



# 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 AM - NOON  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10 AM - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9:00 - NOON

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #601

**OFFERTORY:** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #562

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

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

We have all experienced people who make promises, but never follow through with actions. Maybe it was a child you told to clean his room, who responded with a hardy "yes," but five hours later you find the room in the same state of chaos. Or perhaps it is someone at work, who in front of the boss eagerly volunteers to work on special projects, but then never gets around to doing them.

The opposite is also true. We all have experienced people who may be a whirlwind of activity, but at the end of the day there is very little to show for it. Think of the hoarder who shuffles stuff from one place to another, but never reduces the volume. Or the person who spends hours looking for that perfect recipe, but never

gets around to cooking the meal. We may all think of times when we too are guilty of failing to fulfill promises or taking ineffective actions. In the letter of Saint James this week, it is clear that God wants both our commitment and our right ordered actions. He does not want us faithfully coming to Mass and sitting in the pew and nodding and saying yes Lord, here I am, count on me, and then spending the rest of the week forgetting that He exists.

But the Lord also does not want us to be very active fulfilling our own agendas and ignoring His. A woman once came to a minister friend of mine quite certain that God was calling her to leave her husband and small children to be a

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missionary for a year in South America. The minister assured her that the voice she was hearing to leave the family did not come from God. We often want to neglect the needs right before us and focus on what may seem more noble in our own eyes. For example, we might feel we are truly serving the Lord by spending hours at a charity or ministry, but if we were truly honest with ourselves and with God we do that work to fill the void of doing something far more important, like reconciling with an estranged family member.

If we are truly following the call of God in our lives, we will be taken outside of ourselves to serve others; and those others may be that pesky person at work, the cranky boss, the troublesome child or sibling. Archbishop Fulton Sheen made the point that when we die there will be a judgment where Christ "will say to each of us, show me your hands and feet. Where are your scars of victory? Have you fought no battles for truth? Have you won no wars for goodness? Have you made no enemy of evil?" These are sobering questions. God does want both faith and works harmoniously together guided by truth and accomplished by His Grace. Before we plan our day, are we stopping in prayer and asking God, is this what you want me to do today? And if we are sure that it is; are we doing it in a way that pleases God? Are we seeking his help before we start, instead of after we've made the mess? Instead of complaining, have we ever thought to help? Our parishes could use tons of help; all we have to do is offer.

Do we periodically stop and ask if we are fulfilling God's agenda or our own? How and when are we listening for the call of God in our lives? How are we fighting battles for truth and goodness within workplaces; within our families; within our own souls? And one of the best places for us to ask these questions and listen for the answers is in Adoration before the Lord. Adoration is offered 11 hours each week at Our Lady of Lourdes. Make an appointment with God to make sure your faith and works are pleasing to Him.

ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Fr. Dean

## FROM LADIES CLUB OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN DOVER

The Ladies Club at St. Francis of Assisi in Dover will be having a Ladies Retreat September 19, 2015, from 9:00am to 2:00 pm. Our speaker will be Fr. Chris Nunes. The retreat cost is \$10 and we will provide lunch. To register please contact Becky Graef at 931-232-7628 or email [b.graef@mac.com](mailto:b.graef@mac.com) or Marie Young at 931-627-0534 or [mariebop@hotmail.com](mailto:mariebop@hotmail.com). Come join us for a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 7PM

## CRAFT FAIR NEEDS ARTISTS

The Women's Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is sponsoring a Craft Fair on Saturday, October 17 from 9 am - 4 pm

Tables will be available for rent for \$20.00. Proceeds from the rentals will be used in various outreach ministries in Robertson County.

Artists and craft persons should contact Carol Bray, 615-384-4281 or Margaret Calvin, 615-746-0723 to reserve a space.

Bake sale items and a pizza lunch will be available to purchase during the fair.

This is an indoor event so rain or shine!

## FAIR CROWDS WELCOME LEGION PRO-LIFE EXHIBIT

The Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary made a return trip to the Robertson County Fair to promote the message of the dignity and preciousness of each life. There was plenty of interest by fairgoers and fellow exhibitors and they often expressed words of gratitude and thanks for promoting the message of all life is precious.

Like last year, the stars of the pro-life exhibit were the fetal models showing the size, weight and level of development of a child in the womb at 12 weeks, 16 weeks, 20 weeks and 30 weeks. The models tell the story of the humanity of a child without a word being spoken. Some expectant mothers were eager to have a window into their own wombs through the models, and many parents showed their children how small they use to be.

Our table provided a variety of brochures and information flyers about abortion, as well as information on where women facing unexpected pregnancies may obtain help. The most popular brochures were on how to talk to your children about abortion and a pamphlet providing detailed information on how we all progressed in our mothers' wombs from a tiny dot to our birth day nine months later. The Knights of Columbus kindly helped the Legion buy the brochures for the exhibit and staff the table during the fair.

In addition to the brochures, the Legion gave away 12-week fetal models, balloons and plastic shopping bags with pro-life messages, and rosaries with an accompanying brochure on how to pray the rosary. By far the most popular giveaway was the 12-week fetal models. More than 150 men, women and children left the fair holding one of the models.

The rosaries also were popular. The Legion explained that the rosaries were ancient prayer beads, offering a way for people to pray about the life, ministry and saving power of Christ.

The Legion is eager to return to the fair again next year to show the humanity of life in the womb. In the words of Blessed Mother Teresa, "Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or sovereign."

## NATIONAL LEADER COMES TO NASHVILLE LIFE RALLY

One of the leaders and founders of the international 40 Days for Life campaign will be the guest speaker at an opening rally for the local campaign. The rally will be held at the Church of the Assumption on 1227<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. in Nashville on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

The opening rally will start with a 7 PM Mass at the Church of the Assumption followed by a Celebration of Life across the street from the church at the Germantown Abbey. Special guest speaker Shawn Carnery is the director of the campaigns across America. Other speakers include Kelly Lang, from Silent No More Awareness Campaign and Fr. Mark Nolte. The opening rally also will feature music by PJ Anderson, Marie Bellet, and Courtney Zastre. The evening will conclude with Adoration starting at 10 PM.

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign will be held between Sept. 23 and Nov. 1, in 307 cities around the world. The local campaign will involve a peaceful prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood at 412 DB Todd Blvd, Nashville from 7 AM to 6 PM.

This year the campaign leaders are asking the parishes of the Diocese of Nashville to adopt a day to pray each week. On the designated day, members of the parish will come to the vigil site with a parish banner or sign and commit to providing a prayerful presence during that day from 7 AM to 6 PM. Sundays, Thursdays, and Fridays are still open for parishes to "adopt to pray" on those days. People also may come any day to pray between the hours of 7 AM and 6 PM. Prayer books are provided.

More information on the campaign is available online at [www.40daysforlife.com/Nashville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Nashville). Parishioners interested in praying as group from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael should contact Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864.

**AQUINAS CLASS &  
DEAD THOLOGIAN'S CLASS  
START THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7:10  
PM**

# PRAYER LIST

## HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*June Bell  
\*Shannon Bell  
\*Susie Bess  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Don Cole  
\*Tom Cuff  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Macky Hunter  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Maurice Limoges  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Dee Smoker  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout  
\*Joyce Traughber

## PETITIONS

\*For the respect and protection of human life.

## DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

\* Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ernie Axley and Helene Lassiter.

## 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

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 9/19/2015

Lector: Shelby Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Connie Mitchell & Pam Burton

Ushers: Carol Huddleston & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 9/20/2015

Lector: Lynn Wiemelt

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nathan Smith & Gloria Snow

Ushers: Dick Joyce & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Holly & Brianna Wiemelt

Collection Counters:

Pam Curran & Joan Byrne

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 9/20/2015

Lector: Kaye Sharp

Extraordinary Ministers:

Annecia & Jim Conaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

## GOSPEL: September 14-19

MONDAY: John 3:13-17

TUESDAY: John 19:25-27

WEDNESDAY: Luke 7:31-35

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

THURSDAY: Luke 7:36-50

FRIDAY: Luke 8:1-3

SATURDAY: Luke 8:4-15

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9/6

Parish: \$4,169.26

### ST. MICHAEL

9/6

Parish: \$1,379.50

## 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 Helene Lassiter by Harry & Thelma Lee

For the repose of the soul of Joe, Gayle, Ruth & Brenda Cotter by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the repose of the soul of Ernie Axley by Patricia & Terry Avril

For the intentions Alice Cole by Harry & Thelma Lee

For the intentions of Belle Holmes by her family

For the repose of the soul of Ernie Axley by Patricia & Terry Avril

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The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Felipa & Sairi