



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

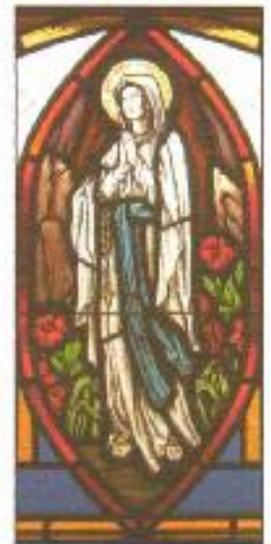
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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: [www.ollsm.org](http://www.ollsm.org)

### 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 – 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - Noon

### BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

## ST. MICHAEL

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM  
HOLY DAY – NOON

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Praise to the Lord" #721

**OFFERTORY:** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #561

**COMMUNION:** Instrumental

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

## Pastor's Column

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

We need to remind ourselves and our children, or grandchildren, or other Catholics the teaching we offer the world about Christian marriage. We know those who reject our offer of this teaching and as we pray for them, may we deepen our commitment and understanding. Msgr. Pope continues his series:

**VI. The Graces of the Sacrament** – The three most basic qualities of Christian marriage are that it is permanent, faithful, and fruitful. The graces of the Sacrament all serve to create and preserve these realities.

**Permanence:** Since God

himself is the author of every valid marriage, there arises a bond between the couple that can never be broken. This stable and faithful relationship is itself a great blessing since it provides the couple a sturdy foundation on which to live and experience trust, mutual support, and encouragement. It also provides the best environment in which to raise children. It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for life to another human being. This makes it all the more important to proclaim the Good News that God loves us with a definitive

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and irrevocable love, that married couples share in this love, that it supports and sustains them, and that by their own faithfulness they can be witnesses to God's faithful love.

(Catechism 1649)

**Faithfulness:** Marital love is also of its nature always undivided and exclusive. This love is a special love, which is never to be shared by the spouses with others. In addition to these graces, Christian couples receive all the graces they need to perfect their love for one another and strengthen their unity. By these graces they assist one another to grow in maturity and holiness. Marriage helps to overcome self-absorption, egoism, pursuit of one's own pleasure, and to open oneself to the other, to mutual aid and to self-giving. (Catechism 1609)

**Fruitfulness:** Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. God's love is fruitful and marital love is to be a reflection of that love. When God established marriage, He instructed the first spouses as to its nature, Be fruitful and multiply (Gn 1:28). So by its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of children. This of course includes more than a college education. It includes every aspect of the personal development of children: physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and supernatural life. God grants to parents an awesome dignity when He entrusts the care of immortal souls to them. This of itself helps us to recognize the high calling of marital life and helps us to understand how crucial and necessary the Sacrament of Matrimony is for the Church and for the world.

**VII. The structure of marriage as being both heterosexual and stable (permanent) is due to its essential work of raising children. Our modern culture speaks of marriage as being about and for the happiness of the adults.** The Lord, however, sets forth marriage as being first and foremost about children and what is best for them. Our culture prattles on endlessly about the rights and feelings of the adults in the marriage, but it is what is best for children that should be the first priority in speaking of Matrimony, its proper structure, and the conduct of the spouses.

**The modern world has wholly shifted the focus to adults,** insisting on their absolute "right" to resist children through contraception and even to kill them through abortion. And this is all so that adults can follow their own wishes. In separating children from marriage and sex, we have separated what God has joined and are now reaping a whirlwind of confusion along with bad and destructive behaviors.

**Back to basics, fellow Catholics!** Read the Scriptures; study the Catechism; respect Natural Law. And above all, get on your knees and pray for an end to the confusion. It will take a miracle in this darkened and decadent world, but God is able!

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

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### **Sunday, November 16:**

10:30 AM –Mass

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

3:00 PM - Card Party

### **Tuesday, November 18:**

8:30 AM - Mass

### **Wednesday, November 19:**

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass, Confirmation and Dead Theologians Society meets

7:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class

### **Thursday, November 20:**

8:30 AM - Mass

7:00 PM - RCIA/Inquirers' Class

### **Friday, November 21:**

8:30 AM - Mass

### **Saturday, November 22:**

8:30 AM - Mass

9:00 - Noon - Adoration & Confessions

9:10 - 11:00 AM - Jr. Legion of Mary meeting in the Rectory

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

11:00 AM - Confirmation students to help prepare the float and participate in the Christmas Parade

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

### **Sunday, November 23:**

10:30 AM –Mass

9:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Religious Education Class

11:45 - Advent Wreath Making in St. Luke's Hall and Free Lunch

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26 -  
NO CLASSES**

## ST. MICHAEL

### **Sunday, November 16:**

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Father Baron DVD Series

### **Sunday, November 23:**

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Father Baron DVD Series

## MEET THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEAM

### Clay Wooten 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

I am a life-long resident of Robertson County and work at Dillard's Salon at Rivergate Mall.

My years teaching CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) go back to its beginning in the early 1970's when Fr. Walenga was pastor. When the religious sisters could no longer staff the education program, Fr. Walenga asked members of the parish to teach. At that time, I began teaching 3rd and 4th grades. Since then, I have had the opportunity to teach grades 7 through 12, confirmation, vacation Bible school, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and adult education.

It is said that the teacher learns as much as the students. I have found that to be true. In preparing to teach others, we deepen our own faith.

Sharing the journey with others in religious ed. has been an integral part of my life now for more than 40 years. I feel fortunate to be a part of it.

## COOKIES BY THE POUND

Mark your calendars now to participate in the annual **Cookies by the Pound** on Sunday, Dec. 14 after the 10:30 AM Mass. Sponsored by the Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Club, the cookies will be sold at \$6 a pound.

Come select your favorite cookies and join us in celebrating Gaudete Sunday as the coming of Christ draws near.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Share some of the bounty the Lord has blessed upon your family this year by participating in the United Ministries Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Items desired include canned hams, stuffing mixes, canned yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, chicken broth and spices.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE; ADVENT PROGRAM

Weather permitting, the Confirmation Class of our parishes will participate in the Springfield Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Students should come to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall at 11 AM to decorate the float. A free lunch will be provided.

Line up for the parade begins at 12:30 PM and youths should be picked up at the end of the parade or from the parish hall at 3 PM.

If inclement weather prohibits our participation, a notice will be provided on the parishes' website, in a phone

recording and by a sign posted on the Parish Hall doors.

Regardless of the weather, everyone is invited to participate in the **Family Advent Preparation program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, Nov. 23.**

Parishioners will be provided with the materials needed to make an Advent Wreath for their homes and patterns for Jessie Tree ornaments with accompanying prayers. A free lunch will be provided.

## HEALING

- \*Annette Thomas
- \*Macky Hunter
- \*Mike Ellis
- \*Joyce Traughber
- \*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
- \*Sam Traughber
- \*Gloria Snow
- \*Ernie Axley Sr.

## DEPARTED AND

### THOSE WHO MOURN

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

## PETITIONS

\*For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.

\*May we be ever mindful of our many blessings and may we give thanks to Almighty God, the author of all good.

## HOMEBOUND

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- \*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

## PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

Advent is a season of preparation, but it is hard to focus as we are bombarded by the pagan rituals of a holiday season that has nothing to do with the coming of Christ.

This year in addition to coming to the Family Advent Program on Nov. 23, I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in a 33 Day

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary offered via the Internet by my friend Dr. Taylor Marshall. Called 33Mary.com, the free program will provide teachings from the Saints and the necessary prayers to complete the 33 Day Total Consecration. Those who sign up will receive daily e-mails starting Nov. 22 and ending Dec. 24. Sign up online at 33Mary.com.



Thank you to all who participated in the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive this year. With about 20 people donating blood, it was one of the most successful blood drives.

### GOSPEL: 11/17-22/14

**MONDAY:** *Luke 18:35-43*

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

**TUESDAY:** *Luke 19:1-10*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Luke 19:11-28*

**THURSDAY:** *Luke 19:41-44*

**FRIDAY:** *Luke 19:45-18*

*Presentation of Mary*

**SATURDAY:** *Luke 20:27-40*

*St. Cecilia*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11/9

Parish: \$2,116.11

Haiti: \$306.85

### ST. MICHAEL

11/9

Parish: \$1,045.57

Haiti: \$159.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**SATURDAY – 11/22/2014**

*Lector:* Shelby Hostettler

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Harry Lee & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* John Schwarz

**SUNDAY – 11/23/2014**

*Lector:* Jill Rucker

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Gene & Robyn Masoner

*Ushers:* Dick Joyce &

Volunteer

*Altar Servers:* Nathan Aviles

& Carson Rucker

*Collection Counters:* Jim

Weller & Paula Moran

### ST. MICHAEL

**SUNDAY – 11/23/2014**

*Lector:* Linda Harbert

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Tony Cohea & Kaye Sharp

*Usher/Greeter:* Debbie

Traugher

*Collection Counters:* Sandy

Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Umberto Baldini by Hugh & Kay Braddock
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the healing of Van Perdue by Terry & Brenda Kelch
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the healing of Raylee Odom by Hugh & Kay Braddock
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Anthony Anella by Charles & Dorthy Monsorno
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For the intentions of Van Perdue by Terry & Brenda Kelch
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul Charles Thompson by Patricia & Terry Avril
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of Wayne Heatherly by his family
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul Ina Lambert by Tony & Cathy Cotter

The Altar flowers at St. Michael are donated by Jim & Kim Schott

The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Felipe

**Envelopes for Christmas Flower Donations Are in the Back of the Parishes**