



THE MESSENGER

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MARCH 22, 2015

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 - 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: *Chant by Cantor*

OFFERTORY: *"O Sacred Head, Surrounded" #679*

COMMUNION: *Chant by Cantor*

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

Pastor's Column

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

I hope you notice something different today as you enter the church. We have begun the preparation to enter into the passion of our Lord by veiling the crucifix and images. It is a very visible way of preparing us to focus on the tremendous gift of our salvation through the suffering and passion of our Lord.

When our Lord made his way to Jerusalem he knew what lay before him, but it was hidden from his disciples and followers. Had they been prepared by his words and actions? Yes. Were they ready when Christ was arrested in Gethsemane? No.

God is always preparing us for

that future we can't see, if we cooperate with His grace. He knows when you will get that bad health report; the news that a loved one is seriously ill; that notice that your job is going to disappear; or that a new child will enter your life.

No matter how much we make plans for the future, what lies ahead is a mystery with the only certainty that we will all die. So why do we spend so much time worrying and planning for a future we can't predict and so little time on the future we know is certain. We will die with an eternal destination of heaven or hell.

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As we enter into the Passion of Our Lord this year, let the veils remind us that the course of our life ahead is a mystery. But it can and should be an exciting adventure if we let go of trying to be in control and allow God through his Church to shape and transform us.

Every prayer, Mass, and Confession is an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. To show our love, to seek forgiveness, to learn how to become empty of self, so the Lord can fill us.

In the Vice and Virtue class, Fr. Robert Barron talked about how a river can flow deep and swift when it is guarded by high, firm banks. But without those banks, it becomes a lake that is stagnant and does not go anywhere.

The teachings of Christ, preserved by His Church, are there to guide and protect us. And when we allow them to rule our lives, we are liberated to be the people God wants us to be, to fulfill the unique mission He has for each one of us.

Right now so many people are being their own god, deciding for themselves what is right and wrong – pornography, living together and abortion are just some of the symptoms of our prideful rebellion. We can't see the consequences of these behaviors, but the Lord knows the hurt, the hidden wounds that fester within us when we do it our way. The rules are for our flourishing, because He loves us.

Why do we take His love and mercy and blow it off. "I don't need to go to Confession" is one of the most devastating statements I can hear. Who among us is without sin? Who could not benefit from asking the Lord to show them what prevents a closer relationship with Him? To think there can be nothing to confess is to be like Peter and proclaim, Lord I will never betray you.

And it does not matter how long it has been since we made a confession, the Lord will rejoice that we are back, seeking to begin again with His love and grace.

So as we look at the veils for the next two weeks, I hope we will take the opportunity to say "Lord, I don't know my future, but I do know that I want it to be with you, help me Lord, I am a sinner."

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

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Sunday, March 22:

No Religious Education Class, Spring Break
9:00 - 10:15 AM - Vice & Virtue Class
10:30 AM - Mass

Tuesday, March 24:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, March 25:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM Adoration
6:30 PM - Mass
7:00 PM - Confirmation and Dead Theologians Classes

Thursday, March 26:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, March 27:

8:30 AM - Mass
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28:

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, March 29:

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Religious Education Class
10:30 AM - Mass

ST. MICHAEL **BAKE SALE MARCH 29**

Sunday, March 22:

8:00 AM - Mass
9:00 AM - Vice & Virtue Class

Friday, March 27:

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 29:

8:00 AM - Mass
9:00 AM - Vice & Virtue Class

FIRST COMMUNION

10:00 AM

SATURDAY

MAY 2



EASTER SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 6 PM –

CHRISM MASS – at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. At this Mass, the holy oils are blessed for use by the priests of the diocese for the coming year. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7 PM –

HOLY THURSDAY MASS – celebrating the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Super and washing of the disciples' feet at Our Lady of Lourdes. At the end of the Mass, there will be an indoor Eucharist procession with the Blessed Sacrament reposed at the St. Joseph altar. There will be an opportunity for Adoration until Midnight.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 3 PM –

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (outdoor) led by Fr. Dean at the St. Michael parish.

7 PM – GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY with veneration of the cross at Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the end of the service.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 9 AM, decorating the church and blessing of the Easter baskets at Our Lady of Lourdes.

7 PM – EASTER VIGIL MASS – at Our Lady of Lourdes.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 5,

8 AM – St. Michael

10:30 AM – Our Lady of Lourdes

1:00 PM – Spanish Mass, Our Lady of Lourdes.

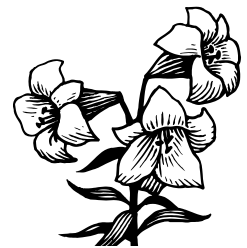


EASTER EGG HUNT; FLOWERS



We are looking for volunteers to organize Easter egg hunts for the youths of our parishes. The egg hunts will be held on Sunday April 5 after the 8:00 Mass at St. Michael and after the 10:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Kendra at the office at 615-384-6200.

The deadline for making contributions for Easter flowers for the parishes is Palm Sunday on March 29. Envelopes for donations are located in the back of both parishes.



HEALING

- *Dee Smoker
- *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 & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.
- *Thelma Lee
- *Rosa Priest
- *Glen Iso
- *Mary Stout

PETITIONS

- *For the respect and protection of human life.

- *For the protection of persecuted Christians around the world.
- *For the Grace to conquer deadly sins and grow in virtue this Lent.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

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

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

ST. MICHAEL PREPARES FOR 175

A group of parishioners at St. Michael is beginning to make preparations to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church's dedication in May 2017.

The group will be updating and expanding the historical records for the church, which is the oldest continually operating Catholic Church in the state.

Anyone who has an interest is welcome to participate in the project. In particular, the group is seeking old photos, stories or



parish. The group plans to put together a digital historical record to supplement the written booklet.

For more information, contact St. Michael parishioners Kaye Sharp, Denise Haley, Anna Tinkle, or Mary Jackson.

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 3/28/2015

Lector: Mike Noble

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jenny Gonyea & Carol Huddleston

Ushers: Armand St. Pierre & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/29/2015

Lector: Colleen Felts

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dick Joyce & Paul Nutting

Ushers: Don Owens & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nick Haynes & Nathan Aviles

Collection Counters: Vince Moran & Paul Nutting

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 3/29/2015

Lector: David Tinkle

Extraordinary Ministers:

Kaye Sharp & Mike Ellis

Usher/Greeter: Kaye Sharp

Collection Counters: Mary Jackson & Jim Schott

GOSPEL: 3/23-28/15

MONDAY: *John 8:1-11*

TUESDAY: *John 8:21-30*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

THURSDAY: *John 8:51-59*

FRIDAY: *John 10:31-42*

SATURDAY: *John 11:45-56*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

3/15

Parish: \$2,962

Catholic Relief: \$578

ST. MICHAEL

3/15

Parish: \$1,368

Catholic Relief: \$132

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of John Schwarz

For the repose of the souls of Gladys & Wayne Traugher

For the repose of the souls of Dorothy Owens, Alice Golash & Rick Stump

For a special intention

For the repose of the soul of Paul Buckner Sr. by Larry, Patty & Jim Schmidt

For the intentions of Dee Boaz

For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Medeiros by Brenda & Terry Kelch

For the intentions of Ginny Schwarz