

*Pray  
the  
Rosary*

*October is the  
month of the  
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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism classes offered at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday; preregistration required. All baptisms are by appointment only; sponsors need Letter from their pastor. Baptisms may be scheduled on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Please contact the Parish Office.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto: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.

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 26, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 25

4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Roseann Horvath (The Smullen Family)

### Sunday, October 26

8:30 a.m. + Michael Putnam (Maureen & Chuck Meck)  
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Lucy Adams (The Adams Family)  
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Marlene Sparks (SMS Class of 2025)  
 5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

### Monday, October 27

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of St. Michael School  
 Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist  
 8:15 a.m. + James R. Cecil (The Agnello Family)

### Tuesday, October 28

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Paul Eberhard  
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Michael & Cynthia Gardner

### Wednesday, October 29

6:30 a.m. + Michael Plunkett (Janet Plunkett)  
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Leon Garcia Rey  
 (The Garcia Rey Family)  
 6:00 p.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Kathy McKinnis)

### Thursday, October 30

6:30 a.m. + Harold West (The Greenwald Family)  
 8:15 a.m. + Susie Meier (The Jehn Family)

### Friday, October 31

6:30 a.m. + Esther Ellerbrock  
 8:15 a.m. + Rebeca Patton (The Lund Family)

### Saturday, November 1

8:15 a.m. + Leandrito Asuncion  
 4:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

### Sunday, November 2

8:30 a.m. + Robert & Joan Brown (The Brown Family)  
 10:30 a.m. + Dominico & Dominica Canini (Armando & Liliana Tempesta)  
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Jane Pillivant (SMS Class of 2025)  
 5:00 p.m. + Peter Luft (The Jeffries Family)



## WINTER COAT DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting their annual winter coat drive & are asking for your help in donating coats, hoodies, hats & gloves to provide to Worthington area students & families in need for this winter season. We will issue items during our "Sponsor A Family Program" the first week of November. Please donate all items no later than Friday, October 31. Donations can be placed in the clothing room chute located on the East side of St. Michael School. Many Worthington students & families can have a warmer winter with your help.

## PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

<b>SUNDAY October 26</b>	<b>Boy Scout Wreath Sales after all Masses</b> 9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
<b>Monday, October 27</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. PSR (A) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Bible Timeline Study (MH)
<b>Tuesday, October 28</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U) 7:00 p.m. Parish Council (UMR)
<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, October 30</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
<b>Friday, October 31</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR)
<b>Saturday, November 1</b>	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) Boy Scout Wreath Sales after Vigil Mass AHG Fundraiser after Vigil Mass
<b>SUNDAY, November 2</b>	<b>Friendship Sunday after morning Masses</b> <b>Boy Scout Wreath Sales after all Masses</b> <b>American Heritage Girls Fundraiser after all Masses</b> 9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting [www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/).  
 (U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### OCTOBER 12, 2025:

Envelopes .....	\$ 10,790.02
Online Giving .....	\$ 9,026.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 19,816.02</b>

### OCTOBER 19, 2025:

Envelopes .....	\$ 16,760.10
Online Giving .....	\$ 10,735.48
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,495.58</b>

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel,  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

I would like to offer a word of gratitude to "Laity for Mercy" for bringing the traveling exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles to St. Michael last weekend. We have a few copies left of the book which summarizes all of the Eucharistic miracles. Those may be purchased through the Parish Office.

We have started receiving commitments from members of the parish family for hours of Adoration on Sundays. Five hours have been committed to this so far, and we have another six hours needing weekly committed adorers so we can have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Once we will fill the hours on Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., we will then open up the evening and night-time hours on Sunday into Monday, 10:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m.

In response to several questions about family Adoration, a whole family is very welcome to take an hour of Adoration. When signing up for the hour, please make note that you are signing up for a family holy hour so that other adorers looking to take an hour will know the whole family will be present for Adoration. Instead of signing up for the hour as JOHN DOE, please write JOHN DOE FAMILY.

A sincere word of gratitude to all of our committed Adorers who have renewed their commitment for another year!

In writing about gratitude, I am moved to share some news which is very bittersweet. After 42 years of serving the Lord in the Sacred Liturgy here at St. Michael, our organist and choir director, Ron Barrett, is stepping down. There are no words which can adequately express gratitude for all that he has done for our parish family. Ron has seen our parish live through four popes, five bishops, and six pastors! Just take a minute and think about that kind of tenure! I won't even try to count the number of weddings and funerals he has provided sacred music for, so that they were precious experiences.

Over his time here at St. Michael, he has seen our parish family grow and shrink and then grow again, probably several times over, and always from the bird's-eye view in the choir loft. He personally oversaw and invested incredible time and talent into the overhaul and enhancement of our organ, which makes it notable among so many organs in a variety of churches.

Regardless of one's own preferences or likes and dislikes, Ron has given our parish stability in an age of incredible uncertainty and chaos, especially in the realm of Liturgical Music. He has always held the line and been faithful to that which is sacred.

Please join me in offering up prayers of gratitude for Ron's many years of dedicated and devoted service to the Lord here at St. Michael. I would suggest catching him after Holy Mass to offer words of gratitude and support, but he is rather gifted at being elusive. I asked for his permission to host a reception, and he responded the fastest anyone can respond to an email with a firm yet respectful, "NO."

Our "goodbye" won't mean "gone from us" as I look forward to his assistance and presence when he can join us to play the organ as his schedule will allow.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Stash Dailey

## THE ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

The parish has received its first rebate check from this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. This rebate was in the amount of \$97,438.00. As highlighted during our pledge period, the first \$50,000.00 raised over our diocesan goal will be sent to The Catholic Foundation as a contribution towards our parish's perpetual endowment fund. The remaining funds will be used to support our parish's many different ministries and to address areas of needed maintenance. Thank you for participating in the Annual Appeal and helping St. Michael the Archangel Parish plant deep roots for the future to come!

## AROUND THE PARISH



### EXPERIENCE PIETRA

A whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body, while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. In one hour, you will feel calmer, stronger, and renewed! Join our **Pietra classes!** Saturdays from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church. Contact Maria Elliott at [maria@viribuswellness.com](mailto:maria@viribuswellness.com) for more information, or scan the QR code to sign up today.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS FUNDRAISER



St. Michael American Heritage Girls Troop #OH-1247 is holding their first fundraiser to raise funds for their inaugural group of 35 girls from St. Michaels! Oremus home goods is a Catholic & Veteran owned company selling a variety of beautiful, handmade goods perfect to give as gifts or enjoy yourself! 100% of the proceeds of sales using the QR code will come back to our troop. **You must use the QR code in order for our troop to receive credit.** A display with products will be in Marian Hall after all Masses the weekends of November 1-2 & November 8-9. Please stop by or use the QR code to place an order today! Thank you for supporting our troop!

# Blessed Bartholomew Longo

**“My only desire is to see Mary who saved me and who will save me from the clutches of Satan.”**

- Blessed Bartholomew Longo's last words

Perhaps one of the most remarkable conversions in the history of the Church was that of Bartholomew Longo, who went from being a Satanist priest to a beatified, through the extraordinary assistance of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Born in 1841 to a practicing Catholic family, he was not an irreligious youth, but when he went to university in Naples to study law, all that changed. He first went from being a practicing Catholic to being involved in anti-papal demonstrations and then an atheist, following that a Satanist, eventually being ordained to the Satanist priesthood. He had become a complete apostate.

However, Bartholomew's family and friends continued to ardently pray for him and his conversion back to the faith of his childhood. A university professor of his hometown in southern Italy began to have discussions with him and with much perseverance managed to persuade him of the irrationality of his position. This was the beginning of his road to sainthood. He then was referred to a Dominican priest named Father Albert who directed his deprogramming and finally guided him back into communion with the Church.

He had recovered his faith, but realizing the awful scandal and damage he had caused, he wished to make reparations. He learnt first-hand of the awful poverty of the tenant farmers near his hometown. It is said that at the sight of their destitution the words of Our Lady of the Rosary came to his mind: “One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved.”

He believed that from this point on he would devote his life to spreading devotion to the Rosary. His first step was to organize Rosary groups around a shrine he established in his neighborhood church around a picture of Mary called Our Lady of the Rosary. The shrine grew and became a basilica in 1901, attracting thousands of pilgrims daily, and still does today.

Bartholomew was aided in his work by the Countess di Fusco, a devout widow. Pope Leo XIII suggested that they marry to quiet rumors that their work together was leading to an amorous relationship. In obedience to the Pope they did so but vowed to live in celibacy.

They opened an orphanage for children of prison inmates, which achieved unexpected results for children who were considered lost causes and hereditary criminals at the turn of the century.

Bartholomew lived his last 20 years of his life under constant ill health and attacks against his reputation by those envious of him and the success of his apostolate.

His reliance on and dedication to the Rosary was extremely pronounced in his life, as he acknowledged how vital Mary had been in his rescue from Satanism and conversion to the truth. He was an active proponent of the definition of the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, which was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Bartholomew died on October 5, 1926 at the age of 85. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

“Rosary in hand, Blessed Bartolo Longo says to each of us: “Awaken your confidence in the Most Blessed Virgin of the Rosary. Venerable Holy Mother, in You I rest all my troubles, all my trust and all my hope!”

- Pope John Paul II at Blessed Bartholomew Longo’s beatification ceremony.

**St. Batholomew Longo was canonized on October 19, 2025**

This article was made available on Catholic News Agency:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/blessed-bartholomew-longo-615>

# *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](http://stmichael.weadorehim.com) or by scanning the QR code.



# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the Rule of Saint Benedict (73:3)

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*The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary*

***“The Rosary is a powerful weapon in our hands. It not only strengthens us in our personal struggles but also calls down heavenly help for the whole world. Each bead is a step towards the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. Never be ashamed to carry your Rosary or to pray it wherever you are — for through it, you hold the key to countless graces and the sure protection of the Immaculata, who crushes the head of the serpent.”*** +SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

### **Monday, October 27 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 13:10-17** Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the Sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, “Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.” He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, “There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord said to him in reply, “Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from this bondage?” When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

**Meditation:** There are a plethora of things that, at times, can keep any of us bound up or oppressed – especially physical, emotional, or spiritual infirmities, which can befall us. Notice that when Jesus encountered an elderly woman who was spent of her strength and unable to stand upright, he gave her words of faith and freedom and he restored her to health. She must have suffered much, both physically and spiritually for eighteen years, since Jesus remarked that Satan had bound her. How can Satan do this? The scriptures indicate that Satan can act in the world with malice and can cause injuries of a spiritual nature, and indirectly even of a physical nature. Satan's power, however, is not infinite. He cannot prevent the building up of God's kingdom or reign in our lives. Jesus demonstrates the power and authority of God's kingdom in releasing people who are oppressed by physical and emotional sickness, by personal weakness and sin, and by the harassment of the evil one in their lives. It took only one word from Jesus to release this woman instantly of her infirmity. Do you believe in the power of Jesus to release you from affliction and oppression?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 Jewish leaders were indignant that Jesus would perform such a miraculous work on the Sabbath, the holy day of rest. They were so caught up in their ritual observance of the Sabbath that they lost sight of God's mercy and goodness. Jesus healed on the Sabbath because God does not rest from showing his mercy and love, ever. God's word has power to change us, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Is there anything that keeps you bound up or that weighs you down? Let the Lord speak his word to you and give you freedom.

### **Tuesday, October 28 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 6:12-16** Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also

named Apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

**Meditation:** In choosing the 12 Apostles, we see a characteristic feature of God's work – Jesus chose very ordinary people, from everyday walks of life. Sinners all, they were non-professionals, who had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not shrug back because we think that we have little or nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom.

**Prayer:** O God, who by the blessed Apostles have brought us to acknowledge your name, graciously grant, through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude, that the Church may constantly grow by increase of the peoples who believe in you. 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 is God's call to you? And are you responding to God's call? Just as Jesus called the 12 Apostles in various ways to "Come, follow me..." Jesus extends this same invitation to each one of us, to share in his mission, to live our lives according to the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. We, too, are ordinary, everyday people, all capable of achieving many things – great and small – as Christ's followers, as his disciples. What's holding you back from giving yourself entirely over to God? Are you ready to respond to Jesus' invitation of "Come, follow me..." or is something holding you back?

### **Wednesday, October 29 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30** Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the Kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

**Meditation:** What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded. It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week in order to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness. Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven. Many rabbis held that all Israel would be saved, except for a few blatant sinners who excluded themselves! After all, they were specially chosen by God when he established a covenant with them. Jesus doesn't directly answer the question, however; but his response is nonetheless unsettling on two counts. First, Jesus surprised his listeners by saying that one's membership as a covenanted people does not automatically mean entry into the kingdom of God. Second, Jesus asserts that many from the gentile nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike. But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was himself. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved (John 10:9). Through the cross Jesus opens the way for us to enter into his kingdom. But we must follow Jesus in the way of the cross. The word strive can also be translated agony. To enter the kingdom of God one must struggle against the forces of temptation and whatever would hinder us from doing the will of God (even apathy, indifference, and compromise).

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 last thing we ever want to hear Jesus say to us is "I do not know where you are from...depart from me you evil doer." Like any relationship, we need to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ so that we give him all due reverence, love and respect as our Lord and Savior. The best way we

can show Jesus that we revere Him and love Him is to follow Him wherever He leads us. By clinging to His side, by doing what He asks of us, by following the will of God, we can be assured of eternal life with Him. Do you love Jesus enough to follow Him where He wants to lead you? Do you allow Jesus to shepherd you? If not, why not?

### **Thursday, October 30 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35** Some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I accomplish my purpose. Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die outside of Jerusalem.' "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling! Behold, your house will be abandoned. But I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*"

**Meditation:** Jesus compares his longing for Jerusalem with a mother hen gathering her brood under her protective wings. Psalm 91 speaks of God's protection in such terms: "He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge" (Psalm 91:4). Jesus willingly set his face toward Jerusalem, knowing that he would meet certain betrayal, rejection, and death on a cross. His death on the cross, however, brought about victory and salvation, not only for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but for all – both Jew and Gentile – who would accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus' prophecy is a two-edged sword, pointing to his victory over sin and death and foretelling the destruction of Jerusalem and the dire consequences for all who would reject him and his saving message. While the destruction of Jerusalem's temple was determined (it was razed by the Romans in 70 A.D.) there remained for its inhabitants a narrow open door leading to deliverance. Jesus says: I am the door; whoever enters by me will be saved (ref. John 10:9). The Lord Jesus opens the way for each of us to have direct access to God who adopts us as his children and who makes his home with us.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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:** Do you make room in your life for Jesus Christ? The Lord is knocking at the door of your heart (ref. Revelations 3:20) and he wishes to enter into a close personal relationship with you. Receive him who is the giver of expectant faith, unwavering hope, and undying love. And long for the true home which God has prepared for you in his heavenly city, Jerusalem (ref. Revelations 21:2-4). Think about it: why would anyone not want to enter into a close personal relationship with Christ?

### **Friday, October 31 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1-6** On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. In front of him there was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" But they kept silent; so he took the man and, after he had healed him, dismissed him. Then he said to them "Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" But they were unable to answer his question.

**Meditation:** Jesus already knew that his hosts wanted to catch him in the act of breaking their Sabbath rituals. So when Jesus gave his defense for healing on the Sabbath, they treated him with cold silence. They were ensnared in their own legalism and could not understand or see the purpose of God in allowing a work of healing to take precedence over rest. Why did God give the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath and enjoined his people to refrain from work on that day? The "Sabbath rest" was meant to be a time to remember and celebrate God's goodness and the goodness of his works, both in creation and redemption. It was a day set apart for the praise of God, his work of creation, and his saving actions on our behalf. It was intended to bring everyday work to a halt and to provide needed rest and refreshment. It was not, however, intended to put a stop to love of God and love of neighbor. The law of love supersedes the law of rest! Jesus shows the fallacy of the Pharisees' legalism by pointing to God's intention for the Sabbath: to do good and to heal. God's word has power to heal and to set us free from ignorance, error, intolerance, and prejudice.

**Prayer:** Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration, give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Time is a precious commodity in all of our lives. But increasingly Sunday – the Lord’s Day – is becoming just another day of the week. In his Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*, “The Day of the Lord,” Pope Saint John Paul II invited us to think more deeply about time itself in order to appreciate God’s gift of the Lord’s Day. He writes (in #7), “Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! ...He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and He gives us ‘His day’ as an ever new gift of His love. The rediscovery of this day is a grace which we must implore, not only so that we may live the demands of faith to the full, but also so that we may respond concretely to the deepest human yearnings. Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human.”

## **Saturday, November 1 ~ Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Solemnity of All Saints**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

**Meditation:** The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2; 1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. God alone satisfies. Theresa of Avila's prayer book contained a bookmark which she wrote: "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass: God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing, God alone suffices." Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible – abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God. Do you seek the highest good, the total good, which is above all else?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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 is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? Is it not our desire and longing for true happiness, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these ten beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation – to live a life of the beatitudes. The word “beatitude” literally means “happiness” or “blessedness.” Living a life of Christ will bring us true joy, true happiness – everything else of this world is fleeting.

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- 8**  
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- 12**  
Neighbors served in Clothing Room
- 77**  
Neighbors served in the Food Pantry
- 37**  
Phone Calls Received to our Hotline
- 1 conference**  
Monetary assistance to other conferences

Ways to donate:

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

Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

# BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

The St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop is kicking off its annual Christmas greenery sale! Scouts from Troop 123 will be accepting wreath orders in Marian Hall after the Masses on the weekends of October 25-26 and November 1-2. In person orders will be distributed after the Sunday Masses on December 7th.

Direct Delivery wreath orders can also be placed on our secure on-line store (<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/T123>) until November 3rd. Direct Delivery Orders will be shipped to the recipient within the two weeks after Thanksgiving.

Contact us at 614-792-1138 with any questions.



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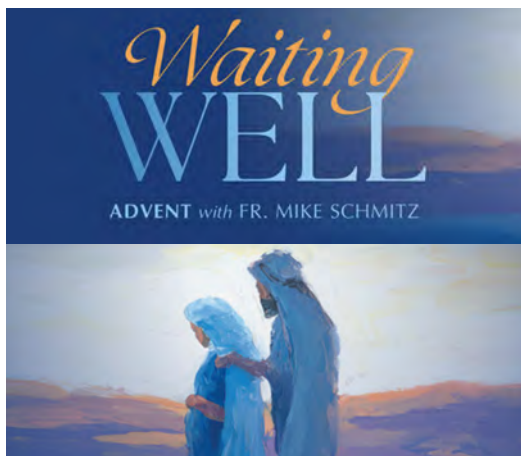


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The Women's Faith & Fellowship are taking orders for Waiting Well, Advent Reflections with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Copies are \$8 and available by PRE-ORDER ONLY this year, so reserve your copy today! Scan the QR code to place your order today, orders close November 3rd. Advent can often feel like a countdown to Christmas and a hustle of preparation on for the holidays, when in fact the liturgical season is all about waiting—not for a short-lived celebration, but for a person. Waiting Well features daily reflections, prayer, and opportunities for journaling. The journal also includes weekly activities and resources to help individuals and families enter into the season of Advent. Opportunities are available for small group sessions throughout Advent, let us know if you would like to join a small group study when you reserve your book today!



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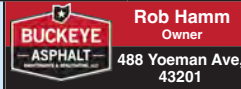
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