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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3:00 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "All Creatures of Our God and King" #410 Verses 1-3

OFFERTORY: "Come, Holy Ghost" #483

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

This Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus offered himself for baptism as a sign for us to follow. And as we know it is important newborn children be baptized as soon as practical, because through this sacrament we are made members of Christ's mystical body. We Catholics say we are *incorporated* in Christ. "Having united us to himself in this intimate union, Jesus makes us sharers, according to our human limitations, in all that he is and all that he has. We share with Christ in his awesome task of offering adequate worship to the Most Blessed Trinity." (*The Faith Explained*, Trese) It seems that in the last ten years or so the very "*Catholic*" desire for getting the baby baptized as soon as possible is waning; it just doesn't seem as *important* as before. I see this going hand in

hand with the overall, steady drifting away from the practice of the faith that we see all around us as well as perhaps in our own families. People who were baptized in the Catholic Church but who have not practiced the faith in years and years, much less participate in the sacrifice of the Mass, now call the office and want their child or even grandchild baptized, and when pushed, they are not really interested in faithfully settling down and renewing their faith. There are many reasons for these trends; this is not the place to debate all that, but notice in the quote I used above there is the crucial word: "*share*." The sacrament of baptism makes us sharers; the faith is to be shared; between mommy and daddy; between mommy, daddy and baby; (Continued on Page 2)

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or between mommy and baby and extended family; or between daddy and baby and extended family. Yes, I know not everything is perfect, and I know people do drift away from the faith, but baptism is not a ticket to get punched, it is an acknowledgment that the faith means something important enough to us that we want to share in the life of Christ; we want to share in the life of the holy Catholic Church; we want to share in the life of our parish family; we look forward to sharing this life by regular worship and fellowship with our fellow brethren who will also hopefully help the mommy or daddy or extended family in the faithful raising up of the child. Bottom line? We want to share in all those ways because deep down we know in our hearts that we cannot live life and raise life alone. We need help. Spiritual help. Help of fellow Mass-goers. And how sad it is that today so many think they can do it all alone; sharing with Christ is not that important.

Pope Benedict said, "Tertullian, a Church writer of the second and third centuries, said something surprising. He said: "Never is Christ without water." By these words, Tertullian meant that Christ is never without the Church. In Baptism we are adopted by the Heavenly Father, but in this family that he establishes there is also a mother, Mother Church. Man cannot have God as Father, the ancient Christian writers were already saying, unless he has the Church as mother. We perceive in a new way that Christianity is not merely an individual, spiritual reality, a simple subjective decision that I take, but something real and concrete... Adoption as children of God, of the Trinitarian God, is at the same time being accepted into the family of the Church, it is admission as brothers and sisters into the great family of Christians. And only if, as children of God, we are integrated as brothers and sisters into the reality of the Church can we say, "Our Father," to our Heavenly Father. The Lord's prayer always implies the "we" of God's family."

As adopted children of Christ, may we share our faith in the manner of our lives, and be a sign for our families and neighbors that we are never alone in our daily lives; we share everything with Jesus.

ad Jesum per Mariam
Fr. Dean

AQUINAS VIRTUES CLASS STARTS THIS WEEK

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.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

John Schwarz, who works for Flowers Baking Company is the 2015 recipient of the bakery's Flowers Spirit Award. This award recognizes employees who exemplify the Flowers spirit of caring, encouragement, and positive motivation at work and in the community.

A donation in John's name has been made to the Knights of Columbus.

CALLING ALL CHOIR VOICES

Jonathon, our music director has adjusted his work schedule and commute and is looking forward to establishing a choir at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael to include all voices young and old. If anyone is interested in singing or chant please let Jonathan know. He is preparing our Lenten & Easter programs now and a choir will add so much to our Masses.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY HOSTS CHILI COOKOFF

The Women's Ministry will host a chili cookoff, dessert cookoff and bingo on January 23 after the 5 pm Vigil Mass. All Parishioners are invited to this FREE event, Bring your chili and dessert to be judged or just bring your appetite!



POLICY, DEADLINE SET FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUBSIDIES

Our Lady of Lourdes is happy to assist registered and active families devoted to the Catholic faith with subsidies to help pay for a Catholic grade school or high school education.

Under the parish guidelines, to be eligible for a subsidy, a family must:

- * Be a registered member of Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Michael for one year before requesting a subsidy.

- * Must regularly attend Mass with their children and be active members by giving of their time, talents and treasures and be active in parish ministry.

- * Must use the parish envelope system and agree to a minimum annual pledge amount of \$600 turned in the prior calendar year. At least 90 percent of this pledge must be met by Dec. 31.

Tithing requirements are to be fulfilled by the parent or legal guardian and not other family members or friends.

All subsidy requests will be reviewed and determined by the Subsidy Review Committee.

For the 2016-17 academic year, the deadline for subsidy requests is Feb. 10th.

The subsidy request form and guidelines are available from the church office.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, OUR LADY OF LOURDES - ST. MICHAEL CONFERENCE

St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their next meeting Thursday, January 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Please join us to learn more about serving those in need in our parish and our community. New members are needed and always welcome! Call Jim Conaghan (615-382-1036) or Claire Kuzma (513-310-5300) for more information.

ADORATION TO END ABORTION

January 22 is the official day in the United States when faithful Catholics are asked to pray for an end to abortion. The day will be observed by our parishes through a period of overnight Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The faithful are asked to beg God's forgiveness for 43 years of legally taking the lives of unborn children in this country and to seek his aid to restore respect for the dignity of all human life.



Adoration for life will start on Friday, January 22 after the 8:30 AM Mass and conclude with Benediction at 8:15 AM, followed by 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, January 23.

Signup sheets to spend an hour in prayer in reparation for abortion are located in the back of both churches.

Special prayers for life will be available during Adoration.

SECOND COLLECTION ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a Women's Ministry Meeting after the 10:30 am Mass on January 10

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
*Dennis Zawierucha
*Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

*John Baker
*Elizabeth Jenkins
*Robert & Regina Head

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 1/16/2016

Lector: Belle Holmes
Extraordinary Ministers:
John Schwarz & Harry Lee
Ushers: Carol Huddleston & Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 1/17/2016

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt
Extraordinary Ministers:
Gene & Robyn Masoner
Ushers: Paul Nutting & Volunteer
Altar Servers:
Jake Rucker & Nick Haynes
Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Jessie Johnson

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 1/17/2016

Lector: Billy Armour
Extraordinary Ministers:
Kaye Sharp & Linda Harbert
Usher/Greeter:
Mary Jackson
Collection Counters:
Sandy Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

GOSPEL: January 11-16

MONDAY: Mark 1:14-20

TUESDAY: Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY: Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY: Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY: Mark 2:13-17

OFFERING

	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. MICHAEL
January 3	Parish: \$4,385.26	Parish: \$1,405.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Jerry Davidson by Alice Cole
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For repose of the souls of members of the Joe Cotter Family by Tony & Cathy Cotter
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the intentions of Jeff Kelch
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Don Axley
WEDNESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the intentions of Sister Jane Dominic by The Rampino Family
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Ralph Maxson by The Rampino Family
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Fred England by Nathan & Marilda Smith
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Helene Lassiter by Alice Cole

Altar Flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes were donated by Ann Sout