



# THE MESSENGER

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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 – 9:00 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

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM  
HOLY DAY – NOON

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Faith of Our Fathers" #520

**OFFERTORY:** "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All" #593

**COMMUNION:** Instrumental

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

## Pastor's Column

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

The faith is under assault in two very different ways, carrying great "portent." What does my Webster's New International Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Unabridged have to say about the word "portent?" "Portent: "a sign, now usually an event, situation or the like, which presages evil; a forewarning. Prophetic character or significance; ominous meaning; as an event of dire or happy portent."

The first "portentous" event in the world is the intentional and deliberate blowing up of what has always been considered the

tomb of Jonah in the city of Mosul, Iraq. This happened several weeks ago and the news report I saved, said the large church and extensive grounds: "Once an Assyrian Church, converted into a mosque after the Muslim invasions, the tomb of the famous Old Testament Prophet who made the Ninevites do penance and recognize the God of Israel had first been vandalized after the fall of Mosul weeks ago. It was completely imploded, its structure

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demolished with explosives by the terrorists of the "Islamic State" as a place of "idolatry" -- which is why those happy barbarians in the video proclaim, "there is no God but Allah"...it contained nearly 3000-year-old relics and archaeological treasures, the spiritual treasure of the Assyrian people under the mosque [is now] turned into dust. *One further note:* some may read elsewhere that this was not incontestably the tomb of Jonah...in any event, it was since immemorial time considered so by Assyrians, including after their conversion to Christianity. At the very least, it was a site always considered holy by Assyrian Christians, who buried many of their saints and bishops on the spot for good reason and who, being partly the descendants of the Ninevites themselves, have better claim to knowledge of the site... Therefore, the Mount of Saint Jonah (where this church-converted-to-mosque was located) has a better claim to being Jonah's burial ground (or at least of part of his relics) than most places. Additionally to this, we know the terrorists obliterated it *because* they also believed Jonah was buried there, so their intent was to destroy both the memory of the Prophet and the heritage of Assyrian Christians."

They are killing Christians because they specifically are Christian. And they don't care what anyone thinks or says. And this will spread.

The second portent is what is happening on our southern border. This is a manufactured (as in created) event that is so laden with politics and shouting that no one can hear the truth or see any objectivity. For whatever reason, and they are numerous, we have the deliberate giving away? taking? shipment? (it is not totally clear) of children from countries in central America that are then transported across the border. And now, these children are being placed throughout the country, sometimes with the help of Catholic Charities. It is a noble response to a political and manufactured crisis...but...it is participating in the deliberate breakup of families. The children are tragic victims and now the government has the power to participate in the breakup of families for some greater "good" and the Church apparently is going along. A political crisis using children as pawns; and we allow the government the power to "design" the make-up of what they think a "family" should be. This is so utterly sad. And scary.

These are events that contain no *happy* portent. The faith is under attack. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us. Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. St. Michael, Pray for us.

ad Jesum per Mariam (to Jesus through Mary)

Fr. Dean

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Sunday, August 3:**

10:30 AM – Mass

**Monday, August 4:**

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Tuesday, August 5:**

8:30 AM - Mass

**Wednesday, August 6:**

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

**Thursday, August 7:**

8:30 AM - Mass

**Friday, August 8:**

8:30 AM - Mass

**Saturday, August 9:**

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

6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Installation Dinner

**Sunday, August 10:**

10:30 AM - Mass

## ST. MICHAEL

**Sunday, August 3:**

8:00 AM – Mass

**Sunday, August 10:**

8:00 AM - Mass

Breakfast Sunday

# MARY'S MOTHERHOOD WITH REGARD TO THE CHURCH

Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. "This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death", it is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion:

Thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: "Woman, behold your son."

## *Mass Schedule for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 14

7 pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15

7 pm

### St. Michael

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, August 15

12:00 Noon

There will be NO 8:30 AM morning Mass on Friday August 15

After her Son's Ascension, Mary "aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers." In her association with the apostles and several women, "we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation."

...also in her Assumption "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord

of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

Source: *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

## HEALING

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

## PETITIONS

- \*For the safety and peace of our armed forces and their families.
- \*For the respect of human life.

## DEPARTED AND

## THOSE WHO MOURN

- \*The repose of the soul of Cynthia Baker and Umberto Baldini (Savina Hollman's brother)

## 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

Several weeks ago we supplied pamphlets (*Top Ten Questions Catholic Are Asked*) they quickly disappeared. We are ordering more, in the meantime we thought it would be a good idea to offer some of those information here: In those pamphlets the paragraphs are chocked full of biblical situations and what many Catholics do not realize is that how biblically based what we believe and how we practice our faith and our liturgy - how scripturally connected they are. *Are you saved?*

Catholics can be as sure as anyone else that they are in God's good graces. The apostle John states that "you may know that you have eternal life" (1JN 5:13 - see also John 5:24). But this "assurance" has to be understood in light of John's other teachings in the same book: For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 JN 5:3, emphasis added - see also 1 Jn 2:3-6). "We know that *any one born of God does not sin*" (1 Jn

5:18, emphasis added). "He who loves God should *love his brother also*" (1 Jn 4:21, emphasis added). " He who commits sin is of the *devil*" (1 Jn 3:8, emphasis added - see also Cor 6:9). Likewise, St. Paul does not regard salvation as a one-time event, but as a goal to be sought after, one that can be lost: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12 - see also 1 Cor 9:27, 10:12; Gal 5:1, 4; Phil 3:11-14; 1 Tim 4:1, 5:15).

**GOSPEL: 8/4-8/9**

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

**TUESDAY:** *Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Matthew 17:1-9*  
*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**THURSDAY:** *Matthew 16:13-23*

**FRIDAY:** *Matthew 16:24-28*  
*St. Dominic*

**SATURDAY:** *Matthew 17:14-20*

**OFFERING**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES 7/27**

Parish: \$3,967.28  
Children: \$ 9.08  
United Ministries: \$ 508.77

**ST. MICHAEL 7/27**

Parish: \$1,425.00  
United Ministries: \$ 268.00

**ASSIGNMENTS**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**SATURDAY – 8/9/2014**

*Lector:* Donna Kobza  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Jim & Paula Weller  
*Ushers:* Claude Burton & Sherry Martell  
*Altar Server:* Seminarian

**SUNDAY – 8/10/2014**

*Lector:* Jill Rucker  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Gene & Robyn Masoner  
*Ushers:* Dick Joyce & David Johnson  
*Altar Servers:* Taw Owens & Cuinn Owens  
*Collection Counters:* Paul Nutting & Jim Weller

**ST. MICHAEL**

**SUNDAY – 8/10/2014**

*Lector:* John Restey  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Annecia & James Conaghan  
*Usher/Greeter:* Sandy Sawyer  
*Altar Server:* Volunteer  
*Collection Counters:* Mary Jackson & Bob Cyprus

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Jean Hambrick
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the intentions of the Altar Society
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the people of God
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the healing of Debrah Blackburn by Jim & Paula Weller
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For a special intention
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Charles Thompson
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For a special intention
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Terry Kelch

The Altar flowers at St. Michael are donated by Mary Jackson  
The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by The Rampino Family