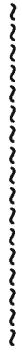


Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

APRIL 2013

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                      | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1 Easter Monday</b><br>Church Office Closed<br>Life After the Pink Slip 7P | <b>2</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Zumba Class 6:00P<br>Lector Prep 7P                                             | <b>3</b><br><i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i><br><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i>  | <b>4</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P          | <b>5</b>                                                                    | <b>6</b> SVDP Meeting 9A<br>Lector Prep 10:30A<br>Eucharistic Minister's 12:30P<br>Dance by Kenya 1:30P<br>Rosary 4:30PM<br>5:00PM Eucharist                                  |
| <b>7</b> RCIA 9:30A<br>Sunday School 10:30A<br>Teen Ministry 10:30A<br>Parenting Class 10:30A<br>St. Vincent de Paul 12N<br>Women's Council 12N                                                                                 | <b>8</b><br>Pastoral Council 7P                                               | <b>9</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Zumba Class 6:00P<br>Baptismal Class 7P<br><i>African American Composers 7P</i> | <b>10</b><br><i>African American Composers 7P</i>                  | <b>11</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br><i>African American Composers 7P</i> | <b>12</b>                                                                   | <b>13</b><br>Eractism 11A<br>Dance by Kenya 1:30P<br>ASBS Meeting 3P<br>Rosary 4:30PM<br>5:00PM Eucharist                                                                     |
| <b>14</b> RCIA 9:30A<br>Sunday School 10:30A<br>Teen Ministry 10:30A<br>Parenting Class 10:30A<br>St. Vincent de Paul 12N<br>KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12N                                                                              | <b>15</b>                                                                     | <b>16</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Zumba Class 6:00P<br><b>ABLE Meeting 6:00P</b>                                 | <b>17</b><br><i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i><br><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> | <b>18</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P         | <b>19</b><br><i>Men's Ministry</i><br><i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i> | <b>20</b> SVDP Meeting 9A<br>Pastoral Care Team 10:00A<br>Dance by Kenya 1:30P<br>Rosary 4:30PM<br>5:00PM Eucharist                                                           |
| <b>21</b><br>RCIA 9:30A<br>Sunday School 10:30A<br>Teen Ministry 10:30A<br>Parenting Class 10:30A<br>Haiti Ministry Meeting 12N                                                                                                 | <b>22</b><br><i>Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM</i>                                 | <b>23</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A<br>Zumba Class 6:00P                                                              | <b>24</b>                                                          | <b>25</b><br>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A                                         | <b>26</b>                                                                   | <b>27</b> Women's Council<br>South Denary Meeting 7:30A<br>Eractism 11A<br>Dance by Kenya 1:30P<br>Life Issues 4:00PM<br>Teen Lock In 4P<br>Rosary 4:30PM<br>5:00PM Eucharist |
| <b>28</b> Bookstore Open Today<br>RCIA 9:30A<br>Sunday School 10:30A<br>Teen Ministry 10:30A<br>Parenting Class 10:30A<br>Health Ministry Meeting 12M<br>Teen Ministry Workshop 1:30P<br>Alumni Meeting 2P<br>Lay Dominicans 2P | <b>29</b>                                                                     | <b>30</b>                                                                                                           |                                                                    |                                                                           |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                               |



Come and enjoy "A Celebration of 50 years of African American Catholic Music" featuring five noted composers: 7pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 9-11 in Sanctuary. Witness a live concert recording.

## STOPPING FOR DIRECTIONS

During an ice storm in February, 18-year-old Jhaqueil Reagan of Indianapolis headed out to interview for a minimum-wage job at a thrift store 10 miles away. At his mother's death in 2011, Jhaqueil had found himself homeless and dependent on friends for a warm place to sleep. Though he dropped out of high school, he did acquire a GED and had unsuccessfully sought work at many fast-food places when he spotted the thrift-store ad. Despite the weather, he decided to try his luck.

Already miles into his journey, Jhaqueil asked directions from Art Bouvier, who was clearing the parking lot outside his Cajun restaurant, Papa Roux. Assuming the boy was going to catch a bus, Bouvier told him the way. But when he set out on an errand later in the morning, the restaurant owner spotted Jhaqueil still on foot. Bouvier stopped, and the teen explained that he had no money for bus fare but needed a job desperately enough to walk. Before long, Jhaqueil was invited to join the staff at Papa Roux.

## FACEBOOK CELEBRITIES

The story might have ended there if Bouvier had not shared Jhaqueil's tale on his restaurant's Facebook page. Within days, the pair were featured in international news stories and interviewed everywhere from MTV to Glenn Beck. Yet neither Art Bouvier nor his new employee claim to be extraordinary. "Anyone who thinks an 18-year-old homeless kid is the poster child for conservative values needs a reality check," Bouvier stresses, explaining that both he and Jhaqueil hope that telling their story will encourage others to help young people who could do more in life if they just got a break.

## REACHING OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK

The homeless and at-risk youth served by Atlanta's StandUp for Kids program badly need a break like Jhaqueil got. Since the summer of 2011, Our Lady of Lourdes has partnered with StandUp for Kids to provide hot meals at their downtown center and to help in areas like counseling and tutoring. Over forty Lourdes parishioners have generously offered to assist in various capacities, and many who have worked firsthand with these young people are eager to do even more. That opportunity is coming soon.

## THE FULTON EFFECT

In partnership with Georgia State's Master of Social Work program, StandUp for Kids is now piloting the Fulton Effect, a program for unaccompanied homeless youth on the south side of Atlanta. Mentors are already meeting with kids at lunch time to build one-on-one relationships that will encourage them to stay in school and set goals for success. Typically, the young people involved are not only homeless but have no role models other than teachers. While the pilot program involves just 5 young people and 6 mentors in a single Fulton County high school, plans are underway to expand it to three additional high schools in the downtown area this coming August. Will Lourdes members take on the role that Art Bouvier is playing in the life of Jhaqueil Reagan? Once again, StandUp for Kids is counting on us.

*To get involved with StandUp for Kids in any capacity, including the upcoming Fulton Effect program, just send a note to us at [LourdesForLife@gmail.com](mailto:LourdesForLife@gmail.com).*