



**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

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.

# THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 22**  
4:00 p.m. Special Intention of Ruth Montooth (SMS Class of 2025)

**Sunday, November 23**  
8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Cindy Taylor (SMS Class of 2025)  
10:30 a.m. + Heinrich & Hubertine Bohnen (Brigitte Bohnen-Hartley)  
12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish  
5:00 p.m. + Osvaldo Vazques (The Weisman Family)

**Monday, November 24**  
6:30 a.m. + Michael Plunkett (Janet Plunkett)  
8:15 a.m. + L. Eugene Arnold (Chuck & Maureen Meck)

**Tuesday, November 25**  
6:30 a.m. + Gary Stephen Lyle (Brian & Lisa Lyle Henry)  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Titus Syvilayrack

**Wednesday, November 26**  
6:30 a.m. + Andrew & Dorothy Polenik (Joe Fiala)  
8:15 a.m. + Barbara Truman (Tom & Maureen Preston)  
6:00 p.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Kathy McKinniss)

**Thursday, November 27**  
6:30 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Miller Family

**Friday, November 28**  
6:30 a.m. + Kelly Jo Wright (James & Diane Vincent)  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Dennis Murphy

**Saturday, November 29**  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Josefa Langhals, O.P.  
4:00 p.m. + Robert Charles Brown (The Brown Family)

**Sunday, November 30**  
8:30 a.m. + Thomas P. Lavin (Dcn John & Mary Crerand)  
10:30 a.m. + Tony Matteis (Anne Matteis)  
12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Rachel Putnam (SMS Class of 2025)  
5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

## PARISH CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

<b>SUNDAY, November 23</b>	9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 1:30 p.m. Historical Committee Choir Practice (C) 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, November 24</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, November 25</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Historical Committee Meeting (U) 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (UMR)
<b>Wednesday, November 26</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, November 27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Friday, November 28</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Saturday, November 29</b>	6:45 a.m. That Man Is You (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY, November 30</b>	9:00 a.m. PSR (A) 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 1:00 p.m. SVDP Toy Sorting (UMR) 1:30 p.m. Historical Committee Choir Practice (C) 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)

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

**It's Not Too Late to  
Sing with us on Christmas Eve!  
Join our Christmas Choir!**

Come join and sing for the 10 pm Mass on Christmas Eve! We are looking for singers to join us to sing for Christmas this year. We will have four rehearsals: November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 23<sup>rd</sup> all at 7 pm. Please email Nicole Simental to let her know you plan to join, or for more information.  
[Nicole.simental@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.simental@gmail.com)



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$ 9,929.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 12,712.48
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$ 22,641.48</b>

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This weekend, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. This weekend is a great time for each of us to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Lord, the Savior, the King, the Brother and Friend of us as individuals and as a household. As a parish family, we must admit and declare that Jesus Christ is the center of our lives and at the center of the life of our parish.

There is no allowance for anything to become more important to our parish nor our lives as individuals than being faithful to Jesus Christ.

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we find ourselves presented with a unique opportunity to reorient our lives so that they are totally focused towards Heaven. Living lives of Hope and indeed becoming a people of Hope means that we live with Heaven as our goal and even as our present reality. This, of course, implies that Jesus Christ is our King in the here and now, not just in the there and then of heaven.

This weekend, we have the blessed opportunity to welcome our little children to participate in the Sacrament of Confession for the first time. It's a great way of introducing children to the Kingship of Jesus and His priestly power of forgiving and reconciling the lost sheep to the shepherd. Participation of children in the Sacrament of Confession is always a special and powerful experience, and it always proves to be a great invitation to parents and all adults to recall the need to be reconciled with Jesus in their own lives.

With so much going on this weekend, we can rightfully be filled with gratitude for a truly active and alive parish. This is a good sentiment to have as we prepare to celebrate our nation's holiday of Thanksgiving.

May the Peace of Christ dwell deep within your hearts and be a transforming presence within your lives.

In Jesus the Lord, our King,

Fr. Stash Dailey

## AROUND THE PARISH



THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
INVITES YOU TO HELP OTHERS THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON!

**GIVING TREES**

YOU CAN PURCHASE ANY GIFT FOR A CHILD  
OF ANY AGE & PUT IT IN OUR GIVING TREE  
BOXES.

THE GIVING TREES WILL BE IN MARIAN HALL  
FROM NOVEMBER 22 UNTIL DECEMBER 14.



Sunday Masses at  
*St Michael the Archangel*

4pm Mass with Music (Organ and Cantor/choir)  
8:30am Mass with Music (Organ and Cantor)  
10:30am Mass with Music (Organ and Choir)  
12:30pm Mass with Music (Organ and Cantor)  
5pm Mass No Music

Given the upcoming period of time during which we will be searching for a Director of Sacred Music we will be adjusting our Masses with music schedule.

## 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.



## Adoration Campaign Status

First Priority	Second Priority
Sundays 10:00am	Sundays 10:00pm
Sundays 11:00am	Sundays 11:00pm
Sundays 2:00pm	Mondays 12:00am
Sundays 4:00pm	Mondays 1:00am
Sundays 5:00pm	Mondays 2:00am
Sundays 6:00pm	Mondays 3:00am
Wednesdays 4:00am	Mondays 4:00am
Thursdays 8:00am	Mondays 6:00am
Thursdays 3:00pm	Mondays 7:00am
Fridays 8:00pm	Mondays 8:00am

## ADVENT AT ST MICHAEL



1. Advent Rorate Masses: 6:30am each Saturday in Advent. This Mass is a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin and is offered by candlelight alone and is offered before sunrise, reminding the faithful that Christ is born into the darkness of time and space and brings forth the light which sets us free from the darkness of sin and death.
2. December 4 at 7:00pm: Women's Faith & Fellowship Advent by Candlelight, RSVP's required.
3. December 6 at 5:30pm: St. Michael Rejoice Christmas Concert
4. December 7: Christmas Flower Envelopes are due.
5. December 8: Immaculate Conception Masses at 6:30am, 8:15am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm & 7:00pm
6. Early bulletin deadlines: Please note the following early bulletin deadlines:
  - o November 30 due November 19
  - o December 21 due December 9
  - o December 28 due December 16
  - o January 4 due December 18

Sign up today using the QR code or by visiting [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com)



## YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO CRANKS CREEK

Attention all high schoolers! This winter, we will be doing a mission trip down to Cranks Creek Kentucky with St. Brendan's Youth Ministry, The Vine. We will leave the morning of December 19 and return December 21, late evening. The bulk of our mission trip will be serving the people of Harlan County. If you are interested and want to go, please email Jake Asuncion at [jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org) and a registration form will be sent via email. The cost of the trip is \$100.00, but if you need financial assistance, please reach out to Jake Asuncion. **You can also support the trip with your donations, use the QR code to donate to Cranks Creek Mission Trip.** This will cover expenses for food and donations that will be bought for the people of Harlan County. Please consider donating!

## 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.



**Use the QR code to place an order today! Orders close on November 30. Thank you for supporting our troop!**

Join us for our

## Christmas Concert Saturday, December 6, 5:30pm



Children's Choirs beginning at 5:30 followed by our Rejoice Christmas concert.

As a kickoff to our Parish 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026, the parish History Committee will be hosting the "Rejoice Christmas Concert". The music will be a reenactment of the Christmas music that was sung in 1976 by our choir when they recorded the album entitled, "Rejoice". The songs sung will include narration by our founding pastor, Rev. Father John P. Byrne. The concert will be sung by members of both St. Michael and St. Peter St. Joan of Arc choirs.

A free-will offering taken up at the concert will be donated between St. Michael's and St. Peter St. Joan of Arc St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences. We hope to see you there!

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

## Advent by Candlelight

**Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm  
featuring Father Victor Moratin, CPM**

Join us for one of our most special nights of the year! Our featured speaker is Father Victor Moratin, CPM, a priest with the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. Ordained in 2018, Father Moratin currently serves as a full-time Spiritual Director and faculty member at the Josephinum, where he was previously the Director of Seminarians for his community. To host a table, RSVP as an individual, or for more information, please scan 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 November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

***"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."*** +PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE

### **Monday, November 24 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:1-4** When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

**Meditation:** Jesus teaches that real giving must come from the heart, because a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is precious. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely equaled a penny because it was literally everything she had – her whole living – that she offered to God. What is your weekly Offertory on Sunday to God? On a percentage of income basis, is it truly a significant offering to God, given out of love for him and his son, Jesus Christ, and the Church he founded?

**Prayer:** O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions faith to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in truth. 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:** During the Mass the Offertory collection is really important. Whether we put in the "widow's mite" as today's Gospel refers or have the means to give much more, our financial contribution represents the gift of ourselves to God – literally my personal offering to God. As the Offertory brought forward at the presentation of the gifts, along with the bread and wine, our financial contribution serves as a sign of our self-offering. While the Bible speaks of tithing – and many Christian denominations insist on the 10 percent of income basis referenced in the Bible – the Catholic Church does not insist on tithing. But is your Offering to God a noteworthy amount given back to God out of love for him, his son Jesus Christ, and the Church that Jesus founded? If not, shouldn't it be? As Advent quickly approaches, and a new Church Year begins, now is a good time to revisit the amount we give each Sunday through the Offertory during Mass so that it reflects more closely our love for God – our offering to him made in thanksgiving and love. Let us pray that each of us will give freely and generously in gratitude for all that God has given to us.

**Food for thought:** If you have not yet had a chance, I would encourage you to read Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Poor which was celebrated on November 16; the text is available on the Vatican web page: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>

### **Tuesday, November 25 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Catherine of Alexandria**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-11** While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here – the days will come when there will

not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

**Meditation:** No doubt there have been many times throughout human history when people thought "this is it...these are the end times." World War II and the evils of the Nazis for one; the cold war era with the former Soviet Union and threat of nuclear war; our current times as well with the evil of terrorism and wars taking place around the world. "Teacher, when will this happen..." is on the tips of many tongues today as it has been throughout human history. Of course Jesus says in scripture that we do not know the day nor the hour of his second coming, of the end times, but the important question is are you ready? As you read this, are you ready for the second coming of Christ? If you have an intimate, loving relationship with Christ and love him above all things then yes, you are probably ready. Of course we need to ask ourselves: When did I make my last confession? Have I done any works of mercy? Have I lived my life in witness to Christ and the teachings of his Catholic Church? Okay, after an honest introspection, maybe I'm not as ready as I originally thought, and perhaps my relationship with Christ is not what it should be. But there is no time like the present to undergo a radical conversion of mind and heart so that each of us are, in fact, living a life worthy to be called a disciple of Christ, and in a manner defined by sacred scripture, not the way of the world and the plethora of false prophets who pander teachings based on the "do whatever you want" attitudes of moral relativism. Let's joyfully take whatever steps are necessary to ready ourselves for him always and everyday – not out fear, but out of love of him, eager and ready to give an accounting of our lives to Jesus at the throne of judgment which awaits us all.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who gave Saint Catherine of Alexandria to your people as a Virgin and an invincible Martyr, grant that through her intercession we may be strengthened in faith and constancy and spend ourselves without reserve for the unity of the Church. 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:** There are times when we don't fully recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something wakes us up to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every person, as each of us were created by God. The reward for doing what is right and good and pleasing to God – doing God's will – and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God's will are not always experienced in this present life, but this is sure to come the day of final judgment. Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation Jesus extends his compassion, mercy and grace to all who have a humble and contrite heart, who recognize that we have strayed from following him and have sinned. Do not pass up, even for one day, the profound two-word invitation of Jesus – "follow me" – and to experience his grace and mercy through a good confession. Remember, too, not to cling simply to human laws but instead to divine laws and teachings. Following the many flawed opinions of civil courts and legislative bodies will not get anyone to heaven; following the divine laws of God and faith and moral teachings of God's prophets and of his son, Jesus Christ, will get us where we ultimately want to go – to the eternal arms of Jesus in heaven. Turn a deaf ear to anyone and anything (especially certain advocacy groups) that may lead one astray from following our one Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, for they offer nothing; Jesus, however, offers us what is most important – his constant and unwavering love and eternal life with him.

### **Wednesday, November 26 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:12-19** Jesus said to the crowd: "They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

**Meditation:** Jesus tells his disciples that if they endure to the end they will gain their lives - they will inherit abundant life and lasting happiness with God. And so endurance is an essential strength which God gives to those who place their hope and trust in him. Endurance is the patience which never gives up

hope, never yields to despair or hatred. Patience is long-suffering because it looks beyond the present difficulties and trials and sees the reward which comes to those who persevere with hope and trust in God. That is why godly endurance is more than human effort. It is first and foremost a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit which enables us to bear up under any trial or temptation. Endurance is linked with godly hope - the supernatural assurance that we will see God face to face and inherit all the promises he has made. Jesus is our supreme model and pioneer who endured the cross for our sake (Hebrews 12:2). "God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus willingly shed his blood for us - to win for us pardon and peace with God. Our joy and privilege is to take up our cross each day to follow the Lord Jesus.

**Prayer:** Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. 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:** Have you ever wondered what attracts others to the truth and power of the Gospel? More often than not it is when they see Christians loving their enemies, being joyful in suffering, patient in adversity, pardoning injuries, and showing comfort and compassion to the hopeless and the helpless. And while "fear" is a very natural human emotion, Jesus tells us that we do not need to fear our adversaries because God will give us sufficient grace, strength, and wisdom to face any trial and to answer any challenge to our faith. Knowing this, are you ready to lay down your life for Christ and to bear witness to the joy and freedom of the Gospel?

## **Thursday, November 27 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time ~ Thanksgiving Day ~**

***Begin this national day of giving thanks to God by thanking God, in person, at Mass!***

**Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19** As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

**Meditation:** Today's gospel, translated and shortened into a news headline might very well read: "Only one out of ten people thank God." Think about this. When was the last time you paused and thanked God for anything? Sometimes in the busyness of our lives we simply expect God to give us certain things, but we never thank him. Today is a national holiday set aside to give thanks to God for everything - and God has, indeed, given us everything. Everyday should be Thanksgiving Day for all of us - thanking God our Father, with love from each of us his children. None of us should ever think that we are "above" thanking God because we achieved everything on our own, attributing nothing to God - "enlightened" people often think this way. Thanking God is not a quaint thought or anything old fashioned - it is the right thing to do for all the right reasons. I am reminded of an old story that may be familiar to you. An old farmer once had a less-than-faithful relative visit him. After the farmer had bowed his head and thanked God for the food they were about to eat, the relative rudely said, "What did you do that for? There's no God. We live in an age of enlightenment." The old farmer smiled and said, "There are several on my farm who don't thank God before they eat." The relative sat up and said, "Who are these enlightened ones?" to which the farmer quietly replied, "My pigs." The farmer's punchline about the pigs serves as a quiet but poignant rebuke to the relative's arrogance, suggesting that a refusal to acknowledge God and to express our gratitude to him places one in the company of unthinking animals. It is a tale that emphasizes humility and the importance of giving thanks to God at all times for the many blessings he has bestowed on us.

**Prayer:** Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. 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.

**Litany of Thanksgiving:** Go to <https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/litanies/p03456.htm>

**History of Thanksgiving Day in America:** Way much more than 5k Turkey Trot races, read this *National Catholic Register* article about the history and meaning of this day of giving thanks to God: <https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/thanking-god-at-thanksgiving-100-years-ago-and-today>

**Contemplation:** Saying thank you to God should be part of our daily examen, part of our daily prayers, part of our spiritual life. Each of us has so much to be grateful for – and it all begins with God. As Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, once said: “To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense grace from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.” Let’s give thanks to God, folks. Give thanks to God!

## **Friday, November 28 ~ Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 21:29-33** Jesus told his disciples a parable. “Consider the fig tree and all the other trees. When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near; in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

**Meditation:** Jesus used the image of a fig tree to teach his disciples an important lesson about reading the “signs of the times.” The fig tree was a common and important source of food for the Jews. It bore fruit twice a year, in the autumn and in the early spring. The Talmud (teachings and commentaries of the ancient rabbis on the Jewish Scriptures) said that the first fruit came the day after Passover. The Jews believed that when the Messiah came he would usher in the kingdom of God at Passover time. The early signs of a changing season, such as springtime, summer, or autumn, are evident for all who can see and observe the changes. Just so are the signs of God’s kingdom and his return in glory on the day of judgment. The “budding” of God’s kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God’s word. Those who trust in God’s word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? “The kingdom of God...is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). The Lord gives the first-fruits of his kingdom to those who open their hearts to him with expectant faith and trust in his word. We do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord Jesus will return again in glory. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to “wake us up” as a warning, but also to “rouse our spirits” to be ready and eager to receive his kingdom when he comes in all his power and glory. The “Day of the Lord” will strike terror in those who have ignored or rejected God, but it will be a day of joy and rejoicing for those who long to see the Lord face-to-face. The Lord Jesus wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation for his coming again.

**Prayer:** Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. 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 we wait for the Lord’s physical return in glory, we can know his presence with us through the work and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts, and by our constant and ongoing communication with him in prayer. The Lord Jesus comes daily and frequently to those who long for him and he speaks tenderly to our hearts. He comes to show us the way to our heavenly Father and to give us the hope of eternal life. Listen to him so that you may embrace him and follow him – and do so with love.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;  
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*The new Liturgical Year commences with the First Sunday of Advent, November 30.  
In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period,  
but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
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### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL WINTER BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

All are welcome at the St. Francis De Sales High School Winter Band and Choir Concert on December 10, beginning at 7:00 pm. The event will be held in the school's Little Theater. Celebrate the holiday season with some of your favorite tunes by the SFD Choir and Band.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, December 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring newly ordained Father Sam Severance, Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish in Hilliard. As is our custom in December, Father Severance, who was ordained last May, will share with us his vocation story and experiences as a newly ordained priest. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Severance's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! There will be no luncheon in January 2026 as we prepare for selection of the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. Watch the bulletin for more about the nomination process for CMOY. Our luncheon on Friday, February 6, 2026 will feature a presentation by Ismael Rodriguez, who is the Founding Headmaster of the Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict, an independent Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese. Please mark your calendar to attend!

### SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Are you struggling to face the holiday season as you journey through grief? Please join us on Sunday, December 7, for the Annual "Grief over the Holidays" seminar. Sponsored by the Diocesan Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, this workshop will take place on Sunday, December 7, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, located at 20 E. Dominion Columbus, OH 43214. The workshop will run from 2:00-4:00 p.m. To register, please contact Debbie Kennedy at 614-937-0516. Come and be comforted.



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