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THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 27, 2015

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY – 8:30 AM 12/30/15

THURSDAY – Mass at St. Michael 7pm

FRIDAY – 10:00 AM 1/1/16

SATURDAY – No 8:30 Mass 1/2/16

VIGIL – 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM

IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – None 1/2/16

BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - None 12/30/15

SATURDAY – None 1/2/16

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - 12/31

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Immaculate Mary" #577

OFFERTORY: "Once in David's Royal City" #702

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

“None of us gave ourselves life or singlehandedly learned how to live. All of us received from others both life itself and its basic truths, and we have been called to attain perfection in relationship and loving communion with others. The family, founded on indissoluble marriage between a man and a woman, is the expression of this relational, filial and communal aspect of life. It is the setting where men and women are enabled to be born with dignity, and to grow and develop in an integral manner. Once children are born, through their relationship with their parents they begin to share in a family tradition with even older roots. Together with the gift of life, they receive a whole patrimony of experience. Parents have the right and the inalienable duty to transmit this heritage to their children:

to help them find their own identity, to initiate them to the life of society, to foster the responsible exercise of their moral freedom and their ability to love on the basis of their having been loved and, above all, to enable them to encounter God. Children experience human growth and maturity to the extent that they trustingly accept this heritage and training which they gradually make their own. They are thus enabled to make a personal synthesis between what has been passed on and what is new, a synthesis that every individual and generation is called to make.

“At the origin of every man and woman, and thus in all human fatherhood and motherhood, we find God the Creator. For this reason, married couples must accept the child born to them,

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not simply as theirs alone, but also as a child of God, loved for his or her own sake and called to be a son or daughter of God. What is more: each generation, all parenthood and every family has its origin in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

“Faith, then, is not merely a cultural heritage, but the constant working of the grace of God who calls and our human freedom, which can respond or not to his call. Even if no one can answer for another person, Christian parents are still called to give a credible witness of their Christian faith and hope. The need to ensure that God’s call and the good news of Christ will reach their children with the utmost clarity and authenticity. As the years pass, this gift of God which the parents have helped set before the eyes of the little ones will also need to be cultivated with wisdom and gentleness, in order to instill in them a capacity for discernment. Thus, with the constant witness of their parents’ conjugal love, permeated with a living faith, and with the loving accompaniment of the Christian community, children will be helped better to appropriate the gift of their faith, to discover the deepest meaning of their own lives and to respond with joy and gratitude.

“The Christian family passes on the faith when parents teach their children to pray and when they pray with them; when they lead them to the sacraments and gradually introduce them to the life of the Church; when all join in reading the Bible, letting the light of faith shine on their family life and praising God as our Father.

“The Christian family - father, mother and children - is called, then, to do all these things not as a task imposed from without, but rather as a gift of the sacramental grace of marriage poured out upon the spouses. If they remain open to the Spirit and implore his help, he will not fail to bestow on them the love of God the Father made manifest and incarnate in Christ. The presence of the Spirit will help spouses not to lose sight of the source and criterion of their love and self-giving, and to cooperate with him to make it visible and incarnate in every aspect of their lives. The Spirit will also awaken in them a yearning for the definitive encounter with Christ in the house of his Father and our Father. And this is the message of hope...I wish to share with all the families of the world. Amen.”

Pope Benedict XVI Homily at Mass in Valencia, Spain 2006 (Excerpts)

AQUINAS VIRTUES CLASS STARTS IN JANUARY

Understanding the how and why of virtuous living will be the topic of discussion in Part 2 of the Aquinas for Beginners class, which will start at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, Jan. 13. The class will meet in the church rectory on Wednesday nights from 7:10 to 8:30 PM.

The class is a continuation of the study of Saint Thomas Aquinas under the ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) program, which aims to help busy Catholic women understand their vital role in humanizing and transforming society. The cost of the class is \$20 plus shipping. Participants may register online at <https://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p2782.aspx> or contact Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the class for those in need.

The writings of this brilliant saint puts a spotlight on the many unreasonable and illogical views touted by our modern culture. The second part of the course studies the saint’s teachings on the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity; and the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. Why study virtues? In the words of Catholic author Peter Kreeft: “Without personal virtue, we will do good only sporadically. The main source of a good and happy life – for the human race, for each nation and community and each family – is the personal virtue of each individual. No system or set of laws, however, perfect, can work for good without virtuous individuals.”

Attendance of Part 1 of the class is helpful, but not essential. New participants are welcome. Participants should register by Jan. 6 to ensure they have material in time for the first class on Jan. 13.

NO ADORATION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
THERE WILL BE A 8:30 AM MASS

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 27

8 am Mass at St. Michael

No Religious Education

10:30 am Mass

1 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, December 28

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am Mass

No Adoration or Dead Theologians Class

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve, Office Closed-

7 pm Mass at St. Michael

8 pm - New Year's Eve Party in St. Luke's Hall
sponsored by the Over 50 Group

Friday, January 1 - Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Day, Office Closed

10 am Mass

Saturday, January 2

No 8:30 am Mass, Adoration or Confessions

5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 3

8 am Mass at St. Michael

No Religious Education

10:30 am Mass

1:00 Spanish Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 10

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL
HAVE THEIR MONTHLY MEETING
ON JANUARY 4 AT 7:00 PM

OVER 50 GROUP SPONSORS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Over 50 group will
sponsor a New Year's Eve Party on
December 31 in St. Luke's Hall
beginning at 8:00 pm.

All are welcomed. Please

bring a snack and enjoy fellowship
with friends and playing cards.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who took
the time to help decorate at
Our Lady of Lourdes and
St. Michael's this past
Sunday for Christmas.



NDCCW MEETING

The Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Winter Meeting will be Saturday January 16 at St.
Rose of Lima Church 1601 N. Tennessee Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Registration at 9:30am.
\$10 for members, \$15 for soon to be members which
includes lunch, drawing for table centerpieces,
and guest speaker, who will be Julie Cragon
<http://www.juliecragon.com/> author and manager
of St. Mary's Bookstore. St. Mary's will have a table
of their wonderful books for sale!
RSVP to Doreen Flash, President 615-476-6244.
Childcare will be available!

JANUARY 1 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS TIMES
DECEMBER 31 AT ST. MICHAEL, 7:00 PM
JANUARY 1 AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 10:00 AM

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*June Bell
*Susie Bess
*Dorothy Bradley
*Robert Bradley
*Cheryl Bush
*Jerry Bush
*Helen Byrne
*Tim Carney
*Don Cole
*Tom Cuff
*Jim Curry
*Eva Davanport
*Bea Heatherly
*Macky Hunter
*Joe Langford
*Thelma Lee
*Ann Marie Legate
*Maurice Limoges
*Rosa Priest
*Nora Rabie
*Mary Senecal
*Robert Senecal
*Dee Smoker
*Gloria Snow
*Mary Stout
*Joyce Traughber
*Raquel Van De Velde

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

*Helen Byrne
*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 - 1/2/2016

Lector: Shelby Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Pam Burton & Alice Cole

Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY - 1/3/2016

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

David Johnson & Gene Masoner

Ushers: Dick Joyce & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Cuinn Owens & Nathan Aviles

Collection Counters: Paul Nutting & Vince Moran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 1/3/2016

Lector: Debbie Traughber

Extraordinary Ministers:

Anna & Jim Connaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Mary Jackson & Denise Haley

GOSPEL: Dec. 28 - Jan. 2

MONDAY: *Matthew 2:13-18*

TUESDAY: *Luke 2:22-35*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 2:36-40*

THURSDAY: *John 1:1-18*

FRIDAY: *Luke 2:16-21*

SATURDAY: *John 1:19-28*

Sts. Basil The Great & Gregory

OFFERING DECEMBER 20

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish: \$3,520.71

United Ministries: \$560.00

ST. MICHAEL

Parish: \$1,379.30

United Ministries: \$259.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Dorothy & Rosemary (sisters of Pat Grandon) by Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

For repose of the soul of Andrew & Joan Catignani by Tony & Cathy Cotter

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Sister Catherine De'Ricci by The Rampino Family

WEDNESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Richard Goetz by Berta Goetz

THURSDAY MASS 7:00 PM

For the intentions of Sister Maria Karol by The Rampino Family

FRIDAY MASS 10:00 AM

For the intentions of Sister Mary Ruth by The Rampino Family

SATURDAY MASS No 8:30 AM Mass