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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Website: 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

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM
HOLY DAY – NOON

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #575

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:

Passing the Peace: Part Three

This is the last column on the passing of the peace. Rome has recently issued a letter regarding the abuses. On a personal level, I was in High School when it was introduced in my protestant liturgy, all done, come to find out, because the Catholics did it. I knew then it was at best a clunky and awkward disruption, and sure enough at its worst it soon became a circus. All I wanted to do was pray, and now I had to break my reverie of worship with handshakes and chitchat.

Fr. Hugh Somerville-Knapman, a Benedictine monk at Douai Abby continues:

“Yet the liturgy itself tells us what the Sign of Peace is truly about. Look at what the celebrant says immediately prior to the Peace – “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: “Peace I leave you, **my peace I give you**”... grant her peace and unity.... **The peace of the Lord** be with you always ... Offer each other **the sign of peace.**”

“The” sign is of Christ’s peace, not our own general goodwill to others, or worse, to only our friends and family. It is an acknowledgement that we are in fact united in the Body of Christ who is our peace. *Continued on Page 2*

Perhaps it would have been better if the liturgy quoted the entire verse (John 14:27) of Christ's words: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.* **It is expressly a peace that we cannot give to each other. Only Christ gives us peace.** Our capacity is a negative one: we must not obstruct Christ's peace from uniting his Body. Otherwise we undermine the whole point of his shedding his blood for us. In truth, a sarcastic, insincere, jocular or careless exchange of the Sign of Peace is verging on a sacrilege."

"However, many would be upset if it were omitted. But I wonder if they would be upset for the right reasons. Are they upset because they feel they have missed out on a feel-good moment? Are they actually aware that it is Christ's peace uniting us all that is the focus? Do they perhaps rather see the Peace as an opportunity to offer friends and family a loving gesture? But such gestures are best made throughout the course of the day. There is something incestuous about offering the Peace only to family and friends. If it is to be offered, surely it should be offered to those we do not know, the stranger in our midst, the fellow Christian with whom we are at peace in Christ despite our not knowing him or her.

"To be honest, I would much rather omit the Sign of Peace as we practice it today. The dangers outweigh the benefits. Too many people misunderstand it; when offered only to friends and family it becomes a vehicle of exclusion of others (so inappropriate when about to receive the Lord's Body and Blood); when offered carelessly, facetiously or hypocritically, or worse when it is refused, it causes scandal to others and can ruin their preparation for Communion."

In particular, the Vatican letter the document pointed out guarding against abuses in the passing of the peace at Easter and Christmas, or during ritual celebrations such as Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Sacred Ordinations, Religious Professions, and Funerals, when the exchange of peace can become the occasion for expressing congratulations, best wishes or condolences.

Passing the peace should never distract us or anyone else from focusing on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Don't leave your pew, don't turn your body into a human pretzel to reach people outside your immediate area. Don't whisper words like good to see you and welcome back. All those words and gestures are entirely appropriate and encouraged in the parish hall, but not during the Mass.

But, you may be saying to yourself, why does Mass have to be so solemn and serious, what is the harm in greetings and hugs. I think the short answer is this: **Mass is not about us. It is about God, giving him the respect, honor and worship that he deserves as our Lord and Savior. Can we not put aside our own feelings and agendas for one hour and focus all our love and attention on God?**

May the sign of peace in our parishes become our heartfelt thank you to God that together we have been found worthy of redemption as we approach the altar in fear and trembling knowing we can do nothing without God's love, mercy and grace.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sunday, September 21:

10:30 AM – Mass

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

3:00 PM - Card Party

Tuesday, September 23:

8:30 AM - Mass

Wednesday, September 24:

10:00 AM - 6:15 PM - Adoration

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

7:10 PM - St. Catherine of Siena Class

Thursday, September 25:

8:30 AM - Mass

Friday, September 26:

8:30 AM - Mass

6:00 PM - Over 50 Group

Saturday, September 27:

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

Sunday, September 28:

10:30 AM - Mass

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

ST. MICHAEL

Sunday, September 21:

8:00 AM - Mass

Altar Society Meeting after Mass

Sunday, September 28:

St. Michael Feast Day

3:00 PM - Mass and Dinner to follow

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

The Merithew Family
Luke, Keyne,
Chance, Tristen and Kimber

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF RALLY

The 40 Days for Life campaign in Nashville to end abortion through prayer, education and outreach will begin with Mass and Kick Off Rally on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

The Mass will be held at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on West End Ave. in Nashville, followed by a Kick Off Rally for Life at the Cathedral's Fleming Center between 6:30 and 7:30 PM. The rally will feature the music of "Pelican 212" with Katie Rees of L'Angelus fame. Hot dogs, chips, beverages and desserts will be provided.

The 40 Days peaceful prayer vigils will be held at a new location in front of Planned Parenthood at 412 Dr D B Todd Blvd. in Nashville, daily from 6 AM to 6 PM starting on Sept. 24 and ending on Nov. 2.

To sign up to participate in the prayer vigil, go to www.40daysforlife.com/nashville. Prayer books will be provided at the site by a vigil coordinator.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now thru Oct. 19 -- Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive for Homeless Veterans.

Sept. 24 -- New St. Catherine of Siena Class. Register online at <http://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p1865.aspx>.

Sept. 28 -- St. Michael Feast Day Mass at 3 PM followed by a Potluck Dinner.

Nov. 3 -- Knights Blood Drive from 3 to 7 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please sign up for a time slot.

YES ON 1 SUNDAY

Bishop Calls on the Faithful to Protect Life

This coming November the citizens of Tennessee will have the opportunity to overturn a court ruling and allow the Tennessee State Legislature to regulate the abortion industry – that is the essence of the Yes on 1 Amendment initiative.

In urging Catholics to support Amendment 1, Bishop David Choby noted that it makes no "sense to have numerous and elaborate safeguards to every other medical procedure and not for abortions."

Because a court ruling held that the "right to abortion" is a part of the state's constitution, lawmakers are unable to enact laws that protect vulnerable women and help save unborn children.

Some of the laws adopted by surrounding states require informed consent for abortions, brief waiting periods and regulation of abortion facilities by state Departments of Health.

A Yes on Amendment 1 vote allows our legislature to adopt similar safeguards.

HEALING

- *Annette Thomas
- *Macky Hunter
- *Mike Ellis
- *Joyce Traughber
- *Shannon Bell
- *Wyatt Houston
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *June Bell
- *Sandra Armour
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *JoAnn Hunter
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Susie Bess
- *Tom Cuff
- *Savina Hollman
- *Cheryl & Jerry Bush
- *Robert & Dorothy Bradley
- *Bob Klimek
- *Sam Traughber
- *Jim Weller
- *Marvin (Eddie) Traughber
- *Gloria Snow
- *Ernie Axley Sr.

PETITIONS

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

DEPARTED AND

THOSE WHO MOURN

- *For all our family and friends who have died.

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WORK DAY
Sign Up to Help on Saturday,
October 4th 9 AM to 3 PM

Planting & Weeding the Prayer Garden
 Fertilizing and Pruning Roses
 Cleaning Up Property Fence Line
 Mulching the Playground



Cleaning: Stations of the Cross
 Parish Walls
 Rectory Shutters

Painting Parish Hall Bathroom
 & Parking Spaces



Free Lunch at Noon

GOSPEL: 9/22-27/14

MONDAY: Luke 8:16-18
TUESDAY: Luke 8:19-21
St. Pius of Pietrelcina
WEDNESDAY: Luke 9:1-6
THURSDAY: Luke 9:7-9
FRIDAY: Luke 9:18-22
SATURDAY: Luke 9:43b-45
St. Vincent De Paul

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9/14
 Parish: \$3,611.70
 Haiti: \$ 294.50

ST. MICHAEL

9/14
 Parish: \$1,150.00
 Haiti: \$ 150.26

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 9/27/2014

Lector: Carol Hostettler
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Carol Huddleston & Jenny
 Gonyea
Ushers: Terry Kelch & Jerry
 Gonyea
Altar Server: Christian
 Trujillo

SUNDAY – 9/28/2014

Lector: Taryon Carney
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Robyn Masoner & Nathan
 Smith
Ushers: Don Owens & Dick
 Joyce
Altar Servers: Nathan
 Aviles & Chris Hardy
Collection Counters: Claude
 Burton & Buddy Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 9/28/2014

Lector: John Restey
Extraordinary Ministers:
 Tony Cohea & Anna Tinkle
Usher/Greeter: Debbie
 Traughber
Altar Server: Volunteer
Collection Counters: Mary
 Jackson & Denise Haley

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the intentions of Chuck Norris by his family
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Paul Traughber by Terry & Rhonda Crockett
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the people of God
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Charles Norris Sr. by his family
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	For a special intention
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Terry Ashburn by Jim & Paula Weller
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Terry Ashburn by Harry & Thelma Lee
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For a special intention

The Altar flowers at St. Michael are donated by The Tinkle Family in celebration of the Katherine & Josh's wedding
 The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by John & Ginny Schwarz