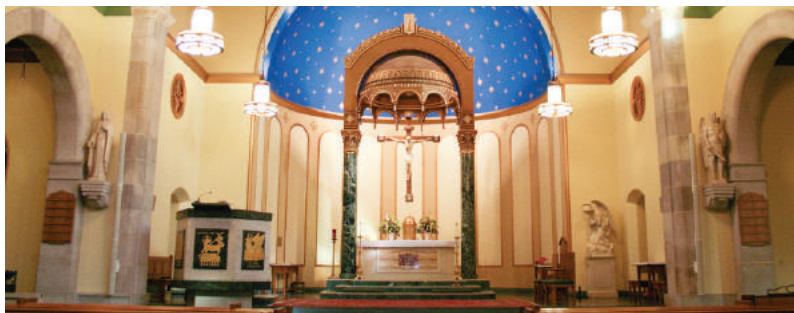
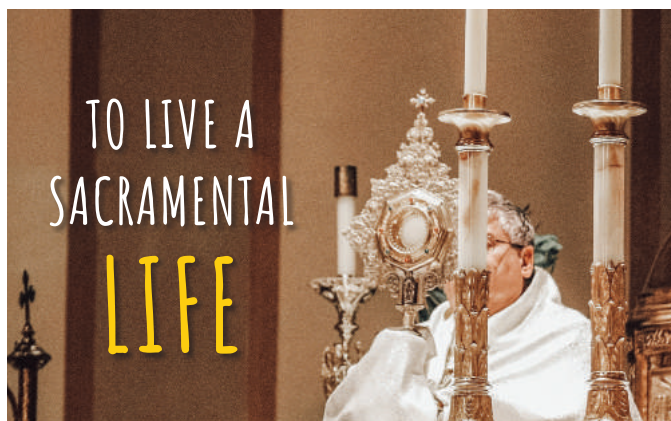


# RISE UP NOW!



## 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.



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## 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

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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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2:30-3:30 pm on Saturday.  
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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 2023

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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

#### Monday, August 28

- 6:30 a.m. Donald Sorenson (Ellen Sorenson)  
8:15 a.m. Dolores Goetz (St. Vincent de Paul)

#### Tuesday, August 29

- 6:30 a.m. Fred Schultz (Carol Schultz)  
8:15 a.m. Fiore Matteis

#### Wednesday, August 30

- 6:30 a.m. Linda Phillips (Jack & Paula Tucker)

#### Thursday, August 31

- 6:30 a.m. Chris Damo (The Damo Family)

#### Friday, September 1

- 6:30 a.m. An increase in vocations to the priesthood  
and religious life  
8:15 a.m. Victims of recent natural disasters

#### Saturday, September 2

- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of all priests, deacons  
and religious who serve in our diocese  
4:00 p.m. For the People

#### Sunday, September 3

- 8:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Miller Family  
10:30 a.m. Tony Sylvester  
(St. Michael Adoration Ministry)  
12:30 p.m. Fiore Matteis



### Stewardship

Time - Talent - Treasure - Faith

## AUGUST 27, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

- Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: AUGUST 20, 2023

Envelopes .....	\$	10,339.36
Online Giving .....	\$	11,687.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,026.36</b>



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## PARISH CALENDAR: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

<b>SUNDAY, August 27</b>	2:00 p.m. Festival Set-Up	<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	9:00 a.m. Festival Set-Up
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	9:00 a.m. Festival Set-Up 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	<b>Friday, September 1</b>	9:00 a.m. Festival Set-Up 7:00 p.m. PARISH FESTIVAL
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b>	9:00 a.m. Festival Set-Up	<b>Saturday, September 2</b>	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 5:00 p.m. PARISH FESTIVAL
<b>Wednesday, August 30</b>	9:00 a.m. Festival Set-Up	<b>SUNDAY, September 3</b>	5:00 p.m. PARISH FESTIVAL

(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 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Jesus asks His disciples two questions. The first did not affect them personally: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Their responses were akin to what we might hear today: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." We could add also to what we hear today: King of Kings, Lord of Lord, the Light of the world, Savior, Redeemer. And while these titles given to Jesus are quite true and relevant, there is no personal connection, *per se*. And so, Jesus then turns to His disciples and asks them directly: "But who do **YOU** say that I am?" Folks, that question that Jesus posed to His disciples then is the same question He poses to us today. And our response to this most important question has eternal consequences. Each of us must pause, reflect and answer this question. When you think about it, each of us are faced with a lot of questions in life and we need to make a lot of decisions over the course of our lifetime. However, the question that Jesus asks here is the most important question that we have to answer, and we all answer it in one way or another either now, or on Judgment Day (sadly, Judgment Day may be too late for some). The truth is that our decision concerning the question, "But who do **YOU** say that I am?" and the outcomes from that decision, effectively determine how we live our earthly lives – the things we choose to do and not to do by embracing the timeless teachings of Christ, by imitating His way of life, by taking Him up on His invitation to "follow me" which Jesus does 22 times in the New Testament. Following the Way of Christ in our earthly journey has a direct bearing on how we will spend eternity – in the eternal presence of God, or eternity in the Lake of Fire. Heaven or hell – and ultimately the choice is up to us as our actions and the choices we make – good and bad – have consequences. So this is an important question with tremendously important consequences and one that no one can or should take lightly! Sacred Scripture says that no one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ and that salvation is only found in Christ alone. The consequences of a wrong perception concerning who Jesus is and living out of that wrong perception can have disastrous consequences. Think about it. If our response is that Jesus is who He says He is, and whom the Scriptures declare Him to be – God Himself made flesh and dwelling amongst us, the Christ, the Son of the living God – and who God declared Jesus to be on Mount Tabor – "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." (Matthew 17:5) – then let us indeed listen attentively to Jesus and closely follow Him. And for those times that we have strayed from following the Way of Christ and His teachings, in Jesus' love for us He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can receive God's love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Jesus is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, He is the Son of God sent out of love for us by God to save us from ourselves and redeem us. Jesus is not just a prophet or a good man – He is our one and only Lord, Savior, and Redeemer who out of love invites us to share eternity with Him in Heaven if we listen and learn from Him and, thus, follow Him. Why would we listen to anyone else, or follow anyone else? "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" is not some intellectual exercise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, throws out to test us. Rather, it is an invitation – a very special, intimate, one-on-one invitation – which our Lord extends to each one of us. It is an invitation to welcome Christ ever anew into our lives and into our minds and hearts, so that we might know what a life in Christ is all about, and share that life in Christ with others.

If you need some help or could benefit from a spiritual "booster shot" in order to become a better, stronger, more fervent disciple of Christ in response to Jesus' question today, I would invite you to pray this prayer of Saint Augustine of Hippo:

*Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You,  
And desire nothing save only You.  
Let me hate myself and love You.  
Let me do everything for the sake of You.  
Let me humble myself and exalt You.  
Let me think of nothing except You.  
Let me die to myself and live in You.  
Let me accept whatever happens as from You.  
Let me banish self and follow You,  
And ever desire to follow You.  
Let me fly from myself and take refuge in You,  
That I may deserve to be defended by You.  
Let me fear for myself, let me fear You,  
And let me be among those who are chosen by You.  
Let me distrust myself and put my trust in You.  
Let me be willing to obey for the sake of You.  
Let me cling to nothing save only to You,  
And let me be poor because of You.  
Look upon me, that I may love You.  
Call me that I may see You,  
And for ever enjoy You. Amen.*

~Fr. Mike, Pastor

**P.S. Have you signed up yet to volunteer for our parish Festival? We're doing good, but we still have several positions open. Please, folks, consider volunteering to help make our parish Festival a success! Thank you!**

# OUR Catholic FAITH

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## Twelve Marks of Discipleship

*Courtesy of Catholic Missionary Disciples*

I was on a cruise ship in the middle of the Caribbean, when I saw the man on the other side of the ship. He was wearing a shirt that said "Texas A&M." He saw me too. I had a Texas A&M hat on. We smiled at one another and started to walk toward each other, because there is a shared experience and bond between Aggies. We chatted for several minutes and had fun talking about our time as students. We had "marked" ourselves, with our clothing (and Aggie rings) as Aggies. It was a moment that would not have happened had we not recognized that we identified with each other as such.

Being a disciple of Jesus should also mark us much more deeply, in several ways. In fact, being a disciple of Jesus, marks our very souls in three Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders) and changes our very being in others. Even outside of the Sacraments, our life of discipleship should be the primary marking in our lives. It should be our very identity as disciples (followers) of Jesus. Below are several of these marks of discipleship.

### Twelve Marks of Discipleship

1. **Disciples are called** - Luke 5:1-11 perfectly illustrates this. God always acts first! Jesus came to the fishermen and gave them an invitation. It was only after this invitation to discipleship that our choice matters. Jesus has called each of us. The next step is...
2. **Disciples intentionally respond to Jesus' call** - After we are called, then a disciple must respond positively to the call! If Peter had not dropped his nets and followed Jesus, he would not be a disciple. You can't follow if you don't make a choice. Discipleship is never inherited or accidental!
3. **Disciples love** - This is a primary mark of a disciple. Love of God and love of others. Jesus says that others will know we are disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35).
4. **Disciples are fruitful** - In fact, Jesus says that being fruitful PROVES that you are his disciple. *"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples"* -John 15:8.
5. **Disciples are obedient** - Go a little farther in John 15 and you find in verse 14 - *"you are my friends if you do what I command"*. Notice, we can't be intimate with Jesus and be disobedient. It is a non-starter.
6. **Disciples are taught** - In Scripture, we constantly find the disciples of Jesus learning from Him. They listen and then implement the teaching in their lives (or at least attempt to). We too must follow this model. The life of a Christian disciple is one of lifelong learning.
7. **Disciples follow** - The word, "disciple", means "follower". Our life of discipleship starts with following Jesus. We must do as he did. Love as he loved. Choose what he chose. *"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him"* -Luke 8:1
8. **Disciples keep an eye on Heaven** - The life we live now is not our final home. In fact, we are made to live with God forever in eternal bliss. Still, this heavenly home is determined by our decisions in this life. The prize of heaven is a gift we must keep our eyes on, so that we don't lose the eternal perspective of God.
9. **Disciples carry crosses** - Discipleship isn't easy. Jesus puts it this way, *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."* -Luke 9:23. We should never forget that suffering is a part of discipleship. It isn't merely about "feel good" emotions and good times.
10. **Disciples spend time with Jesus in prayer** - If we do what Jesus did, then we need to live in intimate relationship with God. *"He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'"* -Luke 11:1
11. **Disciples love and serve God (and others)** - Think of the many times the disciples were called to serve. Jesus commands his 12 to be the ones to serve the crowds at the breaking of the loaves and fishes, to heal the sick, to drive out demons, etc. The life of a disciple isn't about you!
12. **Disciples make other disciples** - Ultimately, we need to do what Jesus did, which means to "make disciples". This was his final command and the one we cannot avoid personally.

The life of a disciple can be a challenge and one that we all need to grow in. How can you better follow our Lord today?

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## Goodnight, Jesus: A Children's Bedtime Story

*by Kate Sydnor, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange*

My name is Kate Sydnor and I am the author of a new children's bed time book **"Goodnight, Jesus"** published by EWTN and Sophia Institute. Goodnight, Jesus is a beautiful book meant to highlight God's blessings in our life. Each page has a different bible verse written in child friendly language. The illustrations are meant to be in blue and green tones to promote calmness in your night-time routine! The book is also a board book, so even the smallest of hands can make it theirs. My children love to hold and manipulate books, and I really envisioned that in my decision making!

Reading to children is one of my favorite things in this world to do. Maybe it's my Elementary Education background, the fact I have three younger sisters, or that I've been babysitting since before I could even drive. Through my experience, I have found that reading to children at a young age is not only developmentally important but also a beautiful teachable moment between children and caregivers. During these one-on-one moments reading with my children, I have found the best opportunities to teach a little lesson that seems to have a huge impact and carry onto other aspects of their lives.

I have always wanted to write a children's book. Reading has always been a great joy of mine, even as a kid. As I got older, I found my calling to be working with children and was led into a career of teaching. I always saw the need for more Catholic children's books but never felt the importance to put pen to paper until recently. When I became a wife and then mom, I found the inspiration needed. I had a few nudges over the years, colleagues and coworkers saying "Hey! You should write a children's book", and my husband's encouragement was the final nudge I needed.

Being a mom is the biggest blessing of my life. Of course, it has its challenges, as do all things in life. I have two children, 15 months apart, who I have read to every night since they were in my womb. Each night, we read 2-3 books and say prayers. I used to choose the books, but now that they are 2 & 3 and have their own opinions; they like to choose the books. Putting them to bed is honestly my favorite part of the day because it is where I get great, quality, uninterrupted one on one time with each of them. Of course, the sweet snuggles are a plus too! After reading, we do nightly prayers together. At first, our nightly prayers started out as saying the Our Father, Hail Mary and then we would thank God for the day. One night, my children wanted to add and started thanking God for "our next-door neighbor", and "our chalk and bubbles too". They love listing off various things that they were grateful for that day. It really put things into perspective for me!

After we put our kids to bed each night, my husband and I turn off the TV and phones and have 15 designated minutes to talk about our day. 15 minutes may not seem like much, but it works for us as a way to communicate at the end of every day. During this moment one night, the thought came to me to combine our nightly prayers and gratitude lists into a book and my husband encouraged me to start writing my ideas out that night.

My children teach me so much about slowing down and focusing on what's important in life. Sometimes because they demand my attention in the moment during a meltdown, and other times they find joy in the little things such as stopping our walk to jump in the rain puddles. They teach me that God's goodness can be found in everything, even the smallest of things that we tend to walk right by. They teach me to find joy in what's right in front of me, not worrying about things beyond my control. And that's what this book is all about! I hope you can see it too, that Jesus is with us always and even in the mundane ordinary things we can find great joy.

I believe introducing children to Jesus young is so important and a great way to do that is through reading! Whether we like it or not, our children are exposed to more at a much earlier age than I ever was. The earlier they start their own faith journey and start building their own relationship with Jesus, I believe the better they will be able to react and understand the world around us. My relationship with Jesus helps me in times of doubt and times where the world doesn't make sense, and I want my children to feel that as well. You can lean onto Jesus for all your questions, all your troubles, and all your joys. There should be an urgency in getting more Catholic and Christian books on bookshelves and into the homes of all families. One small introduction to Jesus can be life changing and my hope is that this book can be a help to that. Jesus changed my life and I believe He can change everyone's.

# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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"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)

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*The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

**"Faith is to believe what you do not see;  
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." +Saint Augustine**

**Monday, August 28 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time  
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22** Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves. Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.' Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.' You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it; one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."

**Meditation:** Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to teach and lead in the ways of God. Jesus gave a series of examples to show how misguided they were. In their zeal to win converts, they required unnecessary and burdensome rules which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbor. They were leading people to "Pharisaism" rather than to God. They failed as religious leaders to teach others the way of God's kingdom because they failed to listen to and to understand the intention of God's word. Through their own pride and prejudice they blindly shut the door of their own hearts and minds to God's understanding of his kingdom.

**Prayer:** Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. 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:** How can we shut the door of God's kingdom in our lives? By closing our ears to Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14; 19:16), who speaks words of life and love, truth and freedom, hope and pardon. The Lord Jesus wants to dwell with us and to bring us his kingdom. He opens the way for each 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 all who seek him and who do his will. Do you pray as Jesus taught, "May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10)?

**Tuesday, August 29 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time  
Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:17-29** Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. She had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. Herodias' own daughter came in and performed a dance that

delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**Meditation:** Are you prepared to be a witness, and if necessary, a martyr for Jesus Christ? John the Baptist bridged the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who pointed the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. Jesus equated the coming of his kingdom with violence. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force (Matthew 11:12). John suffered violence for announcing that the kingdom of God was near. He was thrown into prison and then beheaded. Why did Herod put John to death when he knew him to be a righteous and holy man? Herod was a weak ruler. He could take a strong stand on the wrong things when he knew the right. Such a stand, however, was a sign of weakness and cowardice. Unfortunately for Herod, he could not rid himself of sin by ridding himself of the man who confronted him with his sin.

**Prayer:** O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. 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:** Since John's martyrdom to the present times the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence and persecution at the hands of violent people. The blood of Christian martyrs throughout the ages bear witness to this fact. Their testimony to the truth of the Gospel and their willingness to suffer and die for their faith prove victory rather than defeat for the kingdom of God. Through Christ's victory on the cross they obtain the glorious crown of victory and everlasting life with Jesus Christ. What gives us the power, boldness, and courage to witness to Jesus Christ and to the truth of the Gospel? The Holy Spirit fills us with courage, love, and boldness to make Jesus Christ known and loved. We do not need to fear those who oppose the timeless truths of the Gospel, because the love of Jesus Christ is stronger than fear and death itself. His love conquers all – even our fears and timidity in the face of opposition and persecution. We can trust in his grace and help at all times. Are you ready to make Christ known and loved wherever and whenever, and if necessary to suffer for his sake and for the sake of the Gospel?

### **Wednesday, August 30 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32** Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.' Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out!"

**Meditation:** Jesus used strong language to warn the religious leaders about the vanity of appearance and pretense. In Palestine tombs were often placed by the sides of roads. They were painted white which made them glisten in the midday sun, especially around the time of the great feasts, so that people would not accidentally touch them and incur ritual impurity. Jesus warns that what truly corrupts a person is not ritual impurity but the impurity of sinful thoughts and attitudes – pride, greed, sloth, envy, hatred, gluttony, and lust - which lead to sinful behavior. The scribes and Pharisees were intensely religious in their outward observances, but their outward show didn't match the inner reality of the state of their hearts. They not only neglected the poor and the weak, but they were intolerant towards anyone who challenged their idea of religion. That is why so many of the prophets in past ages – who warned about tolerating evil desires and unjust behavior towards one neighbor – were persecuted and even killed by their own rulers and people.



**Prayer:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 chastised the religious leaders for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the prophets' message and closed their ears to the word of God. They shut themselves to heaven and they hindered others from understanding God's word. They rejected Jesus as their Messiah because their hearts were blinded and hardened to the voice of God. Only the humble of heart can receive from God true wisdom and understanding, pardon and healing. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew our minds and hearts and to teach us God's way of love and holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart and mind and to fill you with the wisdom and understanding of God's word.

**About Saint Augustine:** Augustine Aurelius was born on November 13, 354, in Tagaste, North Africa. His father was a pagan, his mother, St. Monica. Still unbaptized and burning for knowledge, he came under the influence of the Manicheans, which caused his mother intense sorrow. He left Africa for Rome, deceiving his mother, who was ever anxious to be near him. She prayed and wept. Yet the evil spirit drove him constantly deeper into moral degeneracy, capitalizing on his leaning toward pride and stubbornness. Grace was playing a waiting game; there still was time, and the greater the depths into which the evil spirit plunged its fledgling, the stronger would be the reaction. Augustine recognized this vacuum; he saw how the human heart is created with a great abyss; the earthly satisfactions that can be thrown into it are no more than a handful of stones that hardly cover the bottom. And in that moment grace was able to break through: Restless is the heart until it rests in God. The tears of his mother, the sanctity of Milan's Bishop Ambrose, the book of St. Anthony the hermit, and the sacred Scriptures wrought his conversion, which was sealed by baptism on Easter night 387. Augustine's mother went to Milan with joy and witnessed her son's baptism. It was what it should have been, the greatest event of his life, his conversion — *metanoia*. Grace had conquered. Augustine accompanied his mother to Ostia, where she died. In 391 he was ordained priest at Hippo, in 394 made coadjutor to bishop Valerius, and then from 396 to 430 bishop of Hippo. Augustine, numbered among the four great Doctors of the Western Church, possessed one of the most penetrating minds of ancient Christendom. He was the most important Platonist of patristic times, the Church's most influential theologian, especially with regard to clarifying the dogmas of the Trinity, grace, and the Church. He was a great speaker, a prolific writer, a saint with an inexhaustible spirituality. His *Confessions*, a book appreciated in every age, describes a notable portion of his life (until 400), his errors, his battles, his profound religious observations. Famous too is his work *The City of God*, a worthy memorial to his genius, a philosophy of history. Most edifying are his homilies, especially those on the psalms and on the Gospel of St. John. As an emblem Christian art accords him a burning heart to symbolize the ardent love of God which permeates all his writings.

### **Thursday, August 31 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51** Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

**Meditation:** When God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world it was to rescue us from ourselves, from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and his triumphant victory over the grave won pardon for us and reconciliation with our heavenly Father, and the promise of everlasting life and joy in his kingdom. The Lord Jesus told his disciples on a number of occasions that he would return again at the end of this present age, not simply to rescue us again from our enemies, but as a victor King and Lord who will vindicate all who have believed in him, How? By releasing us from the curse of death and condemnation and restoring for us the plan he had from the beginning of creation – a new heaven and a new earth for a people perfectly united with God in peace, joy, and harmony forever. This is the background to Jesus parable in today's Gospel about the householder and the thief in the night. When

the Lord Jesus returns, he doesn't want to find us flirting with the enemy or worse joining forces with enemies who are opposed to God and his kingdom. He wants to see us fully aligned with him, and invites us constantly to do so when Jesus says "follow me."

**Prayer:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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:** And so Jesus invites us to follow him, time and time again. But ask yourself: Do I take up Jesus on his invitation? If I do follow him, I am truly attentive to his teachings by embracing them and living them, so that I am ready to meet him when he calls each of us to himself. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit so that we may have the wisdom, help, and strength we need to turn away from sin to embrace God's way of love, justice, and holiness. The Lord's warning of judgment causes dismay for those who are unprepared, but it brings joyful hope to those who eagerly wait for his return in glory. God's judgment is good news for those who are ready to meet him. Their reward is God himself, the source of all truth, beauty, goodness, love and everlasting life.

### **Friday, September 1 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13** Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**Meditation:** Jesus' story of ten single ladies waiting for a wedding procession in the middle of the night seem strange to us today. But Jesus' audience knew all too well how easily this could happen to them. To show up for a wedding party without proper attire and travel arrangements is like trying to get into a special event today that requires a prearranged permit or reservation. You just don't get in without the proper pass. Can you imagine the frustration travelers might experience when going abroad and finding out that they can't get into some country because they don't have the right visa or a valid passport?

**Prayer:** O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing, and many have trained themselves to not hear. We will not be prepared to meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today, and be "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22), in addition to making a good confession when we are in a state of sin – especially serious (mortal) sin – so that, absolved from our sin, we are in a state of grace. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. The question is, are you ready?

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP! VOLUNTEER NOW!**



There are still many shifts open for before, during and after the festival! Please consider helping our parish in this way! Grab a friend to work a shift together! Sign up using the QR code. All volunteers are provided a voucher for one free food court item and pop/water stand drink per night.



## AROUND THE PARISH

### MAKE TIME FOR ADORATION

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of Our Lord. 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. **Please note that the chapel will be closed throughout the Festival next week. The chapel will be closed beginning August 31 and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6th.** Signing up is easy to do from your phone or computer. You can sign up at [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com).

### 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. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please visit the Parish Office to schedule or call for more details.



#### 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.

### 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](mailto:mensgroup@saintmichael-cd.org)

### 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 up to 20 tokens per family.
- The food pantry is in need of full-size bottles of shampoo and crème rinse. Thank you for your generosity!

### ADDITIONAL MASSES, CONFESSIONS & WEEKLY HOLY HOUR BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning in September, St. Michael will add two additional weekday Masses at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays will serve as the school Mass each week, so seating will be limited to the sides and back of the church. Beginning on Wednesday, September 6, Father Lumpe and Father Kitsmiller will offer a weekly Holy Hour in the church with Confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Youth Ministry will be starting in just a few weeks. High School Ministry kicks off on September 10 and Middle School Ministry on September 17. We need your help to get this ministry ready for the new year! Please consider volunteering to help with these programs! We need volunteers for our meetings as well as food volunteers for our high school programming. To sign up to help with food, please scan the QR code. To help either the High School or Middle School ministries, please email Jake Asuncion at [jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org).

## SCHOOL

### WELCOME BACK WARRIORS!

St. Michael students and staff returned for the 2023-24 school year this past Wednesday! It is so nice to see these smiling faces back on campus. Go Warriors!





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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/>).

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### MAUI WILDFIRES

The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has requested your prayers for all those affected by the wildfires that have ravaged Maui. Additionally, he has requested support for the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to rebuild lives and restore hope by aiding the relief efforts for parish and school communities. To make a tax deductible contribution, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.



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Support an amazing organization and have fun at the Festival this year! Mission Warmth will have their bus at the St. Michael Festival and will be collecting **Adult Sleeping Bags and Winter Coats** to keep the unhoused warm this winter. Bring your donations to the Festival to earn \$10.00 in tokens for each item donated. Learn more about the wonderful work Mission Warmth is doing by visiting their Facebook page @missionwarmthohio.

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