



THE MESSENGER

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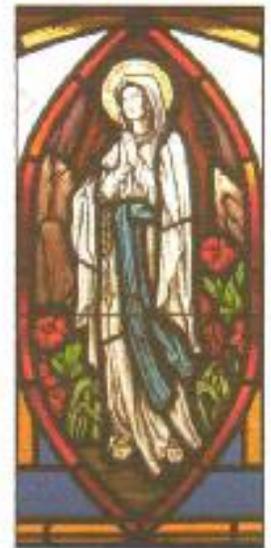
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 – **None 8/8/15**
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – **None in August**
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: "O Living Bread from Heaven" #670

OFFERTORY: "Gift of Finest Wheat" #528

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

I have offered some reflections, as well as quotes from various authors, on the recent Supreme Court decision (Obergefell v. Hodges) regarding the new law of the land; the redefinition of marriage and what it means for those who trust and believe in the deposit of faith (the Magisterium) as has been handed down to us since Jesus Christ. As has been noted, it is dreadful law in our once constitutional (?) democratic (?) representative (?) republic, and now the redefinition of any religious activity is open to any and all. It is dreadful natural law, completely contrary to what our creator proposed for us to follow. And, of course the decision is dreadful theology and is, sadly just another emblem of our continued "Slouching Towards

Gomorrh" a title and phrase from Judge Robert H. Bork's 1996 prescient book on liberalism and the decline of America. Where is the outrage from our Bishop's Conference? (In fact, where is the outrage from all our Bishop's conference regarding Planned Parenthood and the selling of aborted baby parts?) The battle of our culture is a supernatural battle between good and evil; between those who subscribe and follow the devil and those who put their trust in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. I don't know how much plainer I can make it. We can no longer roll over and play dead. We have allowed this to happen.

Theologian Dr. Peter Kwasniewski at the blog

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Rorate Caeli posted a commentary entitled "The Law of the Land is the Law of the Land" - Except When It Actually Isn't and Couldn't Possibly Be." I invite you to read Part 1 below.

"Spreading like wildfire through all the media is the "conciliatory" and "moderate" language of Cardinal Wuerl, as reported in a July 5 article: "The law of the land is the law of the land," says Archbishop of Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl. "We certainly follow what the law says. That doesn't mean we change the word of God. That doesn't mean we change the scriptures, or the church's millennia-long tradition of what marriage is."

"In one sense, this is hardly surprising; we have seen the same Cardinal take a soft line towards pro-abortion politicians who abuse the Most Blessed Sacrament by receiving It despite their notorious, persistent public dissent from immutable teaching on faith and morals. At the same time, however, it should shock us profoundly, as one more instance of a shepherd abandoning the crystal-clear teaching of the Church. The greatest witness to this teaching is, of course, the Angelic Doctor [St. Thomas Aquinas], who writes: "Human law is law inasmuch as it is in conformity with right reason and thus derives from the eternal law. **But when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law; but in this case it ceases to be a law and becomes instead an act of violence.**" (Summa theologiae, I-II, q. 93, a. 3, ad 2)

"Every law made by man can be called a law insofar as it derives from the natural law. But **if it is somehow opposed to the natural law, then it is not really a law but rather a corruption of the law.**" (Summa theologiae, I-II, q. 95, a. 2)

"Both of these passages are quoted verbatim by St. John Paul II in n. 72 of the encyclical letter Evangelium Vitae. But the same doctrine is found equally clearly in St. Augustine and other Fathers and Doctors of the Church. Indeed, we find Martin Luther King, Jr., in his justly famous ["Letter from a Birmingham Jail,"](#) citing both Augustine and Aquinas on precisely this point. How shameful it is when the shepherds of the Catholic Church cannot compare with the theological acumen of a Baptist pastor!

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

AUGUST IMPORTANT DATES

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Monday, **August 3 at 7:00 pm.**

There will be **no confessions** on Saturday, **August 8 & 15.** There will be a Communion Service and Adoration.

St. Michael will have Breakfast Sunday on **August 9** after the **8:00 am** Mass.

The Women's Ministry will sponsor an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **August 9** after the **10:30 am** Mass.

FALL OFFICE HOURS WILL BE MON - FRI 8AM - 2PM

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Father John Quinn will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

ENDOW CLASS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

Women of the parishes are invited to let Saint Thomas Aquinas shine the light of truth in today's murky waters of moral confusion through a new ENDOW class that will start on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

"ENDOW" stands for "Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women" -- provides authentic Catholic teaching in a small-group setting. The new class, "Aquinas for Beginners Part 1," will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:10 PM to 8:30 PM in the Our Lady of Lourdes rectory (small house beside the church).

Saint Thomas Aquinas is one of the great theological voices of the church whose writings explain the truths of God based on logic and reason. The ENDOW course will cover the properties of the soul, five reasons for the existence of God, and how to understand human passions. There is no homework for this 16-week course and all instruction is provided during the meetings.

The cost of the course is \$19.95 plus shipping. Participants register and pay for the course online at <https://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p2491.aspx>. If you need assistance with registration or help in paying for the course, please call Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

Ten “Isms” That Are Destroying the Church

by [Fr. Dwight Longenecker](#)

(Part 1 of 3)

“One of the talks I present when I am conducting a parish mission is “The Attack of the Isms” and I portray them as an alien attack on rational earthlings. I discuss twelve different forms of relativism, and as Pope Benedict referred to “the dictatorship of Relativism” notice how all ten lead to tyranny of one kind or another. Here are ten “isms” that are attacking our culture and destroying the church. These are really ten informal heresies—most Americans are not aware of them because they are simply part of our culture. They are the air we breathe. They are the wallpaper. Remember heresies are not complete lies. They are half-truths. Therefore in each one of the ten heresies there is something attractive and true. It becomes a heresy when it is cut off from the other truth which would balance it, or when it exists on its own apart from the rest of a truth system.

“1. Individualism - Americans love the rugged individualist, the person who marches to a different drummer and all that, but when individualism is cut loose from any sense of community, tradition and truth it brings chaos. It’s true that each individual is a unique and eternal creation of God, but he finds his fulfillment in something greater than just himself. I sometimes think the national anthem of America should be changed to Frank Sinatra’s “I Did it My Way”. Individualism has now gone to such an extreme that every person feels they can do what they will as long as they harm no one. The problem with this is that is exactly the creed of the Satanist: “Do what you will, but harm not one.” By the way—the “harm no one” phrase is a recent addition to the diabolist’s creed to make it more “nice people friendly.”

“2. Sentimentalism - Relativism means there is no such thing as truth. If there is no truth, then the only way a person has to decide what to believe and how to behave is according to how they feel. Sentimentalism is the heresy of determining everything about how we feel. The problem with this is that without any system of revelation and truth the emotions are soon reduced to two basic and elemental emotions. Discerning truth actually brings subtle gradations of emotion and different feelings. Without truth only two remain: rage and ecstasy. So in our society we see hordes running after sheer pleasure as fast as they can and when something does not bring them pleasure they respond in rage. Yikes!

“3. Indifferentism - If there is no such thing as truth, then it doesn’t matter what you believe and it doesn’t matter what religion you belong to. What is the most sure fire thing for destroying not only the Catholic Church, but every form of Christianity? Indifferentism. If you choose your belief system according to how you feel (sentimentalism) then, any religious choice must be as good as any other. It doesn’t take long to figure out that if any form of Christianity is of equal value, then every religion must be of equal value and if every religion is of equal value, then not having a religion must be of the same value.

“What is the answer? The only answer is for Catholics to stand apart, to know their faith and live it in a radical and startling way in the world. By this I do not mean simply doing good works and helping at the food pantry. All that, of course, is wonderful, but living a radical Catholic life means more than that. It means having a different mindset, a different world view, a different perspective on all things than do our non-Catholic neighbors, and the only way to achieve this is through a life dedicated to work, prayer and study.”

Next week: Part 2

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*Ernie Axley Sr.
*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
*Rosa Priest
*Nora Rabie
*Mary Senecal
*Robert Senecal
*Dee Smoker
*Gloria Snow
*Mary Stout
*Joyce Traughber

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 Traughber
*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 – 8/8/2015

Lector: Carol Hostettler
Extraordinary Ministers:
John Schwarz & Savina Hollman
Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 8/9/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt
Extraordinary Ministers:
Taryon Carney & Mande Johnson
Ushers: Dick Joyce & Volunteer
Altar Servers: Holly & Brianna Wiemelt
Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Joan Byrne

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 8/9/2015

Lector: David Tinkle
Extraordinary Ministers:
Anniecia & James Connaghan
Usher/Greeter: Mary Jackson
Collection Counters:
Kaye Sharp & Joe Grady

GOSPEL: August 3 - 8

MONDAY: *Matthew 14:13-21*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 14:22-36*
St. John Vianney

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 15:21-28*

THURSDAY: *Mark 9:2-10*
The Transfiguration of the Lord

FRIDAY: *Matthew 16:24-28*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 17:14-20*
St. Dominic

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7/26
Parish: \$3,214.21
United Ministries: \$620.60

ST. MICHAEL

7/26
Parish: \$1,075.00
United Ministries: \$215.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Umberto Baldini by Savina Hollman
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jim Rowland by Tony & Cathy Cotter
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the intentions of Kerry Robinson Sr. & Kerry Robinson Jr.
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the healing of Brian Monfette
WEDNESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Diane Johnson by Jenise Robles
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Annette Thomas by Honore Billy
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Paul Traughber by Terry & Patricia Avril
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Mrs. Mary

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by The Rampino Family in thanksgiving of Simon & Daniels' First Birthday