



## 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
Wednesday	6:00pm

**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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# 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 each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. 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](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up or use the QR code.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. + Thomas Fristad (The Fiala Fristad Family)

### Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m. + For the Deceased Family Members of the Sobieski & Picariello Family

10:30 a.m. + Lawrence Sur (Anita Claricoates)

12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

5:00 p.m. + Fr. Carmen Arcuri

### Monday, February 10

6:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Leeuw Family (Mike & Jane Leeuw)

8:15 a.m. + Thomas Cusack (Family of Thomas Cusack)

### Tuesday, February 11

6:30 a.m. + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Earl Crosby)

8:15 a.m. + Regina Cusack (Family of Regina Cusack)

### Wednesday, February 12

6:30 a.m. + Dominic Raco, Sr.

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. + Caroline Cahall (The Cahall Family)

### Thursday, February 13

6:30 a.m. + Jovita Grueira (Don & Mary Stuller)

8:15 a.m. + Judith Giannetto

### Friday, February 14

6:30 a.m. + Antonio Balseiro (Don & Mary Stuller)

8:15 a.m. + Laura Ryan (The Cobb Family)

### Saturday, February 15

8:15 a.m. + Dely DeGuzman (The Harty & DeGuzman Family)

4:00 p.m. + Claudia Pena (The O'Leary Family)

### Sunday, February 16

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

10:30 a.m. + Bob & June Pero (The Jimenez Family)

12:30 p.m. + George Crawford (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

5:00 p.m. + Fr. Richard Pendolphi

## PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

<b>SUNDAY, February 9</b>	K of C Hoagies for Heaven Distribution after all Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)
<b>Monday, February 10</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (UMR) 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 Council Meeting (LMR)
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 11:30 a.m. Live Wires (Villa Nova)
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Melchizedek Project (C) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C) 7:30 p.m. Opus Dei (UMR)
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 9:30 a.m. Opus Dei (C, UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY, February 16</b>	K of C Hoagies for Heaven Distribution after all Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 9:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting:

[www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/)

(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, (A) = Atrium

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$	13,771.20
Online Giving .....	\$	13,779.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,550.20</b>



## ATTENTION, PARENTS OF DAUGHTERS!

Our parish is in the beginning stages of bringing **American Heritage Girls** to St. Michael. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered, character and leadership development program for school-age girls. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. In order to get started with this amazing program, we need your help! If you have a daughter (or daughters!) who would be interested in joining AHG at St. Michael, please scan the QR code to complete the survey to help us as we plan. If you would like to learn more about the American Heritage Girls program, we invite you to visit [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org).

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

## ***Praised be Jesus Christ!***

As a result of your incredible generosity expressed towards last year's Annual Diocesan Appeal goal as set through the Diocese and then enhanced by Fr. Lumpe, the parish was able to send a payment of just over \$90,000.00 to the Diocesan bank this past week to be put towards the parish's loan. This leaves us with a balance of around \$54,000.00. Through ongoing stewardship and tithing from our parishioners, we hope to have all of the parish's loan paid off in the coming weeks. Please remember we had two major loans with the Diocese; the building loan for the expansion of Marian Hall and then a payroll loan for the parish and school. The building loan has been completely paid off and the remaining portion of the parish's debt is associated with the payroll loan taken out in 2023.

Our present fiscal status is a balanced budget and while things are looking very positive right now, the summer months tend to be very tight because of a drop in income from tuition and a natural decrease in tithing from parishioners.

While there are several areas of deferred maintenance which need attention immediately, there remains a need to be attentive to the delicate nature of the overall economy and the limited resources at hand to address some of the maintenance issues. The Parish Finance Council and the Buildings and Grounds Committee have been great sources of practical insight into how best to tackle what needs to be done while also respecting the uncertainty of our economy at the present moment.

May the Lord Jesus continue to bless our parish and each of you for your care and attention given to your parish family and its home.

In Jesus, through Mary,  
Fr. Stash Dailey

## **ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE, MARCH 19TH**

Every year on or around the Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th, there is a traditional meal called St. Joseph's Table. This year, in celebration of the patronage of Good St. Joseph, in the spirit of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we will have a St. Joseph's Table here at St. Michael the Archangel.

Our St. Joseph's Table will occur on the Solemnity itself, March 19th. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. followed by the St. Joseph's Table dinner. Every registered household should receive a postcard invite to the event with information on how to register your attendance. Should you not receive a card via mail, please call the office to make sure you are registered in the parish and then let us know you will attend.

It is customary to bring something to share and also to bring an offering in honor of St. Joseph; we are going to accept nonperishable grocery items for our Food Pantry as well as new Baby items for our Respect Life Ministry. Please mark your calendars now to join us in honor of the Solemnity of St. Joseph!



## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 29: The Creed as Statement of Faith in the Trinity

Having considered the Creed in general, let's take a closer look at the contents of this statement of our Faith. As we look through the phrases, the Creed is very clearly laying out the main truths about the Holy Trinity, our belief in One God in Three Persons. As our current Catechism quotes from the Roman Catechism (or the Catechism of the Council of Trent), explaining "The Creed is divided into three parts: 'the first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification'" (CCC, no. 190).

### The Three Parts of the Creed

Charles Belmonte expands this introduction to the three parts of the Creed:

- A confession of faith in God, the Father, our Creator, maker of heaven and earth, of all [things visible and invisible].
- A confession of faith in Christ, our Lord. He is God, who by the power of the Spirit became incarnate [of] the Virgin Mary and was made man. Then we focus on Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross; his Resurrection, Ascension, and participation in the judgment to reign forever, as it was announced by the angel to the Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:33).
- A confession of faith in the means of salvation, supplied by God, the Holy Spirit, the giver of supernatural life. We declare how he works through the Church (Understanding the Mass, p. 100-101).

Continuing through the last part of the Creed, Belmonte writes, "[I] believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. [The word] catholic means 'universal'—a reminder that the Church exists throughout the world and embraces the entire revelation of God... The Church is apostolic because she traces her origins back to Christ through the apostles and always teaches the message the apostles received from him" (Understanding the Mass, p. 101). The Church is one and holy because it is founded by Christ and led by the Holy Spirit toward the unity and holiness that Jesus calls all Christians to live. We call this list the Four Marks of the Church. These characteristics are like landmarks or distinguishing features that help us to know the one true Church of Jesus.

### Words to Speak... and Believe

As we go through each phrase, we are reviewing the truths we believe in, and we are also invited into a reflection on the ways that God has made himself known to us. We recall the steps of salvation history and the moment when God dwells among us. We remember the ultimate gift of God's love and the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps unite us and strengthen us for life in that love. As Belmonte concludes:

"The Creed is none other than the marvelous history of God's love for us... In these times of doctrinal confusion, we should be careful not to compromise the content of our faith, not even in small things... It is worthwhile, above all, to decide to take our Christian life seriously. When we recite the Creed, we state that we believe in God the Father Almighty, in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. We affirm that the Church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is the body of Christ enlivened by the Holy Spirit. We rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and in the hope of the resurrection. But do those words penetrate to the depths of our own heart? Or do they remain only on our lips?" (Understanding the Mass, p. 102).

We say the Creed often, and many of us can likely follow along without even really thinking about the words. But wouldn't it be fruitful to truly ask ourselves what we are saying? What truths are we proclaiming together? What do we mean when we say those words?

### For Reflection

1. Take time to reflect on each of the four marks of the Church (one, holy, catholic, apostolic), using the Catechism or another resource. Consider how you experience the unity, holiness, universality, and living tradition of the Church in your own life.
2. In your reflection on the Creed, which line(s) or phrase(s) most stand out to you? Pray with these sections and invite the Holy Spirit to lead you to deeper understanding of the mysteries of our Faith.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 30: Intercessions

We likely recognize the phrases "We pray to the Lord" and "Lord hear our prayer" from the General Intercessions at Mass. After the Creed, as a conclusion to the Liturgy of the Word, the community prays together, asking God for various needs. This part of the Mass has several names, including the Prayer of the Faithful, General Intercessions, Universal Prayer, or Petitions. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal teaches, "In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world" (GIRM, 69).

Of course, praying together as Christians has been part of our life from the beginning. As Charles Belmonte notes, "To pray for the needs of the Church and of the world is an early Christian custom. St. Paul admonishes Timothy, one of his disciples: 'First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.' (1 Tim 2:1-2)" (Understanding the Mass, p. 104). Thus, it shouldn't surprise us that this part of the Mass stretches all the way back to those earliest descriptions of the Mass, including the one by St. Justin Martyr (+165 AD).

### The Church United in Prayer

The names "General Intercessions" and "Universal Prayer" instruct us on the composition of these prayers. They are prayed in a general way for wide-ranging needs, typically following a pattern of praying for the needs of the Church, for public





authorities and the salvation of the world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and for the local community. Often, the final intercession will include prayers for the deceased. While these prayers are envisioned to be "general," the General Instruction of the Roman Missal does note that for a particular celebration like a Confirmation or a wedding, "the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion" (GIRM, 70). After the series of petitions, the Prayer of the Faithful ends with the concluding prayer said by the priest, asking God to accept our petitions.

As the name "Prayer of the Faithful" indicates, from the earliest times the baptized members of the congregation (the faithful) took part in this prayer (those who weren't yet baptized were dismissed after the readings and homily so that they could further study and prepare to be received into the Church). In a wonderful way, the Prayer of the Faithful highlights one of the great privileges we have as God's people: being able to join together in asking God for what we need. Having just listened to God's Word and professed together our Faith through the Creed, we are then standing united together in faith as we ask God for what we need. Jesus has told us that our prayers are powerful when even two agree on what to pray for ([Matthew 18:19](#)). Just imagine how powerful our prayer is when the whole Church is joined together in union. It is amazing to think about!

## For Reflection

1. Take time to reflect on [Matthew 18:19](#), which Father Luke alludes to above: "Again, [amen] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Consider your experience of praying with others for particular needs, and bring these insights to your next participation in Mass.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 31: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we conclude the Liturgy of the Word and prepare to transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how these main parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. We previously touched on this unity in our reflection on the homily. This time, we will hear from a couple of our recent popes. As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (GIRM, 28, also cf. SC 56, 48, 51). Perhaps the two main parts of the Mass seem obvious, but how are they "so closely interconnected"? How are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist related? As two examples, they both strengthen us in understanding our faith and living it out in the world, and they both draw us deeper into true unity with Christ.

## The Two Ways Our Lord Nourishes Us

Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: "We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the word of God and the Eucharist, that is, the bread of the Lord" ([Dominicae Cenae](#), 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God's word to us and through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we have reflected before, through the Scriptures we come to know God as he reveals himself to us; we learn who we are as his people; and we learn how to live our lives in him and with one another. As we will see as we continue through the Mass, in the Eucharist we are nourished in a unique way through the true presence of Jesus and his dwelling with us through Holy Communion. Our Lord nourishes us in two wonderful ways!

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on these two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: "First of all, there is a need to reflect on the inherent unity of the rite of Mass. Both in catechesis and in the actual manner of celebration, one must avoid giving the impression that the two parts of the rite are merely juxtaposed... There is an intrinsic bond between the word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. [Rom 10:17](#)); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, 'from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.' Consequently it must constantly be kept in mind that the word of God, read and proclaimed by the Church in the liturgy, leads to the Eucharist as to its own connatural end" ([Sacramentum Caritatis](#), 44).

## Relationship and Unity

Pope Benedict's words remind me of the way we grow in relationships. Typically, we first encounter others at a bit of a distance. Maybe we see them in a group, or we cross paths in some way. Next, there is usually a time when we are learning basics, such as names, family backgrounds, schools, or jobs. If the relationship continues to grow, we learn more about what a person thinks, likes, and hopes or dreams. Over time, a friendship grows and deepens, and with that depth comes greater love and intimacy. Of course, even with a depth of love, we know we still communicate with each other and continue to learn more. Our love helps us to understand each other more fully and our ongoing communication helps us deepen our love. This basic comparison helps me realize more concretely what I think the popes are teaching us: in the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another. Both increase our hope for the perfect unity with Christ that awaits us in heaven. For now, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is coming in the Liturgy of the Eucharist!

## For Reflection:

1. How do you experience the Liturgy of the Word as nourishment? Pray with [Ezekiel 3:1-3](#), in which the Lord instructs Ezekiel to eat a scroll. Meditate on the image of "tables" set for a feast as a way to awaken your "appetite" for worship as you prepare for Mass.



# 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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*Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope  
Month of February: Dedicated to the Holy Family*

**"Dear brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: 'a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope' (Spes Non Confundit, 11). Its strains are heard far beyond the rooms and beds of health facilities, and serve to elicit in charity 'the choral participation of society as a whole' (ibid.) in a harmony that is at times difficult to achieve, but for that very reason is so comforting and powerful, capable of bringing light and warmth wherever they are most needed. The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers. I entrust you to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in the words that so many of our brothers and sisters have addressed to her in their hour of need: 'We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.' I bless you, along with your families and loved ones, and I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me."**

~POPE FRANCIS, EXCERPT FROM HIS MESSAGE ON THE 33RD WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**Monday, February 10 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:53-56** After making the crossing to the other side of the sea, Jesus and his disciples came to land at Gennesaret and tied up there. As they were leaving the boat, people immediately recognized him. They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. Whatever villages or towns or countryside he entered, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak; and as many as touched it were healed.

**Meditation:** Faith is an entirely free gift which God makes to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Believing and trusting in God to act in our lives is only possible by the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and helps us to understand, accept, and believe God's word. How do we grow in faith? By listening to God's word with trust and submission. Faith also grows through testing and perseverance. The Lord wants to teach us how to pray in faith for his will for our lives and for the things he wishes to give us to enable us to follow him faithfully and serve him generously. Jesus gave his disciples the perfect prayer which acknowledges God as our Father who provides generously for his children. The Lord's prayer teaches us to seek first the kingdom of God and to pray that God's will be accomplished in our lives. The Lord in turn, gives us what we need to live each day for his glory. The Lord is never too distant nor too busy to meet us and to give his blessing. Do you pray to the Father with confidence that he will show you his will and give you what you need to follow him? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and gratitude for his merciful love and provision for your life.

**Prayer:** As we celebrate anew the Memorial of the Virgin Saint Scholastica, we pray, O Lord, that, following her example, we may serve you with pure love and happily receive what comes from loving 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:** Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life? The gospel records that when Jesus disembarked from the boat the people immediately recognized him. What did they recognize in Jesus? A prophet, a healer, the Messiah, the Son of God? For sure they recognized that Jesus had power from God

to heal and to make whole bodies, limbs, minds, and hearts that were beset with disease, affliction, and sin. What happened when they pressed upon him and touched the fringe of his garment? They were made well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to meet our needs as well. Do you approach him with expectant faith?

**Tuesday, February 11 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes; 33rd World Day of the Sick**

**Holy Gospel for Our Lady of Lourdes: John 2:1-11** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

**Meditation:** John's Gospel takes its shape from a series of signs, revealing Jesus as the Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. This miracle story is the first of these signs. The marriage feast at Cana heralds that Messianic age had begun. And, as a result of the miracle at Cana, "his disciples began to believe in him." Are you truly a disciple of Christ? If so, do you believe in him?

**Prayer:** Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. 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 to Our Lady of Lourdes:** O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (*mention your petition at this point in the prayer*) Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

**Send your prayers on-line to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Lourdes, France:**  
<https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/intention-priere/>

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**Prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick:** Virgin, most holy, Mother of the Word Incarnate, Treasurer of Graces, and Refuge of Sinners, I fly to your motherly affection with lively faith, and I beg of you the grace ever to do the will of God. Into your most holy hands I commit the keeping of my heart, asking you for health of soul and body, in the certain hope that you, my most loving Mother, will hear my prayer. Into the bosom of your tender mercy, this day, every day of my life, and at the hour of my death, I commend my soul and body. To you I entrust all my hopes and consolations, all my trials and miseries, my life and the end of my life, that all my actions may be ordered and disposed according to your will and that of your Divine Son. Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Joseph, Hope of the Sick:** Benevolent Joseph, the Son of God placed his life in your hands. With Mary, you cared for Him who is the force of life. May your compassion enfold our fragility, bringing us the comfort of the divine presence. We join with you in prayer, saying: Lord Jesus, Son of Living God, say a word for our healing! Make us sensitive to the illnesses of those close to us. Support our efforts and grant us courage in the fight against all evil. Help us to find meaning in God's great project for humanity beyond the sicknesses and sufferings that blind our sight. The love of God be with us, as our hope lies with Him. Amen.

**Contemplation:** When Mary says to the servers "Do whatever he tells you..." we, too, are taught by these words that if we desire anything from Christ, we will not obtain our wishes unless we depend on him and him alone, look to him, pray to him, and, in short, do whatever he tells us. This is part of his invitation

throughout scripture when Jesus says "Follow me." He is the shepherd and we are his flock. Thus, as a disciple, do you really follow Christ? Do you do whatever he teaches in scripture, follow his teachings, and incorporate them in your daily life?

**About Our Lady of Lourdes:** The many miracles which have been performed through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes prompted the Church to institute a special commemorative feast, the "Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin Mary." The Office gives the historical background. Four years after the promulgation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1854), the Blessed Virgin appeared a number of times to a very poor and holy girl named Bernadette. The actual spot was in a grotto on the bank of the Gave River near Lourdes. The Immaculate Conception had a youthful appearance and was clothed in a pure white gown and mantle, with an azure blue sash. A golden rose adorned each of her bare feet. On her first apparition, February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin bade the girl make the sign of the Cross piously and say the rosary with her. Bernadette saw her take the rosary that was hanging from her arms into her hands. This was repeated in subsequent apparitions. With childlike simplicity Bernadette once sprinkled holy water on the vision, fearing that it was a deception of the evil spirit; but the Blessed Virgin smiled pleasantly, and her face became even more lovely. The third time Mary appeared she invited the girl to come to the grotto daily for two weeks. Now she frequently spoke to Bernadette. On one occasion she ordered her to tell the ecclesiastical authorities to build a church on the spot and to organize processions. Bernadette also was told to drink and wash at the spring still hidden under the sand. Finally on the feast of the Annunciation, the beautiful Lady announced her name, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The report of cures occurring at the grotto spread quickly and the more it spread, the greater the number of Christians who visited the hallowed place. The publicity given these miraculous events on the one hand and the seeming sincerity and innocence of the girl on the other made it necessary for the bishop of Tarbes to institute a judicial inquiry. Four years later he declared the apparitions to be supernatural and permitted the public veneration of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto. Soon a chapel was erected, and since that time countless pilgrims come every year to Lourdes to fulfill promises or to beg graces.

### **Wednesday, February 12 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23** Jesus summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." When he got home away from the crowd his disciples questioned him about the parable. He said to them, "Are even you likewise without understanding? Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach and passes out into the latrine?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) "But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles him. From within the man, from his heart, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

**Meditation:** Remember the story of Cain and Abel, when Cain became jealous of his brother Abel and God warned Cain to guard his own heart: "Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it" (ref. Genesis 4:7). Unfortunately, Cain did not take God's warning to heart. He allowed his jealousy to grow into spite and hatred for his brother, and he began to look for an opportunity to eliminate his brother altogether. When jealousy and other sinful desires come knocking at the door of your heart, how do you respond? Do you entertain them and allow them to overtake you? Do you slam the door to keep these sinful desires out? Fortunately God does not leave us alone in our struggle with hurtful desires and sinful tendencies. He gives us the grace and strength we need to resist and overcome sin when it approaches the door of our heart.

**Prayer:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your 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:** Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wants to set us free from the burden of guilt and from the destructive force of sin in our personal lives. He wants to purify our hearts and renew our minds so that we can love and act in every situation as he would love and act. The Lord is ready to change and purify our hearts through the grace and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Like a physician who examines the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings sin into the light that we may recognize it for what it truly is and call upon his mercy and grace for pardon and healing. The Spirit of truth is our Consoler and Helper. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to heal, change, and transform your heart and mind?

## Thursday, February 13 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

**Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-30** Jesus went to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

**Meditation:** This passage describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. (Tyre and Sidon were fifty miles north of Israel and still exist today in modern-day Lebanon.) A Gentile woman – an outsider who was not a member of the chosen people – puts Jesus on the spot by pleading with him to show mercy to her daughter who was tormented with an evil spirit. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus very likely did this not to put the woman off, but rather to test her sincerity and to awaken faith in her.

**Prayer:** Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your 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:** Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her persistent faith and for her affectionate love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with faith – whether Jew or Gentile – was refused his help. Do you seek Jesus with expectant faith?

## Friday, February 14 ~ Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop

**Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37** Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**Meditation:** When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

**Prayer:** O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples through the brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius, grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching, and perfect us as a people of one accord in true faith and right confession. 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 never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. Pope Saint Gregory the Great comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like kind. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

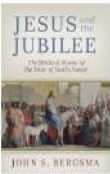
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# AROUND THE PARISH

## March is the Month of St. Joseph



Our Women's Faith & Fellowship invite you to join them as we honor St. Joseph in March. During the Jubilee Year we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. The Consecration to St. Joseph starts on Feb 15th concluding on March 19th, The Solemnity of St. Joseph. Pilgrimages during the Consecration will be Sunday Feb 16th at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown Columbus for the 10:30AM Mass and on Saturday March 16th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Somerset (the oldest Catholic Church in OH) for the 8:00AM Mass. A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions for pilgrimages during the Jubilee Year. Please email [kelly.disabato@outlook.com](mailto:kelly.disabato@outlook.com) Subject Pilgrimage for more information.



### LENTEN BOOK STUDY WITH FATHER JOHNSTONE

Join us this Lenten season for a book study with Father Johnstone. Together we will journey through the book *Jesus and the Jubilee: The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor*, by John S. Bergsma. Meetings will be on Monday evenings throughout Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Sign-up information and details on purchasing the book from the parish will be coming in the coming weeks so stay tuned for more details! A wonderful way to enrich your faith this Lenten season, this is a study you won't want to miss!

## Confession Corner

St Michael Church  
Saturday, 2:30-4pm  
Sunday, 8am, 9:45am, 11:45am  
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm

St Patrick Church, Dominican Friars  
Monday-Friday 12:15 (following the 11:45am daily Mass) till last confession is heard

Holy Family Church, Mercedarian Friars  
Monday-Friday 11:30-12 noon (preceding the daily 12:15 Mass)

St Christopher Church, Pallotine Fathers  
Monday-Friday, 3pm-4pm (preceding the daily 4pm Mass)

St. Thomas More Newman Center  
Monday, 4:30-5:30pm  
Tuesday - Friday, 8:15am till all are heard & 4:30-5:30pm



## Couples by Candlelight

Saturday, March 1st at 6:00pm  
*speaker: Father Stasi Dailey*

Our Women's Faith & Fellowship invite all couples of the parish to join us as Father Dailey discusses Marriage and The Eucharist followed by vow renewals. We will begin the evening with a catered dinner from Carfagna's followed by Father Dailey's talk and vow renewals. This is an evening you and your spouse will not want to miss!

To cover the cost of the dinner, a donation of \$30 per couple is requested. RSVP's are required by February 22 to help us plan accordingly. Scan the QR code to RSVP now! Questions? Contact Chrissy Wilson at [chrissyqwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:chrissyqwilson@yahoo.com)



Follow St. Michael YA Flocknote on the website!

## St. Michael Young Adults Upcoming Events

February, March, April

UMR - Upper Meeting Room, LMR - Lower Meeting Room

**17 February, Monday**  
Galentines (Young Adult women) @ 6 pm in the Upper Meeting Room

**27 February, Thursday**  
Talk: What is Lent about and overcoming Temptation @ 6:30, UMR

**13 March, Thursday**  
Talk: Mercy and Forgiveness @ 6:30, LMR  
Fr. Dailey is giving the talk

**27 March, Thursday**  
Talk: Suffering, embracing the cross, why it is necessary @ 6:30, UMR  
Dr. Sam Severance is giving the talk

**10 April, Thursday**  
Talk: Resurrection @ 6:30, LMR



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11445

[www.kofc11445.com](http://www.kofc11445.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/10 - 7:30pm - Council Business Meeting, LMR  
2/16 - Corporate Communion, coffee & donuts after 10:30am Mass downstairs

JOIN THE KNIGHTS



[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)

**Feb 28 - 7-9pm: Faith by Fireside**

### ALL MEN ARE INVITED

Come sit around a fire with fellow Catholic gentlemen and discuss issues of faith. There's no formal program, just prayer and fellowship.

Seating is limited, please RSVP



**Diaper Drive!**

**Feb 1-16**  
Donate diapers and wipes to the pack-n-play in Marian Hall



**Galentines Party**

Come make a St. Valentine chaplet with the gals! Women between 18-35 are invited!

RSVP [mariaapriore04@gmail.com](mailto:mariaapriore04@gmail.com)

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**Join Our Women's Faith & Fellowship Evening Study!**

Tuesdays at 7:30pm  
February 4, 11, 18, 25  
March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 1, 8

Women of the parish are invited to join us for our next study! *The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre* is a video series designed to strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter. We begin each week with the Rosary, followed by the presentation and discussion. Questions? Contact Mary Fristad at [mary.fristad@gmail.com](mailto:mary.fristad@gmail.com) or 614-537-2604.

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## CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE ETHICS CONFERENCE

Healthcare professionals are invited to the third **Converging Roads** healthcare ethics conference on **April 5, 2025 from 8:45 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH.** This one-day conference will explore the theme of **Virtue in Medicine** and offers continuing education for healthcare professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: \$75.00-\$159.00 based on CME/CNE inclusion. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Diocese of Columbus, the Catholic Medical Association of Central Ohio, and Ohio Dominican University. For more info, please visit [convergingroads.com/columbus](http://convergingroads.com/columbus) or email [ellen@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:ellen@forlifeandfamily.org).

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