



St. Michael the Archangel

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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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 10, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9

4:00 p.m. +Thomas Fristad (Ron & Julie Winland)

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. + Fr. Ronald Schmelzer (Fr. Michael Lumpe)
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Fidel Pitones (The Schmitt Family)
 12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Mrs. Kimberly Buechner
 (SMS Class of 2025)

Monday, August 11

6:30 a.m. + Paul Butler (Lou & Karen Griffith)
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Lily Ferguson

Tuesday, August 12

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Deacon Zachary Goodchild
 (Kathleen McKinniss)
 8:15 a.m. + Jim & Sis Miller (Debbie Miller)

Wednesday, August 13

6:30 a.m. + Deacon Jack Elam (Deacon John & Mary Crerand)
 8:15 a.m. + Gerold & Frances Stucker (Don & Cheryl Sands)
 6:00 p.m. + Barbara Haselwood (Beth Haselwood)

Thursday, August 14

6:30 a.m. + Ken Taylor
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P.
 (The Lund Family)

Friday, August 15

6:30 a.m. + Helen Fristad (The Fiala-Fristad Family)
 8:15 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
 12:00 p.m. Special Intention of Bill Taylor
 5:30 p.m. Special Intention of Lucas DeCenzo (The DeCenzo Family)
 7:00 p.m. + Mary P. Clark (Deacon John Crerand)

Saturday, August 16

8:15 a.m. +Fr. Edward Scisser (Lauren Jazwiec)
 4:00 p.m. +Bruce Crosby (Earl Crosby)

Sunday, August 17

8:30 a.m. + Benito Alvarez & Maria Josefa Caso Alvarez
 (The Caso Family)
 10:30 a.m. + Edgar Heinbach (The Laurin Family)
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of St. Michael Teachers & Students
 (SMS Class of 2025)
 5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AUGUST 3, 2025 :

Envelopes	\$	19,241.58
Online Giving	\$	13,774.00
Total:.....	\$	33,015.58

PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST

SUNDAY, August 10	11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessings (C)
Monday, August 11	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:30 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (LMR)
Tuesday, August 12	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U)
Wednesday, August 13	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)
Thursday, August 14	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Festival Meeting (UMR) 7:30 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U)
Friday, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Office Closed Eucharistic Exposition (AC) Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 16	9:00 a.m. PSR Sacrament Parent Meeting (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, August 17	No Activities

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



2025 APPEAL:

Goal	\$	208,245.94
Raised as of August 4:	\$	315,570.00

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

A few items to share and cover:

-On August 15th, we will celebrate the Holy Day of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven! This great solemnity cannot be overstated when describing its incredible significance and importance for the disciple of Jesus. For those of us who follow the Lord, we are each called to be aiming for heaven. Simply put, we need to be heavenbound in our day-to-day living. While our hearts are fixed on Jesus and our eyes are looking heavenward, we each seem to so easily become distracted by things of this world and even, perhaps, by sin. Recalling that Our Lady was literally pulled up into heaven by her Son, who is our Lord, we are given a beautiful reminder that where the Lord has gone, His mother has followed, and if His Mother, who is our Mother, has gone there, then we, her children, should want to follow.

We were each made for heaven! We should want to go there and, reflecting upon and celebrating the truth that Our Lady has gone there, following her Son, we should each take great care to celebrate, and celebrate proudly, that we are a heavenwardly-focused people.

So, as to facilitate the attendance at Holy Mass by as many of the faithful as possible, we have Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption at the following times:

6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

-On August 14th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe! Once we cross into the afternoon and evening of the 14th, we enter into the Vigil of the Assumption. In Carey, Ohio, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, there is a great annual tradition of praying the Rosary by candlelight while processing with the miraculous image of Our Lady that is housed at the shrine. This is done on the Vigil of the Assumption. The procession leads to an outdoor altar, where Holy Mass is offered and then, following Mass, the statue is processed back to the shrine basilica.

IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

To help get our parishioners there, we are organizing a bus to transport people to the shrine. That way, the late-night drive is done by the bus and not by you.

If interested, please notify the Parish Office or email pilgrimages@saintmichael-cd.org to inquire about space on the bus.

-As a result of the generosity of a deceased parishioner and her particular fondness for Jesus in the Eucharist and a love for St. Michael Church, we have received funds specifically for the repair and restoration of the communion rail at St. Michael. In addition to the repair of the marble work, there will be several other minor fixes in the sanctuary, nothing major of note, but little things that need addressing.

-We received a life-size statue of the Child Jesus, and the particular title for this image is "King of Love." It has a great history and story behind the statue, and even the symbols contained within the statue reveal a depth and tone of God's love that we usually don't consider.

As a permanent home is being considered for this statue, for the time being, it is being kept near the St. Joseph side altar. Included in this bulletin is a page featuring a description of the details and the reason behind their incorporation into the image.

Jesus Himself revealed this image to a French nun, who was overwhelmed by division and discord found within and among her community. She would go on to use this image of the Child Jesus as King of Love offering His Sacred Heart to whomever was passing by as a source of peace to the soldiers she would hide from the Nazis during World War II. She would hide not only Jews, but also soldiers from the Allies and members of the Resistance movement, but while hiding them, she would encourage them to seek peace and hunger for unity with God.

-In only a couple of weeks, our Festival will take place! This is, of course, a huge community event and so, it is all hands on deck when it comes to helping pull it together. Please consider volunteering in a booth or assisting with whatever your gifts and talents will allow.

-We are preparing to begin classes for those seeking entrance into our Catholic Faith! If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

These are great days given the saints we remember during August and the beautiful Marian Feasts we will celebrate; I pray you may each find time to receive and reflect upon God's love for you.

In Jesus, our King,

Fr. Stash Dailey



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 80: Personal Thanksgiving

Let us go forth! But not so fast that we forget to give thanks! Another important part of taking in the graces received in the Mass is “the personal thanksgiving.” According to the Diocese of Peoria, “While nothing is officially noted in the rubrics, the importance of making a personal thanksgiving after Mass has been emphasized by many saints throughout the history of the Church. It is so important that the clergy are advised by canon law to make such an act. We never rush saying goodbye to someone we love. How true this should be with our Lord whom we have just praised and adored at the Holy Mass” (A Study of the Mass, p. 21).

Fr. Stefano Manelli notes saints who emphasized the personal thanksgiving after Mass. For example, St. Louis de Montfort “used to remain after Mass for thanksgiving at least a half hour, and he would not permit any need or assignment to serve as a reason for omitting it. He said, ‘I would not give up this hour of thanksgiving even for an hour of Paradise.’” In another story, Fr. Manelli explains, “A fellow sister asked St. Bernadette, ‘How are you able to remain for so long in thanksgiving after Holy Communion?’ The saint replied, ‘I consider that it is the holy Virgin who gives me the Baby Jesus. I receive Him. I speak to Him and He speaks to me’” (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love: Eucharistic Life Exemplified by the Saints, pp. 46, 113).

Lingering with Our Lord

Further exhorting the virtues of a personal thanksgiving, Charles Belmonte teaches that, “in Communion, Jesus not only comes into our arms, or sits by our side, but also enters and dwells in our hearts. Thus, our heart ought to glow in the same way that the hearts of the disciples on the road to Emmaus burnt within them as Christ spoke and explained the Scriptures to them. It is natural that we desire to remain a few minutes in prayer and thanksgiving after the Mass. The Church recommends this practice. Sometimes, we will be talking with Christ. At other times, we will say nothing at all; we will simply look at him and he will look at us. We should also know that Christ’s Body and Blood remain in us after communion as long as the accidents of the bread and wine remain as such. As soon as our bodily processes change these accidents, Christ’s real presence ceases to be. Nevertheless, we continue living in his Mystical Body. While Christ is really present inside us in the form of the consecrated species, we must be grateful and gracious hosts to him... St. Josemaria Escriva thus advises us: ‘Do not leave the Church almost immediately after receiving the sacrament. Surely you have nothing so important to attend to that you cannot give our Lord ten minutes to say thanks. Let’s not be mean. Love is paid for with love’” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 200–1).

Ideas to Pray in Thanksgiving after Mass

Need some further ideas of what to pray in personal thanksgiving? Belmonte continues, “The content of our thanksgiving will be just a continuation of the sentiments and affections we have felt—or tried to foster in ourselves—during the Mass, but perhaps in an atmosphere of greater intimacy this time. Sometimes, acts of faith, hope and charity addressed to the Three Divine persons will spurt from our soul. At other times, we will maintain an intimate dialogue with Jesus, our divine Friend who will purify and transform us. Or perhaps, we will just be sitting still, in silent adoration, in the same manner that a mother watches over her son who has fallen asleep. According to St. Teresa, there is no other time than thanksgiving after Mass when we can so easily enrich our soul with virtues, or so rapidly advance to a high degree of perfection. We should not look for prayers or formulas, if we do not find any need for them. But if we realize they can help us, we should overcome our laziness (say, to open our missal and read the prayers for thanksgiving there). [...] We should remember to pray for all those who cannot be with us in this celebration because they do not share the faith of the Church.” Belmonte reminds us that prayers to our Blessed Mother and the saints can be helpful, quoting from Pope St. Paul VI: “May the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from whom Christ the Lord took flesh that ‘is contained, offered, received’ in this sacrament under the appearances of bread and wine, and may all the saints of God and especially those who were more inflamed with ardent devotion toward the divine Eucharist, intercede with the Father of mercies so that this common belief in the Eucharist and devotion to it may give rise among all Christians to a perfect unity of communion that will one day flourish” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 201–3; *Mysterium Fidei*, 75).

No doubt, after Mass we will be excited to go out into the world! Perhaps we have people we are going to visit or gatherings or events we will attend. Hopefully, we don’t get in such a hurry that we omit the thanksgiving, a wonderful opportunity to solidify the fruits of the Mass!

For Reflection:

1. If you are not in the habit of making a personal thanksgiving after Mass, commit to this practice. If you attend Mass with others, share this commitment with them and invite them to participate. Allow this time of personal prayer to help foster spontaneous intimacy with the Lord, or make use of composed prayers if you find them helpful.
2. Extend the practice of personal thanksgiving at the end of Mass to other areas of your life by concluding other events or interactions with a moment to acknowledge and give thanks to God for the fruits of this time, whether silently and privately in your own heart or in union with those open to your devotion.

Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 81: Carrying Jesus with Us

As you go forth from Mass, is Jesus still with you? Is he really and truly present? As we mentioned previously, our Catholic faith teaches us that the Real Presence of Jesus remains in the Eucharist until the outward appearances of the Sacred Host and/or Precious Blood cease to be those of bread and wine as they are absorbed by our bodies. While there are different opinions on how long that actually is, most agree it is around 15 minutes. No doubt, that is a great reason to try and plan for a time of thanksgiving after the Mass. As we go forward, it is also great to keep in mind that, in a very real way, we are tabernacles with Jesus inside us during that time.





Imitating Mary in Receiving Communion

Edward Sri offers thoughts for meditation through the words of Pope St. John Paul II. Sri reminds us that when we have the Real Presence of Jesus in Communion, we are very much like Mother Mary with Jesus in her womb: "John Paul II noted a profound connection between Mary carrying Jesus in her womb and the person receiving communion. In a sense, we become like Mary every time we receive the Eucharist. 'Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word.' For nine months, Mary had the body and blood of Jesus within her. At Mass, we receive the sacramental Body and Blood of our Lord. 'At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood'" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 142-3, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 55).

As Sri notes, St. John Paul II went on to reflect upon what learning about the Mass and receiving Communion would have been like for Mother Mary. "What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James, and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: 'This is my body which is given for you' (Lk 22:19)? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb!" Sri writes, "John Paul then beautifully drew out the unique meaning Holy Communion would have had for the Blessed Virgin: 'For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers...' What a profound insight! Imagine Mary preparing herself to be reunited with her Son in this way. Imagine the loving attention she gave to Jesus in every Holy Communion. What a joy it must have been for her to have her Son dwelling within her again! May Mary be a model for us in the way we receive the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may ardently welcome Jesus in every Holy Communion as Mary received her Son. May the Eucharist cause our hearts to beat ever more in unison with Christ's as Mary's heart beat perfectly with his" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 142-3, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 56).

Bearing Jesus' Presence As We Go

So beautiful! What a wonderful and rich meditation to think about as we recall with joy that Jesus is within us. While certainly more lighthearted, a similar realization comes from one of the funniest saint stories I have come across when reading about the Mass and the Eucharist. Fr. Stefano Manelli recounts that St. Philip Neri had two altar boys with lighted candles go to accompany a man who had left church right after Communion (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love: Eucharistic Life Exemplified by the Saints, p. 46). Can you picture it? How about the expression on that man's face?! Of course, it may have been a corrective to the man to help him realize he shouldn't be leaving Mass early. But it also really drives home the joyful realization that after Communion, Jesus is truly present with us for a time. As that man was walking forth from the Mass, St. Philip Neri had the altar boys carry candles because it was a Eucharistic Procession! If we could regularly have that realization of Jesus truly present with us after Communion, how different would our conversation and activity be as we go forth from Mass? How would we greet those we encounter? How would we navigate through the parking lot? What activities would we do next after Mass? How would we talk with those we encounter? May a greater realization of the gift of Jesus within us strengthen us to honor his presence in how we show his love!

For Reflection:

1. As you prepare to depart after Mass, ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Philip Neri to help you recognize and reverence Christ's Eucharistic presence in yourself and others.
2. Consider making "visual contact" with the tabernacle after Mass as a way to acknowledge the Blessed Sacrament remaining in the church in union with your own presence as a tabernacle processing into the world. Find concrete ways of being a "sanctuary light" to awaken awareness of Christ's presence.

Come and Adore

Inviting all parishioners to take an hour of
Eucharistic Adoration on behalf of our parish.
Time spent in the presence of Our Lord will
quickly become the most fruitful part of your week
& will better equip you for all that you do in your
daily life. Register at stmichael.weadorehim.com
or by scanning the QR code.





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 August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

“The rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.” +POPE LEO XIII ~ “THE ROSARY POPE”

Monday, August 11 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 As Jesus and his disciples were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were overwhelmed with grief. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes,” he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, “What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?” When he said, “From foreigners,” Jesus said to him, “Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you.”

Meditation: On three different occasions the Gospels record that Jesus predicted he would endure great suffering through betrayal, rejection, and the punishment of a cruel death. The Jews resorted to stoning and the Romans to crucifixion – the most painful and humiliating death they could devise for criminals they wanted to eliminate. No wonder the apostles were greatly distressed at such a prediction! If Jesus their Master were put to death, then they would likely receive the same treatment by their enemies. Jesus called himself the “Son of Man” because this was a common Jewish title for the Messiah. Why must the Messiah be rejected and killed? Did not God promise that his Anointed One would deliver his people from their oppression and establish a kingdom of peace and justice? The prophet Isaiah had foretold that it was God's will that the “Suffering Servant” make atonement for sins through his suffering and death. Jesus paid the price for our redemption with his blood. Slavery to sin is to want the wrong things and to be in bondage to destructive desires. The ransom Jesus paid sets us free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of sin and the fear of death. Jesus' victory did not end with death but triumphed over the tomb. Jesus defeated the powers of death through his resurrection.

Prayer: O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty, grant, through her intercession, that, following Christ in poverty of spirit, we may merit to contemplate you one day in the heavenly Kingdom. 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: No one is overly fond of paying taxes, especially when one thinks they might be unreasonable or unjust. And yet taxes provide much in the way of necessary services. Jesus and his disciples were confronted by tax collectors on the issue of tax evasion. When questioned about paying the temple tax, Jesus replied to his disciples: We must pay so as not to cause bad example. In fact, we must go beyond our duty in order that we may show others what they ought to do. The scriptural expression to give no offense doesn't refer to insult or annoyance; rather it means to put no stumbling block in the way of another that would cause them to trip or fall. Jesus would not allow himself anything which might possibly be a bad example to someone else. Do you evade unpleasant responsibilities or obligations?

Tuesday, August 12 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Optional Memorial: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 The disciples approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, “Amen, I say

to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

Meditation: Do you find yourself somewhat surprised to see the disciples discussing with Jesus who is the greatest? Have each of us not done the same thing at some point in our lives? The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us on one level or another. Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us: "you have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor." (ref. Psalm 8:6). Jesus made a dramatic gesture by placing a child next to himself to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor at his right side.

Prayer: O God, who made Saint Jane Frances de Chantal radiant with outstanding merits in different walks of life, grant us, through her intercession, that walking faithfully in our vocation, we may constantly be examples of shining light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: So, then, who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble of heart, who instead of asserting their rights willingly, empties themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child – and they do so by imitating Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Remember the words of Saint Benedict: "The first step of humility is unhesitating obedience, which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all."

Wednesday, August 13 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: Saints Pontian, Pope and Martyr, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Meditation: We've all been wronged by someone. When we are in that situation, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison the mind and heart and, thus "spin us up" and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled.

Prayer: May the precious long-suffering of the just, O Lord, we pray, bring us a great increase of love for you and always prompt in our hearts constancy in the holy faith. 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 Augustine had this to say about today's Gospel: "If someone has done you injury and you have suffered, what should be done? You have heard the answer already in today's scripture: 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone.' If you fail to do so, you are worse than he is. He has done someone harm, and by doing harm he has stricken himself with a grievous wound. Will you then completely disregard your brother's wound? Will you simply watch him stumble and fall down? Will you disregard his predicament? If so, you are worse in your silence than he in his abuse. Therefore, when any one sins against us, let us take great care, but not merely for ourselves.

For it is a glorious thing to forget injuries. Just set aside your own injury, but do not neglect your brother's wound." So what's holding you back from doing as Christ instructed? Not human pride!

Thursday, August 14 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Memorial: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Visit the National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe: <https://kolbeshrine.org/>

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-19:1 Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Meditation: Jesus teaches that one must forgive in order to be forgiven, no matter how many times. If we do not forgive our fellow human being we cannot expect God to forgive us as many times as we approach God for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13). Mercy is truly a gift and it is offered in such a way that justice is not negated. C.S. Lewis once wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety."

Prayer: O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money – millions in our modern currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province – more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was fraction of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater. If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us.



Friday, August 15 ~ Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~**



Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit

rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Meditation: Have you ever spent time examining how strong your hope is in the promises of God? Mary is a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph (1 Cor.15:20-24). What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. The Blessed Virgin Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She did not pause, stop to think, or say "Let me get back with you." She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (ref. 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry. The Holy Spirit is always at the ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit? If not, today is a wonderful day to begin.

About this Solemnity: The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter. For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended. In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

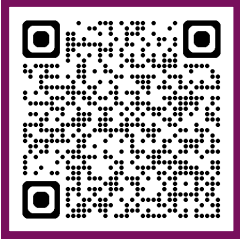
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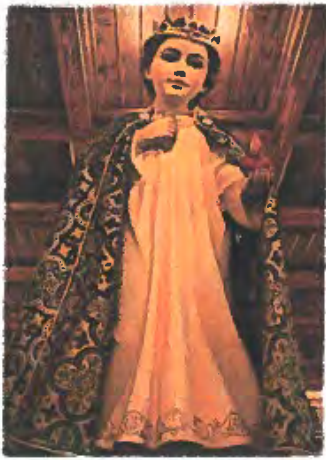
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The Divine Child says to us: "Believe in My Love, fear not, Love Me, give Me your whole heart and make Me loved, for I am Jesus."

The Little King of Love

This statue is a replica of the monument of Divine Child Jesus, which Mother Angelica placed in the piazza of the Temple of the Divino Nino in Hanceville, Alabama.

"The Divine Child Jesus is inviting us to accept His Love, His Heart, and to carry with us and within us the Childhood of Jesus. For the Lord said, "Unless you become as little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven..." And in Isaiah it gives us a good example of what God expects to do in this world, in this life: it says, "...a little Child shall lead them." May we all be led by the Divino Nino Jesus."

~ Mother Mary Angelica

The Divine Child with the Sacred Heart

The Divine Child Jesus (about age 6) holds out His Most Sacred Heart to us, and asks our love in return. The Eternal Son of God became Man, and hid His Omnipotence and Majesty under the form of a Child. Why did He wish to redeem us? It was because He loved us with an infinite and divine love. *"God so loved the world, so as to give His only-begotten Son..."*

I.H.S. on Garment

The initials for Jesus Hominum Salvator (Jesus Savior of Mankind) reminds to keep holy the name given to Our Savior before His birth: *"you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."* Saint Paul tells us *"God has exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord..."*

Globe of Stars

He stands upon the stars for He is the Creator of the Universe, the Creator who became a Little Child. *"In these last days, He has spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature, upholding the universe by His word of power."*

"You descended from the stars, O King of Heaven, how much it cost You to love me!"

Crown of Kingship

He is so small, yet so great. It was prophesied, *"Before Him all Kings shall fall prostrate, all Nations shall serve Him."* The angel Gabriel proclaimed to the Blessed Virgin Mary (represented in by the lilies) that her Son "will rule over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." Jesus Christ is true Man; He is also true God, the Son of the Highest: *"A Child is born to us, a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder."*

Star of David with the Holy Cross

Born from the line of King David, Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises God made to Jewish people, the glory of His people Israel. *"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father David."* The Holy Cross inside the Star of David signifies the fulfillment of the Old Covenant and the establishment of the New Covenant. *"He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance."*

Star of Bethlehem

Jesus is God and Redeemer of all mankind, of Jews as well as Gentiles. *"Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him."* He revealed Himself after His Birth, first to the Jewish shepherds by means of His angel, and then to the Gentile Magi by means of His star. *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."*

He manifested Himself as the Omnipotent God and the Lord of hosts. He is the Light Of Revelation to the Gentiles.

Cope

The Divine Child Jesus is robed in a cope, a priestly garment symbolizing His eternal priesthood.

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

"A Little Child has been given to us, but in Him dwells all the fullness of the divine nature."

May all peoples adore the Creator of the universe, the Messiah, the King greater than David in whom all the prophecies are fulfilled: Jesus Christ, whose birth was announce by a star and at whose name all of creation will fall prostrate. He offers us His Sacred Heart, asking our love in return. To live in His love and inherit eternal life, we must follow Him and become like little children with hearts burning for love of God and love of neighbor. Take Thou my heart and give Thine to me, O Divine Child Jesus!

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