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the
Rosary*

*October is the
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SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays 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. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the QR code. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2024 & 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

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 sriya@stmichael-cd.org.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13, 2024 – DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 12

4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, October 13

8:30 a.m. + Jody Munhall (The Schmitt Family)

10:30 a.m. + Peggy Crosbie (The Murray Family)

12:30 p.m. + Lisa K. Burchett (Susan Farrell)

5:00 p.m. + Bernie Flynn (Erin Flynn Wade)

Monday, October 14

6:30 a.m. + Marie Becker (Dcn. John Crerand)

8:15 a.m. + Jeanne Cahill Hollern (Chuck & Maureen Meck)

Tuesday, October 15

6:30 a.m. + Diana Evans (Lou & Karen Griffith)

8:15 a.m. + Arthur & Marguerite Dauny (The Caso Family)

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 a.m. + Robert Leonard (Dcn. John Crerand)

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. + Richard Lumpe (Fr. Mike Lumpe)

Thursday, October 17

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Mike Butchko

8:15 a.m. + Anna Theresa Evans (The Bracken Family)

Friday, October 18

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Ron Stanko (Lou & Karen Griffith)

8:15 a.m. + Lisa Colosimo (Elinor & Dick Morris)

Saturday, October 19

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Mary Regina, O.P.

4:00 p.m. + Bill Costello

Sunday, October 20

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

10:30 a.m. + Jody Munhall (Jim & Cory Bracken & Family)

12:30 p.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Lily Ferguson)

5:00 p.m. + Steven Wade (Erin Flynn Wade)

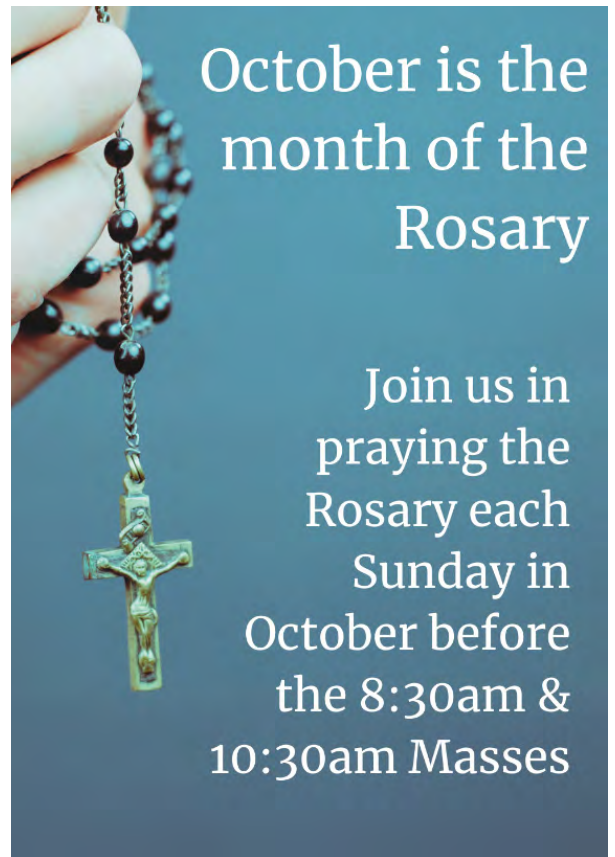
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 6, 2024:

Envelopes \$ 13,655.50

Online Giving \$ 19,036.00

Total: \$ 32,691.50



PARISH CALENDAR – OCTOBER

SUNDAY, October 13	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (MH) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G) 7:00 p.m. SMAA Meeting (UMR)	Thursday, October 17	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar Meeting (LMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Monday, October 14	5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 6948 (MH) 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 5935 (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. High School Bible Study (UMR) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)	Friday, October 18	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Tuesday, October 15	7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)	Saturday, October 19	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (Field) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 3:30 p.m. Youth Group Men's Basketball (G)
Wednesday, October 16	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)	SUNDAY, October 20	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G) 7:00 p.m. SMAA Meeting (UMR)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting: [Calendar - Saint Michael Church \(saintmichael-cd.org\)](http://Calendar - Saint Michael Church (saintmichael-cd.org))
(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

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

~Adoration Campaign

The response to our parish's Adoration Campaign has been a great success; thus far we have been able to extend hours of Exposition from Wednesday 5:00 a.m. through Thursday morning 2:00 a.m., we then resume Adoration with Exposition at 9:00 a.m. and continue on till Friday evening at 9:00 p.m. Once again, our goal is to get to a solid period of Exposition without any needed break and reposition.

Last weekend, we had a great response from those attending the Sunday Masses. Thank you for your willingness to assist in this effort! We are in need of parishioners to commit to the early hours on Thursday morning at 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. and then again at 8:00 a.m.! These hours require a special commitment given the hour in the middle of the night and I am sure they come with special graces, too, for those who serve as "Sentinels awaiting the Dawn" while keeping vigil with the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist! Given the great success for the daytime hours, we will now open up Tuesday for volunteers to take an hour of Adoration with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, Exposed for Adoration. We will begin by seeking Adorers from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. for Tuesdays! If your schedule allows for an hour of Adoration of the Lord Jesus on Tuesdays, please fill out a postcard found in the pews and leave it at the Infant Jesus Shrine in the Church or turn it in at the office.

Once again, THANK YOU to all of our parishioners who have responded to the challenge to restore hours of Exposition of the Lord Jesus in our Adoration Chapel.

~The Eucharistic Revival

Remember, the Bishops of our country have called for a Eucharistic Revival!

The Church is dead without the Holy Eucharist and she is deeply lethargic, maybe even wounded, if she doesn't keep her heart and mind focused on Jesus dwelling among us in the Holy Eucharist. Having a deep-seated love for Jesus among us in the Holy Eucharist fuels our efforts to serve the needy and care for the abandoned. Keeping our eyes on the Lord allows us to be able to then see as Jesus sees which then enables us to call out matters of injustice with sincerity and conviction. Given the recent polls, taken over the past 10 years so these polls are recent and not so recent, belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is at a tragically low level; in some areas of the country, it is as low as only 3 out of 10 Catholics believe in the True Presence. In response to this crisis in belief, the Bishops have called for a revival in Eucharistic Amazement and a return to true belief.

The Bishops' call to the Church to revive its once strong and incredible faith in Jesus present among us in the Holy Eucharist must be a call to live that which is real and not just embrace the same old routine of lip service. In many areas the church seems to suffer in a painfully real way from institutional insanity – she is desperate for a different outcome while not changing what she is doing; that is insanity, point blank. In order for us to have a different outcome, we need to change what we do and how we do it. This means we need to change how we treat the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, we need to change how we express our Love for Him. Consider how in many churches, "convenience" and "gratification" drive the unfolding of the Sacred Liturgy. Pious practices meant to foster moments of encounter and intimacy with the Lord are displaced by experiences of efficiency and convenience. Falling in love can happen in a moment, but sustaining love takes time and effort; it is the same when it comes to keeping alive our faith in Jesus and sustaining our devotion to Him in the Holy Eucharist.

Suggestions and ideas on what and how we can change what we do for the Lord:

- maintain a respect for Jesus while in Church,
- maintain a holy silence while in Church so that we can listen to the Lord and also allow others to listen to Him,
- make an intentional act of reverence for the Lord reserved in the tabernacle (genuflect, or profound bow),
- make the Sign of the Cross whenever we pass a church or chapel where the Lord Jesus is reserved,
- remain in a state of grace by making a regular Confession,
- receive Our Lord only while in a state of grace,
- attend a daily Mass once a week (if you don't already),
- make a commitment to a weekly Holy Hour in an Adoration chapel,
- attend a Mass with the intention of praying for someone who has left the faith or struggles with their faith,
- make an act of the will to actually prepare for Holy Mass by reading the Gospel before arriving at the Church,
- when receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion, do so with respect, reverence, and love
- have a Mass offered for the deceased members of your family.

~Jubilee Year 2025!

Next year is a Jubilee Year in the life of the Church. It is good to start thinking now about how we can enter into the Jubilee Year with greater intention and focus!

The practice of having a Jubilee Year every 25 years goes all the way back to the Old Testament. It is a time to "reset" our spiritual life and also reset the life of the Church. More information to come as far as how our parish and diocese will enter into the Jubilee Year but it is good for us as individual disciples to consider how we can enter into the Jubilee with particular goals.

Lastly, as of the writing of this column the people of Florida were hours away from yet another landfall of a hurricane of epic proportions. Together I pray we can come together and commit ourselves to acts of charity and prayers of perseverance for the many individuals who have lost loved ones as well as their homes and possessions.

May our hearts be focused on the Heart of Jesus,

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH



WINTER COAT DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their annual winter coat drive & are asking for your help in donating coats, hoodies, hats & gloves to provide to Worthington area students & families in need for this winter season. We will begin to issue items during our "Sponsor A Family Program" the first week of November. Please donate all items no later than Wednesday, October 30. Donations can be placed in the clothing room chute located on the East side of St. Michael School.

Last year we were able to provide over 600 coats & hoodies along with hats & gloves to students & families. Many Worthington students & families can have a warmer winter with your help.

Christmas Card Art Contest

Help us design our Christmas card this year! Children and adults of the parish are invited to submit artwork using the guiding theme "The Nativity". The art will be divided into three categories by age level (Category 1: ages 4 – 11, Category 2: ages 12 – 18, Category 3: ages 19+). We will have a category champion for each division, and a grand champion from all submissions.



Entries due October 30! Scan the QR code for full contest details!



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

Respect Life Month

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Ways to Join Together for Life at St. Michael:

1. **Join us in praying the Novena for Life beginning October 22.** Be on the lookout for more information on this in next week's bulletin!
2. **Diaper Drive supporting the Women's Care Center.** Running alongside the Novena for Life from October 22-30, you can donate the following items to the pack n' play located in Marian Hall: Diapers (sizes 4,5 &6), Pull Ups, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Boys Clothes 3T-5T & newborn, Girls Clothes 3T-5T, Maternity Clothes, & Christmas toys.
All donated items must be brand new!



Scan the QR code to read this week's article:
Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!

The Wonder of Eve

Understand the power and strength created within the female body.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at 1:00pm

The Wonder of Eve is a fresh and engaging presentation, helping young women understand how naturally amazing their bodies are and the impact their choices can have on their future health and fertility.

The Wonder of Eve covers:

- the marvelous design and function of the female body & reproductive system/menstrual cycles
- a brief introduction to tracking cycles - a unique approach to women's healthcare, no matter the stage in life
- ways to take good care of yourself now, to benefit you in the future.



Sunday, November 10 at 1:00pm in the Lower Meeting Room

- Geared toward girls in grades 8-12 with their mothers
- Presented by a Fertility Care Practitioner
- 60 minute presentation including Q&A
- \$20 fee per family, all proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish*
- **Registration Required**, use email below to register now!

*Scholarships are available for financial difficulty
To Register or with Questions, Email: emilyfmauro@yahoo.com



Watch the Trailer Video! bit.ly/WonderofEveTrailer

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St. Michael Athletic Association Presents

Euchre Tournament & Chili Night



Saturday, November 16, 2024

St. Michael Church Cafeteria (undercroft)

Doors Open: 6:00 PM Begins: 7:00 PM

\$100 to high scorer, \$50 to most loners

50/50 Drawing | Door Prizes & More

Pre-register cost per player: \$25 | Cost per player at Door: \$30

Register now at www.smaa-events.com



Ticket Cost includes: tournament, chili, and beverage wristband



All proceeds to benefit
St. Michael Athletics!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11445

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/14 — Council business meeting

10/16 — 6:30-7:30 — Council Holy Hour

10/19 — 9am-Noon — Bridgettine convent grounds cleanup & cookout

The Knights are organizing a fall grounds cleanup and winterization at the Bridgettine convent downtown.

We will attend Mass at Holy Family at 9am, then begin work. A cookout lunch will be provided for all volunteers by the Bridgettine sisters.

This is a great service hour opportunity for SMS middle-school students. All parishioners are invited to help!



**MORE
INFO &
SIGN UP
NOW**



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 October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

“Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one Glory, which is eternal. If you do this, there will be many things about which you care nothing.” +SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

Monday, October 14 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Callistus, Pope

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32 While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, “This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

Meditation: In the busyness of our lives, jumping from one thing to another, sometimes with the attention span of a gnat, multi-tasking all throughout the day, do you pay attention to warning signs? Much harm could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God’s messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God’s sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person.

Prayer: O God, who raised up Pope Saint Callistus the First to serve the Church and attend devoutly to Christ’s faithful departed, strengthen us, we pray, by his witness to the faith, so that, rescued from the slavery of corruption, we may merit an incorruptible inheritance. 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: The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are - a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that “the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity” (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone - God’s pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love.

Tuesday, October 15 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:37-41 After Jesus had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, “Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.”

Meditation: After hearing Jesus preach, the Pharisee in today's Gospel invited Jesus to dinner, no doubt, because he wanted to hear more from this extraordinary man who spoke the word of God as no one else had done before. It was not unusual for a rabbi to give a teaching over dinner. Jesus, however, did something which offended his host. He did not perform the ceremonial washing of hands before beginning the meal. Did Jesus forget or was he deliberately performing a sign to reveal something to his host? Jesus turned the table on his host by chiding him for uncleanness of heart. Which begs the question (and a simple one at that!): which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart?

Prayer: O God, who through your Spirit raised up Saint Teresa of Jesus to show the Church the way to seek perfection, grant that we may always be nourished by the food of her heavenly teaching and fired with longing for true holiness. 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 chided the Pharisees for harboring evil thoughts - greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like - which can be sinful in and of themselves, but can also lead us to commit sins. Why does he urge them - and us - to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. So you might ask yourself today: Do I allow God's love to transform my mind, my heart, and thus undertake actions toward my neighbor? If not, why not?

About Saint Teresa of Jesus: Saint Teresa of Jesus, honored by the Church as the "seraphic virgin" and reformer of the Carmelite Order, ranks first among women for wisdom and learning. She is called doctor of mystical theology; in a report to Pope Paul V the Roman Rota declared: "Teresa has been given to the Church by God as a teacher of the spiritual life. The mysteries of the inner mystical life which the holy Fathers propounded unsystematically and without orderly sequence, she has presented with unparalleled clarity." Her writings are still the classic works on mysticism, and from her all later teachers have drawn, e.g., Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Alphonsus Liguori. Characteristic of her mysticism is the subjective-individualistic approach; there is little integration with the liturgy and social piety, and thus she reflects the spirit of the sixteenth and following centuries. Teresa was born at Avila, Spain, in the year 1515. At the age of seven she set out for Africa to die for Christ, but was brought back by her uncle. When she lost her mother at twelve, she implored Mary for her maternal protection. In 1533 she entered the Carmelite Order; for eighteen years she suffered physical pain and spiritual dryness. Under divine inspiration and with the approval of Pope Pius IV, she began the work of reforming the Carmelite Order. In spite of heavy opposition and constant difficulties, she founded thirty-two reformed convents. Truly wonderful were the exterior and interior manifestations of her mystical union with God, especially during the last decade of her life. These graces reached a climax when her heart was transfixed, an event that is commemorated in the Carmelite Order by a special feast on August 27. She practiced great devotion to the foster-father of Jesus, whose cult was greatly furthered throughout the Church through her efforts. When dying she often repeated the words: "Lord, I am a daughter of the Church!" Her holy body rests upon the high altar of the Carmelite church in Alba, Spain; her heart with its mysterious wound is reserved in a precious reliquary on the Epistle side of the altar. Saint Teresa composed the following well-known lines: "*Let nothing affright thee, nothing dismay thee. All is passing, God ever remains. Patience obtains all. Whoever possesses God cannot lack anything, God alone suffices.*"

Wednesday, October 16 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; Saint Gerard Majella, Religious**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:42-46 The Lord said: "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others. Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces. Woe to you! You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk." Then one of the scholars of the law said to him in reply, "Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too." And he said, "Woe also to you scholars of the law! You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them."

Meditation: Why did Jesus lament and issue such a stern rebuke? 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 guide in the ways of God. The scribes devoted their lives to the study of the Law of Moses and regarded themselves as legal experts in it. They divided the Ten Commandments and precepts into thousands of tiny rules and regulations. They were so exacting in their interpretations and in trying to live them out, that they had little time for anything else. By the time they finished compiling their interpretations it took no less than 50 volumes to contain them! In their misguided zeal, 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. Jesus used the example of tithing to show how far they had missed the mark. God had commanded a tithe of the first fruits of one's labor as an expression of thanksgiving and honor for his providential care for his people (Deuteronomy 14:22; Leviticus 27:30). The scribes, however, went to extreme lengths to tithe on insignificant things with great mathematical accuracy. They were very attentive to minute matters of little importance, but they neglected to care for the needy and the weak. Jesus admonished them because their hearts were not right. They were filled with pride and contempt for others. They put unnecessary burdens on others while neglecting to show charity, especially to the weak and the poor. They meticulously went through the correct motions of conventional religion while forgetting the realities.

Prayer: Pour out on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you so remarkably endowed Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may come to know that love of Christ which surpasses all understanding and be utterly filled with your fullness. 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.

(During this 350th anniversary jubilee year, visit the Chapel of the Apparitions at Paray-la-Monial, France, which is also the church where Saint Margaret Mary received the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: <https://sacrecoeur-paray.org/lieux/la-chapelle-apparitions/> -- use the "translate to English" icon on your computer as this internet site is in French).

Prayer ~ Saint Gerard Majella: Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of Jesus, and devoted child of the Mother of God, enkindle within my heart one spark of that Heavenly fire of charity which glowed in yours. Because you bore, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men when falsely accused of crime, you have been raised up by God as the patron and protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me/her in the dangers of motherhood, and shield the child I/she now bear(s), that it may be brought safely to the light of day, and receive the sacrament of baptism. Amen.

(For more information about Saint Gerard and the League of Saint Gerard, known as "the mothers' saint," please visit: <https://themotherssaint.org/about>).

Contemplation: Always remember that the essence of God's commandments is love - love of the supreme good - God himself and love of our neighbor who is made in the image and likeness of God. God is love (1 John 4:8) and everything he does flows from his love for us. God's love is unconditional and is wholly directed towards the good of others. True love both embraces and lifts the burdens of others. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us" (Romans 5:5). Do you help your neighbors carry their burdens? God gives each of us sufficient grace for each day to love as he loves and to lift the burdens of others that they, too, may experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, October 17 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13 The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

Meditation: How can God's wisdom free us from being double-minded and spiritually blind? God sent his prophets to open the ears of his people to hear and understand God's word and intention for their lives. God's wisdom is personified in the voice of the prophets, a voice that often brought rejection and death because they spoke for God rather than for human favor and approval. Jesus chastised many of the religious leaders of his day for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets from the past by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed the message that the prophets spoke in God's name. They rejected the prophets' warnings and closed their ears to the word of God. Are you guilty of doing the same?

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who adorn the sacred body of your Church with the confessions of holy Martyrs, grant, we pray, that, just as the glorious passion of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, which we celebrate today, brought him eternal splendor, so it may be for us unending protection. 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: The religious lawyers and scribes held the "key of knowledge" since they were the official interpreters of the Scriptures. Unfortunately their interpretation of the Scriptures became so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the Scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven - they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet and Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Revelations 3:7) who opens heaven for those who accept him as Lord and Savior. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart - those who thirst for God and acknowledge his word as truth - can truly understand the wisdom which comes from above (read Psalm 119:99ff: "I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.").

Friday, October 18 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9 The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Meditation: What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must be lambs in the midst of wolves? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the gospel. Jesus came as the true "sacrificial lamb" who atones for the sin of the whole world. We, as disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God, must also be willing to sacrifice our lives in humble service of our Lord and Master.

Prayer: Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision for us. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. God gives us his Word and his Spirit that we may have life in him - abundant, grace-filled life which never ends. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. God shares his word with us and he commissions us to speak it boldly and simply to others. Do you believe in the power of his word? And are you ready to witness the joy and truth of the gospel to others by embracing and living the gospel?

About Saint Luke: Saint Luke came from Antioch, was a practicing physician and was one of the first converts to Christianity. He accompanied Saint Paul, who converted him, on his missionary journeys and was still with him in Rome when Saint Paul was in prison awaiting death. We hear no more of him afterwards and nothing is known of his last years. The Church venerates him as a Martyr. Saint Luke's Gospel is principally concerned with salvation and mercy; in it are preserved some of our Lord's most moving parables, like those of the lost sheep and the prodigal son. Dante calls Saint Luke the "historian of the meekness of Christ." It is also Saint Luke who tells us the greater part of what we know about our Lord's childhood. "According to tradition he was an artist, as well as a man of letters; and with a soul alive to all the most delicate inspirations, he consecrated his pencil to the holiest use, and handed down to us the features of the Mother of God. It was an illustration worthy of the Gospel which relates to the divine Infancy; and it won for the artist a new title to the gratitude of those who never saw Jesus and Mary in the flesh. Hence Saint Luke is the patron of Christian art."

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BE AWARE – TEXT & EMAIL SCAMS

We have been the victim of multiple types of scams where emails and texts are being sent to parishioners seeking donations or gift cards from Father Dailey, other parish priests or staff. Please know that no one from our parish or school would ever solicit help in this manner. It is important to block any phone numbers reaching out to you in this way, or report phishing/spam filters for any emails you receive. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

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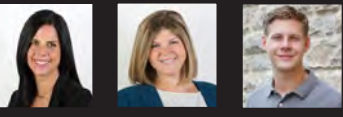


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