



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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THE EPIPHANY 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

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" # 757

**OFFERTORY:** "We Three Kings" #822

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

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

There is a grandchild I know of who loves to babble insensible sounds and words; one cannot make heads or tails of the thought behind the sound. Unless the sound or the finger pointing is repeated over and over – then we have a clue. Now the curious thing is that the 1 and ½ year old understands much of the basic commands and simple words that are spoken to him. "Get the book" or "Bring it here," "stick" "doggie;" they are understood, but as of yet, they cannot be repeated sound for sound. Maybe with this simple observation we could make the argument that human nature has not really changed the older we get! We understand when something good happens (as well as bad); and we tend to repeat it over and over; so why is it we tend to repeat those things that are hurtful, or self-destructive or just plain angry and

mean? May we repeat love more this year; may we offer to help more this year; may we follow virtue more than vice this year. Why? Because what we do and what we say we show what kind of light we are to the world.

"The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest and most complex feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means "appearance" or "manifestation," and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. But in the Eastern liturgies, the celebration on January 6th is not restricted to the visit of the Magi; rather, the Epiphany celebrates every event by

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which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, and His early life including instructing the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana where the Lord Jesus first revealed His glory to the Twelve. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

“This helps us understand the profound link between the Western feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. Epiphany is about light. “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” It is about the coming of the true Light into the darkness of this world. “Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Light no darkness can overcome.” “In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.”

“The chief image of Epiphany is the star in the East whose light guided the Magi to the Child-King enthroned on His mother's lap. The Light of God's love had come to shine on the Gentiles, too. “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.” The Gentiles worship Him with gifts fit for a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi rejoice in the light, and bow down and worship Him.

“Light was the first word spoken by God into the chaotic darkness of creation. “Let there be light.” And there was light. “God is light, and in Him there is no darkness.” “Our lives are given to reflect the light of God's glory, and this is the noblest and most blessed purpose of all. We are, in a mystical way, to be an “epiphany” of Christ, so that every man can see His glory, and so welcome His Light into the dark world.”

*(Adapted from Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Christopher Phillips)*

ad Jesum per Mariam  
Fr. Dean

## 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.

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ADORATION  
RESUMES ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6  
3-6:15 PM

## **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. 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **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.

## **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!

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

**DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY  
CLASSES WILL RESUME ON  
JANUARY 6**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES  
WILL RESUME 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

*\*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Crumpler*

## 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 - 1/9/2016

*Lector:* Carol Hostettler  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
 Jenny Gonyea & Carol Huddleston  
*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer  
*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY - 1/10/2016

*Lector:* Rose Mary Reed  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
 Carol Kuropatwinski & Nathan Smith  
*Ushers:* Don Owens & Volunteer  
*Altar Servers:*  
 Taw Owens & Chris Hardy  
*Collection Counters:* Buddy Curran & Taylor Johnson

## ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY - 1/10/2016

*Lector:* Pat Gower  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
 Anna Tinkle & Mike Ellis  
*Usher/Greeter:*  
 Anna Tinkle  
*Collection Counters:*  
 Kaye Sharp & Joe Grady

## GOSPEL: January 4 - 9, 2016

MONDAY: *Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25*

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

TUESDAY: *Mark 6:34-44, St. John Neumann*

WEDNESDAY: *Mark 6:45-52*

THURSDAY: *Luke 4:14-22*

FRIDAY: *Luke 5:12-16*

SATURDAY: *John 3:22-30*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

12/25	12/27
Parish: \$2,676.00	\$3,895.83

### ST. MICHAEL

12/25	12/27
Parish: \$2,100.00	\$2,034.00

# MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the intention of Mother Anne Marie by The Rampino Family
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For repose of the soul of Lois Traughber by Terry & Patricia Avril
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Don Axley
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Glenda Norris by her family
WEDNESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the intentions of Brandon Payne by his family
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Joe Traughber by Terry & Patricia Avril
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Brenda & Terry Kelch
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the healing of Anna Highsmith