



THE MESSENGER

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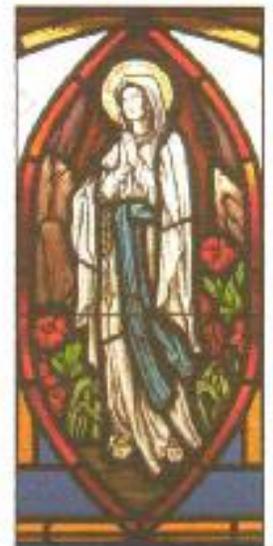
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CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: www.ollsm.org

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM
THURSDAY – **9:00 AM 11/27/14**
FRIDAY – **NO MASS 11/28/14**
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

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #412

OFFERTORY: "O God, Beyond All Praising" #659

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

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

Pastor's Column

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

St. Margaret of Scotland, whose feast day was last Sunday, was an English princess, and in 1070 was married to King Malcolm of Scotland. She was 24 years old at her marriage, and all accounts of her said she was a moderating and deep civilizing influence on her husband the King, turning him from rough and uncultured ways to a devout king who treated his people with justice, mercy and charity. The Catholic faith was lived in all the family's activities, and acts of devotion and piety were promoted. She never ate a meal without feeding some orphans or poor. She was devoted to all

8 of her children (one of whom was named a saint) and taught them not only how to read and write but to do regular devotions and reading of scripture each day, in fact all through the day. She was in ill health when there was an uprising in the country and when she, at age 47, found out her husband and one of her sons were killed in battle. She prayed this: "I thank you, Almighty God, for sending me so great a sorrow to purify me from my sins." Soon after she died.

Thanksgiving. Is. Coming.
We will have a Mass that

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morning. I will probably mention it is a secular holiday with some Christian roots. I will also probably say that the first 'True' Thanksgiving practiced in this county was a Spanish Mass done in the 1580's in Florida. It is also the start of the season where we are reminded to be watchful of our blatant consumerism and buying into the hype of having more and more stuff for Christmas, a message that is routinely ignored.

We are also about to start a new liturgical year, where we will talk of preparing spiritually for the coming of our Lord, yet again, in our hearts. May we, right now, make a promise to Almighty God, to thank God each and every day of Advent for *all* we have in our lives. Let us take our cue from St. Margaret. That means we thank God even for the stuff that happens that causes pain, suffering or heartache. It seems completely daft to thank God for such things. And yet, when we do, we begin to truly enter into the mystery of faith and become closer to God than we ever have before, when we went through the motions of faith. Yes, God has so richly blessed us, but so few see it. I can tell you all the theology, devotions, and saints that so richly make this seeming contradiction a true and absolute reality. And then our eyes start to glaze over, and I hear "but Father, you don't understand..." In fact I do. More than you can imagine. So instead; this season, we are going to be different, we are going to pray a simple prayer of Thanksgiving each and every day, for whatever befalls us, good or ill. The more you do it, the greater the reward. And that will be all (almost all!) the preparation you will need to see the coming of our Lord in a whole new way.

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. For all You have given; For all You have withheld; For all You have withdrawn; For all You have permitted; For all You have prevented; For all You have forgiven me; For all You have prepared for me; For the death You have chosen for me; For the place you are keeping for me in heaven; For having created me to love You for eternity: Thank You God. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.
ad Jesum per Mariam (to Jesus through Mary)

Fr. Dean

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, November 23:

10:30 AM –Mass

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

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

Tuesday, November 25:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, November 26:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM - Mass

NO Confirmation and Dead Theologians Society Classes

7:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class

Thursday, November 27:

9:00 AM - Mass, Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

NO RCIA/Inquirers' Class

Friday, November 28:

NO Mass, Office Closed

Saturday, November 29:

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

5:00 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 30:

10:30 AM –Mass

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

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, November 23:

8:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Father Baron DVD Series

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SEASON OF ADVENT – ANCIENT TIME OF PREPARATION

We are fast approaching the liturgical season of Advent that anticipates the Second Advent - the Coming of Christ at the end of the world and remembering the First Advent - the Coming of Christ at Christmas.

It is a season where we somberly take stock of our lives in the shadow of final judgment, while at the same time anticipating the incredible mercy of the process of our redemption, which began at the Annunciation and was made known to the world at Christmas.

The season of Advent is a long observed tradition of the

of the church. Here are some facts about the history of Advent from Dr. Taylor Marshall:

The first recorded time of “preparation for Christmas” is found in the acts of the Synod of Saragossa, Spain in 380 A.D. This synod declared that all baptized Christians should be present in Church from Dec. 17-25.

In 581 A.D., the Synod of Macon in Gaul (modern day France) called for the liturgical norms for Lent be kept from Nov. 11 to Dec. 24, which is about 40 days.

There is a copy of a sermon given by Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590-604) for the second Sunday of Advent.

In the seventh century, Advent was celebrated in Spain with five Sundays. Pope St. Gregory VII (1073-85) reduced the number of Sundays in Advent from five to four, which is the current practice.

The third Sunday of Advent is technically called Gaudete Sunday and it is marked by rose vestments. Gaudete means rejoice because the third Sunday marks the over-half-way-point of Advent.

And what about the Advent Wreath we will make today? It is a rather modern invention originating in Germany in the 19th century that quickly spread.

ALTAR SOCIETY

BAKE SALE

Stock up on baked goods for Thanksgiving at the bake sale sponsored by St. Michael's Altar Society on this Sunday, Nov. 23 after the 8 AM Mass at St. Michael.

The Altar Society also will have some Christmas arrangements for sale.

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.

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
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

- *For the repose of the soul of Sam Traughber and all our family and friends who have died.

PETITIONS

- *For the respect of human life from natural conception to natural death.
- *For the unemployed to find jobs with a living wage.
- *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

NEW TABERNACLE; REFINISHED PEWS

As you kneel before entering the pew this weekend at Our Lady of Lourdes, I hope you will notice that Jesus resides in a new Tabernacle that we obtained from a church that closed.

The Tabernacle will soon be surrounded with other wooden pieces to form the reredos that is being tailored to fit our space through a

generous donation by Connie Mitchell in honor of her father Armand St. Pierre's 90th birthday.

We also are grateful to another donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for providing the funds to strip the paint and green pickling off the pews and show their oak finish and color.

We hope to complete the renovations by Christmas.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Spaghetti Dinner for both parishes last Saturday night and for purchasing new tables for the Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall.

GOSPEL: 11/24-29/14

MONDAY: *Luke 21:1-4*

St. Andrew Dung-Lac

TUESDAY: *Luke 21:5-11*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 21:12-19*

THURSDAY: *Luke 17:11-19*

FRIDAY: *Luke 21:29-33*

SATURDAY: *Luke 21:34-36*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11/16

Parish: \$5,987.15

ST. MICHAEL

11/16

Parish: \$2,018.00

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 11/29/2014

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Huddleston & Paula Weller

Altar Server: Josh Hostettler

SUNDAY – 11/30/2014

Lector: Gloria Snow

Extraordinary Ministers: Paul Nutting & David Johnson

Ushers: Gene Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers: Nick Haynes & Chris Hardy

Collection Counters: Buddy Curran & Paul Nutting

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 11/30/2014

Lector: David Tinkle

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia Conaghan & James Conaghan

Usher/Greeter: Kaye Sharp

Collection Counters: Mary Jackson & Denise Haley

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Jerry Traughber by Terry & Patricia Avril
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ina Lambert by Tony & Cathy Cotter
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the healing of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the healing of Steven Sabo by John & Cissy Rampino
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For the intentions of Van Perdue by Brenda & Terry Kelch
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	For the healing of Thelma Lee by John & Cissy Rampino
FRIDAY MASS	NO MASS	
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Janet Schneider by Jon & Janet Knuth

The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Kendra Monfette & Patricia Coffey

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