

HE IS Risen

EASTER 2025



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

All available by appointment.
Pre-Baptism Class is required.

Sponsors need letter from
their pastor. Please contact the
Parish Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Prior to Sunday morning Masses;
2:30pm-3:30pm Saturdays;
6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesdays;
Anytime upon request,
please call for an 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 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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



ONLINE GIVING

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – JUNE 1, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Glenn Jazwiec
(Lauren Jazwiec)

10:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke
(Jim & Cory Bracken & Family)

12:30 p.m. + Walter Tortora
5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

Monday, June 2

6:30 a.m. + Don DePerro (Betsy Butler)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P.
(The Lund Family)

Tuesday, June 3

6:30 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Central Ohio Purgatorial Society)
8:15 a.m. + Josefa, Enriqueta & Pilar Caso Posada
(The Caso Family)

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Ben Hoyt
8:15 a.m. + Chet Allen
6:00 p.m. + William Leffler (The Marinelli Family)

Thursday, June 5

6:30 a.m. + Patricia Schlom
8:15 a.m. + Marilyn Allen

Friday, June 6

6:30 a.m. + Lisa Berman Sedgwick (The Fiala-Fristad Family)
8:15 a.m. + Pedro Andres Pablo-Naredo
(Josephine & Eric Yang)

Saturday, June 7

8:15 a.m. + Charles Hoyt
4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Cathy Murphy
(The DeCenzo Family)

Sunday, June 8

8:30 a.m. + Michael Putnam (The Elliott Family)
10:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (John Paul Munhall)
12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
5:00 p.m. + Kyle Ann Kowaleski

PARISH CALENDAR: JUNE

SUNDAY, June 1	Friendship Sunday after Morning Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C)
Monday, June 2	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, June 3	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Wednesday, June 4	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
Thursday, June 5	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U)
Friday, June 6	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Saturday, June 7	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, June 8	2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR)

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

THE 2025 APPEAL:

Goal: \$ 208,245.94
Raised as of May 23: \$ 61,345.00

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MAY 25, 2025

Envelopes \$ 9,207.75
Online Giving \$ 9,516.00
Total: \$ 18,723.75

MAY 18, 2025

Envelopes \$ 15,684.49
Online Giving \$ 12,376.56
Total: \$ 28,061.05

PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 11, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesdays throughout the summer, resuming our regular office hours on August 6. Our hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will remain as usual and we will be available to serve you each of those days from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



BAPTISM
CONGRATULATIONS ON
THE BAPTISM OF
MAGDALENA IRENE RECKER



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

A HUGE THANK-YOU to the Knights of Columbus and members of Parish Council who prepared the many hot dogs and condiments for the Annual Memorial Day Parade watch fest!

The gathering in front of the church to watch and support the Memorial Day Parade was truly a great experience of community building and visiting. We were so blessed with beautiful weather and the spirit in the air was truly supportive of the reason behind Memorial Day.

A great big shout-out to all of our parishioners who marched and participated in the parade; the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Trail Life, Mission Warmth, and our Parish School. I'm sure we had more parishioners in other sections of the parade too but I recognized people in those mentioned.

An essential element to a Christian Culture is vigilance in keeping alive a memory. Remembering our fallen service men and women is an expression of our parish's desire to live a Christian culture.

Let's look ahead with excitement and gratitude to our nation's Independence Day as well as Veterans Day!

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART!

The Gospel of Matthew directs our attention to the Most Sacred Heart as a source of Meekness and HUMILITY. May our parish be a true epicenter of meekness and humility especially in an era and area where anything but those virtues are preached and promoted.

Just as in May, our Christian homes honor the Holy Virgin Mary so, too, in June we are each called to expose and honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June is a great month to have your home blessed and to consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart and perhaps even ENTHRONE HIS SACRED HEART as King, Brother, and Friend of all who live in your home.

Reach out to the Parish Office to schedule a home blessing!

THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in our parish's Annual Appeal for the Diocese! We are well on our way towards our goal of \$208,245.98!

Lastly, I would like to publicly thank the students of Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict! The young men from Chesterton Academy have served daily Masses as Acolytes and Lectors when school is in session. Their school community is an excellent and noteworthy example of learning, via the classical curriculum, and dedication to the Holy Faith we live as Catholics. I wish to draw attention to the incredible joy their students exhibit. Their sense of humanity is refreshing, for all too often we experience apathy when we see people day in and day out; the students and faculty exhibit joy, gratitude, excitement, and fidelity. It has been a gift from the Lord to have their students join us every day for Holy Mass here at St. Michael.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Stash Dailey



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 62: Rite of Peace

After the Our Father and Embolism, as The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says, “There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament” (GIRM, 82). At this point in the Mass, the priest prays, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.” The people then reply, “Amen.”

What True Peace Is—and What It’s Not

What is true peace? Perhaps we could go to various definitions. Our Catechism says, “Peace is not merely the absence of war, and is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers” (CCC, 2304). The Catechism continues with a quotation from St. Augustine, who wrote that peace is “the tranquility of order” (CCC, 2304). “Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic ‘Prince of Peace.’ By the blood of his Cross... he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. ‘He is our peace’ [Eph 2:14]” (CCC, 2305). As Edward Sri writes, “Many people seek the security and peace of this world, which is a peace based on success, on everything going well, on avoiding problems and suffering. But this kind of peace is quite fragile and fleeting... Christ, however, offers us a deeper, longer lasting peace—one that the world does not give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to his plan for us, he gives us an internal, spiritual peace that can withstand life’s many disappointments, trials, and sufferings. This is the kind of peace of heart that also builds true unity within marriages, families, communities, parishes, and nations. And this is what the priest prays for at this moment of the liturgy” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 130–31).

Hopefully, we have had moments of true peace in our hearts that remind us of how generously Jesus has loved us. For anyone who hasn’t, the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist certainly invites us to that peace for which we long. As we prepare to receive the Prince of Peace truly present in Holy Communion, perhaps it seems fitting that the Rite of Peace occurs at this moment in the Mass. According to Charles Belmonte, “When we pronounce our ‘Amen,’ we must realize that we are asking not only for our personal peace but also for peace for the whole Church... During the Last Supper, our Lord made his disciples aware of the importance of peace, the fruit of charity. Many times he spoke of unity, of the spirit of service, of humility, of charity. These are virtues and dispositions of the soul which can thrive only in an atmosphere of peace.” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 173–74).

Peace As Preparation for Communion

So, without a doubt, peace is an ardent desire and need for us as Christian people. This is true at all times of our lives, but especially at the Holy Mass. In the Mass, there are many wonderful gifts and graces; we certainly are going to receive those graces more fruitfully if our hearts are at peace and open to Christ, as opposed to being distracted and upset over things that happen to us. This is most true when the time for Holy Communion comes. We are preparing to receive the most wonderful gift: we can’t have a distracted heart! So, we make sure, by a prayer and a gesture, that we really are ready to go forward to receive Our Lord.*

Fr. Guy Oury, reflecting on the Rite of Peace in the Mass, says, “Through the sign of peace, we ask for peace and unity within the Church, and beyond its visible boundaries, for the whole human family. And since in our gatherings we are a cell of the Church, we express our mutual love before receiving together the one Bread that makes us one. These are the two components of the rite: a prayer for the peace and unity of the Church and an exchange of the sign of fraternal converse, if not with the whole world, at least with our nearest neighbors” (The Mass, pp. 111–12). So, we aren’t just making sure things are ok with people in our pew; we are also making a symbolic gesture of peace for the whole world! Next week, we’ll take a look at some different ways to offer the Sign of Peace, and why this is not the time for “high fives” and making plans for later in the day!

For Reflection:

1. Consider St. Augustine’s description of peace as “the tranquility of order.” Pray with a Scripture passage that describes the peace of the ordered city or kingdom of God, such as [Isaiah 32](#), [Isaiah 54](#), [Psalm 122](#), or [Revelation 21](#).
2. Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which St. Paul lists in his Letter to the Galatians ([5:22](#)). Implore the Holy Spirit for this fruit in your own life and the grace and guidance to share this gift with others.

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 63: Exchanging the Sign of Peace

Continuing with the Rite of Peace, how do we exchange the sign of peace? For a little more background on this part of the Mass, the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “This prayer reaffirms the holiness of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church, insofar as She is the Bride of Christ, is holy and without blemish. While the Church remains holy, Her members are prone to sin and error, and so we beseech our Lord to look upon His Church with favor and grant us the peace and unity of the kingdom of heaven. Upon asking our Lord for this peace, the priest extends this peace to the congregation as he says: ‘The peace of the Lord be with you always!’ [The people reply] ‘And with your spirit.’ [The Deacon or Priest then says: “Let us offer each other the sign of peace.”] According to local custom, we exchange with one another a sign of peace. Typically, in the United States, the normative gesture is a handshake to those around us” (A Study of the Mass, p. 18).





An Expression of Christian Community

For more description of what happens after the words from the sanctuary, the Catholic Encyclopedia states, "It is then that the people of the assembled community turn to their immediate neighbors and exchange a greeting, a shake of the hand, or other sign of peace and friendship. This need not be an elaborate exchange. There are no ritual words to be said, some preferring to say: 'Peace be with you' or 'the Peace of Christ be with you' or 'God bless you.' The response may be equally simple. This kiss of peace, both as a sign of recognition of fellowship, respect, or friendship is essentially a sign of reconciliation, of expressing the mutual regard of Christian for Christian... St. Paul recognized this sign of peace as an expression of Christian community (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12). And St. Peter considered this greeting a sign of union with Christ, or Christ-like togetherness (1 Pt 5:14)" (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 465).

Practical Gestures of Peace

While the deeper meaning of this gesture may be more clear for us, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal included a new paragraph addressing the practical gesture itself, which says, "As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest" (GIRM, 82). So, what is the norm for us? While we don't have a defined standard, as mentioned previously, our typical local norm is a simple handshake with people that are nearby. Certainly, spouses, families, and others may have more intimate exchanges of peace such as a hug or a kiss. During times when people are being more cautious about illness and contact, a simple bow or a wave and a smile can be fine gestures of peace as well. Generally, I would encourage people to choose the sign that is comfortable for people around us. The main thing we want to remember is to make the gesture a real sign of peace, while at the same time not being too carefree or moving throughout the church, where we might risk being disrespectful to Jesus present on the altar (which is also why we shouldn't have conversations at this time).

For a few more summary thoughts, the Diocese of Peoria says, "This rite of peace acknowledges a few things: forgiveness, humility and community. In Matthew, Chapter 5, our Lord taught us we must first be reconciled with one another before approaching the altar. We approach the altar to receive the Prince of Peace; His command is that we be peacemakers ourselves by forgiving others and asking pardon for our sins... It is also a gesture of the communal Spirit which resides in the Church. The gesture of peace signifies this 'ecclesial bond' that with Christ we are a community of believers and children of the same Father" (A Study of the Mass, p. 18). The next time you offer the Sign of Peace at Mass, whether a hug, kiss, handshake, simple bow, wave, or smile, think about what it truly means—what you truly want to offer to those around you—and how it helps prepare your heart for Jesus truly present in Holy Communion.

For Reflection:

1. Review the New Testament passages which feature a "holy kiss" or "loving kiss" as a greeting within the early Church (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Thes 5:26; 1 Pt 5:14). Ask the intercession of those in the Communion of Saints who have shared this gesture throughout Church history for peace within the Church today and the extension of Christ's peace in our mission to the world.
2. As part of your preparation the next time you participate in Mass, pray Psalm 122, which celebrates the gift of worshipping in God's "house" and includes the phrase, "Peace be with you."

Coming Up NEXT: Lamb of God

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a full-time School

Office Lead Administrative Assistant and a

part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates

for either position should submit a letter of interest, resume, and

references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at

principal@stmichaelworthington.org.



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

“Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God’s strengthening aid and say to him: O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations. Let us trust in him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful and he tells us: My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” +SAINT BONIFACE

Monday, June 2 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial: Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Holy Gospel: John 16:29-33 The disciples said to Jesus, “Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech. Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”

Meditation: Notice how Jesus warned his disciples that their faith would be put to the test and that they would fail. Jesus spoke plainly about the tragedy of betrayal and the triumph of the cross. Jesus knew the hearts of his disciples better than they knew. He knew they would desert him in his hour of trial. Such knowledge could have easily led to bitterness and rejection. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and disloyalty with supreme love and trust in his disciples. He loved his disciples to the very end even when they left him alone to die on the cross. He knew that the cross would not bring defeat but victory over sin and death. Jesus speaks the same word to us today. “My love for you is unconditional and I will never abandon you.” While we cannot avoid all pain and suffering in this life, Jesus, nonetheless assures us that he will guide us safely through any difficulty or trial we may have to undergo for his sake. Jesus calls each of us to take courage, because he has overcome the world. The Holy Spirit gives us a living hope in the power of the resurrection and a confident trust in God’s abiding presence. Nothing can overcome this faith and hope in Christ’s victory – no trial, suffering, temptation, or testing. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and courage we need to overcome adversity and to persevere in faith.

Prayer: May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way of life. 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 ~ Saints Marcellinus and Peter: O God, who surround us with protection through the glorious confession of the Martyrs Saints Marcellinus and Peter, grant that we may profit by imitating them and be upheld by their prayer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How did Jesus convince his disciples that he was the Son of God? Jesus could read their hearts like an open book. He answered their questions before they could even speak them out. And he showed them the glory of God. For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his “beloved Son,” in whom the Father is “well pleased.” We can believe in Jesus and in the words he speaks because he is himself God, the Word made flesh. Since he “has seen the Father,” and is “one with the Father,” Jesus is the only one who knows the Father as he truly is and can reveal him to us. Our faith is “certain” because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith is already the beginning of eternal life. Saint Basil the Great says: “When we contemplate the blessings of faith even

now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall enjoy one day."

Tuesday, June 3 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter Memorial: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11a Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

Meditation: What is this "glory" of which Jesus speaks in this scripture passage? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. How does the cross reveal his glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of redemption which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation. Jesus gave his Father the supreme honor and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross. In times of defense the greatest honor belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation and Cross of Christ. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son for our redemption and deliverance from slavery to sin and death. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love – a love that is unconditional, sacrificial and generous beyond comprehension.

Prayer: O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs the seed of Christians, mercifully grant that the field which is your Church, watered by the blood shed by Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest. 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 tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can come to know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the knowledge of God as our Father. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you seek unity of heart, mind and will with God and unity of love and peace with your neighbor?

Wednesday, June 4 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

Meditation: Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. The scriptural word for consecration comes from the same Hebrew word which means "holy" or "set apart for God." This word also means to be "equipped with the qualities of mind and heart and character for such a task or service." Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth,

so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us in the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

Prayer: Graciously grant to your Church, O merciful God, that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, she may be devoted to you with all her heart and united in purity of intent. 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: Have you ever given time, thought and prayer to know what your purpose and mission in life is? Jesus' aim and mission was to glorify his heavenly Father. All he said and did gave glory to his Father. On the eve of his sacrifice and in the presence of his disciples, Jesus made his high priestly prayer: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that they may be one as we are one". Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples and for all who would believe in him. Jesus' prayer for his people is that we be united with God the Father in his Son and through his Holy Spirit and be joined together, in unity with all who are members of Christ's body. Jesus saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Obedience to his Father's will was his glory. Jesus kept his Father's word even when tempted to forgo the cross. His strength was not in himself but in his Father who kept him. We, too, must take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus wherever and whenever he may call us.

Thursday, June 5 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
Memorial: Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
"The Apostle of Germany"

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26 Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

Meditation: The unity of Jesus and his Father is a unity of love and obedience, and a unity of personal relationship. Because Jesus loves us and united us through the Sacrament of Baptism we are called to live in a unity of love. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in the greatest gift to us – Christ's Body and Blood. Through his teachings, we follow him wherever he leads us as his disciples. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we demonstrate our heartfelt desire to reunite ourselves with him, recognizing our sinfulness, our sorrow for having sinned, and our pledge not to sin again. Jesus' prayer on the eve of his sacrifice shows the great love and trust he has in his beloved disciples. He knows they would abandon him in his hour of trial, yet he entrusted to them the great task of spreading his name throughout the world and to the end of the ages. The Lord entrust us with the same mission...to make him known and loved by all. Jesus died and rose again that all might be one as he and the Father are one.

Prayer: May the Martyr Saint Boniface be our advocate, O Lord, that we may firmly hold the faith he taught with his lips and sealed in his blood and confidently profess it by our deeds. 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 Saint Boniface: Dear Saint Boniface, as a missionary and bishop, you tirelessly worked to bring the message of Christ to those who had not yet heard it. We ask for your protection and guidance, especially in times of difficulty and uncertainty. Help us to stay true to our faith, even when it is challenged or threatened, and to trust in God's providence at all times. Saint Boniface, pray for us, that we may be faithful disciples of Christ and bear witness to his love and mercy in all that we do. Amen.

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Contemplation: Look around at the people in the pews who are with you in Church. Look around at the people in your office, your school, your home, your neighborhood. The distinctive mark of Jesus' disciples is their love for God and their desire to do his will, and their love for one another. Jesus' prayer at the Last

Supper concludes with the prayer for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples. In a special way Jesus prays here for us that as members of his body we would be one as he and his Father – God the father – are one.

Friday, June 6 ~ Seventh Week in the Season of Easter
Optional Memorial: Saint Norbert, Bishop

Holy Gospel: John 21:15-19 After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Meditation: Jesus calls us, even in our weakness and sin, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his book *Confessions* wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." Nothing but our stubborn human pride, our sinfulness, and our willfulness can keep us from the love of God. God's love is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in love. He loved us first; we must reciprocate with total love for Him by following His commands, and the teachings of His Son and His Catholic Church.

Prayer: O God, who by the glorification of your Christ and the light of the Holy Spirit have unlocked for us the gates of eternity, grant, we pray, that, partaking of so great a gift, our devotion may grow deeper and our faith be strengthened. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Norbert: O God, who made the Bishop Saint Norbert a servant of your Church outstanding in his prayer and pastoral zeal, grant, we ask, that by the help of his intercession, the flock of the faithful may always find shepherds after your own heart and be fed in the pastures of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Do you want the fire of God's love to burn in your heart? John the Evangelist tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, without limit, and everlasting. It's the beginning and the end; and it's the essence of Christianity. It draws us to the heart of God and it compels us to give to him our full allegiance and our very lives. Saint Paul the Apostle tells us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (ref. Romans 5:5). As so we must ask ourselves: Do I love God with all my mind, all my heart, and all my soul? If not, then ask yourself: what is holding me back?

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A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of all good, I offer You my heart, that it may be conformed to Yours. I desire to be humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. May Your love fill my heart and make me a vessel of Your mercy and compassion. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.



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Holy Guardian Angels, pray for them.

St. Joseph, powerful patron, pray for them.

St. John, much-beloved precursor of our Lord, pray for them.

St. John, adopted son of the Sorrowful Mother, pray for them.

St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for them.

St. Augustine, pray for them.

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All you holy children, pray for them and for us.

Amen



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Questions? Contact Jake Asuncion
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High School Youth Ministry

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 15: Join us for a bonfire and s'mores starting at 6 pm!

June 29: Graeters Trip! Meet in Marian Hall after the 5 pm mass and walk down to Graeters with us

July 13-17: Totus Tuus! Please register on St. Michaels website

July 27: Trivia and Sundaes! Come for a night of trivia and ice cream! Bring a friend! Starts at 6 in the gym!

Every Wednesday starting June 18, join us for mass @ 6, prayer, and dinner right afterwards!

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St. Michael Young Adults

Love and Responsibility Series

Come and join us as we discuss Pope St. John Paul II's book *Love and Responsibility*. This book serves as the prelude to JP II's *Theology of the Body*. Chapters of the book will be summarized by different speakers and discussion will be based around marriage, vocation, and the human person. Please join us on the following dates in the Upper Meeting Room at 6:30 pm:

June 3
(Lower Meeting Room)
June 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15

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Middle School Youth Ministry

The Adventurers

SUMMER SCHEDULE

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