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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 17, 2025



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16

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

Monday, August 18

6:30 a.m. + Jean M. Keller (Josephine & Eric Yang)
8:15 a.m. Antonio Perez & Flora Elena Caso Perez (The Caso Family)

Tuesday, August 19

6:30 a.m. + Leo Walsh (Pat & Joe Kearns)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Kearns Family

Wednesday, August 20

6:30 a.m. + Jerry Gabriel
8:15 a.m. For the School
6:00 p.m. + Marty Griffin

Thursday, August 21

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Jim Northam (Jack & Paula Tucker)
8:15 a.m. + Kathleen Quinn (SMC Adoration Ministry)

Friday, August 22

6:30 a.m. + Joan Eppick (SMC Adoration Ministry)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Father Stash Dailey
(Wednesday Group)

Saturday, August 23

8:15 a.m. + Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)
4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Mary Regina

Sunday, August 24

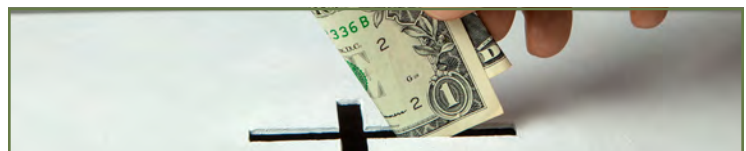
8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
10:30 a.m. + Don & Jody Munhall (The Levins Family)
12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Carolyn & Steve Bolen
(The Brown Family)
5:00 p.m. Special Intention of SMS Teachers & Students
(SMS Class of 2025)

PARISH CALENDAR AUGUST

SUNDAY, August 17	No Activities
Monday, August 18	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, August 19	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U)
Wednesday, August 20	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)
Thursday, August 21	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Festival Meeting (UMR)
Friday, August 22	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee (U)
Saturday, August 23	2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, August 24	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



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 10, 2025 :

Envelopes	\$	13,670.16
Online Giving	\$	10,829.22
Total:	\$	24,499.38

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As disciples of Christ, we should have a confidence in the power of prayer. In that confidence I'm inviting you to join me in praying for the children of the parish who are returning to school.

We have children attending high school studies at:

- Bishop Watterson
- Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict
- Olentangy Liberty
- Olentangy Orange
- St. Charles
- St. Francis DeSales
- Thomas Worthington
- Worthington Kilbourne

Our younger children also attend a variety of grade schools and preschools including:

St. Michael the Archangel
Our Lady of Peace
St. John Paul II
Our Lady of Bethlehem
Kilbourne Middle School
Evening Street Elementary
Worthington Estates
Worthington Hills

While the above list is by no means exhaustive it does give an idea of just how many schools our parish's children are enrolled in for studies. As a side note, I apologize if there are schools I left out, the ones listed are those I was able to determine based on the information I had access to through registrations and conversations.

Together let us pray for all of the children of the parish who are returning to school. May the teachers, administrators and support staff all be blessed for their guidance offered to our children.

In Jesus, through Mary,

Fr. Stash Dailey



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 82: Summary and Farewell

Once “the Mass is ended” and we go on our way, you might feel that there is more. What else should we think about? The Mass is only ended in terms of a particular parish family gathering coming to a temporary halt. As some of our favorite authors for this series have taught us, the Mass continues.

The Mass and Daily Life

During our review of the Mass, we have seen how God speaks to his people. We have reflected on the great gift of Jesus, who has given himself in sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. We have prayed through the great gift of the Mass that unites us to Our Lord’s saving sacrifice and invites us to participate. We have meditated on the Eucharist as our true source of unity with God and one another. We have prepared to go forth, recognizing that our mission is to share the fruits of the Mass out in the world. Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches about the mission of the Mass: “The Lord does not want us removed from our surroundings, our work, or our social relationships. He wants us in the world so that we might sanctify and improve it, and place at God’s feet all souls and institutions, all political life and all activities in general. Blessed Josemaria Escriva points out for us, ‘Your ordinary contact with God takes place where your fellow men, your yearnings, your work and your affections are. There you have your daily encounter with Christ. It is in the midst of the most material things of the earth that we must sanctify ourselves, serving God and all mankind.’ Therefore, the Mass should not be taken as a kind of escape from our duties” (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Similarly, Fr. Guy Oury writes, “What remains after [the Concluding Rites of the Mass] is to go and live the Mass we have celebrated and the Communion we have received: to live it in abiding union with the Father’s will and in union with one another. Mass does not end at the Church door. There is no line of demarcation between worship and life” (The Mass, p. 124).

Seeing unity in our life inside and outside Mass, Belmonte writes (including some words from Pope St. Paul VI) that “we should turn to our daily occupations to find God also in these pursuits. Thus, we will avoid leading a double life: ‘on one side, an interior life, a life of relation with God; and on the other, a separate and distinct, professional, social, and family life, full of small earthly realities. No! We cannot lead a double life... There is just one life, made of flesh and spirit. And it is this life which has to become, in both soul and body, holy and filled with God. We discover the invisible God in the most visible and material things. There is no other way. Either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or else we shall never find him” (Understanding the Mass, p. 198).

Some Final Thoughts from Fr. Luke

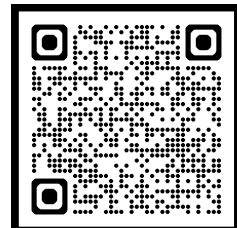
For me, as this series draws to a close, I am struck by how rewarding and enriching this step-by-step journey through the Mass has been! No doubt, there are others who are more scholarly or more original. Likely, there are some spiritualities and blessings of the Mass that could have been reviewed in more detail. Hopefully, these reflections have been helpful for all of you. I hope they have been an invitation to learn more about the wonderful gift of the Mass. I pray they have been a jumping-off point for more prayer and learning in the years ahead!

With a thankful heart, we go forward. We recall the great truths and gifts shared along the way. The Mass truly is an encounter with the Lord Jesus, in his Word, through the priest and assembled community, but most especially in his very Body and Blood in the Most Holy Eucharist. As we know, the Mass isn’t just a once-a-week kind of activity, not just something we “turn on” and then “turn off” when we are finished. Rather, the Mass changes us and makes us more like Christ, perfects us, and prepares us for heaven. This change is not just internal but must be lived out in the world so that others may be brought to the fruits of the Mass, both in this life and in the eternal Banquet of the Lamb in heaven. I pray that you will always be able to find Christ truly present in the tabernacle, on the altar, and in the midst of living life. I pray that you will always find him! I pray that the fruits of the Mass will be with you out in the world, and I pray with great hope for the joy of all being joined together in perfect worship of God, joined together at the great Banquet of Heaven!

For Reflection:

1. With gratitude, reflect back on your participation in Fr. Luke’s series. Which parts of the Mass or themes stand out the most to you? How have you shared what you have learned with others, or how could you do so as the series concludes?
2. Pray for deepening integration of your interior life, and continue to approach the Eucharist and the Mass as the source of unity for every aspect of your life. Pray also for Fr. Luke and all who have shared the journey of this series with you!

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AS WE
WALKED THROUGH THE MASS TOGETHER!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REVISIT PREVIOUS
ARTICLES YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED.**



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

“Wherever we are, in the family, parish, school or workplace, we should try not to miss any opportunity to act with love. This is the type of vigilance that Jesus asks of us: to grow in the habit of being attentive, ready and sensitive to one another, just as He is with us in every moment. Sisters and brothers, let us entrust to Mary this desire and responsibility: may she, the Morning Star, help us to be the ‘watchmen’ of mercy and peace in a world marked by many divisions.” +POPE LEO XIV ~ EXCERPT, ANGELUS, AUGUST 10, 2025

Monday, August 18 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22 A young man approached Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?” He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He asked him, “Which ones?” And Jesus replied, “You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Meditation: Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. The Lord himself is the greatest treasure we can possibly have. Giving up everything else to have the Lord as our treasure is not sorrowful, but the greatest joy. See Jesus' parable about the treasure hidden in a field (Matt. 13:44). Selling all that we have could mean many different things – our friends, our job, our style of life, what we do with our free time. Jesus challenged the young man because his heart was possessive. He was afraid to give to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. Those who are generous towards God and others find that they cannot outmatch God in generosity. God blesses us with innumerable spiritual goods – such as long-lasting peace, unspeakable joy, enduring love, abiding relationships and friendship that does not fade or fail – that far outweigh the fleeting joys of material possessions which fail to satisfy us beyond the present moment. God alone can satisfy the deepest longing and desires of our heart.

Prayer: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 gives hope and satisfaction to our desire for happiness and security? A young man who had the best the world could offer – wealth and security – came to Jesus because he lacked one thing. He wanted the kind of lasting peace and happiness which money could not buy him. The answer he got, however, was not what he was looking for. He protested that he kept all the commandments; but Jesus spoke to the trouble in his heart. One thing kept him from giving himself whole-heartedly to God. While he lacked nothing in material goods, he was nonetheless possessive of what he had. He placed his hope and security in what he possessed. So when Jesus challenged him to make God his one true possession and treasure, he became dismayed.

Tuesday, August 19 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: Saint John Eudes, Priest; Founder, Congregation of Jesus and Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30 Jesus said to his disciples: “Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they

were greatly astonished and said, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For men this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Then Peter said to him in reply, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Meditation: Was Jesus really against wealth? And why does he issue such a strong warning to the rich (as well as to the rest of us who desire to be rich)? We know that Jesus was not opposed to wealth per se, nor was he opposed to the wealthy. He had many friends who were well-to-do, including some notorious tax collectors! One even became an apostle! Jesus' warning reiterated the wisdom of the Old Testament: "Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is perverse in his ways" (Proverbs 28:6; see also Psalm 37:16). "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist" (Proverbs 23:4). Jesus seems to say that it is nearly impossible for the rich to live as citizens of God's kingdom. The camel was regarded as the largest animal in Palestine. The "eye of the needle" could be interpreted quite literally or it could figuratively describe the narrow and low gate of the city walls which was used by travelers when the larger public gate was locked after dark. A normal sized man had to "lower" himself to enter that gate. A camel would literally have to kneel and crawl through it.

Prayer: O God, who wonderfully chose the Priest Saint John Eudes to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ, grant us, by his example and teachings, that, growing in knowledge of you, we may live faithfully by the light of the Gospel. 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: Wealth can make us falsely independent. The church at Laodicea was warned about their attitude towards wealth and a false sense of security: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing" (Revelations 3:17). Wealth can also lead us into hurtful desires and selfishness (see 1 Timothy 6:9-10). Look at the lesson Jesus gave about the rich man and his sons who refused to aid the poor man Lazarus (see Luke 16:19ff). They also neglected to serve God. The scriptures give us a paradox: we lose what we keep and we gain what we give away. Generosity will be amply repaid, both in this life and in eternity (Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 6:38). Jesus offers us an incomparable treasure which no money can buy and no thief can steal. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Material wealth will shackle us to this earth unless we guard our hearts and set our treasure in God and his everlasting kingdom. Where is your treasure?

About Saint John Eudes: Born on a farm in France, Saint John was a religious, a parish missionary, founder of two religious communities, and a great promoter of the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He joined the religious community of the Oratorians and was ordained a priest at the age of 24. During severe plagues in 1627 and 1631, he volunteered to care for the stricken in his own diocese. He is probably best known for the central theme of his writings: Jesus as the source of holiness, Mary as the model of the Christian life. His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary led Pius XI to declare him the father of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Wednesday, August 20 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Memorial: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the

same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Meditation: What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God. There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry. God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour.

Prayer: O God, who made the Abbot Saint Bernard a man consumed with zeal for your house and a light shining and burning in your Church, grant, through his intercession, that we may be on fire with the same spirit and walk always as children of 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: While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put as much effort in as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord calls his disciples to serve God and neighbor with generosity and joy. Do you perform your work and duties with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need?

Thursday, August 21 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial: Pope Saint Pius X

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people in parables saying, "The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then the king said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. He said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Meditation: Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior.

Prayer: O God, who to safeguard the Catholic faith and to restore all things in Christ, filled Pope Saint Pius the Tenth with heavenly wisdom and apostolic fortitude, graciously grant that, following his teaching and example, we may gain an eternal prize. 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: Today's gospel lends itself to reflect on one of the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian teacher who died for his faith under the horrific Nazi era, who contrasts "cheap grace" and "costly grace." "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves...the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance...grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which

must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

Friday, August 22 ~ Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. 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, and He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Meditation: There is a great lesson for us in Mary's response to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel. She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust. Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willingness, obedience, and heart-felt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help, strength, and means to respond. We can either yield to God's grace, or resist and go our own way. But if we choose the latter, where are we going? Nowhere!

Prayer: O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. 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: Folks, we need to remind ourselves that God lavishes his grace upon all who believe in him. He shows his favor to the lowly, to those who are humble and receptive to his word. We see the unfolding of God's plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. The new era of salvation begins with the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God. As Eve was the mother of all humanity doomed to sin, now Mary becomes the mother of the new Adam who will father a new humanity by his grace (Romans 5:12-21). This child to be conceived in her womb is the fulfillment of all God's promises. He will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King" (Luke 1:32-33), and his name shall be called "Jesus", which means "the Lord saves". "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The promise of an everlasting kingdom to the house of David (Isaiah 9:6-7) is fulfilled in the King to be born in Mary's womb.

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Labor Day Weekend
Friday: 7-11pm
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VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

Many volunteers are still needed to make our festival a success! All volunteers are provided a voucher for one free food court item and pop/water stand drink per night. Grab a friend to work a shift together! Scan the QR code to signup or visit <https://www.saintmichaelfestival.com/volunteers/>



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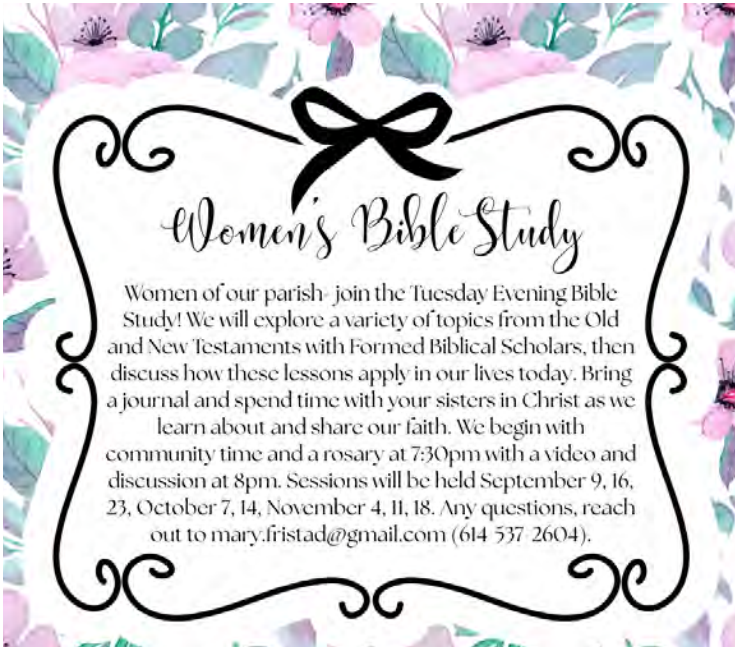
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AROUND THE PARISH



Women's Bible Study

Women of our parish- join the Tuesday Evening Bible Study! We will explore a variety of topics from the Old and New Testaments with Formed Biblical Scholars, then discuss how these lessons apply in our lives today. Bring a journal and spend time with your sisters in Christ as we learn about and share our faith. We begin with community time and a rosary at 7:30pm with a video and discussion at 8pm. Sessions will be held September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, November 4, 11, 18. Any questions, reach out to mary.fristad@gmail.com (614 537 2604).



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MOM'S DAY OUT FALL SEASON STARTING NOW!

Mothers are invited to join our Mother's Day Out Community on Friday's 9:30-11:30am. Running September 5 - December 19, mothers will take turns staying and caring for the group of children playing in the Upper Meeting Room or dropping off their child(ren) and enjoying some free time. Two mothers will stay each day and there is a cap at 12 children to maintain a less than 1:6 ratio of mother:children. Dates will coincide with St. Michael School Days in session and according to room availability.

Fridays
September 5
thru
December 19

Mothers will sign up to volunteer for 4 dates to stay with the children and are always welcome to stay extra days if they would like to. All volunteers need to be PGC cleared prior to volunteering. Please contact Rachael Laurin at ralaurin0928@gmail.com for questions or to sign up.

SCHOOLS



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is excited to announce that we now have a three-year-old program in addition to our four-year-old program. We are now accepting applications for children who are three by September 30 and fully toilet trained. We admit on a first-come, first-served basis and, as space is limited, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. We are also still accepting applications for children who are four by September 30 and fully toilet trained. Scan the QR code to apply today!

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resumé, and references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at principal@stmichaelworthington.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Biking for Babies is a national mission that helps raise awareness and funds for pregnancy resource centers across the nation. These life-affirming centers help women in unplanned or crisis pregnancies by providing free medical care, counseling, baby items during their pregnancies and after, and so much more!

Kristin Sorensen is one of the missionaries who visited the parish back in July. Thank you for your prayers and support. To learn more about her experience, scan the QR code!



DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS SURVEY

Bishop Fernandes has a desire to hear from as many of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Columbus about

their perspective on his four priorities of pastoral concern: Vocations, Evangelization, Catholic Education and Formation, and Social Outreach. The Diocese of Columbus has created a pastoral planning survey in an effort to hear from as many Christian faithful as possible. Please scan the QR code to complete the survey today.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the first annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **October 4, 2025 from 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church in Gahanna, OH.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through August 18 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/columbus or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.

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