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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 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: "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #481

OFFERTORY: "Fairest Lord Jesus" #519

COMMUNION: *Instrumental*

Pastor's Column

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

As we head toward Labor Day weekend, it is a good time to reflect on the importance of work in our lives. And when we do we come face to face with some issues that are not being talked about, because it would be politically "unseemly." We should be talking about the record number of people in this country who are unemployed or underemployed. Now the government doesn't even bother to count the unemployed. The situation has gotten much worse since 2008. Unemployment and the associated social "divides" in our country are worse than ever. The more the government gets involved, the more the problems

multiply. Now, almost half of the country receives some federal assistance, and a record number of people receive what is called "food stamps" (even though now it is a "card"). What in the world is going on? Everyone has an opinion and all we do is shout at each other. And in all that shouting no one addresses the basic, simple, but profound teachings offered by our Christian faith and especially Catholic social teaching. Throwing more tax dollars at a problem for yet another program is now contrary to logic. It is up to Catholics to teach, promote and live according to virtues; Christian morals, and to do all we can to support the basic cell (building block) of social, economic, political and

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church life: the FAMILY. When the family, mommies and daddies and little ones, living together, worshipping, sacrificing, teaching values, teaching morals; when families work, society works. When the family unit breaks, and unity becomes broken, society too, falls apart. No one is passing on values, virtues and morals. No one is passing on the value and dignity of each individual and of the dignity of work and of just compensation. Now, there are so many people who feel they are “entitled” to a handout.

There was a time when the Church had a vital role in what we would now call the “safety net” of society. Today, most industrialized countries “federal style” government is redistributive, taking from those who have and giving to those who don’t have. Even when that redistribution was done at the point of a gun (Marxism) it didn’t work. Socialism and all the other political “isms” cannot pass on what is so needed: values, virtues and morals and the dignity of the work and of just compensation.

I may be shouting in the wind (probably am), but until we face the true real issues going on, all these stories and headlines we have been seeing since at least 2008 are going to continue and get worse. How is society ever going raise up the rural single mom working as a cashier; how are we ever going get through to the inner city youth who is raising himself on the street, without trying to teach values, virtues and moral life? The government cannot, we see that. The more money we transfer to try to “help,” the more the problem deepens. Yes, today, the problem gets complicated, quickly. We try to help the helpless, but with addiction and drugs so much a part of the problem, there is only so much we can do. Usually the family unity is long gone and society is saddled with simply keeping “heads” above water.

What is needed in all the shouting is the Catholic Church and Christian morals as part of the discussion in the public square. We have the teachings and doctrines, and so many people who want to do their Christian duty and show their charity and help others make moral choices, help them live the virtues, and above all promote the family. That is why the healthcare debate and Catholic teaching issue is so important. The government is actively promoting a stance contrary to life; and they are challenging the Catholic Church head-on. They want us out of the discussion in the public square. They want us out of any problem-solving. May we who have labored long and hard be thankful for what we have received. We made it through the times of injustice or inequality, we sacrificed and persevered. And for those still laboring, may we in these perilous economic times, be thankful for our jobs and may we pray for our Catholic voice to be heard for all those who have been pushed aside; that Catholic social teaching has much to offer; Jesus and the life of holiness must be part of the solution. Pray for families. Pray for your family.

ad Jesum per Mariam,
Fr. Dean

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Kindergarten thru Confirmation will
meet Sunday mornings from
9:00 - 10:15 am

Registration forms are
located in the back of each church

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7

Office closed - Labor Day

September 9

Adoration 10-6:15

Dead Theologians Class starts 7:10 pm

September 12

After the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Parish
Celebration with Stephen Bargatze

(Please see the bulletin insert)

A nacho bar and drinks will be available

September 13

Religious Education 9- 10:15 am
Breakfast Sunday at St. Michael 9 am

September 14

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting 7
pm

September 16

Aquinas Class 7:10 pm

(This class will be held in the Rectory)

Dead Theologians Class starts 7:10 pm

(This class will be held in the Parish Hall)

SACRAMENT GUIDELINES

BAPTISM

Please contact the office at least 2 weeks prior to the proposed date. We request the family fill out a "Baptismal Request" form that may be obtained from the office. We also request Parents and Godparents (Sponsors) complete a Baptism class prior to the baptism.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Saturday mornings from 9 am until noon. Also, at 4:30 prior to the 5 pm Vigil Mass or by appointment. Students in the First Communion Class and Confirmation will have a scheduled date given to them by their teacher.

FIRST COMMUNION

Children are prepared for First Communion by participating in the Sunday School preparation program. Registration will be Sunday, September 13.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 am. You may register for this class on Sunday, September 13.

MATRIMONY

Preparation is conducted by Father Dean and or Deacon Morris. Please contact the office a minimum of 6 months prior to the proposed date.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

SUBSIDY INFORMATION

In 2014 Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael Catholic Churches established a subsidy policy to help define our assistance to afford Catholic education.

- * Families must be a registered members of Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Michael for one year prior to requesting a subsidy.
- * Must regularly attend Mass with children and be active members by giving of time, talents and treasures and be active in parish ministry.
- * Must use parish envelope system and agree to a minimum annual pledge amount of \$600 turned in the prior calendar year. At least 90% of this pledge must be met by December 31.
- * Tithing requirements are to be fulfilled by the parent or legal guardian and not other family members or friends.

All subsidy decisions will be made by the Subsidy Review Committee.

If you wish to be considered for a subsidy, please contact the office for an application form. If you are requesting subsidy for High School students, the same guidelines apply.

**The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on
Monday, September 14 due to Labor Day**

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

*Sandra Armour
*Ernie Axley Sr.
*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 Traugher

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 Traugher
*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 – 9/12/2015

Lector: Mike Noble

Extraordinary Ministers:

Savina Hollman & Carol

Huddleston

Ushers: John Schwarz &

Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

SUNDAY – 9/13/2015

Lector: Gloria Snow

Extraordinary Ministers:

Colleen Felts & Taryon Carney

Ushers: Don Owens &

Volunteer

Altar Servers:

Cuinn Owens & Nick Haynes

Collection Counters:

Paul Nutting & Jessie Johnson

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 9/13/2015

Lector: Mike Ellis

Extraordinary Ministers:

Anna Tinkle & John Restey

Usher/Greeter:

David Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Kaye Sharp & Joe Grady

GOSPEL: September 7 - 12

MONDAY: *Matthew 6:31-34*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23*

WEDNESDAY: *Luke 6:20-26*

St. Peter Claver

THURSDAY: *Luke 6:27-38*

FRIDAY: *Luke 6:39-42*

SATURDAY: *Luke 6:43-49*

OFFERING

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8/30

Parish: \$3,088.50

United Ministries: \$491.00

ST. MICHAEL

8/30

Parish: \$1,420.00

United Ministries: \$252.00

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 intentions of The Margaret Calvin Family

For the deceased members of the Altar Society

For the intentions of Donna Fike

For the intentions of Ernie Axley

For the repose of the soul of Annette Thomas by Honore Billy

For the intentions of June & Thom Bell by Hugh & Kay Braddock

For the intentions of Ernie Axley

For the repose of the soul of Paul Traugher by Terry & Patricia Avril

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Gene & Robyn Masoner