



THE MESSENGER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM

TUESDAY – 7:00 PM

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 – 9:00 AM-NOON,

WEDNESDAY (LENT) – 5:00-6:00 PM

BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM-6:15 PM

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM- NOON

BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY – 6:30 PM

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9:15 AM TO 3 PM

OFFICE E-MAIL: kmonfette@ollsm.comcastbiz.net

PRAYER LINE E-MAIL: prayerlineollsm@gmail.com

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #830*

OFFERTORY: *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #791*

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

RECESSIONAL: *Instrumental*

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

Pastor's Column

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

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare" Sunday. This is just one way the richness of our Catholic identity through our traditions is shown to the faithful. The word "laetare" comes from the opening word of the Introit of the Mass: "Rejoice" Jerusalem. That text comes from Isaiah 66: 10. We are a little past the mid-point of Lent, and for most of the life of the church, the people underwent much more restrictive fasts and observed strict limits of behavior.

The Church tradition evolved into Laetare Sunday, when there was a brief relaxation of the rules. Priests wear "rose" vestments. Marriages were not celebrated in Lent, but could be celebrated on this Sunday. Today, marriages are strongly discouraged in the season of Lent, but not prohibited.

"The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating in the fact that, as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season,

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popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day (way back in 1051, Pope Leo IX called this custom an "ancient institution.") Originally it was natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size, but since the fifteenth century it has consisted of a cluster or branch of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection. In case of such a bestowal, a new rose is made during the subsequent year." (Fisheaters.com.) Pope Benedict always gave a rose to Marian shrines or basilicas, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of Cuba, and Pope Francis gave one to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2013.

This Sunday offers a day of hope and encouragement, knowing that Easter is at last within sight. Hopefully all of us have felt our Lenten observances, not only physically; in our "giving up" something for Lent, but also spiritually. Through our devotions this Lent, we are coming face-to-face with who we really are and gives us a glimpse of what it meant for our Lord to die on the cross. We know in our heart we can only do this through our confession, reciting the Way of the Cross and denying ourselves some of the pleasures we indulge in. The goal is to make Easter not just another Sunday with a ham dinner, but truly a day when we know what it means when we say death has been conquered. Easter is that signal event which rocked the world, and it should be a day of resurrection for our own spirituality and for our faith.

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)
Fr. Dean

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." - St. Therese de Lisieux

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, March 30:

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

9:00 AM Religious Education for grades K-6

10:30 AM – Mass

2:30 PM - Confirmation at the Cathedral

Tuesday, April 1:

8:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday, April 2:

10:00 AM to 6:15 PM – Adoration

5:00 to 6:00 PM – Confession (In the West Sacristy, use the outside door to enter & leave.)

6:30 PM – Mass and Inquirers' Class

Thursday, April 3:

8:30 AM – Mass

Friday, April 4:

8:30 AM – Mass

9:30 AM - Mothers Group

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5:

8:30 AM – Mass

9:00 AM to Noon – Adoration and Confessions

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

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, March 30:

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

8:00 AM – Mass

9:15 AM - Catholicism Series

Altar Society Meeting after Mass

Friday, April 4:

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

LIFE SAVED IN NASHVILLE

The 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer vigil in Nashville has saved at least one life, reported Roy Silveira, who is leading the campaign this year.

A woman saw the people praying as she went into the abortion facility. "Once inside," said Roy, "she found that she herself was praying. She realized that she needed to think about this a little bit more, and decided to step outside."

The woman spoke to volunteers, who encouraged her to visit a pregnancy resource center, where she received a free ultrasound and counseling. She decided to keep her baby, and then returned to the vigil site to thank all the people praying for her.

A prayerful presence at an abortion facility makes a difference, Roy said. "God asks us to be faithful, and that is what we need to do."

The prayer vigil in Nashville is held daily at The Women's Center at 410 Welshwood Drive from 6 AM to 6 PM through April 13.

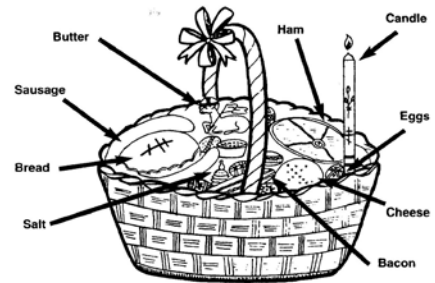
Sign up online at 40daysforlife.com/nashville. Prayer books are provided at the site by a vigil coordinator.



EASTER BASKET TRADITION

Where did the Easter Basket come from? It began in Eastern Europe more than a thousand years ago. In celebrating the Risen Christ, the faithful gathered preparations for the Easter meal in a basket, Swieconka, and brought it to the church on Holy Saturday for a blessing.

Some of the traditional items placed in these baskets included butter in the shape of a lamb, Easter bread topped with a cross or fish, decorated hard boiled eggs, as well as other feast ingredients such as ham, smoked bacon and



sausage. Each of the items had a symbolic meaning, such as the Easter bread representing Jesus as the bread of life.

If you would like to prepare an Easter Basket for the feast in your home, Fr. Dean will bless baskets at 9 AM on Holy Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes.

HEALING

- *Joyce & Don Traugher
- *Shannon Bell
- *Wyatt Houston
- *Don Cole
- *Paul Traugher
- *Tom Cuff
- *Savina Hollman
- *Sam Traugher
- *Eva Davanport
- *Bob Klimek
- *Frank Monfette
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *JoAnn Hunter
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Jim Weller
- *Marvin (Ed) Traugher

PETITIONS

- *For the safety and peace of our armed forces and their families.

*For all people to respect life from conception to natural death.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

*For the repose of the souls of all our family and friends who have died.

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Lois Bush
- *Charles Ray Cunningham
- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traugher
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John & Cynthia Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

ST. ANNE GROUP MEETS FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Children of the St. Anne Mothers Group made St. Patrick's day gifts for homebound and nursing home residents who are visited by the Legion of Mary.



The group meets in the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes between 9:30 and 11:30 AM on the First Friday of every month. Their children are engaged in fun religious activities in the Parish Hall. The next meeting will be on Friday, April 4th. All are welcome. Questions, contact Patricia Coffey at tricia2331@aol.com.



EASTER FLOWERS

Want to donate Easter flowers in honor of a person or in memory of someone? Please fill out and turn in envelopes located in the back of both parishes by April 13.

GOSPEL: 3/31 - 4/5

MONDAY: *Isaiah 65:17-21*

TUESDAY: *Ezekiel 47:1-9,12*

WEDNESDAY: *Isaiah 49:8-15*

THURSDAY: *Exodus 32:7-14*

FRIDAY: *Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22*

SATURDAY: *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

3/23

Parish: \$3,403.50

United Ministries: \$614.00

ST. MICHAEL

3/23

Parish: \$1,297.00

United Ministries: \$421.27

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 4/5/2014

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jon Knuth & Alice Cole

Ushers: Claude Burton &

Harry Lee

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 4/6/2014

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

David Johnson & Nathan

Smith

Ushers: Dick Joyce & Paul

Nutting

Altar Servers: Nick Haynes,

Nathan Aviles & Clayton

Miller

Collection Counters: Jim

Weller & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 4/6/2014

Lector: David Tinkle

Extraordinary Ministers:

Tony Cohea & Kaye Sharp

Usher/Greeter: Debbie

Traughber

Altar Server: Volunteer

Collection Counters: Kaye

Sharp & Denise Haley

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 repose of the soul of Jean Hambrick by Brenda & Terry Kelch
 For the repose of the soul of Ray Donovan by John & Sharon Shane
 For the people of God
 For the intentions of Rose Mary Reed by Hugh & Kay Braddock
 For a successful 40 days for life campaign
 For the repose of the soul of Charlie Heathman by Tony & Cathy Cotter
 For the intentions of Dakota Norris
 For the repose of the soul of Betty Ann Schneider by Jon & Jan Knuth

* Flowers for the Altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Jeff & Carol Hostettler