



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

## 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 - 6:15 PM

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - 6:30 PM - ENGLISH

7:15 PM - SPANISH

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - 7:00 PM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights" #526

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

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

God respects our freedom. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1: 5). He knows us before we were created and has a unique and unrepeatably plan for your life. But he respects our freedom.

Each of us can be the prodigal son. "Prodigal" means we are given to reckless and/or unrestrained extravagance. We can take everything he has given us and decide it is just too boring. We can rebel and seek freedom from, as I said last week, of practicing the virtues, getting our interior house in order, practicing acts of love, patience, goodness, kindness, and especially self-control; knowing that when we do that there is joy and peace to be had in our lives. To rebel against God and his commandments is for us on our own to determine what is right and wrong for ourselves, follow our own desires and mess around with whatever we think will make us feel good and happy.

And maybe in a quiet moment, we will recognize that in rebelling, we still end up with a new emptiness. There is that momentary high and then we slip into a deeper emptiness. Will we pause and reflect on this in the midst of our Lent, as we pray before, during and after Mass in this our Father's house? Will we see that us, *His* servants have purpose and meaning in our lives by our very acts of service. Will we let our conscience point the way home out from the land of boredom, vice and rebellion?

And the good news is we have the freedom to return to God. As long as we have life and breath in our bodies and we know how and how often we have messed up and sincerely want to come back, we have that wonderful gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He rejoices and throws a party at our return. He still has that plan for the rest of our lives

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and he will redeem every bit of the scar tissue from our past to be used for *his* purposes. Life will not be easy, temptations will abound, but there will be knowledge that life without God lacks light, hope and authentic love and it becomes that much harder to bear authentic, Godly fruit.

Which son are we? As John Bergsma writes, “some of us at Mass this Sunday are the younger son, who has been going astray rather self-consciously. We “younger sons” need to be reassured of God’s forgiveness. We need to pick up and leave the pig slop we’ve been wallowing in (whether that be substance abuse, porn, financial corruption, promiscuity, manipulation, etc.) and return to God, who is waiting to embrace us. Let us notice that the Father does not run after the son to the far country and pull him out of the muck. There is an act of repentance and renunciation that we must undertake before we can return to the Father. We [have to decide] to leave the pig sty. Others of us at Mass are the older brother. We think we are good, not in need of forgiveness, and God owes us something. We resent riff-raff hanging around, and in particular don’t want them in our churches or other places where we hang out.

We “older brothers” have no joy in our lives, because we really aren’t motivated by love, and don’t understand the God of love and joy. We need conversion as much as the younger son. We need to recognize “younger sons” as siblings, as family members, and share God’s joy at their repentance and reconciliation. God is not a businessman rewarding service in a tit-for-tat or quid-pro-quo manner. God is a father, who wants all his sons to share his love and joy.”

Are we in rebellion? Do we allow suffering, forgetfulness and a lukewarm faith to “stick” to our sins and keep us from knowing what God wants from us? Have we said, “Show me, Lord, how to surrender my freedom, how to be totally and completely yours?” The merciful Lord is waiting for us; don’t miss the chance this Lent to find him and to build a relationship based on gratitude and authentic love and to fulfill your unique destiny as a child of God.

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



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6:30 PM - ENGLISH

7:15 PM - SPANISH

ST. MICHAEL

7:00 PM

## EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 8 am Mass at St. Michael and after the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please contact Jeanie Gower, 615-476-2800 to help with St. Michael or Pam Burton, 615-643-0435 to help with Our Lady of Lourdes.



With the overwhelming number of First Communicants (85) we will have two First Communion dates. The first is for those who attend Mrs. Grace's class and that will be Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am. The second class will be the older group of students and adults, this class will be Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am.

There will be no 8:30 am Mass, Adoration or Confession on these two Saturdays.

## LECTORS, USHERS, & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a sign up sheet located in the back of Our Lady of Lourdes to sign up for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services. Thank you in advance for your help.



The St. Michael Altar Society will have a Bake Sale on Sunday, March 20. Please come and support this great fundraiser.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES – ST. MICHAEL

St. Vincent de Paul will hold a morning meeting at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, (entrance #4), Nashville, on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. At this time, Bishop Choby will be offering a blessing for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. All are invited to attend. Our next regular meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes rectory will be Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Due to your generosity, we were able to help five families by assisting with rent,



Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour on Saturday night, March 12

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor another meal on March 11. Thank you for the support of the last dinner.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

There will be a Women's Ministry Meeting after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 13

### **ST. MICHAEL**

There will be a clean up day at St. Michael on Saturday, March 19. This is a spring clean and preparation for St. Michael to host the Ecumenical Service on Palm Sunday Evening, March 20 at 6:00 pm

## **SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

Seminarians Andy Forsythe and Dillon Barker will be ordained transitional Deacons. They both have served at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael. There will be no Morning Mass, Adoration or Confession on this day. Everyone is invited to attend at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville TN at 10 am.

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### **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their annual potluck/FREE Family Fun Night on March 12th after the 5:30 p.m. mass at St. Pius X. Come try your luck at bingo, cake walk, musical chairs and more. Everyone is invited to attend. We ask that each family bring a side dish and a dessert. Please RSVP to [boyd1018@bellsouth.net](mailto:boyd1018@bellsouth.net) or 615-356-8629.



## PRAYER LIST

### HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*June Bell  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Richard Bogart  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Helen Byrne  
\*Don Cole  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Maurice Limoges  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout

Please keep Shelby Hostettler and other members of the mission team in your prayers as they travel to Haiti.

### 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

\*Dorothy Crosslin  
\*Claudia Traugher  
\*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 – 3/12/2016

*Lector:* Shelby Hostettler

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Jenny Gonyea & Carol Huddleston

*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY – 3/13/2016

*Lector:* Colleen Felts

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Dick Joyce & David Johnson

*Ushers:* Don Owens & Volunteer

*Altar Servers:*

Taw & Cuinn Owens

*Collection Counters:* Vince Moran & Paul Nutting

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 3/13/2016

*Lector:* John Restey

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Jim Conaghan & John Restey

*Usher/Greeter:*

Anna Tinkle

*Collection Counters:*

Kaye Sharp & Denise Haley

### GOSPEL: March 7 - 12

MONDAY: *John 4:43-54*

TUESDAY: *John 5:1-16*

WEDNESDAY: *John 5:17-30*

THURSDAY: *Luke 5:31-47*

FRIDAY: *John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

SATURDAY: *John 7:40-53*

## OFFERING

	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. MICHAEL
February 28	Parish: \$4,973.72	\$2,035.00
United Ministries	\$ 736.51	\$ 334.00

## 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 Connie Mitchell

For the repose of the soul of members of the Joe Cotter family  
by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris, Sr.

For the healing of Thelma Lee by Jerry & Jenny Gonyea

For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris Sr.

For the repose of the soul of Staff Sgt Marcus S. Bowl by Mike & Cherry Ellis

For the healing of June Bell by Jerry & Jenny Gonyea

For the repose of the soul of Logan Stephenson by John & Sharon Shane