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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 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: "O Christ, Our Hope" #647

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

Pastor's Column

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

The Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, Cardinal Robert Sarah recently gave an interview with a Polish Catholic Newspaper as he discussed his new book "God or Nothing. A Conversation on Faith," (which by the way is an excellent book).

He was asked a question: Q: Venerable Fulton J. Sheen used to say: "It does not require much time to make us saints; it requires only much love".

According to Your Eminence, where to start from if one would like to attempt holiness?

A: **The starting point is only the love of God. There is no other solution.** We can love our neighbor as God has loved us, just because God has loved us first. So, when we speak of love, we are not referring to an abstract and passing sentimentalism, but of a lasting and eternal love. (Continued on Page 2)

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Love is a term so abused and disfigured in contemporary society that we should all have at least a little bit of discretion in pronouncing the word. Today we are confronted with a type of compassionate technicality, according to which in the name of love we come to the point of killing each other - through euthanasia or abortion - so as to free the other from his suffering! Do you realize what an abominable point we are approaching? We use the words love, sentiment, affection - to justify what is an act of death! Instead, as Benedict XVI wrote in the Encyclical "Deus Caritas Est": "Love is "divine" because it comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a "we" which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28)".

But love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable: the Church herself is the fruit of a love story. Love is demanding! To truly love is to love even unto death - even death on a cross. **Modern man is discouraged by the journey that awaits him because he does not understand the reason why he lives: he needs high goals, yearns for high goals because his goal is holiness.** A mountaineer aims for the peak of the mountain because he knows that there he will find peace and refreshment whereas, if he were to listen to the voices of those who discourage him, he would fall into the rift. The fact is that nowadays it seems easier not to commit to greater vocations: we live in a pulverized society, in a culture where personal desires become rights. **Man must understand that holiness is a path to follow every day, offering to God the value of the things that we do: in the family, at work, in social and community life. This is what the great saints of the Church teach us. And nothing could be more beautiful.**

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)
Fr. Dean

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be recovering the chairs in St. Luke's Hall on April 30 at 9 am. If you would like to help please see Claude Burton or John Schwarz.



FIRST COMMUNION

For those who attend Mrs. Grace's class First Communion will be Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am. The second class will be the older group of students and adults, this First Communion will be Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. This will take place at the new Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 15 will be the last Sunday for Religious Education Classes

May 4 will be the last class for DTS.
Please watch the bulletin for summer activities!

BREAKFAST SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL

Breakfast Sunday at St. Michael will be May 15 instead of May 8

GRADUATES

If you are graduating this year please let the office know. Thank you!



TOTUS TUUS, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of daytime volunteers to help with snack, lunch and clean up during Totus Tuus, the week of **June 19-24**. If you do not have the time to volunteer you could support us by helping provide snacks for the children or a lunch or dinner meal for the missionaries that will be helping during this week. If you are able to volunteer please contact Kendra Monfette for more details. 615-384-6200, 615-519-3520 or Kmonfette@ollsm.comcastbiz.net
Here is more information on the fun filled week long event.

DATES:

The teen program, grades 7-12 begins Sunday, June 19 thru Thursday, June 23 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Grades 1-6 will attend Monday, June 20 thru Friday June 24 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm.

LOCATION:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall and Church. There will be a daily Mass at 11:15.

COST:

\$20 for the first child, \$10 for the second child and free for all others. Please do not let the cost keep you from attending.

Full and partial scholarships are available from the parish. Please indicate need for scholarships on the registration form.

FOOD:

A snack will be provided for the daytime children and the teen program. Daytime students are asked to bring a lunch and drink. We do have microwaves for heating up lunches.

PARISH POTLUCK:

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 pm we will be having a potluck super. Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Enjoy the evening meeting the missionaries and experience some of the things the children are learning. We are hoping to have t-shirts available to purchase this night as well.

HOW THE PARISH BENEFITS FROM HAVING BOTH THE LEGION OF MARY AND ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Some people have been curious about the differences between the Legion of Mary and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul since they are both international lay apostolate organizations involved in promoting the sanctity of their members and outreach to their parishes and communities. The Legion of Mary, founded by the Servant of God Frank Duff, has its roots in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Frank Duff was a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ireland. In his work for the Society, he discovered that there was a need to help people with their spiritual hunger as well as the physical needs addressed by the Society.

Working under the direction of parish priests, Frank Duff created the Legion of Mary to be a group of lay people seeking the intercession of the Holy Spirit and Mary to live holy lives and serve the spiritual needs of others. While the Society of St. Vincent de Paul may help a family with their electric bill because of loss of employment, the Legion of Mary would provide them with a spiritual bouquet of prayers to endure their time of trial.

The work of the legionaries will vary based on the talents and interests of individual members and the needs of the parish. Some of the activities of the Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary include bringing communion to the sick and homebound, assisting with daily Mass, teaching religious education, and promoting understanding of the Church's teachings about life.

The Junior Legion of Mary (for ages 8 to 18) meets on Saturday mornings at 9:10 AM to 11 AM in the church rectory (little house beside the church). The senior Legion of Mary also meets in the rectory on Saturdays at 11 AM. If you are curious about the Legion, come to any Saturday meeting or the Sunday officers meeting on May 15. More information is available from Teresa Dean, Ann Stout, Nathan Smith, Mary Perry and Cathy Priest.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES LEGION HOSTS DIOCESEAN MEETING

The Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary will be hosting a meeting of the officers of the Legion throughout the Diocese on Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 PM at the parish hall. While Legion officers must attend, anyone who is interested in the Legion of Mary is invited to come to the meeting.

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*June Bell
*Dorothy Bradley
*Robert Bradley
*Richard Bogart
*Cheryl Bush
*Jerry Bush
*Helen Byrne
*Don Cole
*Eva Davanport
*Bea Heatherly
*Thelma Lee
*Ann Marie Legate
*Rosa Priest
*Nora Rabie
*Mary Senecal
*Robert Senecal
*Gloria Snow
*Mary Stout

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Claudia Traugber*

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*Dorothy Crosslin
*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

Vigil –4/30/2016

Lector: Shelby Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Savina Hollman & Alice Cole

Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer

SUNDAY – 5/1/2016

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

David and Mandee Johnson

Ushers: Robyn Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Carson & Jake Rucker

Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Vince Moran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 5/1/2016

Lector: John Restey

Extraordinary Ministers:

Anna Tinkle & Mike Ellis

Usher/Greeter:

David Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Mary Jackson & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: April 25 - 30

MONDAY: *Mark 16:15-20*

TUESDAY: *John 14:27-31a*

WEDNESDAY: *John 15:1-8*

THURSDAY: *John 15:9-11*

FRIDAY: *John 15:12-17*

St. Catherine of Siena

SATURDAY: *John 15:12-17*

OFFERING

April 17

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Parish: \$5,466.85

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Parish: \$1,821.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Anne Botos by Donna Fike
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the deceased members of the Altar Society
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jack Gannon by Patricia & Terry Avril
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Maria Cacho by John and Cissy Rampino
WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	6:30 PM	For the intentions of Anna Highsmith
THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Wayne Highsmith
FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Lucas Donovan by his family
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of McKenzie Guinn by her family

The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Colleen Felts