2015

Lector: Kay Braddock
Extraordinary Ministers:
Alice Cole & Claude Burton
Ushers: Harry Lee & Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 9/27/2015

Lector: Taryone Carney
Extraordinary Ministers:
Dick Joyce & Gene Masoner
Ushers: Paul Nutting & Volunteer
Altar Servers:
Carson & Jake Rucker
Collection Counters:
Mel Warnecke & Paula Moran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 9/27/2015

Lector: Linda Harbert
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kaye Sharp & Mike Ellis
Usher/Greeter:
Debbie Traugher
Collection Counters:
Kaye Sharp & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: September 21-26

MONDAY: *Matthew 9:9-13*

St. Matthew

TUESDAY: *Luke 8:19-21*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 9:1-6*

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

THURSDAY: *Luke 9:7-9*

FRIDAY: *Luke 9:18-22*

SATURDAY: *Luke 9:43b-45*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9/13

Parish: \$3,409.45

Haiti: \$388.05

ST. MICHAEL

9/13

Parish: \$1,708.15

Haiti: \$217.00

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 intentions of Charles Norris Jr. by his family

For the repose of the soul of Staff Sgt. Marcus S. Bowl
by Mike & Cherry Ellis

For the repose of the soul of Ed Gramaldi by Raquel Van De Velde & Family

For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris Sr. by his family

For the repose of the soul of Ed Gramaldi by Raquel Van De Velde & Family

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

For the repose of the soul of Michael Ebnet by Rita Erickson

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

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by The Schwarz Family