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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 & 7:00 PM
FRIDAY – 7:00 PM
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

ST. MICHAEL

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON 8/15/14

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Praise to the Lord" #721

OFFERTORY: "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" #800

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

Last week we made mention of the *external* threats to the faith, meaning those things that cause harm which are outside of our direct control. This week I would like to highlight one *internal* threat that I believe is equally as threatening to the faith. Internal means those things that we do have control of; things that cause our hearts and souls to become callused and the inevitable drifting away from the church and faith surely follows. There are many things that we could name, but we as a culture (and this crosses every boundary of race, age, ethnicity, gender, rural, urban, rich, poor, American, foreign, catholic or

or protestant) must face the demand, production and consumption of pornography – and how it is affecting and shaping young minds. It is destroying marriages, warping minds young and old, and though I have no scientific evidence, I bet that that porn is somehow lurking in the shadows of a whole lot of crime or headline stories. It is soul-killing stuff – and because of the demand, it is everywhere.

Msgr. Charles Pope of the Archdiocese of Washington DC recently wrote of this scourge.

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“We live in reductionist times, which is another way of saying that we live in times that have often cast aside the deeper, sacramental, and mysterious meaning of things and people...Gone is the soul and the mysterious spark we call life...It is all such a sad and reduced understanding of the human person. Somehow many see us as a merely biological “machine.”

“Yet even among those who accept the existence of the soul, there is another reductionist tendency of seeing the body merely as a tool, or something we have, rather than something we are in mysterious union with our soul...Anthony Esolen in his book: “Defending Marriage – Twelve Arguments for Sanity” writes: The human body is a precious thing, worthy of our reverence. It is not a tool, not an object of consumption like a steak or a keg of beer, not an animate provider of pleasure. It is the outward expression of a profound mystery, that of another human being. When we meet another human person, when we look at his or her face, we are in the presence of a creature whose like we have never found in all the rest of the universe. The human person is open to infinity... He can do more than apprehend the things he observes, he can imagine worlds he has never seen... honor and reverence is due to the astounding mystery of the human person... It is a contradiction to say, “I honor the human person,” while treating the human body as separable from the person using it as a tool, devouring [pornographic] images of it...One cannot at once love the beautiful and desire to defile it. It is like loving the Pieta with an ax. (P. 51)

“When some have spoken to me in confession of their struggle with pornography, I often ask them to remember, before they page through hundreds of images of bodies, and body parts, that there is a person “attached” to those bodies...She is someone’s daughter, and she is God’s daughter. Surely at age ten she never dreamed of making her first porn pics while some stranger “did” her. Something in her life went very wrong, something worth grieving. Yes, there is a person “attached” to that body, and though the pornography pushers may seek to airbrush it away, the tracks of her tears are still there, seen and known by God.

“Those who would victimize others or “consume” them like a product, must first dehumanize them. And that is where reductionism comes in. The consumer of pornography, must reduce the woman, whom he is actually consuming and using, to a body, to an image or picture. But she is not merely a body or a picture. She is a woman, a daughter, a sister, she is loved by God and something tragically awful has occurred in her life and she has taken a turn down a very long and dark back alley.

“Consider this well if you have a problem with porn, or know someone who does. Whatever the consumer of porn may think he is looking at, what he actually is looking at is a human person. He is also looking at a tragedy, a deeply sad portrait of a daughter of God who deserves more, so much more than to be consumed as a product for sale. Yes, she is a human person.”

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, August 10:

10:30 AM – Mass

Tuesday, August 12:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, August 13:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

Thursday, August 14:

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - Mass

Vigil for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM - Mass

Saturday, August 16:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 AM to Noon - Adoration and Confessions

11:00 AM – Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 17:

10:30 AM - Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, August 10:

8:00 AM – Mass - Breakfast Sunday

Friday, August 15:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Noon - Mass

Sunday, August 17:

8:00 AM - Mass

UPCOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MINISTRIES

The annual clothing drive starts August 10 thru October 19.

Any clothing, hair care products, lotions, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are welcomed. There will be donation boxes located in the back of each church.

There will be a blood drive on Monday, November 3 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

SLAYING BITTERNESS WITH SUPERNATURAL HOPE

There are times when we may be striving to do our best to please God and it seems that nothing is working out as we expect.

For example, you forgive a friend only to have your attempt at reconciliation rejected. Maybe you are striving to be faithful to the teachings of the church and are constantly being confronted by people who flaunt the teachings without apparent consequences. Or you see someone who is lying and cheating at work get ahead, while your honesty and integrity is ridiculed as naive.

There are many times and circumstances, when we may be like the writers of the psalms wondering where God is in these circumstances, wondering why the wicked are getting ahead, why people that should be helping us are constantly letting us down.

When these circumstances hit, and every life will have some, it is important to battle against becoming a bitter Catholic, said convert Dr. Taylor Marshall, a former Episcopal priest, who is the lead scholar of an Internet based educational program – The New Thomas Aquinas Institute.

We can't know our future, and we can't control other people, but we do know that God does know what is ahead for us.

We need to reach out in faith and remind ourselves that we know God, we know his goodness and his love for us. We need to seek the supernatural virtue of hope, which is not based on earthly circumstances, but on the sure knowledge of the love and goodness of God, he said.

We have been provided with the

examples of saints who show us that God can and will provide supernatural grace to bestow joy and peace in even the most horrendous circumstances.

Think of St. Lawrence being burned to death and asking to be turned over because he was done on that side. Or other martyrs who have gone to their deaths with forgiveness on their lips and peace within their hearts, Marshall said.

So when we start to moan and groan, recognize it as bitterness growing inside that needs a supernatural

dose of hope based on the goodness of God.

Marshall recommended doing the ABCs of gratitude to slay bitterness. Start with the first letter of the alphabet and think of a blessing you have received from God that begins with that letter. Once you have gone through the whole alphabet, you are better equipped to see God's love and blessings in your life.

As I have said many times, there is nothing God can't fix, if we just let him in and surrender our will to His perfect will.

HEALING

- *Daniel Frank
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traugher
- *Shannon Bell
- *Wyatt Houston
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *JoAnn Hunter
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Savina Hollman
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Bob Klimek
- *Sam Traugher
- *Jim Weller
- *Marvin (Eddie) Traugher
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Frank Monfette
- *Logan Stephenson

PETITIONS

- *For the safety of our armed forces.
- *For the respect of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

- *The repose of the soul of Paul Traugher.

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

BISHOP SUPPORTS YES ON 1 AMENDMENT VOTE

Bishop David R. Choby stressed the importance of a yes vote on a Tennessee constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to pass common sense regulations on abortion. Speaking at the end of the recent Mass dedicating the diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Bishop Choby alerted the faithful to this critical vote in November.

The effort to amend the constitution is due to a ruling by the Tennessee Supreme Court in 2000 that overturned three laws passed in the 1970s. The laws required informed consent for abortion, a 48-hour

waiting period and that third trimester abortions be performed in a hospital, according to an article in the Tennessee Register.

In overturning the laws, the state court ruled that the Tennessee constitution provided broader protections for abortion rights than those provided in the U.S. Constitution.

The amendment says that nothing in the Tennessee constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion. It states that through their elected officials, citizens may enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 8/16/2014

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Huddleston & Alice Cole

Ushers: Harry Lee & Jim Weller

Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 8/17/2014

Lector: Taryon Carney

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nathan Smith & Dick Joyce

Ushers: Don Owens & Gene Masoner

Altar Servers: Holly Wiemelt & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters: Vince Moran & Buddy Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 8/17/2014

Lector: Debbie Traugher

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Restey & Linda Harbert

Usher/Greeter: Kaye Sharp

Altar Server: Volunteer

Collection Counters: Kaye Sharp & Jim Schott

GOSPEL: 8/11-8/16

MONDAY: *Matthew 17:22-27*

St. Clare

TUESDAY: *Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 18:15-20*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 18:21-19:1*

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

FRIDAY: *Luke 1:39-56*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SATURDAY: *Matthew 19:13-15*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES 8/3

Parish: \$4819.01

Children: \$5.00

ST. MICHAEL 8/3

Parish: \$1,557.00

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
 7:00 PM
 FRIDAY MASS Noon
 7:00 PM
 SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Bill Sane by Jim & Paula Weller
 For the intentions of the Sandra Armour by Hugh & Kay Braddock
 For the people of God
 For a special intention
 For the repose of the soul of Bill Sane by Terry & Brenda Kelch
 For the intentions of Matthew & Patricia Coffey
 For the repose of the soul of Joseph Tramuta by Harry & Thelma Lee
 For the repose of the soul of Paul Traugher
 For the intentions of Loretta Thompson, Ann Crouch & Patricia Avril
 For a special intention

The Altar flowers at St. Michael are donated by Denise Haley

The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Rose Mathews in celebration of her grandchildren