

OCTOBER 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>6 "Taste of Lourdes" RCIA 9A Social Action 9:30 Nursery 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A KPCIA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters 1:30P</p> | <p>7 Life After the Pink Slip 7P</p> | <p>1 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Listening Groups 2P Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Prep 7P Lector Prep 7P Stephen Ministry Orientation 7P</p> | <p>2 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p> | <p>3 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:00P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p> | <p>4 Washington & Cahill Wedding 2P</p> | <p>5 SVIDP Meeting 9A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p> |
| <p>13 Girl Year Affairs in Order Nursery 9:45A Women's Council 9:45AM Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A KPCIA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters 1:30P</p> | <p>14 Columbus Day Stand Up for Kids 4P Pastoral Council 7P</p> | <p>15 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p> | <p>16 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p> | <p>17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:00P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p> | <p>18 Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</p> | <p>19 SVIDP Meeting 9A Pastoral Care Team 10A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p> |
| <p>20 AIDS WALK Nursery 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Haiti Committee 12N</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p> | <p>23 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p> | <p>24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:00P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 Stephen Ministry 8:30A Eucharist 11:00A Life Issues 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Safe Halloween Party 6:30P</p> |
| <p>27 Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9A Nursery 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Health Ministry 11:45A Lourdes Alumni 2P</p> | <p>28 Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM</p> | <p>29 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p> | <p>30 Bible Study 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P</p> | <p>31 Halloween Day Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:00P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p> | | |

Join us for Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, October 20th & 27th
 Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver

Save the Date ~ Friday, November 1st ~ The Feast of All Saints Day ~ Service at 7:00PM
 Save the Date ~ Lourdes Health Fair ~ Sunday, November 3rd

“I GIVE IT ALL TO GOD”

Antoinette Tuff could surely be excused if she had let all the attention go to her head. After all, while she was in New York preparing for a CNN interview, President Obama himself phoned her. Like so many others, he praised the courage Tuff showed when she was confronted by a heavily armed gunman at DeKalb County's Ronald McNair Learning Center in late August. Largely thanks to her, what might have been a repeat of the Newton CT elementary school massacre ended instead without bloodshed.

But the 47-year-old school bookkeeper consistently played down her role in averting a crisis. Talking with Tuff soon after the ordeal, Channel 2's Jovita Moore insisted, "You're the hero today," but Tuff responded, "I give it all to God. I'm not the hero." Admitting that she was terrified, Tuff said that it was only because of "God's grace and mercy" that she was able to convince the troubled young man to surrender to the police.

ANCHORED IN THE LORD

Asked how she managed to win over a mentally ill man determined "to end his life and take all the cops and everybody with him," Tuff repeatedly mentioned a lesson she had learned at the nondenominational church she attends. Christians who are anchored in the Lord, she affirmed, must reach out with compassion to those who suffer. "I saw he was a hurting young man," Tuff said of her potential killer, "and I started praying for him." As she shared stories of her life's trials--bankruptcy, a traumatic divorce, and the care of a child with multiple disabilities--her captor opened up to her about his own feelings of hopelessness, and she finally convinced him to give his life another try.

WOUNDED HEALERS

"When you have been broken," Antoinette Tuff's pastor reflected later, "it's easy to identify with someone who has been broken." As Catholic spiritual writer Henri Nouwen reminds us, "We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually." The question Christians should ask is not how to conceal the wounds in our own lives but how to put them into service for others. "When our wounds cease to be a source of shame and become a source of healing," says Father Nouwen, "we have become wounded healers," imitating God's own wounded healer, Jesus himself.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO LIFE!

Urging Catholics to live out the Gospel of Life, Pope Francis recently declared, "Jesus is the incarnation of the Living God, the one who brings life amid so many deeds of death, amid sin, selfishness and self-absorption. Jesus accepts, loves, uplifts, encourages, forgives, restores the ability to walk, gives back life." During this Respect Life Month 2013, our Catholic bishops challenge us to carry on Christ's healing work in the spirit of fellow Christians like Antoinette Tuff: "Today, pray about and commit to doing something to help even just one vulnerable person—perhaps a family member, neighbor or colleague or someone one of them is caring for."

Catholics observe October as Respect Life Month. Materials on the 2013 theme "Open Your Hearts to Life!" are available at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2013/respect-life-program-2013-pamphlets.cfm>