



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm
	5:00pm

Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.

Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.

Anytime upon request.
(Call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 12, 2023

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 12

- 8:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Harty & Morrison Family
- 10:30 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
- 12:30 p.m. + Fiore Matteis
- 5:00 p.m. + Claudia Pena (Juliana O'Leary & Family)

Monday, November 13

- 6:30 a.m. + Mary Lee Hinger (Bill & MaryBeth Hinger)
- 8:15 a.m. + Pasquale Pizzuti (The Pizzuti Family)

Tuesday, November 14

- 6:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 8:15 a.m. + Jeanne & Clem Trenor (Randy & Sue Kyte)

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Charles & Veronica Barker
- 8:15 a.m. For the School

Thursday, November 16

- 6:30 a.m. + Elizabeth Sulich (Liz & Meg Heller)
- 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Jae (Jack & Paula Tucker)

Friday, November 17

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Hannah Reasch
(The DeCenzo Family)
- 8:15 a.m. + Dominico Canini (Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

Saturday, November 18

- 8:15 a.m. + Henry Anguiano (Jack & Paula Tucker)
- 4:00 p.m. + Gene Krajnak (Donna Krajnak)

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. + Betty & Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)
- 10:30 a.m. + Gaetano & Giuseppa Capoccia (The Pizzuti Family)
- 12:30 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
- 5:00 p.m. + Harry & Jeanne Hollern (The Meck Family)



NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

— Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 15,221.25
Online Giving	\$ 13,158.00
Total:	\$ 28,379.25

PARISH CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, November 12	SVdP Sponsor a Family Food Drive after all Masses 11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (Gym) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (MH)	Thursday, November 16	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Monday, November 13	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)	Friday, November 17	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 p.m. Opus Dei (C)
Tuesday, November 14	11:30 a.m. Live Wires (MH) 7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)	Saturday, November 18	WFF Advent Reflection Book Sales (after Vigil Mass) SVdP Sponsor a Family Food Drive (after Vigil Mass) 6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (MH) 7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 8:00 a.m. Opus Dei Recollections (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 6:00 p.m. Euchre Tournament & Chili Night (U)
Wednesday, November 15	6:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, November 19	WFF Advent Reflection Book Sales after all Masses SVdP Sponsor a Family Food Drive after all Masses 11:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. K of C Coffee & Donuts (U) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (MH)

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

FROM THE PASTOR

ON THIS THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jesus in today's Gospel says the kingdom of heaven is like ten virgins going out to meet the bridegroom when he arrives back at his house for the wedding. Five had their lamps ready to meet the bridegroom and the other five did not have their lamps ready. None of them knew the exact time when the bridegroom would arrive with his bride, but they knew it would be that night and yet five of them seem to have been too lazy or careless to bother having oil for their lamps. Unfortunately, as a result, they missed the wedding. The bridesmaids asked at the door to be allowed in, but the bridegroom replied, "I do not know you." Jesus told this parable to encourage us to always be ready for the moment when He will call us from this life, saying: "stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour" (Matt 25:13). Jesus' parable not only encourages us to be ready for His call from this life whenever it will be, but to spend our entire lives following Him faithfully as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). The bridegroom said to the five foolish virgins, "I do not know you." No one ever wants to hear Jesus say to them when they die, "I do not know you." Jesus does not want to say to anyone, "I do not know you." Jesus wants everyone to live their lives with Him, around him, for Him. Jesus wants this for everyone, not just priests and religious sisters. Jesus wants everyone to live their lives with Him, around Him, for Him. Jesus wants to "know you" but more importantly, that we really and truly know Him. Jesus wants the best for each and every one of us; the best for us is that we know Jesus and spend our lives living in witness to Him. We can do this by having a strong prayer life, a strong faith life, a strong devotional life, and a strong sacramental life. People make many efforts to get the most out of life – the most important thing to get out of life is to live our lives as disciples of Christ, faithfully walking His footsteps, doing what He has taught us to do and not to do, always in accordance with the will of God the Father. Spending time with God every day in prayer is important – in fact, it is safe to say that prayer is the essential ingredient for each of us to get the most out of life so that we can remain His faithful followers, doing His will, and making our life choices accordingly. Each of us have to make choices going through life, living with the consequences of our choices. Either we choose well or we choose poorly; choosing well would make sure that our decisions have a foundation in faith, and not just deciding on a whim, going along with the crowd, or following civil laws that conflict with Divine law or Divine teaching. Take, for example, the situation involving the recent passage of State Issue One, which makes the availability of abortion now part of the Ohio Constitution. Though abortion will become civilly legal in Ohio, it does not make the choice and sin of abortion right in the eyes of God; the killing of a human being in the mother's womb remains a grave sin, a mortal sin against the Fifth Commandment: "Thou shall not kill" – State Issue One did not alter or change the reality of the Fifth Commandment, no one can do that. What all of us must remember is this: Our choices have consequences; we must continue to choose to support and protect all human life, from womb to tomb – this is the will of God, Who alone is the author of life. We must support young mothers who may find themselves confused about what to do and where to turn. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in his encyclical **Veritatis Splendor (The Splendor of Truth)**:

"If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments' (Mt 19:17). In this way, a close connection is made between eternal life and obedience to God's commandments: God's commandments show man the path of life and they lead to it. From the very lips of Jesus, the new Moses, man is once again given the commandments of the Decalogue. Jesus himself definitively confirms them and proposes them to us as the way and condition of salvation. The commandments are linked to a promise. In the Old Covenant the object of the promise was the possession of a land where the people would be able to live in freedom and in accordance with righteousness (cf. Dt 6:20-25). In the New Covenant the object of the promise is the 'Kingdom of Heaven,' as Jesus declares at the beginning of the 'Sermon on the Mount' – a sermon which contains the fullest and most complete formulation of the New Law (cf. Mt 5-7), clearly linked to the Decalogue entrusted by God to Moses. This same reality of the Kingdom is referred to in the expression 'eternal life,' which is a participation in the very life of God. It is attained in its perfection only after death, but in faith it is even now a light of truth, a source of meaning for life." (VS12)

"Those who live 'by the flesh' experience God's law as a burden, and indeed as a denial or at least a restriction of their own freedom. On the other hand, those who are impelled by love and 'walk by the Spirit' (Gal 5:16), and who desire to serve others, find in God's Law the fundamental and necessary way in which to practice love as something freely chosen and freely lived out. Indeed, they feel an interior urge – a genuine 'necessity' and no longer a form of coercion – not to stop at the minimum demands of the Law, but to live them in their 'fullness.'" (VS18)

"It is urgent to rediscover and to set forth once more the authentic reality of the Christian faith, which is not simply a set of propositions to be accepted with intellectual assent. Rather, faith is a lived knowledge of Christ, a living remembrance of his commandments, and a truth to be lived out. Faith is a decision involving one's whole existence. It is an encounter, a dialogue, a communion of love and of life between the believer and Jesus Christ, the Way, and the Truth, and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). It gives rise to and calls for a consistent life commitment; it entails and brings to perfection the acceptance and observance of God's commandments." (VS 88,89)

All of us knows Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd." Reminded of this, let us all pray that we faithfully follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who leads us through this complex world on the one path that leads to eternal life with Him. No one wants to hear Jesus say to us upon our death, "I do not know you." Holiness and grace is available to everyone, not just a few. Let us faithfully follow Jesus, as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22) so that we may share in His eternal life.

– Fr. Mike Lumpe

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Ten ways to prepare for a holy death

By Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

The most important moment in our life is the very moment that we die. This will determine our destiny for all eternity. Either we will be saved or damned. Either we will be with God for all eternity or we will be lost for all eternity. The best way for all of us to have a holy death is to right now and until we die prepare for a holy and happy death. Hopefully these short but poignant ten sign posts can help you to make the right decisions so that when you die the Lord Jesus will be your Savior waiting to open up the eternal gates of Heaven to receive you!

1. Live each day of your life as if it were your last; indeed it could be. Jesus warns us: "He will come like a thief in the night." Be prepared!

2. No to Sin, Yes to God! Sin leads to sadness, slavery and death. Let us renounce sin at all costs and turn to God who gives life. Jesus said: "I am the way, the Truth, and the Life."

3. Do What You Are Doing. This is a key concept of the saints. It means to live the Sacrament of the Present moment and always strive to do your duty and obligation with the best of intentions—meaning for the honor and glory of God!

4. Fall? Get up again! If you fall into sin, which will happen because we are all sinners, then get up right away. Never put off your conversion for tomorrow; rather move on your conversion immediately—before the sun goes down!

5. Love. Aim always for the greatest of all virtues: love! Jesus clearly tells us what is the greatest of all commandments and it is a double commandment: to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. But the second part is to love our neighbor intensely as we love ourselves. With reference to a holy death, Saint John of the Cross teaches us: "In the twilight of our existence, we will be judged on love." Let us aim for a more intense and burning love every day! Like the Virgin Mary let us die of love!

6. Bring Others to Heaven. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen gives us great advice on how to get to heaven. "If you want to get to heaven, then take somebody to heaven with you." Jesus says, "By their fruits they will be known." Our desire should be to love what God loves and God loves the salvation of immortal souls. Hopefully this will be by our ardent and all-consuming desire!

7. Think of Heaven! Of enormous value in attaining a holy and happy death is the constant thought of gaining heaven but also the meditation on actually what heaven is! Saint Paul gives us a mere glimpse with these inspiring words: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the mind of man the wonderful things that God has prepared for those who love Him." Do this! Think of the happiest two hours of your life, multiply that by a million times and then add eternity to it— meaning forever and ever and ever. You have a mere taste or mere glimpse of the glory of Heaven that awaits you!!!

8. Tell Jesus What You Want! From the depths of your heart talk to Jesus and express to Him the greatest desire of your heart and it is this: that you want to grow to love Him more and more each day, but that you want to love Him in heaven for all eternity. Tell Jesus this, but remind Him every day. Ask your Guardian Angel to come to your aid!

9. Purgatory and Suffering. Why not ask the Lord Jesus to give you your Purgatory here while on earth? It is so true the saying: "Pay now or pay later!" Indeed much better to pay here while on earth than to pay in the fires of Purgatory after we die. How can this become a reality? Simple

but hard at the same time! We all have to suffer and in many ways: physically, emotionally, economically (many of us), socially, and spiritually. Why not offer your suffering for the conversion of sinners, the purification of the souls in Purgatory but also that this suffering on earth would serve to be your Purgatory on earth to allow you to go quickly to heaven? Many of us never thought of this but God does not want us to go to Purgatory; rather, He wants us to go straight and directly to heaven, nonstop! Let us be honest, heaven is closed not due to bad will on the part of God, but due to our own pride, selfishness, egotism and resistance of God's grace. Why not beg to correspond to God's graces and accept your sufferings in this life so as to be united with God immediately upon death, which means eternal life!

10. Mary: Queen of Saints and Angels. The saints all agree on this spiritual maxim: "Mary is the quickest, most secure, and the most efficacious pathway to Jesus and to heaven." Why not turn right now to Mary and beg for the grace to go to heaven. Ask Mary in prayer what is the major obstacle in your life that is blocking your free access to Jesus and heaven. Then beg our Lady for the grace to overcome that obstacle or spiritual detour on the Highway to Heaven.

*Fr. Ed Broom is an Oblate of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
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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 November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend on material success; nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus alone." +SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Monday, November 13 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1-6 Jesus said to his disciples, "Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the one through whom they occur. It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him." And the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Meditation: While Jesus warns against the sin of bad example and scandal, he also demonstrates the power of faith for overcoming temptation and obstacles. We often encounter challenges and difficulties in life which seem beyond our power or capacity to handle. What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can do by ourselves. Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We are his servants, and he is ever ready to work through us and in us for his glory. For faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and obedience — an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. Do you trust in the grace and strength which God freely gives to help us resist temptation and overcome obstacles in doing his will?

Prayer: God our Father, who called Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini from Italy to serve the immigrants of America, by her example, teach us to have concern for the stranger, the sick, and all those in need, and by her prayers help us to see Christ in all the men and women we meet. 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: So what is the driving force in your life? Jesus speaks of two forces at work in our lives — the power of temptation to sin and cause harm and the power of faith to overcome obstacles and difficulties that stand in the way of loving God and our neighbor. The Greek word for temptation (*scandalon*) is exactly the same as the English word "scandal." The original meaning of scandal is a trap or a stumbling block which causes one to trip and fall. The scriptures warn us about the snare or enticement to go astray and to do what is evil. Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers! (Psalm 141:9) Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling (1 John 2:10). The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he or she in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end. Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith.

Tuesday, November 14 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:7-10 Jesus said to the Apostles: "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place

at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Meditation: How can we love others selflessly and unconditionally? God himself is love (ref. 1 John 4:16) and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives whatever is good for the sake of another (Romans 5:5). If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us (ref. 1 John 4:12). God honors the faithful servant who loves and serves others generously. He is ever ready to work through and in us for his glory. We must remember, however, that God can never be indebted to us. We have no claim on him. His love compels us to give him our best! And when we have done our best, we have simply done our duty. We can never outmatch God in doing good and showing love. God loves without measure. Does the love of God compel you to give your best?

Prayer: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: Are you ready to give the Lord your best, regardless of what it might cost you? Perhaps we are like the laborer in Jesus' parable who expected special favor and reward for going the extra mile? How unfair for the master to compel him to give more than what was expected! Don't we love to assert our rights, with expressions of "I will give only what is required and no more!" But who can satisfy the claims of love? Jesus used this parable of the dutiful servant to explain that we can never put God in our debt or make the claim that God owes us something. We must regard ourselves as God's servants, just as Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). We must remember that service of God and of neighbor is both a voluntary or "free act" in addition to being a sacred duty. One can volunteer for public service or be compelled to do service for one's country. Likewise, God expects us to give him the worship and praise which is his due. And he gladly accepts the free-will offering of our lives to him and to his service. What makes our offering pleasing to God is the love we express in the gift of self-giving. True love is sacrificial, generous, and selfless.

Wednesday, November 15 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Meditation: The word "mercy" literally means "sorrowful at heart." But mercy is something more than compassion, or heartfelt sorrow at another's misfortune. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further; it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his own. And he or she will do everything in their power to dispel that misery. Mercy is also connected with justice. Saint Thomas Aquinas once said that mercy "does not destroy justice, but is a certain kind of fulfillment of justice...Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; (and) justice without mercy is cruelty." Pardon without repentance negates justice. So what is the significance of these ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Prayer: O God, who made the Bishop Saint Albert great by his joining of human wisdom to divine faith, grant, we pray, that we may so adhere to the truths he taught, that through progress in learning we may come to a deeper knowledge and love of you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Why did only one leper out of ten – a Samaritan – return to show thanks and gratitude? Gratefulness is related to grace – gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God. If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy shown to us we become ungrateful. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other sins, such as discontent, dissatisfaction, complaining, grumbling, pride and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, pastors, teachers, and neighbors? Do you express gratitude to God for his mercy towards you and do you show mercy to your neighbor? When is the last time you thanked God for all that he has given you?

Thursday, November 16 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:20-25 Asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said in reply, "The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you." Then he said to his disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. There will be those who will say to you, 'Look, there he is,' or 'Look, here he is.' Do not go off, do not run in pursuit. For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation."

Meditation: Jesus identified himself with the "Day of the Lord." "Son of man" was understood as a Messianic title for the one who would come not only to establish God's kingdom but who would come as Judge of the living as well as the dead. Jesus points to his second coming when he will return to complete the work of restoration and final judgment. While we do not know the time of his return, we will not mistake it when it happens. It will be apparent to all, both believers and non-believers as well. When the Pharisees asked Jesus what sign would indicate the "Day of the Lord," Jesus replied that only one sign would point to that day and that sign was Jesus himself. Jesus surprised the Jews of his time by announcing that God's kingdom was already present among them in his very person — the Son of God sent from the Father to redeem the world from sin and destruction.

Prayer (Saint Margaret of Scotland): O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness. 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.

Prayer (Saint Gertrude): O God, who prepared a delightful dwelling for yourself in the heart of the Virgin Saint Gertrude, graciously bring light, through her intercession, to the darkness of our hearts, that we may joyfully experience you present and at work within us. 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.

About Saint Margaret: Saint Margaret of Scotland was the great-niece of Saint Edward the Confessor. She was a Saxon princess, raised in Hungary in exile. Returning to England, she had to flee once again after the Battle of Hastings, to the court of Malcolm, the King of Scotland, whom she married shortly thereafter. She proved to be a model mother and exemplary queen who brought up her eight children in an atmosphere of great devotion and worked hard to improve the morality of her subjects.

About Saint Gertrude: Saint Gertrude was a Benedictine nun of the monastery of Helfta, in Saxony, is one of the great mystics of the Middle Ages. She was favored by visions of our Savior and has left a marvelous account of them in a book which she called *Revelations*. Saint Gertrude introduced the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which, four centuries later, Saint Margaret Mary spread throughout the Church. She died at the beginning of the thirteenth century. Her prayer to the Sacred Heart follows:



O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasury of the Divinity, and glowing furnace of love, Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O adorable and glorious Savior, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Thy Heart. Pour down on my souls those graces that flow from Thy love. Let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one, and mine may in all things be conformed to Thine. May Thy will be the rule of both my desires and my actions.

Contemplation: Jesus warned the Pharisees that the "Son of man" (a title from the prophet Daniel for the Messiah) would come in like manner, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, on the clouds of heaven to

bring God's judgment on the "Day of the Lord." No special sign will be needed to announce his appearance. Nor will his presence and power be veiled or hidden, but all will recognize him as clearly as the lightning in the sky. In Jesus we see the power and the glory of God's kingdom. His power overthrew the powers of darkness and sin. Jesus knew that the only way to victory was through the cross. On that cross he defeated death and canceled the debt of sin for us. The victory of his cross opens the way for us to become citizens of God's kingdom. Do you seek the coming of God's kingdom with joyful hope?

Friday, November 17 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:26-37 Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man; they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage up to the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; on the day when Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all. So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, someone who is on the housetop and whose belongings are in the house must not go down to get them, and likewise one in the field must not return to what was left behind. Remember the wife of Lot. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it. I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed; one will be taken, the other left. And there will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken, the other left." They said to him in reply, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will gather."

Meditation: What does Jesus mean when he says that one person will be taken and another left? God judges each person individually on how they have responded to his grace and invitation to live as citizens of his kingdom. We cannot pass off personal responsibility to someone else, such as family, spouse, or friends. No one can discharge his or her duty by proxy or association. No playing the blame game or point fingers. The good news is that God gives grace and help to all who seek him with faith. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit so that we may have the wisdom, help, and strength we need to turn away from sin to his way of love 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. The people in Noah's time ignored the Lord's warning of judgment. They missed the boat, literally! So whose boat are you taking — the world's boat to fleeting success and happiness, or God's boat to heaven and eternal bliss with him? Those whose hope is firmly anchored in heaven will not be disappointed when God's judgment comes.

Prayer: O God, by whose gift Saint Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and revered Christ in the poor, grant, through her intercession, that we may serve with unfailing charity the needy and those afflicted. 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 quotes a familiar proverb to his audience: "Where the body is, there the eagles (or vultures) will be gathered together." Eagles, like vultures, are attracted to dead or decaying flesh. The Book of Job describes the eagle spying out its prey from afar (ref. Job 39:29). What's the point of this analogy? It's inevitable that a thing will happen when the necessary conditions are fulfilled. The return of the Lord is certain, but the time is unknown — despite supermarket tabloid predictions. The Lord's judgment comes swiftly and often unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! The question is, are you ready — ready right now, this very minute — for the second coming of Jesus Christ? If not, there is no time like the present.

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PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners
in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

PARENTING

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November Grace

by Elizabeth Foss

“Making the decision to have a child — it is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.” — Elizabeth Stone

When one has a little child and her heart goes walking around outside her body, she can keep a pretty close eye on it. It's fairly simple to protect that heart from the bumps and bruises of everyday life. Tragic illnesses or accidents lurk in the corners, but the usual daily round is safe for most of our young children.

As the child grows and interacts increasingly with the world, the opportunities for his heart to be hurt (or broken?) increase dramatically. A mother watches and waits and hopes that the piece of her heart now walking around in the world will be treated gently. If that mother has had more than one child, there is more than one piece of her heart — each off in its own place outside of her body, each vulnerable to its own sorrows. Openness to life? The generosity of a large family? An abundance of hearts bared to the capriciousness of life — all those opportunities for anxiety as she watches them walking around outside her body.

It's enough to make a good case for motherhood being risky behavior, destined to create neurotic, anxious women of us all by the time we reach middle age. We could all be tied up in tight knots of anxiety and depression, if not for gratitude.

In his book *What Happy People Know*, Dan Baker writes, “During active appreciation, the threatening messages from your amygdala (fear center of the brain) and the anxious instincts of your brainstem are cut off, suddenly and surely, from access to your brain's neocortex, where they can fester, replicate themselves, and turn your stream of thoughts into a cold river of dread. It is a fact of neurology that the brain cannot be in a state of appreciation and a state of fear at the same time. The two states may alternate, but are mutually exclusive.”

This means that the mindful practice of gratitude is heart medicine for mothers. The more we practice mindful gratitude, the more we intentionally count our blessings and notice the gifts, the more we are able to remain in the neural pathways gratitude navigates.

Of course, that doesn't mean that the mother with the impressive gratitude journal — all those gifts faithfully remembered and recorded every night on her bedside table — has inoculated herself against anxiety or depression. Gratitude and anxiety may alternate. It means that battling anxiety might require the hard work of remaining in gratitude's pathway in order to resist anxiety's groove.

As the calendar page turns to the month in which Americans collectively pause to be grateful, mothers might need to take the whole month, instead of just the fourth Thursday. Instead of a brief grace said before turkey and stuffing, can we cultivate a new habit? Can we follow the example of G. K. Chesterton, who wrote: “You say grace before meals. Alright. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.” Grace in everything. Gratitude all the time, without ceasing.

Can we hold each moment captive for gratitude? Can we refuse to let our brains leave the neural pathways of thankfulness? Can we see God's hand on everything, be ever more aware of His provision in each and every moment? Can we recognize that He is the creator of a beautiful universe, the creator of all the little hearts walking around outside a mother's body, and the creator of the mother's heart itself. He knows the tendency towards anxiety. He knows, too, the remedy.

It is a challenge, to be sure. To remain in a state of gratefulness requires discipline. November is a perfect month to begin that habit training, to see God more clearly and to recognize His goodness. When we cultivate a habit of mindful gratitude, our hearts feel the peace St. Augustine observed: “This, then, is the full satisfaction of souls, this is the happy life: to recognize piously and completely the one through whom you are led into the truth, the nature of the truth you enjoy and the bond that connects you with the supreme measure.”

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VOCATIONS

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The Family: A Seedbed of Vocations

by Arland K. Nichols

The Catholic Church in the United States is enduring a protracted vocations crisis. Numbers of priests dwindle even as the Catholic population increases. Many clergy as well as lay apostolates, such as the Serra Club and parish vocations committees, have done much to stem the tide in an effort to encourage young men to discern the priesthood. As a result many men have heard and responded to God's call. Vocation ministry is a necessary and beautiful work, but it will inevitably be a classic case of "too little, too late" if we fail to do more for and within the most important element in fostering vocations to the priesthood — the family.

Above all else, it is the family that must manifest a fervent commitment to creating and fostering a culture of vocation. This commitment begins in the home and extends and radiates outward. The family, Pope Saint John Paul II taught, is "the primary and most excellent seedbed of vocations to a life of consecration to the kingdom of God." It is the Christian family that strives to live the faith fervently, that is open to a life of service and that fulfills its duties to God and neighbor that becomes the rich soil that gives rise to children

The primary effort of the family that becomes a seedbed of vocations is that it ardently embraces the first vocation of each person — the sincere gift of self, an ardent love that makes of oneself an oblation to God and neighbor. Above all else, and in everything, the family must be a school of love, and the faith must be lived. If the Gospel is not lived in the home, if the members of the family do not embrace the truth that freedom is for a life of virtue, it will be difficult for our children to grow up with a sense of mission, of being called to a vocation. These are necessary conditions if the family is to be the primary seedbed of vocations.

Yet this is no easy task, especially in light of the various struggles faced by the family today, not least of which was noted recently by Pope Francis who said that the devil, "attacks the family so much. The demon does not love it and seeks to destroy it."

The solution to the vocations crisis is the renewal of the family in a generic sense. But especially vital is the renewal of my family, of your family. Our families must embrace the call to create a culture of vocation. We tend to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood as if the vocation crisis is to be solved by others without a full embrace of personal or familial responsibility. We must each ask God to make our family a vocation powerhouse. We need to pray that our families become that seedbed of vocations in words that embrace our familial duty: "Choose from our home those who are needed for Your work. May our home and the homes of our children truly be a most excellent seedbed of vocations, to a life of consecration to the kingdom of God."

As Pope Saint John Paul II noted in his autobiography, it was his father's witness to the faith in the midst of much hardship and societal strife that created "my first seminary, a kind of domestic seminary" that gave rise to his priesthood.

God plants the seed, but in order for the vocation to flourish and the harvest to be plenty, the seedbed itself must be of rich, fine soil. The vocations crisis is a symptom of a prior crisis of the family. The domestic church, therefore, is called to recover and live its innate vocation to recognize God's guiding hand in family life and to foster the ability to perceive and respond to God's call in freedom. Each family must faithfully foster a culture in which young people can hear and respond to the unique mission to which God calls each member.

The family, each family, with its innate mission to be a seedbed of vocations, is the linchpin for solving the vocation crisis.

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AROUND THE PARISH

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL INVITES YOU TO HELP OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

1. You can help to purchase food for the families in our Sponsor-A-Family program. Pick up a grocery bag after mass on Nov. 11 & 12. Shop for the items on the bag. Return the full bag at mass on Nov. 18 & 19.
2. You can sponsor a family by shopping for the members of a particular family off a wish list. Families range in size from one child to six children. We ask that you spend about \$75 per child and that all gifts are new. Packets will be available after all masses Nov. 11/12 & Nov. 18/19.
3. You can purchase any gift for a child of any age and put it in our Giving Tree boxes. These gifts are given out at the St. Francis Center and the SVDP Downtown Center. The Giving Trees will go up Thanksgiving weekend. We need all of our gifts no later than Dec. 10!

MAKE TIME FOR ADORATION

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration is available at St. Michael three days a week! Join us in the Church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for our new weekly Holy Hour with Confessions. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each week from 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m. Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Signing up is easy to do from your phone or computer. You can sign up at StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com.

ATTENTION, ALL LIVE WIRES!

Our next get-together will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall. All current and future Live Wires are welcome. Live Wires of ALL ages are invited – no need to be a Senior. Bring your favorite brown bag lunch and leave the desserts and drinks to us! Plan to enjoy some games and conversation! Hope to see you there!

MEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 18th, The Nativity of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary is our focus. Filmed in the Holy Land with Mark Hartfiel, this is a beautiful video with testimonies from men and women about the benefits of contemplating the joyful mysteries. All are invited to join us in praying and learning with your brothers and sisters in Christ to be happier evangelists. We meet at 6:45 a.m. in the Upper Meeting Room for the Rosary and then have the presentation and a short discussion. Adults of all ages may join us any week. Any questions can be directed to mensgroup@saintmichael-cd.org.

Women's Faith & Fellowship Advent Reflection Journal

Bring your Advent journey to life with our Advent Reflection Journal. Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture by Fr. Mark Toups is a wonderful way for you to prepare your heart for the birth of our Savior & King.

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Parish Office Thanksgiving Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on November 23 & 24 as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

With the holiday season approaching, there are early bulletin deadlines coming up. Please submit any bulletin requests to the parish office by noon of the following dates:

For November 25 & 26: Wednesday, November 15

For December 23 & 24: Monday, December 11

For December 30 & 31: Monday, December 18

Please email all bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY – NOVEMBER 16TH

Young Adults of the parish are invited to join us on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. for **Pizza, Pints & Priests** at Pies and Pints Restaurant at the Worthington Mall. Invite a friend to join you! Any questions, please email Jake Asuncion at jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org.



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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES

Our High School and Middle School Youth Groups need your help! Please see the different ways you can get involved and receive updates on all youth ministry activities.

- **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 & Parents. Please visit <https://StMichaelChurchWor.flocknote.com> to sign up!
- **Middle School Youth Group Snacks Needed.** We are in need of snacks for our Middle School Youth Group Meetings. If you can help in this way, please use the QR code below to sign up!
- **High School Food Sponsors Needed.** Please consider sponsoring our high school youth ministry by providing food for their meetings! Use the QR code to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity!



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SCHOOLS

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St. Michael Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/prekindergarten/ for the application form and for more information. Completed applications can be emailed to Preschool Director, Laura Wells at lwells@stmichaelworthington.org. Please note that we only accept digital copies of the application form. We anticipate having a waitlist, so be sure to get your applications in as soon as possible.



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