



August 18, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

Parish Festival

Our Parish festival is just around the corner and is set for Labor Day Weekend. We are in need of many volunteers in order to make this a success. Please sign up today. For information on the festival and how you can participate go to our Festival Webpage at www.saintmichaelfestival.com. We hope to see you there!

Real Presence, Real Future

As part of the ongoing strategic process for *Real Presence, Real Future*, the Diocese of Columbus will be hosting Consultation Sessions for each parish throughout the Fall. Two Sessions will be held via Zoom videoconferencing for each parish in the Diocese. Facilitators will guide parishioners through important statistical and sacramental information relevant to the Diocese as a whole, to parishes in surrounding areas, as well as individual parish information. Parishioner participation in these sessions is critical to helping shape the future of the Diocese of Columbus.

The Parish Consultation Sessions are a vital part of the planning process that encourages parishioners to offer insights and perspective on the future planning of their parish. The feedback provided during these sessions will be used to draft new models for review by parishioners in early 2022. The consultation process will continue throughout 2022 until final models are approved. No decisions have been made regarding any parish, and none will be made until feedback is gathered directly from parishioners through the consultation process. Dates and Times will be announced soon. So please stay tuned!

And don't forget to participate as you are able in the Diocesan Real Presence, Real Future Gathering on August 27th (Live Stream only) & 28th (Live Stream and In-person) You may register by going to the www.rprfgathering.com/. More information may be found on our Parish Website at www.saintmichael-cd.org/news/real-presence-real-future-update-august-11-2021/, or at realpresencerealfuture.org/.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal.

I am glad to report to you that, since my update last week we are currently \$38,890 over the BAA goal. We will use this money towards a flooring project in the main Church at a cost of about \$57,000. There is still time to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help support this project. Remember that the money we receive back from the BAA comes to us free of the 6% Diocesan Assessment on income. You may still pick up a BAA pledge envelope at the Church, or go to <https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa> and make your donation online. Please be sure to indicate St. Michael Parish as your parish. Thank you all for your generosity!

Coordinator of Marketing & Communication

It is my pleasure to announce to all of you that Rebecca Lund, a member of our parish, has accepted the new position of Coordinator of Marketing & Communication. She will begin her duties on September 7th. We welcome her experience and her love of the Catholic Faith. She will be a great addition to our staff. Please pray for her and for all who work for our parish and school.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.
Pastor