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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
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: "Praise to the Lord" #721

OFFERTORY: "O God Beyond All Praising" #659

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

In some ways I think John the Baptist should be the patron saint of Christian Education. As I was preparing for the Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist, I saw how rich the figure of John is to helping explain Jesus. John's calling was one of "preparation," ie; he was preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. He taught and preached to large crowds and called the people specifically to "repent and believe" in the scriptures. In other words, he saw with his own eyes people drifting away from living and believing their faith. Sin; doing those things contrary to the 10 Commandments; contrary to what God would want, was at

the heart of their lives. And what kind of response did he get? Those large crowds flocked to see and hear him out in the middle of nowhere. And he used the action of water in baptism as an exterior sign of God working in their lives, converting their interior, their hearts. The times were ripe for a spiritual leader to come forth.

Isn't that what we do with Christian Education? In these times of spiritual warfare, when the temptations are so numerous and so subtle for all of us, regardless of our age to think that our faith is "just too hard" and "it really isn't *that* important." When we accept those thoughts, that is when temptation to sin, to separate us from virtue and doing

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good, opens wide the crack in the door. We are trying to prepare our children, so that they may know something of scripture and of the Christian faith, to keep them from drifting away and behaving in ways contrary to how God wants them and us to live. Because we know living the faith it is the best way to find peace, to know love and to pass it on, to have hope, even in these crazy, amoral times.

But “we” cannot do this alone. The pastor cannot do this alone. The teachers cannot do this alone. It is time for all of us to realize that the “we” part must involve the parents as well as all the people sitting in the pews whose behavior is observed by our parish children. “We” -- pastor, teachers *and* parents -- together are going to do what Elizabeth and Zechariah did for their son John -- teach him by word and example so that “...the child grew strong in spirit...till the day of his manifestation to Israel” (Luke 1: 80).

Christian education begins on Sunday, September 13. Our Director of Religious Education, Deacon Mike Morris, has been working very hard to make this the best year yet for our children. We are trying hard to spruce up the Parish Hall and classrooms. We have painted St. Luke’s hall and the hallway, added new artwork and are trying to make other simple improvements to our facilities. May our “sprucing up” and attention to detail help make our classes an inviting and engaging place to teach our children. We invite everyone, especially parents to help Deacon Morris and all the teachers make this the year when the simple, basic truths of our faith are lovingly passed on. When our children say grace before each meal, make the sign of the cross, know their basic prayers, say prayers each morning and night *with* the parents, when they see the parents read the Bible on the coffee table, when they see the crucifix in each bedroom, when they say a prayer of thanksgiving at the prayer station in the corner of the living room when they come home from school each day...all this and more is how we pass on the faith.

Why is this so important? “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” That is what God told Jeremiah. God knows us in ways we dare not know. He has a plan for each of us, each of our children and grandchildren. Each child has been given talents and gifts that are pleasing to God, to be rightly used in service to him. But our children will not know this unless they hear it during worship, in the Christian classroom *and at home*, over and over again. Each life is precious and irreplaceable; together we all have a part to play in fulfilling God’s holy will.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

TIME TO REGISTER FOR AQUINAS CLASS

We live in a society that has created rights to immoral behavior and established a class of human beings (the unborn) who may be legally slaughtered, dissected and sold. How did we get to this place?

If Saint Thomas Aquinas were living today, he would probably say we have forgotten that there is objective truth that we are capable of discovering and knowing. This holy and brilliant saint also would say that the only way to bring people to the truth is by engaging in respectful and rational discussions.

Begin your own quest to know the truth and share it with others by attending the Aquinas for Beginners Part 1 class to be held on Wednesday nights starting on Sept. 16 from 7:10 to 8:30 PM in the Our Lady of Lourdes rectory (small house beside the church). This 16-week class aims to help women come to know and love the Lord more deeply.

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.

**SECOND
COLLECTION
UNITED
MINISTRIES**

SACRAMENT GUIDELINES

BAPTISM

Please contact the office at least 2 weeks prior to the proposed date. We request the family fill out a "Baptismal Request" form that may be obtained from the office. We also request Parents and Godparents (Sponsors) complete a Baptism class prior to the baptism.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Saturday mornings from 9 am until noon. Also, at 4:30 prior to the 5 pm Vigil Mass or by appointment. Students in the First Communion Class and Confirmation will have a scheduled date given to them by their teacher.

FIRST COMMUNION

Children are prepared for First Communion by participating in the Sunday School preparation program. Registration will be Sunday, September 13.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 am. You may register for this class on Sunday, September 13.

MATRIMONY

Preparation is conducted by Father Dean and or Deacon Morris. Please contact the office a minimum of 6 months prior to the proposed

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

SUBSIDY INFORMATION

In 2014 Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael Catholic Churches established a subsidy policy to help define our assistance to afford Catholic education.

- * Families must be a registered members of Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Michael for one year prior to requesting a subsidy.
- * Must regularly attend Mass with children and be active members by giving of time, talents and treasures and be active in parish ministry.
- * Must use parish envelope system and agree to a minimum annual pledge amount of \$600 turned in the prior calendar year. At least 90% of this pledge must be met by December 31.
- * Tithing requirements are to be fulfilled by the parent or legal guardian and not other family members or friends.

All subsidy decisions will be made by the Subsidy Review Committee.

If you wish to be considered for a subsidy, please contact the office for an application form. If you are requesting subsidy for High School students, the same guidelines apply.

THERE WILL BE A PARENT MEETING AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND FOR ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

CLASSES START SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9 - 10:15 AM.

THIS WILL BE FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH CONFIRMATION.

THE DEAD THEOLOGIAN CLASS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AFTER THE 6:30 PM MASS.

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 – 9/5/2015

Lector: Carol Hostettler
Extraordinary Ministers:
Harry Lee & Colleen Felts
Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 9/6/2015

Lector: Rose Mary Reed
Extraordinary Ministers:
David & Mandee Johnson
Ushers: David Johnson & Volunteer
Altar Servers:
Taw Owens & Nathan Aviles
Collection Counters:
Claude Burton & Taylor Johnson

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 9/6/2015

Lector: Debbie Traughber
Extraordinary Ministers:
Mike Ellis & John Restey
Usher/Greeter:
Kaye Sharp
Collection Counters:
Mary Jackson & Jim Conaghan

GOSPEL: August 31-September 5

MONDAY: *Luke 4:16-30*

TUESDAY: *Luke 4:31-37*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 4:38-44*

THURSDAY: *Luke 5:1-11*

St. Gregory the Great

FRIDAY: *Luke 5:33-39*

SATURDAY: *Luke 6:1-5*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8/23

Parish: \$3,773.57

ST. MICHAEL

8/23

Parish: \$1,760.27

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 Thelma Lee

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

For the intentions of the Religious Education Teachers

For the intentions of the Homebound

For the repose of the soul of Diane Johnson by Jenise Robles

For the intentions of Jerry Gonyea by Brenda & Terry Kelch

For the intentions of the Legion of Mary

For the intentions of the Jr. Legion of Mary

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

The flowers on the altar at St. Michael are donated by Mary Jackson

SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>2</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer	<u>3</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>4</u> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 - 11:30 am Mother's Group	<u>5</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
<u>6</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 8 am Mass @ St. Michael 9 am Altar Society Meeting @ St. Michael 10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>7</u> Labor Day Office Closed	<u>8</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>9</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer	<u>10</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>11</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>12</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 6 pm Guest Speaker
<u>13</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 8 am Mass @ Saint Michael & Breakfast Sunday @ St. Michael 9 -10:15 am Religious Education K-Confirmation 10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>14</u> 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	<u>15</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>16</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - Dead Theologians Class	<u>17</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>18</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>19</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
<u>20</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 8 am Mass @ St. Michael 9 -10:15 am Religious Education K-Confirmation 10:30 am Mass 11:30 am - Women's Club Meeting 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>23</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - Dead Theologians Class 7:10 pm - Hispanic Committee Meeting	<u>24</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>25</u> 8:30 am Mass 6 pm Over 50 Group	<u>26</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 5-10 pm Charismatic Group Event at the Center
<u>27</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 9 -10:15 am Religious Education K-Confirmation 10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 3:00 pm Mass @ St. Michael / St. Michael Feast Day there will be NO 8 AM MASS at St. Michael	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>30</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - Dead Theologians Class	<u>Oct 1</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>Oct 2</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>Oct 3</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
All events are at Our Lady of Lourdes unless noted @ Saint Michael						