

# He is Risen!



EASTER 2025

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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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 4, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 3

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

### Sunday, May 4

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of the Miller Family  
 10:30 a.m. + Tina Fann (The Elliott Family)  
 12:30 p.m. + Robert & Joan Brown (The Brown Family)  
 5:00 p.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (John Paul Munhall)

### Monday, May 5

6:30 a.m. + Dominic Raco, Sr.  
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Cathy Murphy (The DeCenzo Family)

### Tuesday, May 6

6:30 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Central Ohio Purgatorial Society)  
 8:15 a.m. Edwin Lund (The Cobb Family)

### Wednesday, May 7

6:30 a.m. + Anthony Boellnert (The LaVern Sattler Family)  
 8:15 a.m. For the School  
 6:00 p.m. + Andy Kastle, Hank & Gloria Montalvo (Tom & Marie Kitsmiller)

### Thursday, May 8

6:30 a.m. + Bonnie Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)  
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Nancy Taylor

### Friday, May 9

6:30 a.m. + Erin Louise Cordle (St. Michael Respect Life Ministry)  
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Ahlberg Family

### Saturday, May 10

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Gonzales Family  
 4:00 p.m. + Rose Mary & John Bianchi (The Soller Family)

### Sunday, May 11

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish  
 10:30 a.m. + Tina Fann (Boy Scout Troop 123)  
 12:30 p.m. + Joan Carole Brown (The Brown Family)  
 5:00 p.m. + Helen Gersi (Steve & Barbara Tucker)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 27, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$	9,491.38
Online Giving .....	\$	8,814.00
<b>Total:.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,305.38</b>

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAY

<b>SUNDAY, May 4</b>	Friendship Sunday after Morning Masses Preschool Bake Sale after Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, May 8</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)
<b>Friday, May 9</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR)
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 8:15 a.m. Christian Mothers Morning of Reflection (C, LMR) 9:30 a.m. SVDP Monthly Meeting (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY, May 11</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A)

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Society March 2025 Updates:



-  **6**  
Number of households kept from eviction or utility cut off
-  **12**  
Neighbors served in Clothing Room
-  **44**  
Neighbors served in the Food Pantry
-  **27**  
Phone Calls Received to our Hotline
-  **1 conference**  
Monetary assistance to other conferences

**Ways to donate:**

- Church envelopes;
- Online giving through St Michaels website: (<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving>)
- Kroger Community Rewards program: (St Vincent de Paul - St. Michael Conf)
- Qualified Charitable Giving through your IRA account
- Matching program through your employer (contact St Vincent for EIN number)
- Food donations in boxes in Marian Hall
- Clothing donations through the donation shoot behind the school gym.

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

Our entrance into the month of May gives each of us an opportunity to renew our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Virgin is oftentimes referred to as Mother and as Queen. The beautiful words of St. Therese remind us that "Mary is both Mother and Queen, but she is more Mother than Queen!"

Remembering our rootedness in the Old Testament, we recall that the Mother of the King is the Queen of the Kingdom. As Jesus Christ is the one true King and as His disciples we are called and invited to be members of the everlasting kingdom, then Mary, who is the Mother of Jesus the King, is our Queen.

This simple to follow logic is important because all too often our titles for the Holy Virgin Mary seem to be cast off as vestiges of the Middle Ages. Our titles for the Holy Virgin Mary reflect our rootedness in Sacred Scripture and our heavenwardly focus in life.

A few simple suggestions for enhancing one's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary this May:

- Entrust your intentions to her powerful prayers by lighting a candle in front of Our Lady's side altar.
- Create a May Altar in your home, a simple table with an image of Our Lady, candles, flowers and petitions would suffice
- Attend a Saturday Morning 8:15 a.m. Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary,
- Attend the Annual Fátima Procession on May 13th in downtown Columbus,
- Read a good book about Our Lady like "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary"
- Pray the Holy Rosary every day,
- Ask Our Lady to help you know Jesus the way she does,
- Ask Jesus for the grace to love Our Lady as much as He does.

These simple steps will help you grow in devotion to Our Lady during the month of May.

In Jesus, through Mary, with Joseph,

Fr. Stash Dailey

## AROUND THE PARISH

### HAIL HOLY QUEEN!

THREE DAYS  
WITH OUR LADY  
AT ST MICHAEL,  
WORTHINGTON

LED BY  
FR ROYSTON PRICE CSSR

12TH - 14TH  
MAY

MONDAY 12TH:  
OUR LIFE

TUESDAY 13TH:  
OUR SWEETNESS

WEDNESDAY 14TH:  
OUR HOPE

12 Noon Rosary and  
Sermon

Confessions from 6pm

7pm Service each night,  
lasting an hour.

CELEBRATE  
OUR LADY'S  
MONTH WELL



### TOTUS TUUS

PARISH SUMMER  
CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

ST. MICHAEL  
JULY 13-18

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Sacraments and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord.

CHILDRENS  
PROGRAM

- Monday-Friday
- 9am-2:30pm
- Grades 1-6

TEEN  
PROGRAM

- Sunday-Thursday
- 6:45pm-9:00pm
- Grades 7-12

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!

Questions? Contact Jake Asuncion  
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## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 54: Intercessions

After the Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and our offering of Jesus to the Father along with ourselves, the Eucharistic Prayer also includes some Intercessions. The Diocese of Peoria teaches, "The Eucharistic prayer also intercedes or prays for various members of the Church. We always pray for the pope, the bishop and all the clergy. Intercession is also made for the Church suffering in purgatory, as we pray for the faithful departed. We pray that they soon be taken into Heaven and live in the presence of God. Intercession is also made for the entire Church, both those who are present at the Mass and those throughout the world. We pray God hears our prayers as we offer them through the Mass, we ask for His mercy and we also pray we be united so we may worship as one body as our Lord Himself desired" (A Study of the Mass, p. 16).

### The Three Types of Intercessions

Diving deeper, this part of the Eucharistic Prayer brings to the forefront our unity with one another through Christ. We recall here in the presence of Christ that we are all in this together. We pray through the fruits of the Mass that each person can receive what is needed to fulfill our faithful life in Christ. What is great about the intercessions, according to Charles Belmonte, is that "the Intercessions make it clear that we celebrate the Mass in communion with the entire Church in heaven and on earth; and that we make the offering for the Church and for all her members, living and dead." Belmonte continues, "The Intercessions are usually divided into three sections: for living Christians, for the dead, and in relation to the saints in heaven" (Understanding the Mass, p. 152-53).

### Interceding for Church Leaders

Regarding our prayer for living Christians, part of our prayer is for the pope and for the bishop or archbishop of our local diocese. From Eucharistic Prayer II: "Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy." Our leaders in the clergy are part of the visible sign of unity we have together in Christ: we pray for and with our leaders who help organize and unite us. Belmonte refers to the Second Vatican Council when he says, "To be legitimate, each Mass presupposes union among the faithful, and of the faithful with their bishop, the pope, and the universal Church. Moreover, that solid union is made stronger with the celebration of the Eucharist and is a consequence of it" (Understanding the Mass, p. 154, cf. LG, 3).

### Interceding for the Faithful Departed

After prayers for the living, we then pray for those who have died. From Eucharistic Prayer IV: "Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known." Eucharistic Prayers II and III have special sections that can be used for Masses for the Dead, where the name of the person for whom the Mass is offered could be prayed. As Belmonte continues, "In all Masses, the Church prays for the dead, so that on the basis of the communion existing among all of us as Christ's members, our petition for spiritual help may bring comforting hope for our faithful departed" (Understanding the Mass, p. 155). For me as a priest, this is one of my favorite moments of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially when there is a moment of quiet in Eucharistic Prayer I: "Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." Following these words, there is a brief silence where I think of different family members, priests who helped me through the years, and people who recently died in my parishes. If you haven't done it before, I invite you to use that moment to think of those you love who have died in Christ. It truly is a great gift to feel united with them through the Mass!

### Asking for the Intercession of the Saints

After prayers for the dead, we ask for the help of those already in the presence of God in heaven. This is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer where we might hear different saint names. From Eucharistic Prayer III: "May He make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, (with Saint N) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for un failing help." A couple of the Eucharistic prayers have the Blessed Mother and a general reference to the martyrs and other saints. Eucharistic Prayer III (as we just saw) has an option for inserting saint's names, such as the saint of the day or a saint important to a particular parish. Of course, Eucharistic Prayer I has those two long lists of special saints... more on them to come!

### For Reflection:

1. As Fr. Luke suggests, prepare to enter more deeply into the intercessory power of the Mass by calling to mind your personal intentions for the living and deceased.
2. Allow the Intercessions to form your prayer by recalling these intentions at other times during the day and throughout your week.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 55: Saint Names in Eucharistic Prayer I

As we have been reflecting on the Intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayers, perhaps it is a good time to address all those saint names in Eucharistic Prayer I. Who are all those people? Of course, the first list begins with Mary and Joseph and then the "blessed Apostles and Martyrs," including Peter, Paul, Andrew (Peter's brother), James ("the Greater": the brother of John), John, Thomas, James ("the Lesser": the son of Alpheus), Matthew, Bartholomew, Simon ("the Zealot"), and Jude (also called Thaddeus).





## The First List of Saint Names

Continuing this first list of saints in Eucharistic Prayer I, as Charles Belmonte notes, "Five popes head the list: St. Peter's first three successors, Linus, Cletus, Clement; then two popes of the third century, Sixtus II and Cornelius; Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, the intrepid defender of Catholic unity; the deacon Lawrence, who when his persecutor demanded from him the 'treasures' of the Church, showed him hundreds of poor people; Chrysogonus, a Roman priest who carried out the holy work of comforting the Christians who were in prison; two brothers, John and Paul, both officers of the [Roman] imperial palace, who were put to death under [the emperor] Julian the Apostate; and lastly, Cosmas and Damian, two Oriental physicians who gave their aid freely, and at whose graves there occurred 'yet more cures than they had effected in their lives'" (Understanding the Mass, p. 158).

## The Second List of Saint Names

As for the second list of saints in Eucharistic Prayer I, we ask for "some share in the fellowship" of several saints who were martyrs. Belmonte continues, "It mentions, in the first place, John (here obviously St. John the Baptist), and then seven men, followed by seven women, all martyrs. Stephen is the first deacon, whose glorious martyrdom is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (6:8-7:60). Two apostles come next: Matthias, elected to take the place of Judas (Acts 1:15-16) and probably left out of the first list so as not to exceed the number of twelve, and Barnabas, St. Paul's companion in his first missionary journey. Ignatius is the famous bishop of Antioch, sentenced to be fed to the wild beasts in Rome under [emperor] Trajano. Besides their names and the place of their martyrdom, little else is known of Alexander, the priest Marcellinus, and the exorcist Peter, who were all put to death in the great persecution of [emperor] Diocletian. The list continues with the names of the two young girls, Felicity and Perpetua (their names form the expression 'everlasting happiness'), who confessed their faith at Carthage [in North Africa]; and of Agatha and Lucy in Sicily. It concludes with the names of two young martyrs beloved by the Romans, Agnes and Cecelia; and of Anastasia, martyred at Sirmium and later honored in Rome" (Understanding the Mass, pp. 159-160).

All these saints are important because they were among the many early witnesses to Jesus Christ and the Christian faith. These are our spiritual fathers, our older brothers and sisters in Christ, who showed us that our faith was worth living and dying for. They showed us that, strengthened by the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, they could overcome any persecutions and sufferings, even to the point of being killed. These saints give us great hope, and their prayers for us give us confidence that we, too, can live out the faith as they did, that we can live our life in Christ every day and look forward to the glory of heaven!

## For Reflection:

1. Fr. Luke explains the role of the saints featured in Eucharistic Prayer I in witnessing to the faith. Take time to pray by name for the people in your life who have witnessed the faith to you.
2. Next time you hear a celebrant use Eucharistic Prayer I, pay attention to the names in the list of saints and give thanks for their presence with us—as members of the Communion of Saints—at Mass.

## Next Week: Doxology & The Great Amen

### 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](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org).



# 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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*The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

***"God, Who is infinitely rich, became man in order to experience the poverty and misery of fallen man, not because He needed this experience but because we needed His example. Now that we have seen His love, let us love one another as He has loved us. Thus His love will work in our hearts and transform us into Himself."***

~Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO

### **Monday, May 5 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:22-29** After Jesus had fed the five thousand men, his disciples saw him walking on the sea.] The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

**Meditation:** Take a few moments and ask yourself: What do you hunger most for in life? Is it health, wealth, power, titles, fame, love, truth, life? Jesus addressed this issue with those who sought him after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Were they simply hungry for things which satisfy the body or for that which satisfies the heart and soul? Jesus echoes the question posed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah: "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy" (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two kinds of hunger -- physical and spiritual. Only God can satisfy the spiritual hunger in our heart and soul -- the hunger for truth, for life, and for love. Jesus also spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, putting off our old self with all its ways, we may live as Christ did, for through the healing paschal remedies you have conformed us to his nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** We must understand that Jesus offers a new relationship with God which provides for a new kind of life – in fact the only *real* life. It is a life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness; a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life? Find this hunger, and fulfill it with Christ!

### **Tuesday, May 6 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:30-35** The crowd said to Jesus: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread

always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Meditation:** Do you have a true and genuine hunger for the bread of life? A "from the depths of your heart" hunger? The Jewish people had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus then makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the one true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. So the question becomes for each of us: Do you hunger for God and for the food which produces everlasting life?

**Prayer:** O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, pour out on your servants an increase of the grace you have bestowed, that, having been purged of all sins, they may lack nothing that in your kindness you have promised. 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 tasted and savored the bread of life? Or are you trying to pack ten pounds into a five-pound bag – cramming other things in your life, instead of investing your time the only thing that will give your life purpose, meaning, direction – life itself?! So what do you have to do to receive this great treasure - this "pearl of great price" we hear in scripture - this living bread? You have to sell all you have; your desires to go your own way instead of God's way; your desire to have power or fame. You have to put everything else behind God and seek Him and his righteousness first and all else will be given to you. This is never easy, and it will cost you a great deal. But what you get in return will be worth the price. So, seize this opportunity. Taste the bread that Jesus offers. St. Augustine wrote a prayer to express his gratitude to God for giving us the bread of life: *You are great, Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom is immeasurable. Man, a little piece of your creation, desires to praise you, a human being bearing mortality with him, carrying with him the witness of his sin and the witness that you resist the proud. Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. Amen.*

### **Wednesday, May 7 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:35-40** Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me, you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

**Meditation:** For us to more fully understand who Jesus is, we need to understand why he called himself the "bread of life." The Jews understood that God promised them manna from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the promised land. Bread is the very staple of life. We could not live without food for very long. Bread sustains us. But what, then, is life? Jesus clearly meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus refers to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God, a relationship of trust, love, obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible for us -- a loving relationship with the God who created us for love with Him. Apart from Jesus no one can enter that kind of life and relationship.

**Prayer:** Be present to your family, O Lord, we pray, and graciously ensure those you have endowed with the grace of faith an eternal share in the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Ask yourself: are you satisfied with mere physical existence, or do you hunger for real life? Jesus makes three claims here. First he offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Second, he promises unbroken friendship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from God. Third, he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection. Those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior will be raised up to immortal life with Jesus when he comes again on the last day. Remember, our earthly journey is just that – a journey. And where our journey leads us is up to us as to

whom we follow – is it Christ our shepherd and guide? Or is it someone or something else? Jesus leads us to eternal life, everything else leads to a dead end – literally! Knowing this, why would anyone choose to follow anyone or anything but Christ on our earthly journey?

### **Thursday, May 8 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:44-51** Jesus said to the crowds: “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world.”

**Meditation:** God offers us, his people, abundant life. But we can miss it. What is the bread of life which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself -- life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. When Jesus offers us real life he brings us into a new relationship with God, a relationship of trust, love, and obedience. And he offers us real life which last forever, a life of love, fellowship, communion, and union with the One who made us in love to be with him forever. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. Do you truly accept Jesus as the bread of life?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days when, by your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. 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:** Saint Bonaventure wrote this prayer to Jesus, the bread of life, that is worth contemplating on today: “Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end.”

### **Friday, May 9 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:52-59** The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

**Meditation:** Why did Jesus offer himself as “food and drink”? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said “unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you.” What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord’s Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus’ farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus’ teaching on the bread of life. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to their Creator. Melchizedek’s offering of bread and wine, who was both priest and king (Genesis 14:18), prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king. The remembrance of

the manna in the wilderness recalled to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). When at the Last Supper Jesus described his blood “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:28), he was explaining his coming crucifixion as a sacrifice for sins. His death on the cross fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb. That is why John the Baptist called him the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He “offered himself without blemish to God” (Hebrews 9:14) and “gave himself as a sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:2).

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have come to know the grace of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness 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.

**Contemplation:** Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum— giving his disciples his body and his blood. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Do you hunger for the bread of life?

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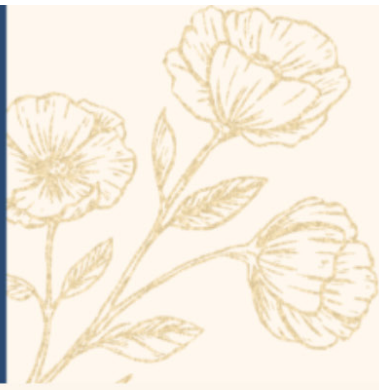
### **Why is the month of May dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary?**

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops.”

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his or her mother.



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First Meeting

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### AIM OF THE CONFRATERNITY

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is a pious association intended for mothers, which has for its special object the promotion of the good Christian and Catholic education of their children. The members join their hearts in love with the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of Sorrows, and unite under her patronage in mutual prayer and solicitude for the welfare of their children and families.

The Confraternity will not attain its end, however, by simply uniting the mothers in prayers; its scope is wider. It desires to instruct and educate the mothers in performing their duties and practicing the virtues which should adorn their hearts. By proper instructions at the regular meetings it strives to arouse them to renewed activity, to impress upon them the conscienceness of their high vocation, and to inflame them with an ardent zeal. Its aim is to show them the way of attaining their own sanctification and that of their families, to imbue them with a thoroughly Christian spirit, to induce them to bring up their children in such a manner as to render them an ornament to the Church and useful members of society, and to insure their temporal, but especially their eternal welfare.

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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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- The board's advice is valued because the corporate wisdom and insight of its members are desired and appreciated.
- The board promotes St. Michael School and helps to build a strong school community by outreach to current and new families.

#### THE TIME COMMITMENT:

- Meetings once per month
- 1-3 hours per month of additional committee work
- Events throughout the year such as the New Family Picnic, Open House, Trivia Night, and Parish Festival
- Each position holds a three-year term



If you are interested in applying for a position on the SMSAB, please contact the principal, Sr. Mary Regina, O.P. at [principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org) with a brief description stating your interest and your resume by **May 17, 2025**

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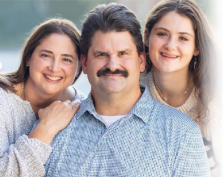
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