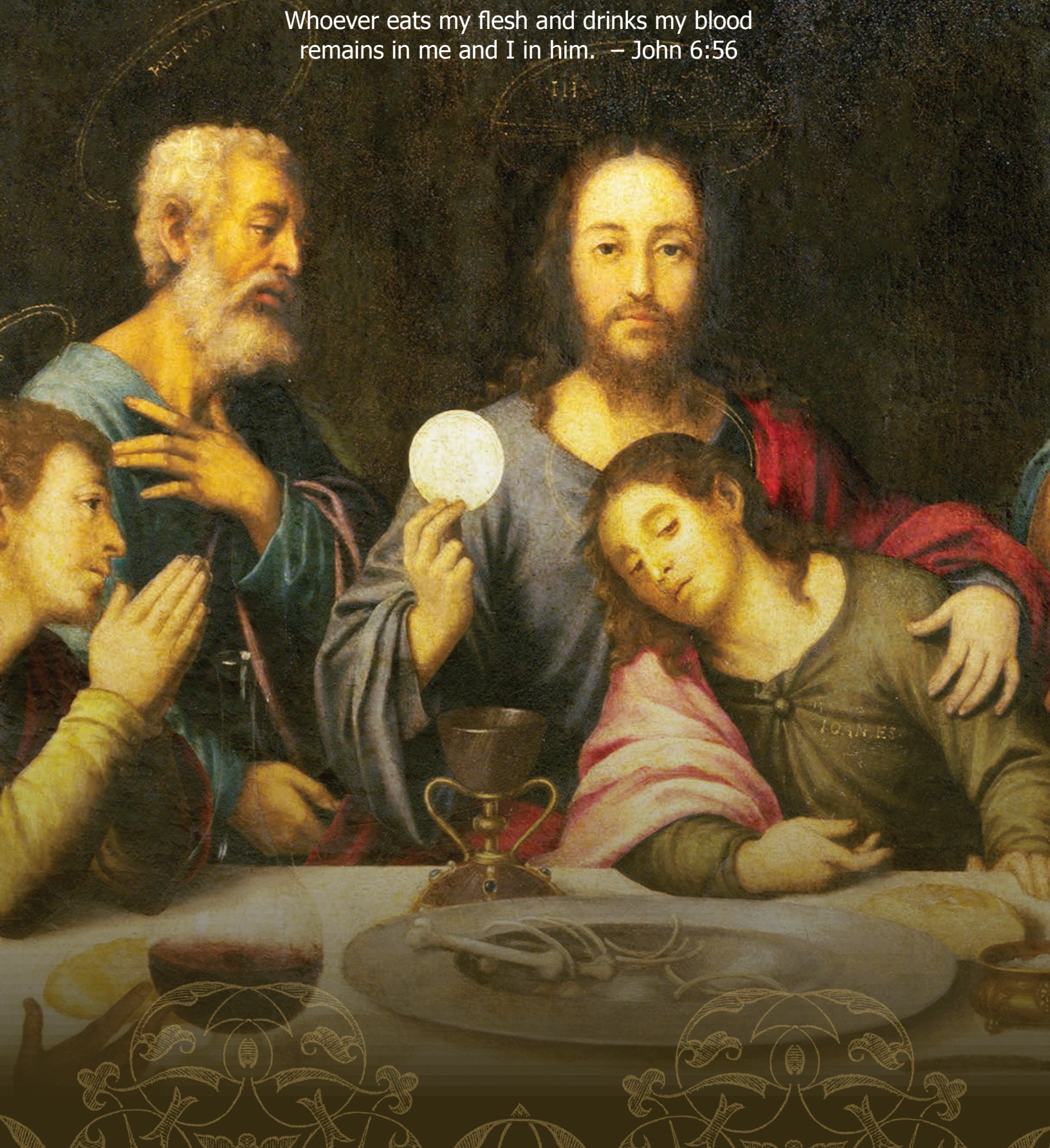


June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him. – John 6:56



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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 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – JUNE 22, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 21

4:00 p.m. Special Intention of the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged & Infirm (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

Sunday, June 22

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

10:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (The Couzins Family)

12:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Bohnen-Hartley Families

5:00 p.m. + Joseph & Judith Ruger (The Levins Family)

Monday, June 23

6:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m. + Loreto Tempesta (Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

Tuesday, June 24

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Fr. Stash Dailey (SMS Class of 2025)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Joshua Adams (The Adams Family)

Wednesday, June 25

6:30 a.m. + Jody Munhall (Susanne Curran)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Fr. David Johnstone (SMS Class of 2025)

6:00 p.m. Special Intention of Fr. Robert Kitsmiller (SMS Class of 2025)

Thursday, June 26

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Deacon Crerand, Deacon Demidovich & Fr. Sam Severance (SMS Class of 2025)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Andrew Ferguson (Lily Ferguson)

Friday, June 27

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the St. Michael Parish Office Staff (SMS Class of 2025)

8:15 a.m. + Don & Mary Sands (Don & Cheryl Sands)

Saturday, June 28

8:15 a.m. + Paul Hanson (Jim & Susan Williams)

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

Sunday, June 29

8:30 a.m. + Rosemarie Ann Doersam (The Roehrenbeck Family)

10:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (Sharon Fricke)

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

5:00 p.m. + Fr. Ronald Schmelzer (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 15, 2025

Envelopes	\$	19,397.00
Online Giving	\$	10,924.56
Total:	\$	30,321.56

PARISH CALENDAR: JUNE

SUNDAY, June 22	6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (G)
Monday, June 23	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, June 24	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Confraternity of Christian Mothers (MH) 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Series (UMR)
Wednesday, June 25	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (C,UMR)
Thursday, June 26	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Friday, June 27	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Saturday, June 28	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, June 29	6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)

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 June 20:	\$	178,385.00

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Praised be Jesus Christ,

Nine weeks ago, think of a novena of weeks, we entered into the solemn celebrations of the Sacred Triduum and Paschal/Easter Sunday. It has been nine weeks!

Our celebration this weekend is flowing forth from the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It is coupled perfectly with the upcoming Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart. For the reality of the Holy Eucharist fills us with love for the Most Sacred Heart and vice versa.

On a personal note, the Church's celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is one of my favorites as it was at this Solemnity's Mass where I received my First Holy Communion when I was 8 years old and then also it was this Solemnity where I offered the Holy Mass for the first time as a newly ordained priest in 2008. Having grown up under the paternal presence of the great St. John Paul II and his constant encouragement to be a people of Mary and to be a people of the Holy Eucharist, I am filled with gratitude for the gift of having revived Our Lord for the first time on Corpus Christi and then to offer the Holy Mass for the first time on Corpus Christi.

I humbly ask you to please remember in your prayers your priests this weekend. As we give thanks to the Almighty God for the great gift He makes of Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, please remember He instituted His priesthood with the Holy Eucharist. Your priests, therefore, must be men of the Holy Eucharist. Your priests must be men of the Most Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

A few little things here and there pertaining to the life of our parish:

1. The parish staff is trying to tackle some much-needed maintenance issues and challenges around the parish campus. Please pardon random room closures as we try and get these jobs finished in between parish events.
2. We have an excellent number of children registered for our TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP in July! If your family is considering having your children attend, please reach out to the Parish Office ASAP so we can plan accordingly and be able to welcome all of the children who will be attending.
3. On July 29th, we will have a charter bus leaving St. Michael first thing in the morning and making the journey to the Final Vows Mass for our Dominican Sisters. Our very own Sr. Josefa will be processing her final vows! For more information or to reserve a seat, please call the Parish Office. On the return trip, the bus will stop at the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.
4. Our parish needs some fun! We are organizing a summer kickball league for Sunday afternoons during the month of July. If interested in organizing a team or wanting to join a team, please call the Parish Office. This will be a family-friendly event and we ask that you try and pray as hard as you play and play as hard as you pray! (No injuries allowed, we just got out of debt.)
5. This coming Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart! It is a great day to attend Holy Mass, bless your home with Holy Water, and renew your consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Entrusting each of you to the most merciful Eucharistic Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 68: Holy Communion

As we continue through the Communion Rite, the long-anticipated moment has arrived. Finally, it is time for Holy Communion! This is the moment we have been preparing for throughout the whole Mass. Whenever I think about the joy of Holy Communion, I remember very vividly the thrill of my First Communion. I think of the song we all learned and the wonderful party afterward. But I especially remember the moment of Communion. Although I was small at the time, in second grade, I remember feeling a special closeness to God that I never had felt before. I don't know if I grasped what Holy Communion meant on an intellectual or even theological level, but I certainly felt a true spiritual union with our Lord.

As Fr. Joseph McGloin teaches, "The word 'communion' is almost self-explanatory. Literally, it means 'union with.' It suggests a sharing, a mutual participation. Holy Communion, is, then, an intimate sharing in the life of Christ" (How to Get More Out of the Mass, p. 128). That is exactly what takes place in Holy Communion. We receive the Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ into our bodies, and he unites us with himself. Unlike regular food which becomes part of our bodies, the Eucharist unites our bodies to the Lord. Fr. McGloin continues, "While the other sacraments bring us the grace of Christ, this one brings us the grace of Christ himself along with himself. Truly, a person with any faith in Christ would be foolish to neglect this great gift" (How to Get More Out of the Mass, p. 133).

Participating in Christ's Perfect Sacrifice

Did you notice he said sacrifice? Hopefully, this word reminds us of one of the names for the Mass—the Holy Sacrifice. As we have journeyed through the Mass, we have noted that the Mass is a true sharing in the Last Supper and in the Cross of Jesus. In the Mass, we are invited to participate in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Fr. Guy Oury tells us how sacrifice and Holy Communion fit together in the Mass. He says, "The Mass is a sacrifice but also a repast, or rather, a sacrificial repast. It would not have meaning, at least not the meaning given it by the Lord, were it not also Communion." He goes on to say, "The meal symbolizes the union between the God of the covenant and the people of God."

This becomes clearer if we look at meals and feasts in Jewish history. According to Fr. Oury, "In the [Traditional Jewish] meal God is present as a tablemate, invisible to be sure but still present. He lives with human beings, shares their common interests, and welcomes them as intimates. People are the invited of God... At the time of Christ, the image of a feast was one of the most common to portray the kingdom that was to come. The Lord used it repeatedly in the parables. It stood for the kingdom of heaven both in the terrestrial form that is the Church and in the ultimate and definitive form that is paradise. The Eucharist itself was instituted in the context of a sacred meal, that of Passover" (The Mass, pp. 105–6).

The Greatest Celebration of All Time

See how Holy Communion is so much more than just a meal? True, it is a Sacred Meal, Holy Thursday, the Last Supper, where we are guests of the Lord, who gives of his very self for our nourishment. But, this meal is also the sacrifice of the Cross, where our sins are overcome and conquered once and for all. The meal is also an anticipation of the heavenly banquet, where we will celebrate with the Lord and the Communion of Saints forever. Finally, this special meal is also a means of unity among the faithful—the Body of Christ, the Church. With all this meaning, the Eucharist is the greatest celebration of all time. Not only are we present at this wonderful celebration, but many of us are also invited to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. In the weeks ahead, we will look more closely at receiving Communion properly, who can receive Communion, different forms of Holy Communion, and what to do when we aren't able to receive Our Lord.

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on God's promise through Isaiah to provide a feast "for all peoples" (see [Isa 25:1–9](#)). Thank Christ for his sacrifice present in the Mass, and make Isaiah's prayer your own: "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" ([Isa 25:9](#)).
2. Deepen your awareness of the Old Testament ritual feasts that prepared the way for Christ as described in Leviticus (see [Lev 23](#)). Discuss with your family or community how to strengthen the centrality of the Mass in your weekly or daily life.

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 69: Disposed to Receive Communion

"The Body of Christ." "Amen." As we continue our discussion of Holy Communion, we consider who is able to receive Communion. The Diocese of Peoria reminds us: "Holy Communion is for all who are properly disposed to receive him. To be properly disposed we must be Catholic, in a state of grace and have fasted one hour prior to the reception of Holy Communion" (A Study of the Mass, p. 19).

A Sign of Unity

Why Catholic? Reception of Holy Communion is the fullest sign of Christian unity. As we said previously, receiving Christ in the Eucharist binds us to him. Since there is one Christ, he draws us together as one. However, what if one person who believes Jesus is truly present receives Communion while another person who believes in only a symbolic presence receives? That would be a problem. That would be two people making an outward sign of unity which would not be true unity. This false unity would not respect the true presence of Jesus, as well as the unity he prayed for at the Last Supper. That is why reception of Holy Communion is first limited to those who believe that Christ is truly present: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Since this is the Catholic belief, Catholics (as well as Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches which maintain valid sacraments and believe that Christ is truly present) are eligible to receive Communion. Also, limiting reception of Communion to Catholics protects the





integrity of non-Catholics. When we receive Communion, we first hear: "The Body of Christ." We respond with "Amen," indicating that we do believe that Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present and we wish to receive him. For non-Catholics who don't believe the Body of Christ is really present, receiving Communion would contradict their beliefs. They would be saying "Amen" to a statement that they do not believe. So, not permitting them to receive Communion actually respects their beliefs.

Prepared to Receive

Why must we be in a state of grace to receive Communion? Simply put, because Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is God—all-perfect, all-holy, all-love. To receive him in a state of sin is an offense against his goodness. Charles Belmonte teaches, "We should never dare to receive the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin. To do so is to abuse sacrilegiously the mercy of God. Only a shallow and false love, based on mere sentimentality, can bring us to such a detestable course of action. This mistreatment of the sacrament is a grave offense against God. St. Paul's warning on this issue is quite clear: 'Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be behaving unworthily toward the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone is to recollect himself before eating this bread and drinking this cup; because a person who eats and drinks without recognizing the body is eating and drinking his own condemnation' (1 Cor 11:27-29). [...] Therefore, we cannot—and should not—receive our Lord with a soul dirtied by sin. If we realize we have a serious sin, even though we may seem to be contrite, we cannot go and receive the Holy Eucharist without previous sacramental confession" (Understanding the Mass, pp. 182-3).

Along these lines, Belmonte notes that St. Pope John Paul II taught, "The two sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist remain closely linked. Without a continually renewed conversion and the reception of the sacramental grace of forgiveness, participation in the Eucharist would not reach its full redemptive efficacy... It is not only that Penance leads to the Eucharist, but that the Eucharist also leads to Penance. For when we realize who it is that we receive in Eucharistic Communion, there springs up almost spontaneously a sense of unworthiness, together with sorrow for our own sins and an interior need for purification" (Understanding the Mass, p. 184; John Paul II, Letter of Holy Thursday [1986], 8; DC, 7). Of course, we know we are unworthy to receive such an amazing gift, but we are obligated to do our best to be as prepared as we can be. That's why regularly making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and striving to be in a state of grace is so important.

Hungry for God

Why fast for an hour before Communion? When we don't eat, we become hungry. When we eat a lot, even if it is our favorite food, we don't want more. Fasting is an age-old way of growing in hunger, in this case for the living God. Our hunger reminds us that we yearn to be filled up, that we yearn to have our hunger satisfied. This works for the body, but it also works for the soul. As we "clear out" room in our hearts through fasting, we realize that the empty space should be filled by God. As St. Augustine once famously said, the only one who really fills that hunger is God ("Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee"). Fasting for an hour helps ensure that we are better focused on God for our nourishment and prepared to receive him in Holy Communion. Fasting before the Mass generally covers food and non-necessary drinks such as alcohol, soda, etc. Water is allowed, as well as medicines. For those who are seriously ill (hospital, nursing home, homebound) and for those who care for them, the rule of fasting does not apply. For example, a person in the hospital who is eating lunch when the priest comes is allowed to receive Communion. The same would be true for a nurse who just finished her lunch break when the priest arrives.

Having reviewed being properly disposed to receive Communion, next time we'll review the official guidelines for receiving Communion. These guidelines continue to emphasize our belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and provide guidance for people of various backgrounds who might be present at Mass.

For Reflection:

1. Review the ways you prepare for significant events in your daily or weekly routine. Heighten your awareness of the purpose of fasting before receiving Holy Communion by making intentional choices about how you spend that time before Mass.
2. Pray with St. Paul's words to the Corinthians in [1 Corinthians 11:17-34](#). Consider what steps you can take to be more properly disposed to receive the gift of Holy Communion.

Coming Up Next: USCCB Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

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

“Lord, I come to Your tender heart today, to You who have words that set my heart ablaze, to You who pour out compassion on the little ones and the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries. I desire to know You more, to contemplate You in the Gospel, to be with You and learn from You and from the charity with which You allowed Yourself to be touched by all forms of poverty. You showed us the Father’s love by loving us without measure with Your divine and human heart. Grant all Your children the grace of encountering You. Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only You in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine. From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which You are the source from which all consolation flows. Amen.”

+PRAYER OF POPE LEO XIV TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Monday, June 23 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5 Jesus said to his disciples: “Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.”

Meditation: Everybody has the potential to be rather critical at times (and not of the “constructive criticism” variety), but nobody wants to be judged or condemned. Then why is judgementalism so rampant, even among Christians? Often times people don’t hear what is actually being said, but instead their hearing gets impaired by their prejudices or biases which, in turn, impacts their thought process. Thinking the best of other people is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty. The Rabbis warned people: “He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God.” How easy it is to misjudge and how difficult it is to be impartial in judgment. Our judgment of others is usually “off the mark” because we can’t see inside the person, or we don’t have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 reminds each of us of a heavenly principle that we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you. The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God’s mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for love, charity, compassion and forbearance towards your neighbor.

Tuesday, June 24 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time **Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered

her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Meditation: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leaped in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your family may walk in the way of salvation and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged, may come safely to the One he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you marvel at the grace and work of God, especially in your personal life? The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (ref. Malachi 4:6). We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (ref. Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. This child, however, has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name "John" means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of its Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, June 25 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So by their fruits you will know them."

Meditation: What's the test of a true or false teacher? Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living — living according to moral truth and upright character. The prophet Isaiah warned against the dangers of falsehood: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20). The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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: What some people say claiming to be “the way” and what we “hear” might both have some resemblance of the truth, but, in fact, when you inspect it closely, it’s actually false – it is a twisting of “the way, and the truth” of Jesus Christ. False prophets or teachers abound today as much as they did in biblical times. And, sadly, they attract great numbers of people because these false teachers water down the laws of God and the teachings of the Christ so that people who “hear” these false teachings no longer are challenged by God’s laws or Christ’s teachings. Many people seek the things of this earth, instead of looking heavenward; false teachings suffice for them. Such falsehoods do not help anyone grow in holiness, or conform our lives to follow the will of God – instead we impose our will upon Him. Falsehood, then, leads to wrong thinking, wrong actions, and a life contrary to God, His Son, and His one true Church. How do we avoid falsehood? By faithfully being true – true to God, His word, and His grace. Being true takes a keen ear and a sharp mind – both attentive because of the familiarity one has attained through reading and knowing scripture and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, all of which nourish us. Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies what we need. The fruit of a disciple is marked by faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. Do you cultivate good fruit in your life and reject whatever produces bad fruit?

Thursday, June 26 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Optional Memorial ~ Father Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, Priest

Holy Gospel: 7:21-29 Jesus said to his disciples: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?’ Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’ “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.” When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Meditation: We live in a time when color-coded “threat levels” are part of the norm. We take these seriously, we don’t mind the extra security measures, especially when traveling because we know it’s for our own safety and security. Even outside of “threat levels” there are daily “threats” – severe weather, traffic accidents, and other events that are part of the challenges of life. If the threat of disaster or life-changing moment were to come your way, would you be ready to meet it and overcome it? When Jesus told the story of the builders he likely had the following proverb in mind: When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm for ever (ref. Proverbs 10:25). What’s the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool humans with our speech, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is – with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (ref. Psalm 139:2).

Prayer: O God, who raised up your priest Saint Josemaría Escrivá in the Church to proclaim the universal call to holiness and the apostolate, grant that by his intercession and example we may, through our daily work, be formed in the likeness of Jesus your Son and serve the work of redemption with burning love. We ask 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: There is only one way in which a person’s sincerity can be proved, and that is by one’s practice. Fine and fancy words can never replace actions and good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true or false, and good or evil. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbor, and oneself. Such a person’s word can be taken as trustworthy. What can keep us from falsehood and disaster? If we make the Lord and his word the rock and foundation of our lives, then

nothing can shake us or keep us from God's presence and help. Is the Lord and his word the sure foundation of your life?

Friday, June 27 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:3-7 Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees and scribes: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

Meditation: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ is the heart of love and compassion. This level of love and compassion is clearly revealed in the way he sought out sinners and outcasts of society. No one was excluded from his gracious presence unless they chose to stay away out of jealousy or mistrust. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he freely associated with sinners and treated them graciously. The Pharisees had strict regulations about how they were to keep away from sinners, lest they incur defilement. They were not to entrust money to them or have any business dealings with them, nor trust them with a secret, nor entrust orphans to their care, nor accompany them on a journey, nor give their daughter in marriage to any of their sons, nor invite them as guests or be their guests. They were shocked with the way in which Jesus freely received sinners and ate with them. Sinners, nonetheless, were drawn to Jesus to hear him speak about the mercy of God. Jesus characteristically answered the Pharisees' charge with a parable or lesson drawn from everyday life. What does Jesus' story about a lost sheep tell us about God and his kingdom? Shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold. The shepherd searches until what he has lost is found. His persistence pays off. He instinctively shares his joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. 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 of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

Contemplation: God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. Instead God desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you persistently pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God? Do you acknowledge that Jesus is King of our heart? Do you conform your heart to his Sacred Heart, expressing love and compassion to all whom you meet and interact with?

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High School Youth Ministry



SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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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The St. Vincent de Paul Society invites you to **FILL THE TRUCK!**

Our donation weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is quickly approaching! Have you been cleaning out your closets and storage areas and thinking of donating them or having a garage sale? We make it easy to share your "preloved" used items and fill up the shelves and racks at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store. By sharing these items you are helping St. Vincent de Paul to raise money for the work it does in our community, and provide others with an opportunity to purchase affordable items to help make their house a home.

The trailer will be in our church parking lot beginning Saturday, June 28 from 12:00pm-6:00pm and Sunday, June 29 from 8:00am-2:00pm.



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be on hand to help you unload your car. We will accept all clothing, shoes, home decor, household items, and toys puzzles in good condition. If you have large furniture pieces to donate, the Thrift Store will make the arrangements to pick those up from your home. Together we can make a difference!

PSR for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Registration and information is coming soon!



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