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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

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" #470

OFFERTORY: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #572

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

Marriage has got to be strong. It has to be a sacrament. Why?

Because think of all the "stuff" we throw at it or that the world throws at it. We continue with Msgr.

Pope's review of what Catholic teaching about marriage, sexuality and the Family:

The consequences of the divisions caused by sin continued to be felt down through the pages of the Old Testament in the polygamy of the patriarchs, which only gradually came to be forbidden, and in the permitting of divorce under Mosaic Law. Our Lord Jesus would later indicate that the fact that divorce was permitted was an indication of the "hardness of your hearts" (Mt 19:8).

III. Still a noble grace – Yet despite the distortion caused by

sin, God continued to point to marriage's lofty status by presenting it as one of the primary images of His covenant with His people. God was the faithful spouse of His bride, Israel. Through the prophets, He reminded His bride that she was espoused to Him. Sin was infidelity, but God's love was everlasting and, though He chastised Israel, He would never forsake her. God even used romantic imagery. Consider this example from the Prophet Hosea: "Therefore, behold, I will allure Israel, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her ... And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when

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she came out of the land of Egypt. "And in that day, says the LORD, you will call me, 'My husband' ... and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD (Hosea 2:14-20).

And so it was that God never cast aside the lofty ideals of marriage. He continued to proclaim them to His people.

IV. Established by Christ as a Sacrament – It is in this context that Jesus proclaimed an absolute return to God's original plan, which the regime of sin had distorted.

In the Gospels, Jesus proclaims His intention to return to God's original plan for marriage. Divorce had entered the scene through sin. But Jesus came to destroy the ancient power of sin and cancel its effects. He is able to empower couples, through His healing grace, to live up to the original vision of marriage given by God.

This, too, is clearly taught in the Catechism: *In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning. Permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts (Mt. 19:8). The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God himself has determined it "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Mt 19:6). This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus ... himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ (Mt. 19:11).* (Catechism 1614-1615)

It is in the context of His solemn teaching on marriage that Christ established marriage as a sacrament and St. Paul could declare it a great mystery (sacramentum). The Catholic Church has acknowledged it as such ever since.

Note the phrase used in the Catechism, which speaks of Christ's unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond. The word "unequivocal" is a strong one, and must be insisted on, especially to those who wish to equivocate on this matter. Let this be clear: no validly conferred marital bond can be broken. What God has joined is not to be separated. To leave a valid marriage and enter another sexual union is to be in an ongoing state of adultery.

V. The Outward Sign of the Sacrament – The outward sign, that which is seen and heard, is the exchange of consent (vows) before the Church. The Church is represented by a priest or a deacon. The vows are usually worded in this or similar fashion: I take you to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Note here the rather all-encompassing quality of these vows! Often a reminder of these vows can help to overrule notions that a marriage should end. For, indeed, there will be some bad times, sickness, and even poverty. But marriage is for better OR worse, in health AND in sickness, for richer OR for poorer.

Too many want their marriage to be ideal, and if there is any ordeal they want a new deal. But the vows speak directly to the fact that while marriage does bring joy and many graces, no marriage is perfect. Difficult times must be endured as part of the expected picture.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, November 9:

SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

10:30 AM – Mass

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

Tuesday, November 11:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, November 12:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass, Confirmation and Dead Theologians Society meets

7:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class

Thursday, November 13:

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - RCIA/Inquirers' Class

Friday, November 14:

8:30 AM - Mass

Saturday, November 15:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

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

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Free spaghetti dinner

Sunday, November 16:

10:30 AM – Mass

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

3:00 PM - Card Party

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, November 9:

SECOND COLLECTION - HAITI

8:00 AM - Mass

Breakfast Sunday

Sunday, November 16:

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Father Baron DVD Series

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15: 9:10 AM until 11 AM, first meeting of the Junior Legion of Mary in the rectory. The Junior Legion of Mary is open to all Catholic youth ages 8 to 18 and carries out activities of prayer and work under the supervision of the priest and senior members of the Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary.

All interested youths who have not signed up may come to the first meeting with their parents or guardians.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22: 11 AM, Springfield Christmas Parade. All confirmation students should come to Our Lady of Lourdes to decorate the float and participate in the parade. A free lunch will be served. Line up for the parade begins at 12:30 PM and youths should be picked up at the end of the parade or from the parish hall at 3 PM.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 11:45 AM: Family Advent Preparation program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall after the 10:30 Mass. Come prepare your home for the season of Advent. Participants will make an Advent Wreath with accompanying prayers, and learn how to make a Jessie Tree. The program aims to help families of all sizes prepare for the coming of Christ. Free materials and lunch is provided.

UNITED MINISTRIES

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Help families in need by donating canned hams, stuffing mixes, canned yams, cranberry sauce and other non-perishable items.

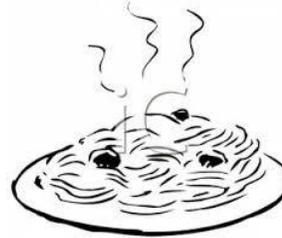
KNIGHTS SPONSOR OPEN HOUSE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free spaghetti dinner for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael on Saturday, November 15 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall after the 5 PM Mass.

The Knights are inviting everyone to participate in this Open House event that will give parishioners an opportunity to meet new people and catch up with

with old friends while enjoying a delicious Italian meal.

The evening will include music. If you would like to help with the event or make a donation to help defray some of the costs, please see



Fr. Dean or one of the Knights.

“The Knights have generously offered to sponsor this fellowship event and I encourage everyone to come,” said Fr. Dean.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Macky Hunter
- *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.

PETITIONS

- *For the safety and peace of our armed forces and their families.
- *For the respect of human life and passage of the Yes on 1 Amendment.

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

- *For our family and friends who have died.

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

MEET THE RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS

Salvador Soto, Fifth and Sixth Grade

I'm currently on my fourth year serving as a catechist for the 5th and 6th grade along with Clay Wooten.

I live in the White House area, and am married with two children. I work as the Quality Control foreman for Trinity Industries.

I give thanks to our Lord for giving me the opportunity to work with students. At a young age I left the faith and wondered in the world for 17 years with no direction.

After these 17 years, God made a call to me that was really hard to understand. My wife suffered an illness with

a tremendous amount of pain that no one could explain. After years of pain, she had surgery, and 30 days of procedures with no help. I thought I was going to lose her.

Finally, the doctor said if she was not better in 24 hours another painful surgery would be performed. After he left the room, I got on my knees for the first time in 17 years and I asked God and my wife for forgiveness, then I asked God for "help".

God answered my prayers and 24 hours later her complications were gone and another surgery was not needed! This is the same loving and forgiving God I am bringing to your child.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 11/15/2014

Lector: Kay Braddock

Extraordinary Ministers:

Connie Mitchell & Donna Kobza

Ushers: Jim Weller & Sherry Martell

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 11/16/2014

Lector: Rose Mary Reed

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Kuropatwinski & Colleen Felts

Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Holly & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Diana Butorac

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 11/16/2014

Lector: Mike Ellis

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Restey & James Connaghan

Usher/Greeter: Mary Jackson

Altar Server: Volunteer

Collection Counters: Kaye Sharp & Joe Grady

GOSPEL: 11/10-15/13

MONDAY: *Luke 17:1-6*

St. Leo the Great

TUESDAY: *Luke 17:7-10*

St. Martin of Tours

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 17:11-19*

St. Josaphat

THURSDAY: *Luke 17:20-25*

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

FRIDAY: *Luke 17:26-37*

SATURDAY: *Luke 18:1-8*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES	11/2
Parish:	\$3,598.15
Children:	\$5.00
St. Michael	
Cemetery Fund	\$743.00
ST. MICHAEL	11/2
Parish:	\$2,018.00
St. Michael	
Cemetery Fund	\$1,087.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Beverly Knuth by Jon & Jan Knuth
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ina Lambert by Tony & Cathy Cotter
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For a special intention
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ina Lambert by Tony & Cathy Cotter
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Leo Legere by Wayne & Bea Heatherly
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Van Perdue by Terry & Brenda Kelch
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Armand St. Pierre on his 90th birthday by his family
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Anthony Anella by Charles & Dorthy Monsorno

The flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are in honor of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory
The flowers at St. Michael are in honor of Allison Peterson Ways 30th birthday by her family