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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY – 5 & 7 PM - 2/18/15

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 - None - 2/18/15

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

HOLY DAY–NOON - 2/18/15

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #415

OFFERTORY: "All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure" #422

COMMUNION: Instrumental

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

Pastor's Column

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

“Required fasting is almost non-existent in the Catholic Church today. Even the two days where fasting is required for those over 18 and under 60, it is really a mitigated fast of two small “snack-like” meals and one regular sized meal (no snacks in between now!). Not really a fast at all. A truer fast (going without food for the whole day) is practiced by some today as a personal discipline and it is laudable if a person is able. Yet, even the mitigated fast is “hard” for many as are most bodily disciplines in our soft western world. We may think we just have to learn to be

“tougher” and, by the power of our own flesh pull it off. I have no doubt that simple will power can in fact pull off a fast, especially the mitigated one. But even a non-believer can diet and fast. What we must seek is true fasting, spiritual fasting that is far richer than merely abstaining from food.

“Jesus gives an important key to true spiritual fasting... He said, “*Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.*” (Matt 9:14-15)

“Notice the pattern. First comes the (wedding) feast, and then comes the fast...Simply put, if you want to have the capacity to fast spiritually...you have to experience the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. In this great wedding feast which we are to experience through prayer, scripture and especially the Liturgy we are to be filled with Christ. We are to encounter him and feast abundantly on his Word, his Body and Blood and to rejoice with him exceedingly. And when this happens we are authentically equipped to fast.

“When the Mass ends we’re back to dealing with the world and its demands. Or perhaps we enter a penitential season, or perhaps we go through a difficult time where God seems distant, or we struggle with temptation...we are able to do so and are spiritually equipped to do it since we have been to the Wedding feast and feasted with the Groom. Having done this the world and its charms mean less. We are filled with Christ now and we simply need less of the world. This is true fasting. But let me ask you, have you met Christ and been to the wedding feast with him? One of the sad realities in parish life and in the Church is that there are many people who have never really met Jesus Christ. They have heard about him and know about him, but they’ve never really encountered him powerfully in prayer or the Mass. They are faithful to be sure. They are sacramentalized but unevangelized. They know about Jesus, but they don’t know him. The liturgy to them can be, and often is, lifeless, a ritual to be endured rather than an encounter with Jesus Christ.

“Personal prayer from many isn’t much better. Another ritual, say some prayers, and be done with it. God is really more of a stranger and fasting is just another rule to follow, more out of obedience to avoid punishment, than out of love which seeks purification. The disciples of John the Baptist...were tough and self-disciplined. They knew how to fast! But it was a fasting of the flesh not the Spirit. The only way to truly fast in a spiritual way is to have been to the wedding feast and feasted with the Jesus the great bridegroom of the Church. Then having been filled with every good and perfect gift true fasting can begin. And what is true fasting? It is a fasting that no longer needs what the world offers in large amounts. We need less of the world for we have found a better prize: Jesus and his Kingdom. Who needs all that food, booze, power, money, baubles, bangles and beads?...We can only say this if we have really met the Lord and been satisfied by him. Only then can true fasting ensue. As you may expect, meeting Jesus is more than an event. It is a gradual and deepening awareness of him and his power in my life and in the liturgy. Make sure you don’t miss the wedding feast for it is the key to the truest fasting of all.” – *By Msgr. Charles Pope.*
ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, February 15:

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class

10:30 AM –Mass

11:45 AM - Lent Preparation, Crown of Thorns

Tuesday, February 17:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, February 18:

Ash Wednesday

No Adoration, Confirmation or Dead Theologians Class

5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - Mass

Thursday, February 19:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, February 20:

8:30 AM - Mass

5:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21:

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

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

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

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 22:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class and Vice and Virtue Class for Adults

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, February 15:

8:00 AM - Mass

Wednesday, February 18:

Ash Wednesday - Noon

Friday, February 20

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

The Office will be closed on
Monday, February 16 in
observance of President's Day

SAINTLY WISDOM ON ANGER, GOSSIP

I often mention anger and gossip in my sermons because they are behaviors I see destroy so many lives, homes, workplaces and parishes.

As we begin our preparation for Lent, let us pause and reflect on some inspired thoughts from the saints. May it help us to recognize the destructive power of anger and gossip in our lives and find ways to gain peace for our souls this Lent.

“Imagine your anger to be a kind of wild beast, because it has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things even corrupting the soul.” -- St. John Chrysostom

“There is no sin or wrong that gives a man a foretaste of hell in this life as anger and impatience.” -- St. Catherine of Sienna

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and

FISH FRY

Begin your observance of meatless Fridays for Lent by participating in the Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The Fish Fry will be held at 5 PM on Friday, February 20th at the Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall.

Stations of the Cross follow at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes and at **7 PM** at St. Michael.

envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.” -- St. Ephraem of Syria

“An evil thought defiles the soul when it is deliberate and consented to. Our Lord placed evil thoughts at the head of all crimes, because they are their principle and source.” -- St. John Baptiste de la Salle

“Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and

devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor.” -- St. John Chrysostom

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” -- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“It avails nothing to subdue the body, if the mind allows itself to be controlled by anger.” -- Pope St. Gregory the Great
Source: www.saintquotes.blogspot.com

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Nora Rabie
- *Kim Schott
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traugher
- *Shannon Bell
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Cheryl Bush
- *Jerry Bush
- *Robert Bradley
- *Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Richard Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Orvil Bray
- *Glen Isom
- *Mary Stout

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

**Eternal rest grant them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

PETITIONS

*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

*For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.

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

VICE AND VIRTUE PROGRAM FOR LENT

The Vice and Virtue Lent Class for adults starts next Sunday, Feb. 22 at 9 to 10:15 AM in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.

The class is based on Fr. Robert Barron spiritual study on the 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues. The program combines short video presentations from Fr. Barron followed by discussions.

The signup sheet is

located on the back table at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness for ourselves and all around us.

Fr. Barron explains the nature of these sins and offers a corresponding virtue for each one.

The class offers practical advice on how to instill this virtue in our lives.



GOSPEL: 2/16-21/15

MONDAY: Mark 8:11-13

TUESDAY: Mark 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

THURSDAY: Luke 9:22-25

FRIDAY: Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY: Luke 5:27-32

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

2/8

Parish: \$3,320.78

Haiti: \$390.81

ST. MICHAEL

2/8

Parish: \$2,263.00

Haiti: \$281.00

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 2/21/2015

Lector: Mike Noble

Extraordinary Ministers:

Colleen Felts & Jenny Gonyea

Ushers: Carol Huddleston &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 2/22/2015

Lector: Taryon Carney

Extraordinary Ministers:

Gloria Snow & Carol

Kuropatwinski

Ushers: Dick Joyce &

Volunteer

Altar Servers: Jake Rucker &

Nathan Aviles

Collection Counters: Vince

Moran & Claude Burton

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 2/22/2015

Lector: Linda Harbert

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia & James Connaghan

Usher/Greeter: Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters: Kaye

Sharp & Jim Schott

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Barbara Devine by Claude & Pam Burton
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the intentions of Clara Monfette, Joe Grady & Shelli Robinson
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by Pam & Claude Burton
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ivy Hornsby by the Women's Club
WEDNESDAY MASS	Noon	For the repose of the soul of Tom Daily by Harry & Thelma Lee
WEDNESDAY MASS	5:00 PM	For the healing of Barbara Wienand by Hugh & Kay Braddock
WEDNESDAY MASS	7:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Dorothy Johnson by The Monfette Family
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ivy Hornsby by Jon & Jan Knuth
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Leo Knuth by Jon & Jan Knuth
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Barbara Devine by Raquel Van De Velde

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



MARY & JOSEPH FAMILY WISDOM MINISTRY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. MICHAEL

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FOOD DRIVE FOR UNITED MINISTRIES

During the 40 days of Lent, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael will conduct a food drive for the benefit of United Ministries in Springfield.

Please bring in non-perishable foods, such as canned meats and vegetables, dry rice and boxed pastas. Peanut butter is one of the most expensive products to buy for the food bank and one of the most in demand. You might want to suggest that members of your family fast from peanut butter or some other favorite food for a week and donate that item(s) on Sunday.

A box for donations will be provided at the back of both churches.



EMBARKING ON A HOLY LENT

The Junior Legion of Mary assembled a Bulletin board in the Parish Hall with the theme of Things to Do During Lent. They focused on going to Confession, making sacrifices and almsgiving.

We focus on sin during Lent because we know that is what separates us from God and breaks the peace within our hearts. Lent is a good time to take a look at our sins and faults and map out a plan for a new beginning with the Sacrament of Confession.

There is no better way to start your Lent than to come with your family to Adoration and Confession on Saturday morning. Adoration and Confession are held from 9:00 until noon every Saturday.

The second focus on sacrifices has many benefits. It means we will do more than just think about changing something and actually put those thoughts into actions.

For example, if finding fault with others is the sin you are trying to conquer, then focus on

the people you are most critical about and every day not only pray for them, but also write down something you like and appreciate about them.

Our sacrifices should always bring us closer to Christ. It should give us just little bit better understanding of the love that is represented on the crucifix. After being lied about, scourged and mocked his words from the cross were forgive them. That's love, that's sacrifice, which brings me to the third focus on Lent – almsgiving.

As we recognize and seek forgiveness for our sins, work on conquering our faults and replacing them with virtues, the natural outcome will be generosity of spirit.

What should you do for Lent? Begin with Confession and the Lord will let you know the rest. May we all have a blessed and fruitful Lent.

Fr. Dean

PREPARING FAMILIES FOR A HOLY LENT 2015

ONLINE LENT RESOURCES

Church Fathers Lenten Reading Plan
www.churchyear.net/lentfathers.html

*Lent History, Customs, Prayers, FAQ,
Traditions, & More*
www.churchyear.net/lent.html

Lent Adventurers for Families
www.holyheroes.com

*Crafts, activities, and foods to celebrate
the Catholic faith*
www.catholicicing.com

Activities for Each Day of Lent
www.lent-and-easter.com/page_08_The_Lenten_Cross.html

Crafts, games, lesson plans for Lent
<http://catholicmom.com/kids/lenten-activities-for-children/>

*Lent Activity Booklet with Crafts and
Recipes*
http://sacredheartschooldc.org/documents/Catholic%20Faith/LENTANDEASTERIDEASFORCHILDRENBOOKLET_01.pdf

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence means eating no meat and is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59.

Fasting involves eating only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

The Church offers to the world the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.

PRAYER CHAIN

Select 40 people to pray for during Lent this year. Using construction paper cut out 40 strips of paper. Put the names of the people you want to pray for on the strips and assemble the strips into a chain and hang the chain in a prominent spot in your home.

Each day of Lent have a member of the family remove one of the strips and announce who will be the subject of that day's prayer intentions.



JELLY BEAN VIRTUE ACTIVITY

The Jelly Bean Activity is a sweet way of teaching children about what Lent really means. The prayer uses various colors of jelly beans to describe a virtue. Children are given a jelly bean for each good deed and collect them until Easter.

Red – for the blood of Christ (a sacrifice).

Green – For the shade of the palm (doing a good deed).

Yellow for God's light (kindness to others).

Orange for prayers at twilight (good behavior at bed time prayers).

Purple for days of sorrow (apologizing to someone).

Pink for each new tomorrow (forgiving others).

White given at Easter (God's grace).

Starting on Ash Wednesday, begin rewarding your child(ren) with a jelly bean of the appropriate color each time they do something that corresponds with an act. On Easter, allow them to receive all the jelly beans collected and add white ones that represent the Grace of God, which is freely given and cannot be earned.



