

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SVDP Meeting 9A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
2 RCIA 9:30A Jr. Daughter Meeting 9:30A Social Action 9:30A Women's Council 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Morris - Esteves Wedding 5P	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed	4 Zumba Class 5:45P	5 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	6 AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	7	8 Choir Retreat Ercium 11:00A Dance by Kenya 1:30P New Members Meet 3:00PM Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
9 RCIA 9:30A YAG Meeting 9:30A Health Ministry 12N KPC/KPCA Meeting 1:30P	10 Stand Up for Kids 4P Liturgy Meeting 7P Life After the Pink Ship 7P	11 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 5:45P Lector Prep 7P	12 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	14	15 SVDP Meeting 9A History Committee 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Prayer Shawl 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
16 RCIA 9:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Haiti Committee Meeting 12N	17	18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 5:45P	19 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	21 Teen Retreat 5:30P Alumni Meet & Greet 6P Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P	22 Alumni Gala 8P Airport Renaissance Ercium 11:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
23 Church Picnic 1P RCIA 9:30A Lourdes Alumni Meeting 2P	24	25 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 5:45P Finance Meeting 6:30P	26 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	28	29 Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
30 School Start Starts 10:30A Teen Ministry Parenting Class Lay Dominicans Meeting 2P						

Save the date for Lourdes Picnic ~ Sunday, September 23rd ~ Grant Park ~ 1:00PM

NOT READY FOR THE REST HOME

Just a year ago, in Pasadena CA, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus celebrated the jubilees of four of their longtime members. Among them was Sister Megan Rice, a New York City native with well over a half-century of service in many different capacities. As Sister Frederick Mary, Rice taught school in the US before moving to West Africa to toil for 40 years in classrooms in Ghana and Nigeria. But upon her return, this dynamic woman was by no means ready for a well-deserved retirement. Instead, she became a peace activist, part of the interfaith Nevada Desert Experience opposing nuclear weapons and warfare. She was jailed for several of her actions, including "crossing the line" at the annual protest against the SOA at Fort Benning outside Columbus GA.

"82-YEAR-OLD NUN SHUTS DOWN TOP-SECRET NUCLEAR FACILITY"

To commemorate the recent anniversary of the WWII destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Sister Megan and two other Catholic activists traveled to the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge TN, the nation's only facility for manufacturing, processing, and storing weapons-grade uranium. Calling themselves Y-12 Plowshares, the three issued a statement condemning government plans to spend \$6.5 billion upgrading the plant to produce over 3,000 new nuclear weapons. Cutting through four chain-link fences to enter the top-secret facility by night, the trio hung banners and splashed blood on the storage site. Before their arrest, they offered to break bread with the startled guards. Soon afterwards, Y-12 was shut down for a security investigation.

HOW SAD IT IS! . . . OR MAYBE NOT

While a nearby Catholic Worker House called the group "modern prophets" guided by the Holy Spirit, other Catholics singled out Sister Megan and her religious order for criticism. "How sad it is," declared one blogger, "to see what has happened to what was once a thriving and beautiful order!" Another was offended that a Catholic sister would resort to civil disobedience because, as she said, "The times may have changed, but Rosary beads are still the most powerful of weapons to change souls." Not surprisingly, sisters taking on more traditional ministries were described as "more Catholic."

"MORE CATHOLIC" THAN THE CHURCH?

In fact, however, Catholic teaching supports Sister Megan's position on nuclear war. Recalling the horrors of World War II, the bishops at the Second Vatican Council agreed that nuclear "weapons can inflict massive and indiscriminate destruction, thus going far beyond the bounds of legitimate defense." In reference to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Vatican II broke with its customary pastoral tone and branded such destruction "a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation."

More recently, Pope Benedict called the concept of nuclear deterrence "not only baneful but also completely fallacious" and called for disarmament. Early in 2012, our bishops joined that call, urging American Catholics to insist that the US stop stockpiling nuclear arms. For embracing that cause, a faithful octogenarian nun faces more time in jail.

To hear Sister Megan Rice explain her own perspective on the campaign against nuclear war, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AIB5IC9L4E&feature=colike>

Annual

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

PICNIC



Sunday, September 23rd

Grant Park

1:00 to 5:00 PM

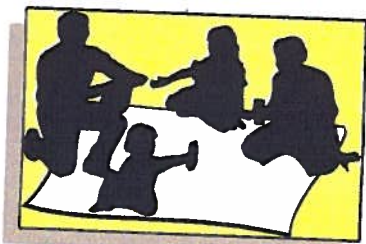
Fun...Games...Food...A good time for all

Pot Luck – Bring a dish to the Community Table

**“If your last name begins with the letter...
...bring the following dish to share.”**

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| A – D | Pastas & Salads |
| E – H | Cooked Baked Beans |
| I – N | Desserts |
| O – R | Cooked Vegetables |
| S – Z | Soda Pop (cans) & Water |

*Dishes are suggestions to have a good assortment to complement your meal.
Please bring your dishes in disposable containers & aluminum foil*



*Come meet
members of
our Lourdes
community*

Calling all

Lourdes Ministry Chairpersons

There will be a few tables available for you
to display information about our ministries

here at Lourdes

as well as your businesses.

(Business cards & flyers only please)

Call the church office 404.522.6776 by

September 21st

To reserve a spot