

RISE UP NOW!



OUR MISSION

Saint Michael the Archangel is a Catholic Community on fire for the Lord that inspires people to "Rise Up Now!" and become active disciples to fulfill God's purpose in their lives.



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

SATURDAY 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
DAILY 6:30 am MON-FRI
8:15 am MON, TUES, FRI, SAT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00 pm on first and third Sundays. Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00 pm on second Sunday. All by appointment. Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30 pm on Saturday.
Anytime upon request. (call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office at 614.885.7814.



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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JULY 16, 2023, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 16

8:30 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Hartley Family
(Brigitte Bohnen-Hartley)
12:30 p.m. Special Intention of the Murtha Family

Monday, July 17

6:30 a.m. Margaret Fiala (The Fiala-Fristad Family)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Mrs. Scholl (Pre-K Parents & Students)

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 a.m. Margaret & James Reid (The Kearns Family)
8:15 a.m. Edward Ferkany (Jeanne Ferkany)

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Oscar & Cleanora Meyer (Lisa & Kevin Barlage)

Thursday, July 20

6:30 a.m. Betty Maurer (The Maurer Family)

Friday, July 21

6:30 a.m. Drew Jarvis Jackson (Karen Petersen)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Teresa Paul, O.P.
(Pre-K Parents & Students)

Saturday, July 22

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Marilyn Dono (Joe Fiala)
4:00 p.m. Gene Krajnak (Donna Krajnak)

SUNDAY, July 23

8:30 a.m. Clem & Jeanne Trenor (The Kyte Families)
10:30 a.m. For the People
12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Raymond Miller (Michael & Nora Kazor)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: JULY 9, 2023

Envelopes..... \$ 11,650.02
Online Giving \$ 9,955.00
Total:\$ 21,605.02



JULY 16, 2023, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." – Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week, as well.



± MARRIAGE BANNS ±

CONGRATULATIONS TO: BRADY TAYLOR & SARAH WARBIS
JULY 15, 2023 – CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISM
OF ASHER JAMESON BARRANCO**

FROM THE PASTOR...

GOOD SUNDAY TO EVERYONE AT SAINT MICHAEL! When Bishop Fernandes asked me to come and serve as your Pastor, I was thrilled at his invitation, and so it is an honor to be here with all of you and to work with you in building up our parish family and walking our faith journey together. There is a new team of priests here to serve you – **Fr. Bob Kitsmiller** and **Fr. Wojciech Stachura, SAC**. Fr. Kitsmiller and I were fortunate to be in seminary together up the road at the Pontifical College Josephinum, were ordained together in 2004, and served together at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Fr. Kitsmiller comes to Saint Michael's from his service as Rector of Saint Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross Parish – a recent combined parish undertaking as part of the *Real Presence, Real Future* initiative begun by Bishop Brennan and implemented by Bishop Fernandes. Prior to that, Fr. Kitsmiller served as Administrator of Saint John the Baptist Parish in Columbus, Pastor of Saint Simon and Jude Parish in West Jefferson, and Associate Pastor at Saint Nicholas Parish in Zanesville. Fr. Kitsmiller also serves the Diocese as Judicial Vicar and Judge for the Diocesan Tribunal, having received his Canon Law degree from the Catholic University of America. Fr. Wojciech (*pr. voi-check*) is a member of the Pallotine Fathers religious order and hails from Poland, having recently served in our Diocese as Pastor of Saint Christopher Parish in Grandview. Bishop Fernandes granted permission to Fr. Wojciech to have a two-month sabbatical in his native Poland, so you will have the opportunity to get to know him much better in the Fall when he returns. We will have the gracious assistance of visiting priests from time to time until Fr. Wojciech returns. I am coming to you from a year that I requested "off" following the death of my father in January of 2022; at that time, I was serving as Vice-Rector, Director of Admissions, and professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum. A couple of months after dad died, my mother fell and broke her arm; I was the only child left in Columbus, so it was challenging to serve at the Josephinum and help take care of my mother's needs at the same time. Bishop Fernandes granted me this past year "off" so that I could help mom – during this time, I served as Chaplain at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Riverside Methodist Hospital and Mount Carmel East Hospital, with residence at The Villas at Saint Therese where I served as Chaplain there and at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. Being a cancer survivor, I know what people are going through in the hospital setting; serving as a Chaplain in the hospitals and seeing to the pastoral needs of seniors at the Villas and Mother Angeline has been incredibly rewarding, and provided me with flexibility of time to help take care of my mother who, on July 24, is having hip-replacement surgery, so please keep her in your prayers. Prior to serving at the Josephinum, I served as Rector of Saint Joseph Cathedral, Pastor of Saint Catharine of Siena Parish, Pastor of Christ the King Parish, and Associate Pastor of Saint Matthew the Apostle Parish. I also served as Diocesan Vicar for Priests beginning with my time at Saint Catharine's; as Vicar, I wore many additional hats: Pastor of Holy Cross Parish for one year to oversee the renovation of the Church; Administrator *pro tem* at Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Saint Mary Parish in Delaware, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City – I am quite accustomed to multi-tasking. In these days of wholesale change in the Diocese, coupled with the shortage of priests, in addition to my primary assignment as your pastor, I also serve as Vicar for Senior and Infirm Priests, Vicar for Hospital Ministry, Dean of the North High/Northland Deanery, and adjunct professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum. Please know that my service to you and our parish is primary, including the ill and infirm and homebound Catholics and Catholic residents in the 17 nursing homes within our parish boundaries. Let us remember that the "Salvation of souls is the supreme law of the Church" (Canon 1752). The very core of our discipleship in Christ and of our parish mission is the salvation of souls. I firmly believe that the best way to achieve this mission together, as disciples of Christ, is to remember, embrace, and to live our lives accordingly: to "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22) – the "word" being the word of the Lord, to be challenged to a new life in Christ, to follow Him and walk in His footsteps, and to help others encounter Christ. And, thus, our shoulder-to-shoulder journey begins together, folks. Please welcome our new Parish Youth Minister, **Mr. Jake Asuncion**, who also began this past week; our new Parish Business Manager – **Kris Jesse** – who has been on board at the parish for a few months; and **Sister Mary Regina, O.P.**, who has served at Saint Michael School, and recently became our new School Principal. Our collective thanks to and prayers for **Father Tony Dinovo** and **Sister John Paul, O.P.**, for their work and ministry here at Saint Michael's during these past years as they move on to their new assignments. Again, all of us look forward to meeting you and working with you with a joyful spirit as we labor in the vineyard together as a parish family with a great history and bright future. God bless, folks!

Fr. Mike Lumpe

AROUND THE PARISH



Reverend Michael Lumpe, Pastor
Reverend Wojciech Stachura, SAC, Parochial Vicar
Very Reverend Robert Kitsmiller, Priest in
Residence & Diocesan Judicial Vicar

Join us in welcoming our new priests to the St. Michael Community. We are overjoyed to welcome them and invite everyone to keep them in their prayers as they begin their service here. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Community Breakfast to welcome them on July 23, please see the bulletin or website for more details.

"Prayer in action is love, love in action is service."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta

MAKE TIME FOR ADORATION THIS SUMMER

Summer vacations are here – this is a great time to jump in and cover an hour for someone who might need a substitute for Adoration. Help us grow our Adoration Chapel by signing up to make a commitment to adore. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on both Thursdays and Fridays. Our current Exposition hours are from 7:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 6:00 a.m., Friday morning, resuming at 9:00 a.m., Friday morning until 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Signing up is easy to do from your phone or computer. You can sign up at StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com.



PIETRA CLASSES

Join our Pietra Classes! Meeting each week on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m., Pietra is a whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. Register at viribuswellness.com or by using the QR code. For more information, contact Maria Elliott at maria@viribuswellness.com.

SPONSOR THE 2023 ST. MICHAEL FESTIVAL!

Calling all Businesses, Families, and Individuals! It's time to show your support for our Festival through Sponsorships! Sponsorship packets can be found in Marian Hall. All Sponsorship information is due August 10th! Questions?? Please contact Theresa Maher at 614-397-6250 or theresajmaher2@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity and support!

HELP THE 2023 FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION!

Thank you for your help in making last year's Silent Auction record breaking! This year, the **St. Michael Festival Silent Auction Committee** needs your help in making our Festival another successful community event. We are counting on your donations of **pre-made baskets** to auction off. Some tips to consider in creating a basket:

- **Start with a theme:** What type of Silent Auction basket would you bid on? Chances are, someone else would want that too! (Sports themed, Coffee Enthusiast, Family Game Night, Movie Night, Legos, Summer Toys, Pool Toys, Camping, Pizza Night, Jewelry, Game Tickets, Sports Memorabilia, Bookworm, Baking, etc.).
- **Baskets to fit every budget:** No donation is too small. Or too large! Baskets can be a few small items, or as large as you can imagine!
- **Any container will do:** "Baskets" do not need to be contained in an actual basket, necessarily. A cooler, a tote bag, a wagon, a small jewelry box, a cooking pot, or even a chair could work!
- **Make a list:** Don't forget to list what is in your basket and its approximate value.
- **Drop it off:** Drop off all pre-made baskets to the Parish Office starting this week. The Silent Auction Committee is happy to wrap the basket for you!
- **Contact the committee:** Do not hesitate to ask us any questions! Email us at coloradomallory@gmail.com.
- **Want to help, but can't make a basket?** The Committee is happy to accept retail gift cards, as well.

Thank you!! We cannot make the Silent Auction work without your generous help!

PARISH CALENDAR: JULY

SUNDAY, July 16	2:00 p.m. Baptism (C)	Thursday, July 20	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel)
Monday, July 17	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	Friday, July 21	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Opus Dei (C)
Tuesday, July 18	No Activities	Saturday, July 22	7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 8:00 a.m. Opus Dei Recollections (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, July 19	No Activities	SUNDAY, July 23	K of C Community Breakfast after the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses

(U) = Undercroft, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (PO) = Parish Office, (SG, SR, SM) = Saints Gabriel, Raphael and Michael, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (SC) = School Conference Room, (R) = Rectory, (PSR) = Parish School of Religion Office, (UMR) = Meeting Room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting Room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (YMR/SG) = Youth Ministry Room

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

"For the word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will. It enables man to know God and to love Him." +SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Monday, July 17 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1 Jesus said to his Apostles: "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

Meditation: The battle Jesus speaks of is not an earthly conflict between nations, but spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and the armies of heaven. The scriptures make clear that there are ultimately only two kingdoms — God's kingdom of truth and light, and Satan's kingdom of lies, half-truths, deceit and darkness. Satan has only one aim — the complete domination of our hearts, minds, and will for his kingdom. And he will use any means possible to draw us from good to evil, from truth to deception, from light to darkness, and from life to death. There are no neutral parties in this spiritual battle. We are either for or against the kingdom of God – there can be no middle ground, compromise, secular redefinition or "political correctness." The choices we make and the actions we take in living out our daily lives reveal whose kingdom we choose to follow. Always remember that God sent Jesus to overthrow Satan's power and to set us free from everything that would keep us from the love of God and his wise rule in our lives — freedom from slavery to sin and our unruly desires, freedom from fear, greed, and selfishness.

Prayer: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When Jesus spoke about "division" the Old Testament prophecy of Micah unfolds: "a man's enemies are the men of his own household" (ref. Micah 7:6). The love of God compels us to choose who will be first, foremost and always in our lives. To place any relationship or any thing else above that which has been divinely revealed to us in Sacred Scripture by God and his son, Jesus Christ, becomes a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God. It is possible that family, friends, colleagues and neighbors can become our enemies by leading us astray, by embracing a lifestyle that is contrary to the truth and God's will. Who in your life who leads you away from God? Who distances you from God's love?

Tuesday, July 18 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the

mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum: Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the nether world. For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Meditation: If Jesus were to walk down the streets of any community – your neighborhood, perhaps – what would he say? Would he issue a warning like the one he gave to Chorazin and Bethsaida? And how would you respond? Wherever Jesus went he did mighty works to show the people how much God had for them. Chorazin and Bethsaida had been blessed with the visitation of God. They heard the good news and experienced the wonderful works which Jesus did for them. Why was Jesus upset with these communities? The word woe can mean misfortune, calamity, distress, sorrow, sadness, misery, grief, or wretchedness. It is as much an expression of sorrowful pity and grief as it is of dismay over the calamity and destruction which comes as a result of human folly, sin, and ignorance.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Camillus with a singular grace of charity towards the sick, pour out upon us, by his merits, a spirit of love for you, so that, serving you in our neighbor, we may, at the hour of our death, pass safely over to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Why does Jesus lament and issue a stern warning? The people who heard the gospel here very likely responded with indifference. Jesus upbraids them for doing nothing! Repentance demands change – a change of heart and way of life. God's word is life-giving and it saves us from destruction – the destruction of heart, mind, and soul as well as body. Jesus' anger is directed toward sin and everything which hinders us from doing the will of God. In love he calls us to walk in his way of truth and freedom, grace and loving-kindness, justice and holiness. Do you receive his word with faith and obedience or with doubt and indifference?

Wednesday, July 19 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27 At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

Meditation: It is a safe presumption that all of us want to know the mind and thoughts of God. Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his disciples the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of earth as well as heaven. He is both Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and at the same time, goodness and loving care for all his children. All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (ref. Ephesians 3:14-15). Jesus' prayer also contains a warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. Pride is Satan's favorite sin, for all sin has its root in pride.

Prayer: O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What makes us ignorant and blind to the things of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of our human will shut out God and his kingdom. Pride is the root of all vice and the strongest influence propelling us to sin. It first overpowers the human heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. What is pride? It is the inordinate love of oneself at the expense of others and the exaggerated estimation of one's own learning and importance. Jesus contrasts intellectual pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "babes" in the sense that they see purely without pretense and acknowledge their dependence and trust in the one who is greater, wiser, and more trustworthy. They seek one thing — the "*summum bonum*" or "greatest good" who is God himself. Simplicity of heart is wedded with humility. Humility is the queen of virtues, because humility inclines the heart towards grace and truth. Just as pride is the root of every sin and evil, the grace of humility takes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all. Remember that God opposes the proud, and gives grace to the humble (ref. Proverbs

3:34, James 4:6). Only the humble in heart can receive true wisdom and understanding of God and his ways. Do you submit to God's word with simple trust and humility?

Thursday, July 20 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Meditation: What is this "yoke" which Jesus refer to in the gospel? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy". The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting." Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness." Jesus also says his "burden is light." There's a story of a man who once met a boy carrying a smaller crippled lad on his back. "That's a heavy load you are carrying there," exclaimed the man. "He ain't heavy; he's my brother!" responded the boy. No burden is too heavy when it's given in love and carried in love.

Prayer: Direct your faithful, Lord, in the way of eternal salvation, which the Bishop Saint Apollinaris showed by his teaching and martyrdom, and grant, through, his intercession, that we may so persevere in keeping your commandments as to merit being crowned with him. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: By embracing the way and the truth and the life of Christ, Jesus offers us the kingdom of righteousness, peace, happiness and joy. This is not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the chains of sin, the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sin and hurtful desires. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation the priest – acting in the person of Christ – lifts the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a weight of glory and victory from sin. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of grace and freedom from the power and the weight of sin. Do you want to begin with a fresh start in life – a life of Christ? Get to confession, you're your sins absolved by the priest, then start anew by trusting in God's love and by submitting to his will and his plan for your life.

Friday, July 21 ~ Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath." He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent? I say to you, something greater than the temple is here. If you knew what this meant, *I desire mercy, not sacrifice*, you would not have condemned these innocent men. For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

Meditation: What does the commandment "keep holy the Sabbath" require of us as Christians and disciples of Christ? What is the primary intention behind this command? The religious leaders of the time confronted Jesus on this issue. The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his work, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. Jesus' disciples are scolded by the scribes and Pharisees, not for plucking and eating corn from the fields, but for doing so on the Sabbath. In defending his disciples, Jesus argues from the scriptures that human need has precedence over ritual custom. In their hunger, David and his men ate of the holy bread offered in the Temple. Jesus also quoted of the Sabbath work involved in worship in the Temple. This kind of work was usually double the work of worship on weekdays. Jesus then quotes from the prophet Hosea (6:6): *I desire mercy, and not sacrifice*. While the claims of ritual sacrifice are important to God, mercy and kindness in response to human need are even more important.

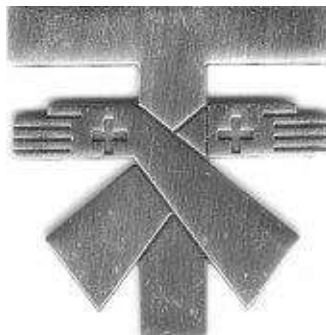
Prayer: O God, who for the glory of your name and the salvation of souls bestowed on the Priest Saint Lawrence of Brindisi a spirit of counsel and fortitude, grant, we pray, that in the same spirit, we may know what must be done and, through his intercession, bring it to completion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What a difference Sunday makes when it truly is a day of rest, a day to stop our labors and other unnecessary "busy-ness." For centuries Christian citizens have sought recognition in their respective nations of Sunday as a legal holiday, a day of rest from labor. This has been done, in part, by a concern for the rights of workers and their need for leisure. The Church lifts up the value of human work, seeing in it an imitation of God in His work of creation. At the same time, she insists on the need and the right to rest and on the right to have time for family and for worship. In our present age, a new social phenomenon has emerged: the weekend, which has altered the very character of Sunday. The weekend's impact on society has not been bad in all aspects, for it has brought opportunities for cultural and social events that, to some extent, can meet our human need for rest. But all too often our Sunday gets lost in the weekend. It gets left out of the planned activities or gets tucked in almost as an afterthought. In regard to this problem, Pope Saint John Paul II once wrote: "Unfortunately, when Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes merely part of a 'weekend,' it can happen that people stay locked within a horizon so limited that they can no longer see 'the heavens.' Hence, though ready to celebrate, they are really incapable of doing so." When Sunday is forgotten, and we are left only with a weekend, events become strictly entertaining or just an extension of work. How do you spend your Sundays? Is it a day of worship and thanksgiving to God by first attending Mass? A day of rest? Or just another day of the week? It has always been up to us how we choose to spend our Sundays – let's make sure our choice is pleasing to God, and nourishing for our souls.

About Saint Lawrence of Brindisi: His name was Julius Caesar, and he was born at Brindisi in the kingdom of Naples in 1559. Educated in Venice at the College of St. Mark, he entered the Capuchins and was given the name Lawrence. Finishing his studies at the University of Padua, he showed a flair for languages, mastering Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French, and showed an extraordinary knowledge of the text of the Bible. While still a deacon, St. Lawrence of Brindisi became known as an excellent preacher and after his ordination startled the whole of northern Italy with his amazing sermons. Sent into Germany by the pope to establish Capuchin houses, he became chaplain to Emperor Rudolf II and had a remarkable influence on the Christian soldiers fighting the Muslims when they were threatening Hungary in 1601. Through his efforts, the Catholic League was formed to give solidarity to the Catholic cause in Europe. Sent by the emperor to persuade Philip III of Spain to join the League, he established a Capuchin friary in Madrid. He also brought peace between Spain and the kingdom of Savoy. His compassion for the poor, the needy, and the sick was legendary. Elected minister-general of his order in 1602, he made the Capuchins a major force in the Catholic Restoration, visiting every friary in the thirty-four provinces of the order and directing the work of nine thousand friars. He himself was a dominant figure in carrying out the work of the Council of Trent and was described by Pope Benedict XV as having earned "a truly distinguished place among the most outstanding men ever raised up by Divine Providence to assist the Church in time of distress." In 1619, he undertook a journey to see King Philip III of Spain on behalf of the oppressed people of Naples who were ruled by a tyrannical governor. Lawrence reached Lisbon where the king was residing, and it was there that his last illness overtook him. His body was carried back to Spain and buried in the church of the Poor Clares at Villafranca del Bierzo. Lawrence was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1881 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII in 1959.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

 **TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2023**

Issue 1

Asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment."

Bishops' Position

The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content. However, as "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (*Faithful Citizenship, No. 13*), the bishops urge Catholics in Ohio to register and vote in the special election.

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In the future, the competition will be extended to high schools. For information on joining the Serra Club to help with this program, please email Mary Pardi at vlahakismary@gmail.com or Carl Faehnle at carl@faehnle.com.

DEFEAT OHIO'S PROPOSED ABORTION AMENDMENT.

The dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by a proposed Ohio Constitutional amendment to enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catholic Conference of Ohio has produced resources for Catholics to learn more about and to take action to defeat the proposed amendment.

Visit www.ohiocathconf.org/protect.

For additional resources from the statewide Protect Women Ohio coalition working to defeat the amendment, visit <https://protectwomenohio.com>.

For a list of local informational meetings about the proposed amendment, visit Greater Columbus Right to Life's website at <https://www.gctrl.org/stop-events.html>.

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