

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar
Mandatory Sunday School Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 1:30PM in the church

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Nursery Opens 9:45A RCIA 9:30A	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P	4 Liturgy Meeting 7P Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	5 Expansion Steering Committee 7P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:00P	6	7 Choir Retreat 8A SVDP Meeting 9A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Anyanwu – Hall Wedding 7P
8 T-Shirt Sale / Nursery Sunday School Meet 1:30P Falcons / Saints Game 1:00P RCIA 9:30A Social Action 9:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N KR/CRC/CLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters Meeting 1:30A	9 Pastoral Council 7P Stand Up for Kids 4P Life After the Pink Slip 7P	10 Welcome Back Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	11 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Steering Committee Listening Groups 2P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P Zumba Class 7:00P	13	14 PCT Team 10A Erection 11:00A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Centennial Meeting 3:30P Life Issues 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Listening Groups 6:30P
15 Church Picnic 2P RCIA 9:30A Nursery 9:45A Haiti Committee Meeting 12N Dancers' Rehearsal 1P Picnic ~ Grant Park 2P	16	17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	18 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P Zumba Class 7:00P	20 Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P	21 Centennial Spruce Up Day SVDP Meeting 9A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
22 Listening Groups Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9:30A Nursery 9:45A Health Ministry 11:30A Dancers' Rehearsal 1P History & Centennial Meeting 12 Lourdes Alumni Meeting 2P	23 Tazze Prayer Group 8:00PM	24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	25 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P Zumba Class 7:00P	27	28 ABLE Meeting 9A Erection 11:00A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
29 Sunday School 10:30A Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9:30A Nursery 9:45A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Dancers' Rehearsal 1P Lay Dominicans Meeting 2P	30					

Join us for Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, September 22nd & 29th
 Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver
Save the Date ~ Parish Picnic ~ Sunday, September 15th @ 2:00PM
Save the Date ~ Sunday School Starts, Sunday, September 29th @ 10:30AM

Last month, "Life Notes" featured a baby with Down syndrome who was welcomed into an adoptive home. The story awakened fond memories for three of our Lourdes parishioners, who hope this new family will find joy like their own family experienced.

GROWING UP WITH ERIC

We had a household of 8 people growing up: our mother, father, 3 girls and 3 boys. We were ages 15 (Susan) and 7 (Charlotte and Marsha) when our youngest brother Eric was born. Like many Down syndrome children, Eric was born with heart problems. When Eric was 6 years old, he had open heart surgery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where he also received a pacemaker.

Despite his many mental and physical needs, Eric was treated just like the rest of the children in our family. We remember our aunt--our father's sister who was visiting from Los Angeles--commenting that she knew Eric was just fine when she saw us playing a game in the yard with him and shouting, "Come on, you can do it!"

Now mind you, Eric was severely mentally handicapped, and he had physical limitations too. He never spoke, he just "grunted." We were clueless to his IQ, but one thing we fondly remember was that as soon as he got in the car, he always remembered to buckle his seat belt.

Our parents embraced his condition and became active members of CARC (Calcasieu Association for Retarded Citizens) in Lake Charles, Louisiana, our hometown. Eric started private school when he was 18 months and continued in a public school program until he was 18 years old.

Growing up with 6 siblings, there was never a dull moment in our house, and Eric contributed his share of adventures. One day we found Eric with his head stuck in the iron gate of the front door. He was turning blue and our mother rushed to get the doctor on the phone, fearing the strain on Eric's heart. Two men driving by saw what was happening and offered to help. They got a crowbar out their truck and made an opening so Eric could get his head out the gate. By the time we could tell Mama that Eric was out and okay, the men were gone as quickly as they had appeared. We fondly call this Eric's "angel" story. And, oh, the men happened to be dressed in white.

Eric's little heart stopped ticking when he was just 26 years old, but he waited until his sisters from Atlanta could see him alive one more time.

We were summoned from Atlanta to Houston one Friday night in March 1999 because Eric was again at Texas Children's Hospital and not expected to live much longer. By Sunday morning he was gone. He hung in there long enough for us to tell him goodbye.

We are so happy that Eric was part of our lives for 26 years because when he was born, the doctors thought he wasn't going to live but a few days. God had other plans for Eric, and we can't imagine our life story without our little brother in it.

- Susan, Charlotte, and Marsha Combre

OUR LADY OF LOURDES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL / TEEN MINISTRY

CLASSES BEGIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Classes for Children and Youth

Pre-K through 8th Grade

Teen Ministry - 9th through 12th Grade

Classes meet each Sunday 10:30 until 11:45



The Sacrament of First Communion is celebrated in 2nd Grade

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 10th Grade

REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH (At the Parish Picnic)**
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND (After each Mass)**

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**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER
COUNCIL #300**

Presents...



**Atlanta Falcons vs. New Orleans Saints
Fundraiser Viewing Party**



Sunday, September 8th

\$20.00 per person

(includes food, and two drinks of choice)

Katharine Drexel Center

25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m., Kick Off at 1:00 p.m.

Beverage tickets will be served at a nominal fee