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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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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 – 3:00 PM 9/27

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #491

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

COMMUNION: Instrumental

Pastor's Column

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

The big news story is of course Pope Francis making his first ever visit to the United States. He is visiting three major cities on the East Coast. (He leaves the U.S. on Sunday night.) He canonized St. Junipero Serra, met homeless, and observed efforts of Catholic Charities, spoke to Congress, and as this is being written will head to New York and the U.N., and then to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of the Families. We pray that his visit may show the Catholic faith is of love, compassion and also of truth. . Pope Francis frequently refers to the spiritual battle being waged in the world and need to be ever vigilant of the evil one.

And there was also the news that Yankee baseball great

Lawrence Peter "Yogi" Berra died at age 90. He was skilled as catcher, manager and coach, but he was known for his malapropisms, otherwise known as "yogi-isms." "It's déjà vu all over again," "We made too many wrong mistakes," "You can observe a lot by watching," "The future ain't what it used to be," and the one that has more meaning than we think: "When you come to a fork in the road... take it."

A recent survey of the American Catholics show that the Church Pope Francis got a look at this past week has come to a fork in the road...and took it. It sounds paradoxical...and it is. For instance, almost all Catholics see a family with a married mother

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and father as the ideal for raising families, but they also accept all the various alternative life style choices of “families” which are not in accord with Christian or Catholic teaching. Barely 1 in 4 “Catholics” go to Mass regularly. One-quarter of Catholic adults have had a divorce and most Catholics opine that cohabitation without marriage is basically no big deal. If you go to Mass regularly, there is a maybe 50% chance you will go to confession once a year and almost never if you don’t go to Mass very much.

In other words we identify as “Catholic,” but we are taking the fork in the road, and doing...whatever. There are probably many reasons why, and so often it comes down to one single word: authority. Who and what has authority in our lives? Is it Jesus Christ and His Church and all it proposes to the world? Or is our “authority” anger, fear and combinations of “this and that,” and when convenient, some church teaching. We take one fork and then another fork. Is it any wonder our children are confused. The authority in our world is one thing and then another. And that is exactly where the devil wants us. Confused and following the authority of anything that seems more “right” than what the Catholic Church has proposed to the world for 2,000 years.

In the columns of the last several weeks, I have tried to highlight that we are in the midst of a spiritual battle for the soul of the Church and for each of our own souls. We are also in a debt crisis nationally and individually that no one is talking about that may have very ominous results. There is an entitlement attitude among young adults that is very troubling. Those ties that used to keep us together, such as common morals, values and virtues are now derided and are not being passed on. I am worried. And that is why I so hope Pope Francis may support and promote the rich fullness of the deposit of faith in a fresh way so that we may embrace that needed authority in our lives, keep the evil one out of our homes, and when there is a fork in the road, we will know the right one from the wrong one.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

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!

SECOND COLLECTION UNITED MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL VETERANS CLOTHES DRIVE STARTS NEXT WEEKEND

Please bring any coats, clothes or
toiletry items for Veterans.
This clothes drive will go until the
end of October.

There will be collection boxes
located in the back of each church.

If you have any questions please see
a Knight of Columbus.

SIGNS OF FAITH QUIZ

Children are sponges. They will pick up what is important to their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other adults by watching their actions. So what messages are we silently sending to the next generation through our actions? Take this quiz. How well you do, is between you and God. But don't think He doesn't already know your score, and He has a uniquely tailored plan ready for each of us to improve our ways.

The children in my life know I have a strong faith because:

I love going to Mass and never miss an opportunity.

I read the Bible and other religious material frequently.

I say prayers in front of my family prayer station each day.

I always have a Rosary with me and saying the prayer is a daily joy.

I do a Holy Hour of Adoration each week.

I have a list of people I pray for each day.

I visit the sick frequently.

I volunteer at the parish and other places in the community.

I give away at least 10 percent of what I own as the Lord has guided me in prayer.

I do not watch television and movies that promote immoral behavior or visit inappropriate websites.

I dress modestly so as not to lead anyone else to sinful thoughts.

I forgive people who have wronged me.

I do not speak ill of other people.

I know more about the lives of saints than I do about sports and entertainment figures.

My face has more smile lines than frown lines.

I am patient and strive to be a peacemaker.

I enjoy and am frequently seen helping others.

I study the faith and strive to share it by word and example.

I conduct a daily examination of conscience and make frequent use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I display moderation in the consumption of food and drink, and in the purchase of material goods.

I do not complain.

I encourage the young people in my life to seek what God is calling them to do and to respond with generosity and courage.

I go on yearly retreats and seek out spiritual direction.

My conduct before, during and after the Mass shows my respect and reverence for the Lord.

I am hopeful and do not give in to discouragement.

I know I am a sinner, that Satan is real and that only God's grace and mercy will save me.

SAINT THERESE: THE LITTLE FLOWER THAT BLOOMS

On October 1, we will celebrate the feast day of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, popularly known as the Little Flower. Her statue is found in the back of the Our Lady of Lourdes parish. This young cloistered French nun who died at age 24 has been declared a Doctor of the Faith for "The Little Way of Spiritual Childhood." Part of the message of St. Therese's "Little Way" is that each one of us, no matter what our abilities or circumstances are called to be saints and we can become saints by the ordinary stuff of our daily lives. Whether it was dealing with a crabby arthritic nun, being splashed with dirty dish water, or suffering through the agony of a disease, St. Therese made the circumstance of her life an offering to Christ. As she wrote: "I feel that when I am charitable it is Jesus alone who acts in me; the more I am united to Him the more do I love all my Sisters."

Now if you have ever wondered why she is known as the Little Flower, here is a reflection on flowers from her autobiography "The Story of a Soul."

"I often asked myself why God had preferences, why all souls did not receive an equal measure of grace... Our Lord has deigned to explain this mystery to me. He showed me the book of nature, and I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy.

"I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would lose its springtime beauty, and the fields would no longer be enameled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, Our Lord's living garden.

"He has been pleased to create great Saints who may be compared to the lily and the rose, but He has also created lesser ones, who must be content to be daisies or simple violets flowering at His Feet, and whose mission it is to gladden His Divine Eyes when He deigns to look down on them. And the more gladly they do His Will the greater is their perfection. I understood this also, that God's Love is made manifest as well in a simple soul which does not resist His grace as in one more highly endowed...

St. Therese Pray for Us so that we may follow your example and turn to Christ in all our circumstances knowing that our loving Father can pour into each upturned and open souls the grace to be flowers in his living garden.

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

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

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 – 10/3/2015

Lector: Belle Holmes

Extraordinary Ministers:

Kay Braddock & John Schwarz

Ushers: Claude Burton & Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 10/4/2015

Lector: Colleen Felts

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mandee Johnson & Robyn Masoner

Ushers: Gene Masoner & Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Chris Hardy & Nathan Aviles

Collection Counters: Claude Burton & Paul Nutting

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 10/4/2015

Lector: Mike Ellis

Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Harbert & John Restey

Usher/Greeter:

Mary Jackson

Collection Counters:

Mary Jackson & Jim Conaghan

GOSPEL: September 28 - October 3

MONDAY: *Luke 9:46-50*

TUESDAY: *John 1:47-51*

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 9:57-62*

St. Jerome

THURSDAY: *Luke 10:1-12*

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

FRIDAY: *Matthew 18:1-5,10*

The Holy Guardian Angels

SATURDAY: *Luke 10:17-24*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9/20

Parish: \$4,581.62

ST. MICHAEL

9/20

Parish: \$1,405.00

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 repose of the soul of Ed Gramaldi by Raquel Van De Velde & Family

For the repose of the soul of Andrew & Joan Catignani by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the repose of the soul of Naomi Comeaux by David, Cathy & Sam Twardosky

For the intentions of Harold & Carol Ebnet by Rita Erickson

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

For the repose of the soul of Michael Ebnet by Rita Erickson

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For the intentions of the Monfette Family

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Claude & Pam Burton

OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLOTHING DRIVE FOR VETERANS ALL MONTH Donation Boxes located in the back of each church				<u>1</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>2</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>3</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
<u>4</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 8 am Mass @ St. Michael 9 am Catholic Discussion Meeting @ St. Michael 10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>5</u> 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting	<u>6</u> 8:30 am Mass 6:00 pm St. Michael 175th Planning Meeting	<u>7</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - Dead Theologians Class	<u>8</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>9</u> 8:30 am Mass 9:30 - 11:30 Mother's Group	<u>10</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
<u>11</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 8 am Mass @ Saint Michael & Breakfast Sunday @ St. Michael 9 -10:15 am No Class Fall Break 10:30 am Mass 11:30 am Women's Ministry Meeting Noon - 5 pm Jr. Legion 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>14</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - No Class Fall Break	<u>15</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>16</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>17</u> 9-4 CRAFT FAIR 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
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<u>25</u> 7-8am Spanish Prayer 9 -10:15 am Religious Education K-Confirmation 10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm Spanish Mass 2:30 - 4 pm Spanish Choir Practice	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 8:30 am Mass	<u>28</u> 10-6:15 pm Adoration 6:15 pm Benediction 6:30 pm Mass 7:10-8 pm Spanish Prayer 7:10 - 8:30 pm Aquinas Class (in Rectory) 7:10 pm - Dead Theologians Class	<u>29</u> 8:30 am Mass 7-8:30 pm Spanish Bible Study	<u>30</u> 8:30 am Mass 6 pm Over 50 Group	<u>31</u> 8:30 am Mass 9-Noon Adoration & Confession 9-11 am Jr. Legion 11 am Legion of Mary 1-4 pm Spanish Choir Practice 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7-9 pm Charismatic Group
All events are at Our Lady of Lourdes unless noted @ Saint Michael						