



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

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

<u>Daily</u>	
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 [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 15

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

### Monday, February 17

6:30 a.m. + Jose Maria Madiedo (Don & Mary Stuller)

8:15 a.m. + Joseph Castrodale (The Cap Family)

### Tuesday, February 18

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

8:15 a.m. + Clem & Jeanne Trenor (Randy & Sue Kyte)

### Wednesday, February 19

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

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. + Tina Fann (Julie Winland)

### Thursday, February 20

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Julian & Adriana Gonzalez (Don & Mary Stuller)

8:15 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Cap, Kasper, Young & Humbert Families (The Cap Family)

### Friday, February 21

6:30 a.m. + Romona Garcia (Don & Mary Stuller)

8:15 a.m. + Robert E. Youngs (The Cap Family)

### Saturday, February 22

8:15 a.m. + Anne Park (Mike & Jane Leeuw)

4:00 p.m. + James & Anne O’Leary (The O’Leary Family)

### Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Lippert Family (Joseph & Lisa Lippert)

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

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

5:00 p.m. + Bruce Crosby (Earl Crosby)

## PARISH CALENDAR: FEBRUARY

<b>SUNDAY, February 16</b>	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)
<b>Monday, February 17</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. High School Adoration (AC) 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry – Galentine’s Party (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
<b>Tuesday, February 18</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:30 p.m. Women’s Faith & Fellowship (UMR)
<b>Wednesday, February 19</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, February 20</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Legatus Chapter Event (C,MH) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (LMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
<b>Friday, February 21</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Day Out (UMR)
<b>Saturday, February 22</b>	6:45 a.m. Men’s Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) Girl Scout Cookie Sales after Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY, February 23</b>	Girl Scout Cookie Sales after morning Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 9:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 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 9, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$	21,874.79
Online Giving .....	\$	12,884.56
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,759.35</b>



**BAPTISM**  
**CONGRATULATIONS ON**  
**THE BAPTISM OF**  
**VINCENT GROVE**



## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

*Praised be Jesus Christ!*

The Holy Season of Lent begins in March with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. The timing of Ash Wednesday means we have the whole month of February to consider the things of the Lord in our daily lives. While we consider the Lord Jesus and how He is alive and at work in our lives, we can make use of this month and take a moment, or several, to ask Him for the grace to live a spirit of penance even before we begin the Penitential Season of Lent.

Living a Penitential Way of Life simply means we live with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. Being penitential, we acknowledge the good and appeal of things around us as we strive to aim for the still yet greater good which is the Will of the Father in heaven. This means we are willing to remain detached from things of this world. We are not dependent upon something like our cell phone or other forms of technology, we are not addicted to wealth or material objects nor that \$10.00 coffee, which always tastes burnt, so we cover it up with sugary additives.

It is challenging, to say the least, to live a penitential way of life in a culture and society that is incredibly materialistic, owning things just so we own things, and focused on self-gain. While it is challenging, the call to a penitential way of life is actually the remedy that Jesus offers for the ailment the soul has when it is attached to things other than the Lord. It is not merely going without or giving up, but rather passing over so as to stay focused on the true goal at hand. Discipline is required for us to "run the race" and be focused on the goal; penance, regular penance, is an expression of discipline and thus aids us in our effort to keep our eyes on Jesus as He leads us to the Father.

Gospel simplicity is another way of addressing or acknowledging a penitential way of life. To live a simple life, working hard to have what we need (not what we want) and then taking care of the things we have while then also assisting in providing for the needs of others through charity. This simplicity or penitential way of life keeps our hands empty and free so as to serve the Lord, while our Hearts are full of love versus having empty hearts and hands filled with stuff.

May the Holy Spirit descend upon each of us and stir up within us a hunger for the Lord and a desire for His kingdom!

In Jesus, through Mary, with Joseph,

Fr. Stash Dailey



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

March 5  
6:30 am  
8:15am\*  
12:00pm  
5:30pm  
7:00 pm

\*with school children

"Lent comes providentially  
to awaken us, to shake us  
from our lethargy."  
- Pope Francis

## CONGRATULATIONS, EVAN MESSINA & PATRICK MONOHAN!

The Columbus Serra club has awarded St. Michael students, Evan Messina and Patrick Monahan, a \$1,000.00 tuition assistance grant for a Catholic high school. Evan and Patrick merited the award by submitting two of the ten best essays in the Serra Club's Second Annual Priestly Vocation Essay Competition. For the competition, an Eighth grade boy writes an essay of 500 words or fewer on whether or not he thinks God might be calling him to be a priest. Bishop Fernandes will present the award and a medal to Evan and Patrick on May 4 during the Serra Club's Altar Server Award ceremony at St. Pius X Church. Information on helping the Serra Club promote vocations is available by emailing Club president Mary Girard at [marygirard44@gmail.com](mailto:marygirard44@gmail.com).



## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 32: The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we continue our journey through the Mass, we come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Growing up as an altar server, the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was always one of the most action-packed moments of the Mass. There are several things to bring to the altar and an order to how they should arrive. As we have noted, every part of the Mass has a background and a significant meaning, even some of the quick (and sometimes quiet) gestures in this part of the Mass. There are special cloths, shiny chalices, candles, bread, wine, and water, among many other things. All of them will serve a purpose, and with the words of Christ, the bread and wine will become Christ himself—his true Body and Blood—his true presence with us!

### What is the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

As the General Instruction for the Roman Missal teaches, "At the Last Supper Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice and gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat, and drink: this is my Body; this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of me.' Hence, the Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts corresponding to precisely these words and actions of Christ, namely:

- At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar—the same elements, that is to say, which Christ took into his hands.
- In the Eucharistic Prayer, thanks is given to God for the whole work of salvation, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Through the fraction and through Communion, the faithful, though many, receive from the one bread the Lord's Body and from the one chalice the Lord's Blood in the same way the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ himself" (GIRM, 72).

### The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

For an in-depth summary of the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we turn to the Catholic Encyclopedia:

"The Liturgy of the Eucharist, the essential part of the sacrifice, includes: the preparation of the altar; the preparation of the gifts: bread, wine, and water are brought to the altar ([and in many places] the money offerings or offerings for the poor), [typically] the offertory song is sung during this preparation; the priest washes his hands; an invitation to prayer is prayed by the priest. There follows the Eucharistic prayer, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification and the center of the Eucharistic celebration. It contains: the preface, expressing thanksgiving in the name of the entire people of God; the acclamation or sanctus (holy, holy, holy), which is recited by the priest and people or sung, the Eucharistic prayer; the invocations for the Church, the epiclesis; narration of the institution and consecration of the bread and wine in the words of Christ; the fulfillment of the command given by Christ to the Church to carry on this mystery of the sacrifice, called the anamnesis; the offering of the victim to God the Father in the Holy Spirit; the intercessions for the living and the dead and for the faithful present; the final doxology, and concluding Amen" (Catholic Encyclopedia, Thomas Nelson Inc., Nashville, 1976, p. 197).

Now that is a table of contents! Although this listing may seem complex, we'll be taking each section one at a time, breaking it down so we can understand the importance of each part in the Mass and its importance for us. As we journey through the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, remind yourself that these pieces all serve a grand purpose: our pathway to the true presence of Christ on the altar at Mass!

### For Reflection:

1. As Father Luke leads us into deeper appreciation for each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, consider beginning this journey by reflecting on each of the New Testament accounts of the institution of the Eucharist: [1 Cor. 11:24](#), [Mt. 26:26-30](#), [Lk 22:24-30](#), [Jn 13:1-15](#), [Mk 14:22-26](#). You could reflect on one passage each day during the week in preparation for participation at Mass on Sunday.
2. As you fulfill the obligations of your state in life each day, bring to the altar of your heart a reflection on all the words, materials, and actions that form your daily work and prayer. Bring your own experience of preparing and executing work and your intentionality around it to our deepening understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and allow Father Luke's insights to inform your attitude towards your daily tasks.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 33: Altar Setup

After the Creed and Intercessions, for which we used a standing posture of prayer, we sit down while the preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist take place. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "Before Jesus sat down with his disciples to celebrate the Last Supper, he instructed that various preparations be made. Preparations such as securing and preparing a room, making bread and purchasing wine all needed to be done before this sacred event could take place. The same is true when we celebrate Mass... Typically, there is music during the preparations—either instrumental, by the choir, or a common hymn. The music at this point should assist in our proximate preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist" ("A Study of the Mass," p. 11). Since we are about to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, music can help us be more prayerfully prepared and in the right mindset. Have you ever noticed that songs at this point in the Mass are often slower in tempo and more flowing in words? No doubt, this is





to help prepare us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Singing and listening to meditation-type music can help us prepare to pray and meditate on the most beautiful mystery in front of us: Jesus Christ's one perfect sacrifice before the Father is made present to his spouse, the Church, and the bread and the wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

In complement to the preparation for the people, what about everything the celebrant and the servers are doing in the sanctuary? The General Instruction for the Roman Missal reminds us that certain items are needed for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (GIRM, 117–118).

Let's take a quick look at each material:

1. Two to six lighted **candles**.
2. A **crucifix** on or near the altar (the altar should be covered by a white cloth)
3. The **Missal** (the big red book with all the prayers the priest says). This book contains words in black and red ink. The words in black are the words that the priest says and the words in red are instructions for the priest on what to do (how and where to stand, how to speak, what arm gestures to use, etc.).
4. **Corporal**: This is a square white cloth that is unfolded and placed on the altar. Since it comes from the word meaning body, it makes sense that the Body and Blood of Christ will become present upon this cloth during Mass.
5. **Chalice**: This special cup is made of precious metals (generally gold-plated or silver-plated) because we use the most precious materials, we have to honor Jesus truly there in his most precious Body and Blood.
6. **Purificator**: This is a long and narrower white cloth that is used to wipe the rim of the chalice.
7. **Paten**: This item which looks like a small plate is also generally gold-plated or silver-plated and is used for the large host which the priest holds up during the Eucharistic Prayer. Note: In some places, you might see a deeper gold-plated dish used which is typically called a dish paten.
8. **Ciborium**: This is another gold or silver-plated item that has a matching lid and which holds the smaller hosts. When hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, they are typically kept in a ciborium.

There are other materials you might see depending on the local parish customs:

- **Pall**: This is a square white cloth stiffened with cardboard that is used to cover the chalice. This cover prevents flies, insects, dust, etc., from getting into the chalice.
- **Chalice veil**: This is a cloth cover for the chalice. It not only can protect the chalice when not in use, but it also helps heighten our sense of mystery by "veiling" the chalice from our sight until the time for the Most Blessed Sacrament draws near. Chalice veils can match the color of the priest's vestments or can always be white in color.
- **Burse**: This "pouch," which often matches the chalice veil/vestments in color, is placed on top of the chalice veil and is used for the keeping of corporals.
- **Communion patens**: Plates with handles that the servers hold during Communion. These patens are meant to help catch any particles of the Eucharist which may fall from a Host or help to catch a Host which accidentally falls.

As you can see, there are many items we use for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, each with purpose and meaning. No wonder the altar servers sometimes seem to be reviewing a checklist in their minds to make sure we have everything we need!

## For Reflection:

1. Next time you participate in Mass, pay more attention to the preparation of the altar. While remaining prayerful, see if you can identify the materials Father Luke described and see what role each plays as the Liturgy of the Eucharist continues.

## Coming Up Next: Collection & Procession, Offertory Water & Wine



# 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*

**"What does it avail in the end to be loved, honored, and praised by man? Does it bring true happiness? Why do you not think more earnestly on your salvation? Will you defer it to future years? Who knows whether you will live so long that you can make up for what you now neglect? Human life is short and uncertain. Is it not better, without delay, to begin what we ought to do?" +SAINT PETER DAMIAN**

**Monday, February 17 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:11-13** The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Then he left them, got into the boat again, and went off to the other shore.

**Meditation:** The people of Jesus' time expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. The religious leaders tested Jesus to see if he had a genuine sign from heaven to back his Messianic claims. False messiahs in the past had made extraordinary claims to attract their followers, such as claiming that they could cleave the Jordan River in two or cause the walls of Jerusalem to fall. Jesus knew the hearts of those who came to test him. They were more interested in seeing signs and supernatural phenomena than they were in hearing the word of God. Simeon had prophesied at Jesus' birth that he was "destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that inner thoughts of many will be revealed" (ref. Luke 2:34-35). Jesus gave them no sign except himself and the ultimate proof of his divinity when he rose from the dead.

**Prayer:** Impart to us, O Lord, in kindness the filial devotion with which the holy brothers venerated so devoutly the Mother of God and led your people to yourself. 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:** Never forget that the Lord reveals himself and makes his presence known to us in many ways – in his word and in the "breaking of the bread" in the Eucharist, in his church – the body of Christ, in his creation, and even in the everyday circumstances of our lives. If we seek the Lord, we will surely find him. And we can be confident that he will give us whatever we need to understand and carry out his will. Most of all, the Lord assures us of his daily presence and the promise that he will never leave us. Saint Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark in which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; All things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Think about that for a moment, then ask yourself: Is God enough for you?

**Tuesday, February 18 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:14-21** The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. Jesus enjoined them, "Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They concluded among themselves that it was because they had no bread. When he became aware of this he said to them, "Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?" They answered him, "Twelve." "When I broke the seven

loaves for the four thousand, how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?" They answered him, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

**Meditation:** The apostles set off in their boat across the Sea of Galilee only to discover that they forgot to bring enough food for their journey. What were they to do miles away from land and any place where they could buy food and supplies? They were anxious of course, and this was right after Jesus had performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes where the disciples fed more than four thousand people (ref. Mark 8:1-9). Jesus knew the trouble in his disciples' hearts even before they could speak. Jesus dealt with their anxiety by first warning them to not fear what can harm the body rather than what can destroy the very heart and soul of their being.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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:** One might wonder why Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod? To the Jewish person leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough left-over from a previous baking. In due course it fermented and this fermented dough became leaven. Fermentation was associated with decomposing rot. Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the evil influence of the Pharisees and of Herod who sought their own counsels rather than the will of God. As the apostles continued to worry about their lack of bread, Jesus reminded them of his miraculous provision of bread in the feeding of the four thousand. He then upbraided them for their lack of trust in God. "Do you still not understand?" It's easy to get preoccupied with the problems and needs of the present moment and to forget the most important reality of all – God's abiding presence with us and his abundant provision for our lives as well. Thus when you pray, do you pray with joyful confidence, "Father, give us this day our daily bread?"

### **Wednesday, February 19 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:22-26** When Jesus and his disciples arrived at Bethsaida, people brought to him a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. Putting spittle on his eyes he laid his hands on the man and asked, "Do you see anything?" Looking up the man replied, "I see people looking like trees and walking." Then he laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly; his sight was restored and he could see everything distinctly. Then he sent him home and said, "Do not even go into the village."

**Meditation:** There is one thing worse than physical blindness – and that is blindness of the heart and soul. A blind man is led to Jesus by some of his friends. Without their help he could not have found the one who could restore his sight. Jesus understood the fears and hopes of this blind man who begged him to touch him. The blind in a special way perceive the power of touch. Jesus shows considerateness in bringing this man to a place away from the skeptics and gawkers. His sight is restored in stages as he responds to Jesus' healing touch. Mark records this remarkable miracle in three short phrases: He looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home with a warning to avoid the company of those who live in spiritual darkness.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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:** Might there be a blind spot or two in your life that clouds or blocks your vision of God and his kingdom? If so, you need to work on those blind spots on by one and allow the Lord to touch you with his grace and power that you may walk in the light of his redeeming truth and love. Saint Jerome wrote about the spiritual significance of this healing for us, which we would all do well to think about: "Christ laid his hands upon his eyes that he might see all things clearly, so through visible things he might understand things invisible, which the eye has not seen, that after the film of sin is removed, he might clearly behold the state of his soul with the eye of a clean heart."

### **Thursday, February 20 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-33** Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and

the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

**Meditation:** At an opportune time Jesus tests his disciples with a simple, yet crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, professes that Jesus is truly the Christ. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ). Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah, which means Anointed One. Peter's faith, however was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption may be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard these words! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways! Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us our salvation.

**Prayer:** O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to 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:** The same question that Jesus posed to his disciples he asks each of us: "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" Who is Jesus for **YOU**? This is a simple, yet crucial question for each one of us, and our response has implications not only on how we live our earthly lives, but our opportunity to have a seat for all eternity at the heavenly banquet. In a time where many don't think about the consequences of their actions, and where many don't want to take responsibility for their actions, we need to take a step or two back and think about how each of us will answer this question – "Who do **YOU** say that I am?" Let's make certain that our response is not simply lip service, as actions speak louder than words. As St. James reminds us: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:27). In other words, do not let Christ's teachings go in one ear and out the other. Let his word take root in your mind and your heart, put Christ's teachings into action in your daily lives. In doing so, your response to who Jesus is for you become clear by your every thought, work, and most importantly your actions. Remember, talk is cheap – actions speak louder than words.

## **Friday, February 21 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time** **Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Church Reformer**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1** Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? What could one give in exchange for his life? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this faithless and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." He also said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the Kingdom of God has come in power.

**Meditation:** Jesus poses some probing questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent the kind of future we will face and live. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity. Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person. Jesus asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his life? Everything we have is an out-right gift from God. We owe him everything, including our very lives.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may so follow the teaching and example of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian, that, putting nothing before Christ and always ardent in the service of your Church, we may be led to the joys of eternal light. 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:** It is possible to give God our money, but not ourselves. It is possible to give him lip service, but not our hearts. A true disciple gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or

loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to *lose all* for Jesus Christ in order to *gain all* with Jesus Christ?

## **Saturday, February 22 ~ Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew: 13:16-19** When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**Meditation:** Jesus tests his disciples with a basic, yet crucial question: "Who do men say that I am" followed by "who do you say that I am?" Jesus was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets -- John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: "Who do you say that I am?"

**Prayer:** All-powerful Father, You have built Your Church on the rock of Saint Peter's confession of faith. May nothing divide or weaken our unity in faith and love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus Christ also asked each one of us: "Who do you say that I am?" Obviously your personal response has great ramifications. A wonderful response to come not only from your lips, but from deep from within your heart would be: "Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong and help me to live in the victory of the cross by rejecting sin and by accepting your will." Your response to Jesus' question requires sincere thought and discernment. But more importantly it requires action in how we think, speak, and live out our daily lives. Does your life reflect that of a disciple of Christ? If not, why not?

**About the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter's:** In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large alabaster window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, used by Saint Peter. In the seventeenth century, that ancient chair was encased in bronze by the famous artist Bernini and then placed above the altar in the apse. Surrounding the chair are statues of four early Doctors of the Church. Two of them represent the Eastern Church: Saint John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Two of them represent the Western Church: Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. These great saints represent the universality of the Church, both East and West, as well as the unity of their theological teaching with the authority of the Bishop of Rome. Above the chair are two angels jointly holding the triple crown tiara used by the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing that he is the father of kings, governor of the world, and Vicar of Christ. In their other hands, each angel holds a key, symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rome in matters of faith and morals. Today's feast celebrates not only that chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents. This feast was formally celebrated in Rome as early as the fourth century, but honor for the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors was celebrated from the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his unique mission.

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# Couples by Candlelight

Saturday, March 1st at 6:00pm

speaker: *Father Stash 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)



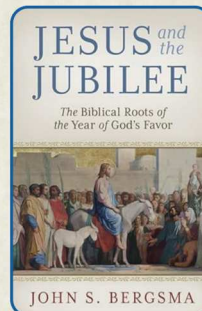
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Our parish is in the beginning stages of bringing **American Heritage Girls** to St. Michael. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for school-age girls. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building 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).

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# Thank You from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

As we begin a new year, we want to thank every parishioner who donated in any way to St. Vincent de Paul's many activities in 2024. January was National Poverty Awareness Month, and we remember that poverty is all around us, whether visible or invisible. We are truly blessed to have so many very generous parishioners. Below are some examples of how your generosity has helped our community:

- 937 people from 227 family visits received food through our pantry because of your donations.
- Our clothing room helped 269 people from 63 families because of your donations of clothing. In addition, we were able to provide coats, hats, and gloves to all the children in the Sponsor-a-Family program.
- With your monetary contributions, we were able to make 4,800 sandwiches to feed the homeless
- 191 children in Worthington found gifts under their Christmas trees because you sponsored a family through our Sponsor-a Family program.
- Because you dropped a gift in the Giving Tree boxes, we were able to distribute 1100 gifts among the St. Francis Center in McArthur and the St. Lawrence Haven.
- Your monetary donations enabled us to purchase toiletries and other needed items to support those in need at JOIN. We were also able to supply JOIN with 100 emergency bags of food to feed 200 people.
- 112 families in our community have stayed warm and safe because with your monetary donations we were able to assist them with their utility bills, rent, furniture assistance or other needs.

Again, thank you parishioners! Without you, we could not effectively help those in need. Please keep us in your prayers so we have the strength to continue our work in 2025.

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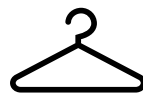
## January 2025 Updates:

**The Food  
Pantry is in  
need of  
canned  
chicken!**



**41**

Phone Calls Received to our Hotline



**10**

Neighbors served in Clothing Room



**11**

Number of households kept from eviction or utility cut off



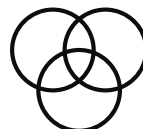
**400**

Sandwiches made for JOIN



**54**

Neighbors served in the Food Pantry



**3 conferences**

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**Feb 28 — 7-9pm: Faith by Fireside**

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# 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  
Dc. Sam Severance is giving the talk

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



## REGISTER FOR SPRING SPORTS!

Registration for Spring sports is open now! Registration closes on March 2, don't delay in ensuring your child is registered to play!



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- Softball (Girls 4-8th grade)
- Baseball (Boys 4-8th grade)
- Track (Boys & Girls 4-8th grade)
- K-3 Soccer (Boys & Girls K-3rd grade)
- New Sports Offerings this Spring: Coach pitch for baseball and softball is a new offering by the diocese this year for our 2nd and 3rd graders.



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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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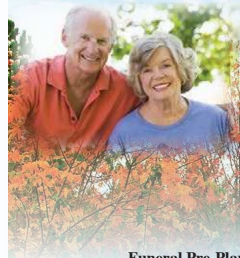
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