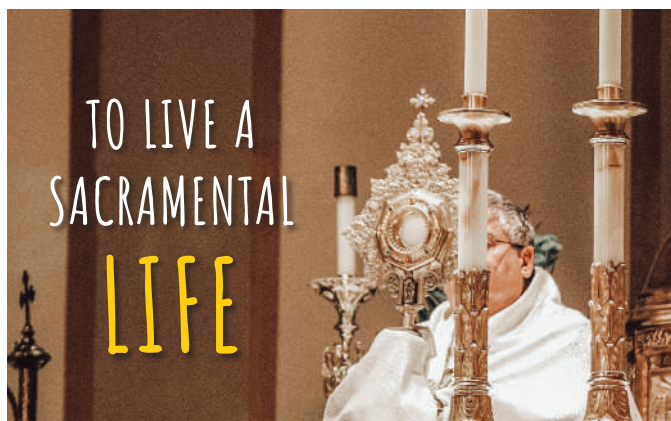


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OUR MISSION

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.



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SATURDAY 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
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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.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2023 DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 20

8:30 a.m. Dr. Kenneth Blissenbach
10:30 a.m. For the People
12:30 p.m. Beverly Jettinghoff
(Kevin & Lisa Barlage)

Monday, August 21

6:30 a.m. J. Richard Lumpe
8:15 a.m. Maria Jeric

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the
Seminarians of the
Diocese of Columbus
8:15 a.m. Ed & Jeanne Ferkany
(The Ferkany Family)

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

6:30 a.m. Domenica Canini
(Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

Friday, August 25

6:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Seminarians,
Faculty & Staff at the
Pontifical College Josephinum
8:15 a.m. For an increase in vocations to the
priesthood and religious life

Saturday, August 26

8:15 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. The Fiala-Fristad Family

SUNDAY, August 27

8:30 a.m. Margaret Henry (The Henry Family)
10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Owen Pajerski
(The Lund Family)
12:30 p.m. For the People



AUGUST 20, 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"For the gifts and the call of God
are irrevocable." – Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind
for each of us. He has given us the
gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called
to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work
that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or
fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some
part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part
in God's salvation plan.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: AUGUST 13, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 10,738.50
Online Giving	\$ 9,490.00
Total:	\$ 20,228.50

THE TOTAL COLLECTION FOR THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS TO DATE IS:

Basket Collections:	\$ 6,405.61
Online Giving:	\$ 370.00
Additional (dropped off Monday)	\$ 500.00
Total to Date:	\$ 7,275.61



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PARISH CALENDAR: AUGUST

SUNDAY, August 20	3:00 p.m. Altar Server Training (C) 6:30 p.m. PSR Meeting (UMR)	Thursday, August 24	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel) 7:30 p.m. Festival Committee Meeting (UMR)
Monday, August 21	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	Friday, August 25	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel)
Tuesday, August 22	9:00 a.m. St. Monica Group (UMR)	Saturday, August 26	7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, August 23	No activities	SUNDAY, August 27	No Activities

(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

FROM THE PASTOR

ON THIS TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, our Gospel focuses on the plight, perseverance and faith of the Canaanite woman. The woman was refused three times by Jesus before He granted her request. The first time, Jesus didn't answer her. The second refusal was when Jesus refused His disciples' request on her behalf. The third refusal was when Jesus said the children's food shouldn't be thrown to the dogs. By that, Jesus meant it was not correct to give her, who was not a Jew, what was meant for the Jews. "Dogs" was a frequent description of Gentiles (non-Jews) at the time of Jesus. Finally, the fourth time, her plea was answered. Jesus said: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (Matthew 15:28). And from that moment, her daughter was well again. Like Monica who had received many refusals during almost twenty years of praying for Augustine's conversion, the Canaanite woman persisted in prayer before God. And her perseverance and persistent prayers were answered. We might well ask, "Why did Jesus not answer her prayer sooner? Why leave her in her agony for so long?" I don't have the answer to that question. As I have mentioned before, human suffering is a mystery and we don't have the full answer to it, only bits and pieces of the answer. However, I think that the following are some of the bits and pieces of the answer. Peter in his first letter tells us that our faith is proved through trials (1 Peter 1:6-7). For example, think of how Saint Monica strengthened and matured during her nearly twenty years of prayer for the conversion of her son, Saint Augustine – the robust sinner I speak of frequently who underwent a major conversion from sinner, to being baptized at age 33, and who went on to become one of the great saints of the Church. Thank you, Saint Monica, for your strength, perseverance and prayers for the conversion of Augustine. Augustine devotes many passages of his *Confessions* to his mother and all he owed her. Augustine went on to become a priest at the age of 36 and a bishop at the age of 41 and was Bishop of Hippo in North Africa for 35 years. One example of the influence Saint Augustine has on the Church is that in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* there are more quotations from Saint Augustine than from any other writer. And all of this is due to the persistent prayer of his mother Saint Monica. In today's second reading (Romans 11:29-32), Saint Paul writes about changing from disobedience to obedience; we can certainly see this in the life of Saint Augustine. If Saint Monica's prayers had been answered on the first day, I am quite sure she would not have turned out to be nearly as fine a person as she eventually did. Another bit and piece of the answer is that we believe that for someone of faith all things eventually work together for the better. Saint Paul in his Letter to the Romans 8:28 writes, "by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him." As we endure trials, let us have faith like the Canaanite woman. Let us not lose hope nor give up; instead, let us persist and persevere in prayer so that we, too, may hear the same words of Jesus in speaking to each of us: "...great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (Matthew 15:28).

THANK YOU FROM BISHOP FEUDJIO!

Bishop Feudjio of the Diocese of Saint Thomas and the U.S. Virgin Islands expressed his appreciation to everyone at Saint Michael's for the warm welcome he received last weekend and generous support. Last Sunday's second collection to support the mission of the Church in his diocese totaled just over \$7,000.00. Thank you, all!

SOME ADDITIONS ARE COMING TO SAINT MICHAEL'S...

Two additional weekday Masses: Fr. Kitsmiller and I were talking about the weekday Mass schedule and decided that we would be glad to celebrate the 8:15 a.m. Masses on Wednesdays and Thursdays (currently only the 6:30 a.m. Mass is celebrated on these two days). We will begin these Masses the Wednesday and Thursday following Labor Day (September 6 and 7, respectively). The Wednesday 8:15 a.m. Mass will serve as the weekly "All-School Mass" when our parish school is in session, so if you plan on attending this Mass, please be seated outside of the pews that are reserved for our parish school students, faculty and staff.

Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions: Also, after consulting the Parish schedule, and seeking feedback from Parish staff along with parishioners involved in Eucharistic Adoration, Fr. Kitsmiller and I decided to have a Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Confessions, concluding with Benediction at 7:30 p.m. This is a perfect time to get away from the noise and haste of the world and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, bringing to Jesus your cares and concerns, your prayers of thanksgiving, your seeking Divine direction and wisdom, with the opportunity to have your Confession heard. This Weekly Holy Hour will begin on Wednesday, September 6; may additional graces abundantly flow from this added opportunity in our Parish. *"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our Adoration never cease."* +Pope Saint John Paul II

God bless, Folks!
Fr. Mike

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Msgr. James Shea on Evangelizing in a Post-Christian Society, Belief in the Invisible World, and Utopias

by Laretta Brown

The president of the University of Mary discusses our apostolic age, the Eucharist, and the Church's engagement with harmful ideas.

Msgr. James Shea, president of the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, has caused much discussion in Catholic circles with the book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* (University of Mary Press), which communicates that we are living in a post-Christian age and are called to be missionaries to this new era.

In this interview with the *Register* on campus in April, he discussed the book's message, the National Eucharistic Revival, and the way in which the Church engages with harmful ideas.

Tell me about this book, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, and why you think it has resonated with many readers.

This book is a great surprise and a little bit of an embarrassment. It's not something that I sat down and wrote. This was the result of a conversation that happened between a group of good friends over the course of several years. We love the Church, and we were thinking, "Okay, what's happening right now in the world in which we live?"

There are some moments in human history where you can draw a bright line between everything that went before and everything that's coming after. We find ourselves in such a time.

From Christendom to Apostolic Mission characterizes it like this, that in the first 300 years or so of Christianity, we were living in apostolic times. That meant that the first disciples, the apostles and those who followed the apostles, were living in a time in which they were trying to preach the Gospel in a very countercultural way because they were coming up against a very impressive Greco-Roman culture that had a vision of human life which was different from the message of Jesus Christ.

After about 300 years, spilling a lot of blood and a lot of persecution, that Christian vision came to challenge and then eventually overcome the Greco-Roman vision of the human person, incorporating certain aspects of the classical vision into its own vision.

Life in the West since then has been a series of what could be called Christendom cultures. A Christendom culture is a culture in which the society takes its imaginative vision from the Christian message. Individual human lives, categories of success and failure, ideas of right and wrong, even the institutions, schools and government, are founded in deeply Christian principles.

What we've seen over the course of the last couple hundred years is a civilization that has been slowly, but surely, ridding itself of its Christian basis or foundations, such that now we find ourselves in the first post-Christian civilization in all of history.

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That has certain implications; and what it means for us as Catholics is that we find ourselves in a new apostolic age. The Church has different strategies, which it applies to different times. In the first 300 years, there was a particular way that the Church went through the world, which was different from how the Church was in the world in those long Christendom years and different even in Christendom from the way that things were done in mission territory. The whole of the civilization has become mission territory, but this is not a major news flash. That's what's so embarrassing about this book. Pope St. Paul VI was talking about this—that the whole civilization, the culture, has become mission territory and that we have to be missionaries now.

This small essay was an internal piece that we published so that people at the University of Mary would know this is why the University of Mary is moving through the world in this particular way. That

it caught fire and became resonant means that it probably articulated in a simple and accessible way what John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis have been saying in a pretty consistent way over the course of the last 60 years.

I think another reason why the book has resonated so widely in the culture is that it's so hopeful. People are really on edge. Believers are feeling themselves under siege, and they wonder, "What is going on in the world?" and "Can we have hope anymore?" If they can simply see the ground is simply shifted under our feet and that's nothing to be terrified about; it's just a challenge that we need to meet.

What are your thoughts on the National Eucharistic Revival?

There was a 2019 Pew research study about the belief of Catholics in the Real Presence, finding that there had been, over the course of the last several generations, a significant decline in the belief of Catholics in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The bishops believed, rightly, that there needed to be a concerted response to this.

What's happened isn't simply that we've become lax in our teaching or our practice. A lot of people make the mistake of boiling this down to a question of not being clear enough about what the Church teaches about the Eucharist. Now, that's a difficulty. We do need to preach what the Church teaches about Jesus being truly, really and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament. We need people to understand that, but even if we were able to do that, that's not sufficient.

It's not sufficient to simply say we need to be more reverent in our worship. That is an important concern, as well. If we're casual or sloppy in the way that we worship the Lord, if we don't take proper reverence toward the great gift which is Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, then there's going to be a decrease in devotion.

But to connect it with the whole question of a movement from a Christendom time to a new apostolic time, there's something else at hand here, and that's that the religion which has taken the place of Christianity is a kind of aggressive, scientistic materialism. That's a vision of the world and of human life which dismisses out of hand the possibility of an invisible world and the possibility of a fierce allegiance to the invisible world.

The visible world is always tricky for us as Christian believers because it both conceals and reveals the invisible world. You see this all through the Gospels, where Jesus is warning people about various things because the visible world can lull us into thinking that it's all that there is.

Never before in all of human history has there been a society or a civilization so materialistic and so scientistic in their understanding as our current world. We live in a world of spectacular sights and sounds and images, which come to us through our smartphones and on television. Constantly, our senses are being bombarded with a kind of vision which decreases our capacity to understand that what we see is not all that there is, and it's not even the most entrancing and wonderful part of human experience.

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Belief in the Eucharist—belief that when I look at the consecrated bread and wine, I'm not looking at bread and wine, but I'm looking at the Body and Blood of the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and that I'm beholding God himself—that belief depends upon a heart and a mind that has been initiated into a true belief in the invisible world. That requires a very sturdy Christian interiority, and it requires that we've been deeply initiated into a vision of reality and a vision of human life, God, ourselves, the world, which is very different from what's on offer in the secular culture. The cultural shift has contributed in a significant way to the loss of belief in the Blessed Sacrament.

It's not enough simply for us to teach more clearly. It's not enough simply for us to worship more reverently. We also have to foster a complete vision of faith that makes clarity of teaching efficacious and that makes reverence in worship coherent.

What does that mean for efforts like the Eucharistic Revival?

One of the things which is most helpful to belief is knowing that one is not alone. Oftentimes, we think, "I must be crazy. Nobody has the same concerns that I have. Nobody's willing to stand up for the things that are dear to me."

(This article continues following the LECTIO DIVINA...)

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 August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary. +Pope Saint Pius X

**Monday, August 21 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Pius X, Pope**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22 A young man approached Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?” He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He asked him, “Which ones?” And Jesus replied, “You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Meditation: The young man who apparently had the best the world could offer – money, property, a position in society – came to Jesus because he lacked one thing. He wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which his possessions could not buy. The answer he got, however, was not what he wanted to hear. He claims to have kept all of the commandments, so he must be an honest person in worldly dealings, and he obviously was a man of faith because he approached Jesus with a legitimate question. But based on the young man’s reaction to Jesus’ response, it becomes quite obvious that there is one thing that impeded the young man from giving himself wholeheartedly to God – his love of his possessions. While he lacked nothing in terms of material goods, he was possessive of what he had, and placed his hope and security in his possessions. That is why he became sad when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession and treasure, instead of his earthly possessions. Which begs the question – are you willing to part with your possessions in order to seek and attain everlasting joy with Jesus?

Prayer: O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith and to restore all things in Christ, filled Pope Saint Pius the Tenth with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude, graciously grant that, following his teaching and example, we may gain an eternal prize. 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: A very wise, faithful and holy priest I came to know in seminary once told us that one measure of our love for Christ, in comparison to anything else, is our attitude – do I *want* to spend time with Christ, do I *desire* from the heart to spend time with Christ, versus do I *have* to spend my time with Christ. The latter being the negative approach, like a child told to clean his or her room when they want to go out and play – “do I have to do this” versus *wanting* to do it. Apply this to Sunday Mass – do you *desire* to go to Mass, or do you go to Mass simply because you *have* to? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of personal will, desire and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Jesus himself is the greatest treasure we can possibly have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy.

**Tuesday, August 22 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the

virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Meditation: How does Mary respond to God's plan for her role in salvation history as delivered by the angel Gabriel? Does she respond "Let me get back with you in a couple of weeks...I need to talk with my attorney to discuss liability issues and to get a contract drawn up, I need to talk with my accountant about any tax implications, I need to check out blogs to see what others might say about this situation, I need to post this on my Facebook account and get feedback from others, I need to e-mail and text my friends to see what they have to say..." No, Mary's relationship with God is strong. She knows and understands that she is hearing something well beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt, fear or skepticism – but rather by wonderment! She is a true hearer and doer of the Word, and she immediately responds with faith and trust. Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willingness, obedience, and heart-felt trust as Mary did. When God commands He also gives the grace, help, strength, and means for us to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. What is your response to God's plan for you in life?

Prayer: O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. 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: God lavishes his grace upon all who believe in him. He shows his favor to the lowly, to those who are humble and receptive to his word. We see the unfolding of God's plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. The new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God. As Eve was the mother of all humanity doomed to sin, now Mary becomes the mother of the new Adam who will father a new humanity by his grace (Romans 5:12-21). This child to be conceived in her womb is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King" (Luke 1:32-33), and his name shall be called "Jesus", which means "the Lord saves". "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The promise of an everlasting kingdom to the house of David (Isaiah 9:6-7) is fulfilled in the King to be born in Mary's womb.

About the Queenship of Mary: Mary's Queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her Queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pope Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, and because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.

Wednesday, August 23 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

Holy Gospel: Mathew 20:1-16 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual

daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Meditation: In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in underemployment, unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry. God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a lifetime for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well.

Prayer: O God, you set Saint Rose of Lima on fire with your love, so that, secluded from the world in the austerity of a life of penance, she might give herself to you alone; grant, we pray, that through her intercession, we may tread the paths of life on earth and drink at the stream of your delights in heaven. 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: Today's Gospel should make us think about whether or not we labor for God's kingdom here on earth, whether or not we live our lives in witness to Christ, and asking if we labor for Christ in order to attain eternal life with Him. What motivates us? What is our intent? What is our ultimate goal in life? If our ultimate goal is not focused on attaining eternal life with Christ, then today is a perfect time to make a course correction in order to get a clear understanding of what our earthly life should be about in order to attain eternal life with Christ in Heaven.

Thursday, August 24 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 1:45-51 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Meditation: What is the significance of Jesus' revelation of seeing Nathanael (known as Bartholomew in Matthew 10:3 and Luke 6:14) "under the fig tree?" For the people of Israel, the fig tree was a symbol of God's peace and blessing (1 Kings 4:24b-25, Micah 4:4). It provided shade from the midday sun and a cool refreshing place to retreat, pray, meditate and reflect on God's word. Rabbis often gathered their disciples under the shade of the fig to teach them the wisdom and revelation of God from the Scriptures. The rabbis had an expression for comparing the fig tree to being nourished with God's word in Scripture,

"He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit." And thus we see the importance of meditating on Sacred Scripture, but then "living" what we have learned as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22) so that these sacred teachings can bear fruit in our daily lives.

Prayer: Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith, by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew clung wholeheartedly to your Son, and grant that through the help of his prayers your Church may become for all the nations the sacrament of salvation. 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: Jesus' death on the cross, where he defeated sin and won new life for us through his resurrection, opens the way for each of us to come into a new relationship with God as his adopted sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus opens the way for each one of us to "ascend to heaven" and to bring "heaven to earth" in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in those who seek him and who strive to do his will. Through the gift of faith God opens a door for each one of us to the heavenly reality of his kingdom. And so we might contemplate on asking ourselves: Do you see with the "eyes of faith" what the Lord Jesus has done for us?

Friday, August 25 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Louis of France, King; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Meditation: Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

Prayer ~ Saint Louis: O God, who brought Saint Louis from the cares of earthly rule to the glory of a heavenly realm, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, by fulfilling our duties on earth, we may seek out your eternal Kingdom. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Joseph Calasanz: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Joseph Calasanz with such charity and patience that he labored tirelessly to educate children and endow them with every virtue, grant, we pray, that we, who venerate him as a teacher of wisdom, may constantly imitate him, for he was a co-worker of your truth. 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

Contemplation: Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centered and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbor - it is loving and serving me, myself and I rather than God and neighbor. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and moral goodness. How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbor and willing lay down our life for their sake? Paul the Apostle tells us that "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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We take young people to the March for Life; and when we're going up Constitution Avenue, on the way to the Supreme Court, there's a certain point when the road swells upward. And at that point, I get in front of hundreds and hundreds of University of Mary students there, and I say, "Turn around and look," and they turn around and look, and they can't see the end. They can't see the end all the way on Constitution Avenue, and they know that they're not alone. It swells their hearts and gives them deep courage and bravery.

One of the great things about the Eucharistic Revival is that, in addition to the clarity of teaching and the reverence and worship, we're having huge gatherings of people throughout this country.

In a recent talk for the Napa Institute, you included the image of the Church becoming infected with the ailments of the modern world and developing antibodies. Tell me more about that.

One of the fundamental problems that we have in the times in which we live is that the modern mind is obsessed with utopias. We have this idea that there's no human fallen-ness, and we can achieve for ourselves, by our own effort, a perfect society.

This modern conception of the inevitability of progress, being on the right side of history, this is a utopian delusion, which makes promises that it cannot keep. This is why people are fundamentally so angry, not simply in our political world and our political life, but in the Church, as well.

A lot of people have this false utopian vision of the Church that the Church is supposed to be some kind of a perfect society that sails over the ills of the world, dispensing its medicines. But it's worthwhile for us to ask whether God actually set it up like that or not. If you look at Church history, I don't see evidence of that. Instead, what you see is that the Church is the Body of Christ.

When Jesus walked among us, he was incarnate, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, taking upon himself all of the diseases of a fallen human race; and he took those diseases into himself. He became sick by them; and through his suffering and death, he died. But because he was Jesus, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, that principle of life at the heart of the Blessed Trinity wouldn't allow him to stay dead. Death could not conquer him. In the same way, his body, the Church, all through history does the same thing, takes the diseases of every age into itself.

There's a great battle that takes place in the Church, and then the Church generates in its bloodstream—just like Jesus generated in his bloodstream, given to us in the most Holy Eucharist—the Church generates in its bloodstream the antibodies necessary to keep the Church and even the world safe from error, wickedness, sin.

It does it by taking that error, wickedness and sin into itself, fighting against it and generating the immunity. The antibodies, by the way, are the saints. The saints in every age are the great antibodies that flow through the bloodstream of the Church and have developed that resilience against every error, every sin and every wickedness.

The Church is at the heart of the human race, and so it's within the Church that the fundamental battle for humanity takes place in every age. Once you know that ... then you can be cheerful and resilient because we're fighting the battle every single day. We're meant to do that, and that's how we can become saints in our own time.

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For information on the National Eucharistic Revival visit: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



A Prayer to Fulfill God's Plan for Me

*Composed by Fr. William D. Lynn, S.J.,
long-time beloved professor and theologian at
the Pontifical College Josephinum*

My God, it astonishes me to know that from all eternity
you have thought of me every moment and have loved me
with an unimaginably great love.

I am amazed to know that you have created me
for a special purpose which I alone can fulfill.

If I fail to accomplish it,
no one else can do it in my stead.

Help me to remember that I shall pass this way but once,
and that any good I can do, or any kindness I can show,
I must do it now, for I shall never pass this way again.

Help me to bring joy into the lives of others.

Give me a keen eye to see the good that I can do for them.

Help me to recognize those whom I can help with a kind word,
a friendly smile, a generous hand: those who are lonely, sad, and depressed;
those who need a friend; those oppressed with worry and anxiety;
those who are hungry, homeless, and helpless;
those who live in the darkness and hopelessness of unbelief.

Lord, show me the good you want me to do today,
and help me to do it with a generous heart.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of just a few more volunteers to help us count the weekend collections on Mondays each week. If you can help in this way, please email Kris Jesse at kjesse@saintmichael-cd.org.

SCHEDULE YOUR MASS INTENTIONS

The tradition of Masses offered for the intentions of living or deceased loved ones originated in the early Church and continues to be an important Catholic practice. No greater gift can be offered for our loved ones, both living and deceased. The gift of a Mass Intention is a wonderful way to offer prayers to those you love. Mass Intentions are available for an offering of \$10.00 each. *There are currently many weekday and weekend Masses available for the remainder of 2023.* If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please visit the Parish Office to schedule or call for more details.



PSR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are excited to announce that sacramental preparation for First Communion and Confirmation will be starting soon at St. Michael. Like last year, we will be using the Pathways Formation suite from Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries. The philosophy of Pathways is to equip parents to teach, share faith, and pray with their children as they lead a series of family meetings in their home through a variety of hands-on and innovative activities. *There will be a meeting with more information about Pathways for those who have more questions or want to be familiar on August 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Upper Meeting Room.* Registration will be \$215.00 per family. If you cannot afford these programs, please call or email Jake Asuncion. Registration deadline is Friday, August 25.

PARKING LOT CLOSURES WEEKEND OF AUGUST 26 & 27

This year, the church parking lot will need to be closed for all Masses one week prior to the Festival, in addition to the usual closures during the Festival weekend. The same alternative parking spots are still available, including parking across the street and in the neighborhood. Those that need to drop off may pull in the lot from High St and those that need assistance or handicapped spots may park along the rectory side as usual.

MEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

We are returning this September 9th to begin a fabulous new season of *That Man Is You* at St Michael. The new season is called "Worthy of the Call" and the promo video can be found on Youtube. Ephesians 4:1 asks us all "to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love..." We have a great group of speakers, and the best part will be the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary series. So, make plans to start coming to pray and learn with your brothers in Christ on Saturday mornings in the upper meeting room at 6:45 a.m. followed by the presentation and discussion. Questions can be directed to mensgroup@saintmichael-cd.org

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Exciting things are happening with our High School and Middle School Youth Ministry! Please see the different ways you can get involved and receive updates as we prepare for a new year of youth group!

- **Sign up for updates on Flocknote** – Join our Flocknote groups to make sure you receive updates for youth ministry events this year. There are groups for High School, Middle School and Parents. Please visit <https://StMichaelChurchWor.flocknote.com> to sign up!
- **Middle School Youth Group Parent Volunteers Needed** – We are in need of parent volunteers for our Middle School Youth Group for this upcoming year. Any volunteers would need to have PGC clearance. If you are interested in helping in this way, please email Jake Asuncion at jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org.
- **High School Food Sponsors Needed** – Please consider sponsoring our high school youth ministry by providing food for their meetings! Use the QR code below to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity!



RCIA

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Anyone interested in joining RCIA is invited to register on our website now as we plan for a new year of RCIA. Scan the QR code to register or for more information.

2023 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The 2023 St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on September 16, 2023, at Saint Francis DeSales High School athletic track, 4212 Karl Road. Registration/check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Donations by cash or check to SVDP St. Michael Conference can be made at the registration table. All funds raised go to the St. Michael SVDP Conference to support our neighbors in need. T-shirts are free to each registered walker and there is no sign-up cost for the event.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATES

- The clothing room, donating chute, and food pantry will be closed August 28 through September 4 for the Festival. They will reopen on September 5.
- Please remember to bring food pantry items to the booth at the Festival to exchange for tokens.
- The food pantry is in need of full-size bottles of shampoo and crème rinse. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MONICA GROUP

Do you struggle with having an adult child away from the faith? The St. Monica Group offers prayer and mutual support for mothers who are carrying this cross. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to pray together and offer each other encouragement. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22nd at 9:00 a.m. (after 8:15 a.m. Mass and Rosary) in the Upper Meeting Room. We join each month to share with one another and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. If interested in participating, please contact respectlife@saintmichael-cd.org.

Help with the Festival!



Volunteer Signups are OPEN NOW!

We will need many volunteers for each day of the festival, as well as volunteers to help with setup the week before and cleanup on Monday. Please consider helping our parish in this way!

Grab a friend to work a shift together! Sign up at

<https://www.saintmichaelfestival.com/volunteers/>

All volunteers are provided a voucher for one free food court item and pop/water stand drink per night.

Donate Items, Earn Tokens!

Donations of the following items will earn your game tokens for the festival!

1 canned good = 1 token

1 Case of Diapers or Wipes = \$5 in tokens

Adult winter coats sizes Medium thru 4XL
or sleeping bags = \$10 in tokens



Bake Sale

Cookies & Cakes & Pie, Oh My!



Make sweet things happen for our festival bake sale!

A fun way to help - donate your favorite baked goods for our bake sale. Sign-ups are available online or in Marian Hall. Containers are available in Marian Hall.

The Silent Auction needs your help!

We are collecting donations of pre-made baskets to auction off at this year's festival.



Amazon wish list

- Drop off all pre-made baskets to the Parish Office. We are happy to wrap the basket for you!
- Do not hesitate to ask us any questions! Email us at coloradomallory@gmail.com
- Want to help, but can't make a basket? Purchase an item from our Amazon wish list, all purchases will come directly to the church to package together!



SCHOOL



Please pray for our
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as they soon begin another school year!



ST. MICHAEL PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Michael Pre-Kindergarten is accepting registration for full-time and part-time classes for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our Pre-Kindergarten program uses a balance between hands-on instruction and centers for Kindergarten readiness. We also offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd which is Montessori-based, hands-on Catholic education and we use *Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue* (<https://educationinvirtue.com/>). For more information, please go to <https://www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/prekindergarten/> or contact Laura Wells at 614-885-3149, option 8 or lwells@cdeeducation.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – SPEAKERS: ATTORNEY DON BREY AND DR. MICHAEL PARKER.

Join us Friday, September 1 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Attorney Don Brey and Dr. Michael Parker about the proposed Ohio Constitutional Amendment to expand abortion access in Ohio. Our September luncheon is sponsored by St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 Central Ohio and FM 88.3 Southern Ohio or at www.stgabrielradio.com on the internet. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Jim Gernetzke at jimgernetzke@noslumine.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and the presentation by Mr. Brey and Dr. Parker. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon is Friday, October 6, 2023, and will feature a presentation by John Bradford.**

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