



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE
SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am
10:30am
12:30pm
5:00pm

Daily

Monday-Friday 6:30am

Monday-Saturday 8:15am

Wednesday 6:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

Sundays at 8:00am,
9:45am & 11:45am

Wednesdays from
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Saturdays from
2:30pm - 3:30pm

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SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00 p.m. on first and third Sundays. Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00 p.m. on second Sunday. All by appointment. Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.



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 2026. 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.



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.



LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20

4:00 p.m. + Peter Luft (Laurie Luft)

Sunday, September 21

8:30 a.m. + Matthew Russell

10:30 a.m. + Dominico Canini (Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Leena Rayan Miranda
(SMS Class of 2025)

5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

Monday, September 22

6:30 a.m. + Jonathan Walden

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

Tuesday, September 23

6:30 a.m. + Provida Masi

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Christopher Wojcik

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 a.m. + Pope Francis (Norm & Rosa Lawton)

8:15 a.m. + Leo Zupan IV (The Zupan Family)

6:00 p.m. + Stacy Dayton (The Freytag Family)

Thursday, September 25

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of James Kirby (SMS 6th Grade Class)

8:15 a.m. + M. Margaret Benz (The Hoffman Family)

Friday, September 26

6:30 a.m. Special Intention Kevin Vincent (James & Diane Vincent)

8:15 a.m. + Ramon Rodriguez & Justa Maria Caso Rodriguez
(The Caso Family)

Saturday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Manuel, Arsenio & Luis Caso Pasada (The Caso Family)

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

Sunday, September 28

8:30 a.m. + Jerry Rocco (The Rocco Family)

10:30 a.m. + Elder Cole (The Adams Family)

12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Kyle Neugebauer (SMS Class of 2025)

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Mary Stuller (SMS Class of 2025)

PARISH CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, September 21	9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
Monday, September 22	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. PSR (A) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, September 23	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U) 6:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls Information Meeting (MH) 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (UMR)
Wednesday, September 24	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
Thursday, September 25	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Friday, September 26	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 7:30 p.m. Opus Dei (C, UMR)
Saturday, September 27	6:45 a.m. That Man is You (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 8:50 a.m. PSR (A) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 5:00 p.m. Ixcan Creations (MH) 6:30 p.m. Cana for Couples (MH)
SUNDAY, September 28	Ixcan Creations after all Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (G) 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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 14, 2025:

Envelopes	\$ 23,440.25
Online Giving	\$ 9,791.19
Total:	\$ 33,231.44



± MARRIAGE BANNS ±



CONGRATULATIONS TO
SANTINO DIROSARIO & KIAUNA JOHNSON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOIN THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

**INFORMATIONAL
MEETING
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:00PM
MARIAN HALL
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

QUESTIONS?
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MEETINGS
BEGIN IN
OCTOBER!



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Back in August, I flew to Oklahoma City to visit the Shrine of Blessed Stanley Rother. Blessed Stanley is a diocesan priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City who worked and served the Lord in a small village in Guatemala, Santiago Atitlan, until he was martyred for the faith in 1981.

Blessed Stanley grew up on a farm in a strong Catholic family near Okarche, Oklahoma. His family was close-knit and very close to the land, as they were farmers. While he excelled in school as a child, he struggled in seminary and was eventually asked to leave because of his poor grades. He eventually found a home at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. While there at "the Mount," he would pray and study and lend the practical skills he learned at the family farm toward the building and upkeep of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the same mountain as the seminary he attended. (I attended that seminary and it was there as a seminarian I first learned about Blessed Stanley Rother.)

Blessed Stanley would eventually be ordained a priest and ask to be missioned to Guatemala, where he would serve alongside other missionaries and strive to help the people in every way. As a result of incredible political violence, he was placed on a death list for no other reason than he spoke the native language and preached the Gospel. While he was called back home to Oklahoma City by his Archbishop to save his life, he would ask to return so that his people may not be without a priest and go without the sacraments.

In 1981, he was killed. The people of the village asked to keep his heart, even though his body was sent home to be buried. I share this with you because you and I need to know that the Lord has placed within the hearts of people like us the same zeal and love for the Lord that we read about in the saints of previous ages. Blessed Stanley is more like us than he is different from us.

Next weekend, we will have biographies about Blessed Stanley Rother for sale. The book costs \$24.00. The proceeds from the sale of the books will go to support a mission that helps people in Guatemala use their talents and live by the fruit of their labors. In addition to the copies of the biography that will be for sale, there will be handmade jewelry, as well as handmade rosaries, all made by the women of the area near where Blessed Stanley lived and died.

In this bulletin, there is an article written by a woman who was present for the beatification of Blessed Stanley and has visited his church and the room where he was killed. She lives and works in Guatemala among the women we have a chance to support through the purchase of the items that will be available next weekend.

While I was only able to visit the Shrine in Oklahoma City for a day, I have been reading the biography since I left. I'm nearing the end of the book and it's one of those reads where you can't put it down, and yet, you don't want it to end. I have 75 copies of the biography, and I hope we sell out of them, as that would mean at least 75 people will have the opportunity to get to know of one of the first US citizen martyrs for the Holy Catholic Faith, a man who served as a diocesan priest during hard times with great love. It would also mean we are supporting those who live in the same area where he served.

Don't forget, we are entering into the nine-day period of prayer leading up to the great Feast of St. Michael the Archangel! His feast day Mass was so popular down through the ages that Mass on His feast day became known as *Michaelmass* from old English, very similar to how the Nativity of the Lord's Mass is called *ChristMass* or Christmas. We will celebrate the Novena by praying a special prayer at the end of every Mass leading up to the feast day, and then on the feast day itself, we will have the Bishop as celebrant at 8:15 a.m. and then another Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by festivities, including a hog roast!

In Jesus,

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH



Cana for Couples

Saturday, September 27
6:00 to 9:00pm
featuring Sr. Joseph Andrew, O.P.

Inviting all married, engaged & couples discerning marriage to an evening of faith and fellowship. \$50 per couple, dinner and drinks are provided. Doors open at 6:00pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm followed by our speaker for the evening,

Sr. Joseph Andrew, O.P.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Scan the QR code to register today!



Women of the St. Michael Community and their family and friends are invited to:

Hope by Candlelight

Thursday, October 2 at 7:00pm

Featuring Mary Fristad

Join us for a beautiful evening of faith and fellowship as we share a meal and listen to Mary Fristad share with us about Hope and its psychological, historical, and theological aspects. To host a table, RSVP as an individual or for more information on our candlelight evenings, please scan the QR code.





Dear Friends,

There is no love greater than this but to lay down one's life for one's friends. — John 15:13

When I heard months ago, that Fr. Stanley Francis Rother, a missionary priest from Oklahoma who had served and died in a small Mayan village in Guatemala, was to be beatified on September 23, 2017, I put the date on my calendar. "I want to go," I said to a friend. Fr. Stanley Rother is the first U.S. born martyr recognized by the Catholic Church. In other words, he is on his way to being officially named a Saint. The actual ceremony of beatification was to be held in Oklahoma City, but being in Guatemala, I felt called to go to his village for the special event.

I had visited Fr. Stan's village in Santiago Atitlan before as a tourist. This time, however, I traveled alone days away from my Ixcán home no longer a tourist but a pilgrim. Pilgrimage requires another way of seeing, another way of being - more contemplative, more prayerful. It is holy travel.

I wasn't blessed to know Fr. Stan personally. What I learned was he was born in 1935, grew up on a farm in Okarche, Oklahoma, was ordained a priest in 1963 and at age 33 was called to mission in Santiago Atitlán where he spent the last 13 years of his life. By all accounts he was a simple, down to earth, ordinary man. His ministry not only cared for the spiritual needs of the people but extended to agriculture, education, communication and health.

Even though he had struggled academically in the seminary with the required study of Latin, Fr. Stan mastered the Maya Tzutujil language in order to better serve his people. "He spoke just like one of us," one of the local men told me. He was instrumental in translating the New Testament in Tzutujil. The people affectionately called him Padre Aplas (his middle name Francis translated in Tzutujil).

The morning of September 23rd I walked in the early light of morning from the nearby hostel where I was staying to the huge, white colonial church of St. James the Apostle. The carpet of fresh green pine needles and flowers in the main aisle stretched from the entrance to the altar. Red and white cloth danced from the ceiling. The 200-young women choir were dressed in full traditional Tzutujil attire, their woven red skirts wrapped around their lithe figures and red headdresses wound saucer-like around their heads elicited royal Mayan beauty. The 25 or more young men in their woven shirts and white pants below the knees with guitars in hands readied for worship. No ordinary choir; their song and dress reflected their faith, culture, pride and love.



The church swelled with standing room only. The beatification ceremony was televised live from Oklahoma City on screens set up throughout the church. The Spirit of God was palpable. I was immersed in the joy and the love of a people for their shepherd.

The theme that was repeated over and over about Fr. Stan was taken from his own words written in a letter months prior before his death, "El pastor no debe huir." The shepherd must not run.

In 1981 at the height of the violence of the 36 year civil war, Stan's name along with others, appeared on a death list. His life was in imminent danger. He returned to Oklahoma to the safety of the United States, but he couldn't stay; he needed to be with his people. Three months later, he returned to Santiago Atitlán, knowing full well the likely consequences of this decision.

On the fateful night of July 21, 1981 in the early morning hours of night, three masked men broke into the room where Fr. Stan was staying. He put up a fight. He was determined not to be taken and tortured only to be killed like so many others. After 15 minutes of struggle, Fr. Stan, beloved Aplas, was dead.

His body was returned to Oklahoma for burial, but the people of Santiago Atitlán insisted that his heart remain with them. So it did. When his heart was exhumed just a month ago from the side memorial in the church to be placed beneath the front altar, the Pope's Representative, el Nuncio Apostólico, informed in his beatification sermon, "His blood is still in liquid form, and his heart is still fresh."

I am writing now from Santiago Ixcán and listening from a CD to lyrics of the songs the people wrote and sang in Stan's honor. One song goes, "Blessed Apla, minister of God, true shepherd that gave himself for love. Your teaching of love, 'The shepherd must not run,' is a model for living."

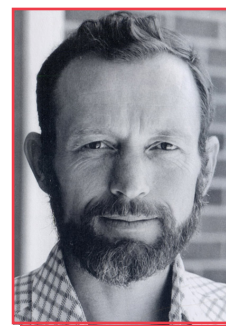
Fr. Stan modeled a radical surrender to do what he perceived as God's call on his life. He didn't run even in the face of death. He embraced the consequences of staying with his people in a time of great danger. So, I ask, "What is the hard, the difficult, that I am being called to embrace, that I am being asked to not run from within my own calling, state of life and vocation?"

It is said, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of faith." The fruit of Fr. Stanley Rother's martyrdom is ultimately in the lives of the faithful here. Another line of their song sums this up:

"The Church today is full of joy for your great example that moves us to struggle to announce Christ."

"The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Pray for us that we may be a sign of the love of Christ for our people, that our presence among them will fortify them to endure these sufferings in preparation for the coming of the Kingdom."

— *Blessed Fr. Stanly Aplas Rother*



To learn more about Fr. Stan there is an excellent book called *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run* by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our ministry walking with the people of the Ixcán. May Blessed Fr. Stanley Rother, pray for us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy".

Kathy Snider

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Ixcán Ministries is a Christian lay mission serving as a ministry of presence with the Maya people in the Ixcán jungle of Guatemala. We act as a bridge between cultures for the exchange of gifts to transform lives and society.

Ixcán Ministries is a 501(c) 3 organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.

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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 September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

“The field of battle between God and Satan is the human soul. It is in the soul that the battle rages every moment of life. The soul must give free access to the Lord so that it be fortified by Him in every respect and with all kinds of weapons; that His light may enlighten it to combat the darkness of error; that it be clothed with Jesus Christ, with His justice, truth, the shield of faith, the word of God, in order to conquer such powerful enemies. To be clothed with Jesus Christ it is necessary to die to oneself.”

+SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

Monday, September 22 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:16-18 Jesus said to the crowd: “No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lamp stand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away.”

Meditation: What do the images of “light” and a “lamp” tell us about God's kingdom? Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood “light” as an expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. In fact, our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you With all our heart. 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 remarks that nothing can remain hidden or secret. We can try to hide things from others, from ourselves, and from God. How tempting to shut our eyes from the consequences of our sinful ways and bad habits, even when we know what those consequences are. And how tempting to hide them from others and even from God. But, nonetheless, everything is known to God who sees all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek his truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him — abundance of wisdom, guidance, peace, and blessing. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

Tuesday, September 23 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:19-21 The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.” He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

Meditation: Have you given any thought to the real meaning of what it means to be Christian? While being a Christian involves doctrine, precepts, and commandments, it is first and foremost a relationship –

a relationship with Christ built on trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. God offers us the greatest of relationships – union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, the very author and source of love (ref. 1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love. Jesus is God's love incarnate — God's love made visible in human flesh (ref. 1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (ref. Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God — his own sons and daughters.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in the Cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. 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: Ask yourself a very fundamental question: Who do you love and cherish the most? God did not intend for us to be alone, but to be with others. He gives us many opportunities for developing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Why does Jesus seem to ignore his own relatives when they pressed to see him? His love and respect for his mother and his relatives is unquestionable. Jesus never lost an opportunity to teach his disciples a spiritual lesson and truth about the kingdom of God. On this occasion when many gathered to hear Jesus he pointed to another higher reality of relationships, namely our relationship with God and with those who belong to God.

About Saint Pio of Pietrelcina: Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910. While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch. In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81. Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s. His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on 20 December 2001.

Prayer for Saint Padre Pio's Intercession: Gracious God, You generously blessed Your servant, Padre Pio, with the gifts of the Spirit. You marked his body with the five wounds of Christ Crucified, as a powerful witness to the saving Passion and Death of Your Son, and as a stirring inspiration to many people of Your infinite mercy, forgiveness and love. In the confessional, Padre Pio labored endlessly for the salvation of souls. Through his prayerful intercession, many who suffered were healed of sickness and disease. Endowed with the gift of discernment, he could read people's hearts. From the blood of his wounds came a perfumed fragrance, a special sign of Your Holy Presence. With dignity and intense devotion, he celebrated daily Mass, inviting countless men and women to a greater union with Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through the intercession of Saint Pio, I confidently beseech You to grant me the grace of (*here state your petition*). Help me to imitate his example of prayerful holiness and compassion, so that I, too, may faithfully follow the Risen Lord, and one day rejoice in the Kingdom, where You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday, September 24 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:1-6 Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Meditation: Why does Jesus tell the apostles to "travel light" with little or no provision? "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. Are you ready to handle the power and authority which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he bids you, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you?

Prayer: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When people use the phrase "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" as a crutch to say that they do not have the ability or the capacity to change their lives, they are shortchanging themselves, the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the transformative words and teachings of Jesus Christ. God's word has power to change and transform our lives. Do you recognize the power and authority which God has entrusted to you as his son or daughter? Jesus gave his apostles both power and authority to speak and to act in his name – to cast out evil spirits, to heal, and to speak the word of God. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

Thursday September 25 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:7-9 Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

Meditation: Who do you most admire? People with "important" titles, power, influence, fame or wealth? Scripture warns us of such danger (see Proverbs 23:1-2). King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, however, was more of a people pleaser than a God pleaser. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends. Now when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod becomes very troubled in conscience. He thinks that John the Baptist has risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's wisdom and truth.

Prayer: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Who is most influential in your life? And who do you most want to be like? We naturally look up to other people we want to imitate. If we truly want to be like God and to live as his sons and daughters, then it greatly helps us to have models and examples of godly people who show us how to live in the power of God's love and holiness. God's grace frees us from the tyranny of fear and the pressure to please others rather than to please God. Do you allow God's grace to fill you with faith and courage to choose what is good and pleasing to him and to reject whatever would keep you from embracing his love and will for your daily life?

Friday, September 26 ~ Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:18-22 Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Meditation: Peter's faith was sorely tested when Jesus explained that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word! How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways! Through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind. If we want to share in Christ's victory, then we must also take up our cross and follow him where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross and his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us faith to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the power to live the gospel faithfully, and the courage to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

Prayer: May you be magnified, O Lord, by the revered memory of your Saints Cosmas and Damian, for with providence beyond words you have conferred on them everlasting glory, and on us, your unfailing help. 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: A fundamental, yet critical question for each one of us: Who is Jesus for you? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the Christ of God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the eyes of faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to publicly recognize Jesus as the Anointed One whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world as Lord and Savior (Luke 2:11, Acts 2:36). *Christ* is the Greek word for *Messiah*, the Hebrew word which is also translated as the *Anointed One*. Our individual response to the question Jesus poses to us – "But who do YOU say that I am?" – must be answered by each of us, and our response can be life-changing.

About Saints Cosmas and Damian: This is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, and these two martyrs have been honored in the East and West in many ways, including the building of churches in their honor in Rome and Constantinople. Along with St. Luke, they are the patron saints of doctors. Sts. Cosmas and Damian were venerated in the East as the "moneyless ones" because they practiced medicine *gratis*. According to the legend, they were twin brothers, born in Arabia, who studied in Syria and became skilled physicians. They were supposed to have lived on the Bay of Alexandretta in Cilicia, in what is now Turkey. Since they were prominent Christians, they were among the first arrested when the great persecution under Diocletian began. Lysias, the governor of Cilicia, ordered their arrest, and they were beheaded. Their bodies, it was said, were carried to Syria and buried at Cyrrhus. What is certain is that they were venerated very early and became patrons of medicine, known for their miracles of healing. The Emperor Justinian was cured by their intercession and paid special honor to the city of Cyrrhus where their relics were enshrined. Their basilica in Rome, adorned with lovely mosaics, was dedicated in the year 530. They are named in the Roman Martyrology and in the Canon of the Mass, testifying to the antiquity of their feast day. Cosmas and Damian were not only ideal Christians by their practice of medicine without fee, they also symbolized God's blessing upon the art of healing and that respect for every form of science, which is an important part of Christian tradition.

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- 9.28 Witness Talk
- 10.5 Why be Catholic
- 10.12 Prayer
- 10.19 Mental Health
- 10.26 Pumpkin Carving and the Saints
- 11.2 Trivia!
- 11.9 Eucharist
- 11.16 Praise and Worship
- 11.23 Thanksgiving Party
- 11.30 No Elevari!
- 12.7 Life of Holiness
- 12.14 Christmas Party!
- 12.19-12.21 Cranks Creek Mission Trip

- 1.11 Authenticity and Double Life
- 1.18 Sacraments
- 1.25 Pro Life
- 2.1 Theology of the Body
- 2.8 Super Bowl!
- 2.15 Lent and Fasting
- 2.22 Moral Relativism
- 3.1 LGBTQ and Same Sex Attraction
- 3.6-3.7 Power and Love Retreat
- 3.8 and 3.15 No Elevari
- 3.22 Evil and Suffering
- 3.29 and 4.4 No Elevari
- 4.12 Resurrection
- 4.19 Adoration and Praise and Worship
- 4.26 Rosary
- 5.3 LAST ELEVARI

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- SEP. 28. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST
- OCT. 12. PRAYER AND HOW TO PRAY
- OCT. 26. THE SAINTS AND HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING
- NOV. 9. MENTAL HEALTH
- NOV. 23. THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND MASS
- DEC. 7. CHRISTMAS AND THE INCARNATION

- JAN. 11. VALUE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
- JAN. 25. PRO LIFE
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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 – SPEAKER: FATHER WILLIAM HAHN

Join us Friday, October 3 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father William Hahn, Vicar General of the Diocese and Director of Priestly Life and Vocations. Father Hahn will speak about the current state of vocations for the Columbus Diocese. St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the October luncheon. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Hahn's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! **Our next luncheon on Friday, November 7, 2025 will feature the annual address to the CMLC by the Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus. Please mark your calendar.**

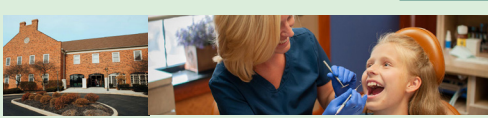
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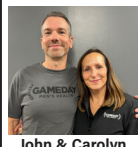
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