

AND SO I SAY TO YOU, YOU ARE PETER,

AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,

AND THE GATES OF THE NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.

I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

– MATTHEW 16:18-19



AUGUST 23, 2026

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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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 Saturdays in the morning and early afternoon as well as Sunday afternoons following the 12:30 p.m. Mass – schedule permitting. 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 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 office@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.

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It seems we have three different and distinct "New Year" events in any given year.

We of course have the New Year on the calendar with January 1st, the New Year of the Sacred Liturgy which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, and then we have a new year that begins with children returning to school. I guess we could add a fourth, and that would be the new year in relation to our fiscal life as a parish.

Given all of the new starts we are given every year, it's easy to consider how we have to give our best to the Lord and ask Him to bless us every day, all day. The Lord has to be Lord even over our time and our year, indeed over our whole life.

Our parish is located within a Deanery, a geographical portion of the broader Diocese of Columbus. Our Deanery is to begin offering the Sacrament of Confirmation to children in Fourth Grade. This effectively means that children at St. Michael Parish in Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, and on up are eligible to be candidates for Confirmation. It does not matter where your child attends school; public school, parochial school, private academy, homeschool, it does not matter. Every child who has already been baptized and participated in Confession and is entering Fourth Grade is eligible to be a Candidate for Confirmation.

Some families reawaken to the faith, and their children have not been baptized. If that is true for your family, do not hesitate to notify the Parish Office and begin the process of deepening your faith.

The first place of formation and sacramental preparation is in the home, as the parents are the first teachers in the ways of the faith.

Then, children are to be formed in the life of the church by participating in the sacraments such as Holy Mass and Confession. Finally, there is a sacramental preparation the child should participate in through catechetical classes or courses.

All three levels of formation are needed for the good of the child and the development of the soul, but the MOST IMPORTANT is the formation in the home.

It is of incredible importance that within the family and in the home, children see a commitment to be disciples of the Lord. If they don't see that commitment to the Lord lived out by their family it limits what good, or maybe better put it prohibits the total good, that can be accomplished at Mass and in a formation class.

It is disturbing to hear within church circles a desire to "just bring us the kids even if the parents don't believe" as much as it is equally disturbing to hear from parents that "it's the job of the church to teach my kids the faith," which usually means the family doesn't live out the faith themselves.

The above dispositions are as a result of many generations being sacramentalized without being evangelized and catechized. We have prepared children for sacraments without introducing them to Jesus and inviting them to follow Him as members of the Church.

As we are at the point of a new year, it's a natural time to ask for the grace to begin a new way of life. I write this to parents and guardians of children! Heck, I write this to grandparents, too! If you know your child needs to start to prepare for a sacrament, then this is the time to ask for the grace to begin a new way of life.

10 STEPS TO BEGIN A NEW WAY OF LIFE

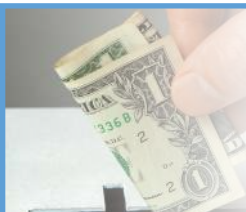
1. Have your home blessed by a priest.
2. Enthroned the Sacred Heart over your family and home.
3. Attend Holy Mass on Sunday.
4. Make a regular Confession.
5. Take an hour of Adoration in our Chapel.
6. Purchase a Holy Bible AND read Sacred Scripture for your own personal development; start with the Gospels!
7. Pray the Holy Rosary.
8. Participate in our parish life by attending our Feast Day celebrations like St. Michael's Feast on September 29th or the St. Joseph's Table on March 19th.
9. Join one of our apostolates, ministries, or faith sharing groups.
10. EVERY DAY, ask the Lord to bless you and your loved ones!!!

No one should feel alone as a result of being intimidated or overwhelmed by the above information. We all have to start somewhere. Please call the Parish Office and ask for a priest to help you get started if it is all new to you. The priests are here to help you become closer to Jesus.

Now let us all, each one of us, begin this new year with a desire to become closer to the Lord through the life of His Church.

In Jesus our Lord,

Fr. Stash Dailey



Financial Stewardship
AUGUST 16, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 24,119.00
Online Giving	\$ 11,296.00
Total:	\$ 35,415.00



Diocesan Goal:	\$ 165,482.71
Enhanced Goal:	\$ 300,000.00
Total Goal:	\$ 465,482.71
Raised to Date:	\$ 296,034.00
Participation Rate:	16.46%

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

8:15 a.m. +Leadrito Asuncion, Jr.
4:00 p.m. +John Baumann (Steve & Georgianna Soltis)

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. +Joe Maurer (Maurer Family)
10:30 a.m. +Ed Ferkany (Jeanne Ferkany)
12:30 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Members of the Sur Family (Anita Claricoates)
5:00 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish

Monday, August 24

6:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
8:15 a.m. +Robert D., Jr. & Elizabeth Blute (John & Suzanne Blute)

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 a.m. +Elaine Cruz Jones (Joseph Gecan)
8:15 a.m. +Ricardo Palma, Jr. (Asuncion Family)

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 a.m. S.I. Tim & Tammie Dondero
8:15 a.m. S.I. Angela Taylor (Stofer Family)
6:00 p.m. S.I. Sr. Teresa Paul (Voytovich Family)

Thursday, August 27

6:30 a.m. S.I. Cody Harris
8:15 a.m. S.I. Owen Pajerski (Lund Family)

Friday, August 28

6:30 a.m. S.I. Christine Wilson & Family (Stofer Family)
8:15 a.m. +Clair & Madelyn Chaffee (Cobb Family)

Saturday, August 29

8:15 a.m. S.I. Mrs. Vrtsos (2025-2026 SMS 3rd Grade Class)
4:00 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. John & Linda Kish (Kish Family)
10:30 a.m. +Dcn. Klaus Fricke (Sharon Fricke)
12:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory (Meyers Family)
5:00 p.m. +Dcn. James Rouse (Dcn. John Crerand)

Parish Calendar August

Sunday, August 23	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Monday, August 24	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)
Tuesday, August 25	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Seasons of Hope Leadership Meeting (UMR)
Wednesday, August 26	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)
Thursday, August 27	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Festival Committee Meeting (UMR)
Friday, August 28	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 12:00 p.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 7:30 p.m. Opus Dei (UMR/C)
Saturday, August 29	7:00 a.m. WF&F Pietra (LMR) 9:30 a.m. Opus Dei (UMR/C) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Sunday, August 30	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)

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

Around the Parish

2026-27 OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

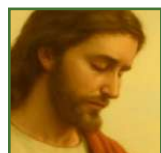
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic?

Visit our webpage for more information and to register at <https://www.saintmichael-cd.org/evangelization/ocia/>.



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of Laundry Pods, Saltine crackers, and snack/protein bars. Items can be placed in the collection bins in Marian Hall. Once again, we are so grateful for your generosity in helping us to serve our neighbors in need. Also, don't forget that items for the food pantry are collected at the parish Festival. Bring your canned goods and receive a token for each item up to 20 total tokens!

Please Note: Due to Festival preparation and event, the St. Vincent de Paul clothing donation chute will be closed from August 31 through September 7, 2026.



PSR Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration now open! September 2026-May 2027

Level T (toddlers) – Saturday at 8:50-9:50 a.m. | Levels 1, 2, 3 – Sundays 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Confirmation (7th & 8th Grade) 8:30-10:00 a.m.

For more information, email cgs@saintmichael-cd.org.



Experience Pietra

August 29th, from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church – 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! Contact Maria Elliott at maria@viribuswellness.com or visit www.viribuswellness.com for more information.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

"A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps."

+ SAINT AUGUSTINE

Monday, August 24 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 1:45-51 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Meditation: What is the significance of Jesus' revelation of seeing Nathanael (known as Bartholomew in Matthew 10:3 and Luke 6:14) "under the fig tree?" For the people of Israel, the fig tree was a symbol of God's peace and blessing (1 Kings 4:24b-25, Micah 4:4). It provided shade from the midday sun and a cool refreshing place to retreat, pray, meditate and reflect on God's word. Rabbis often gathered their disciples under the shade of the fig to teach them the wisdom and revelation of God from the Scriptures. The rabbis had an expression for comparing the fig tree to being nourished with God's word in Scripture, "He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit." And thus we see the importance of meditating on Sacred Scripture, but then "living" what we have learned as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22) so that these sacred teachings can bear fruit in our daily lives.

Prayer: Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith, by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew clung wholeheartedly to your Son, and grant that through the help of his prayers your Church may become for all the nations the sacrament of salvation. 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' death on the cross, where he defeated sin and won new life for us through his resurrection, opens the way for each of us to come into a new relationship with God as his adopted sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus opens the way for each one of us to "ascend to heaven" and to bring "heaven to earth" in the daily circumstances of our lives. God's kingdom is present in those who seek him and who strive to do his will. Through the gift of faith God opens a door for each one of us to the heavenly reality of his kingdom. And so we might contemplate on asking ourselves: Do you see with the "eyes of faith" what the Lord Jesus has done for us?

About Saint Bartholomew: In St. John's Gospel, Bartholomew is known by the name Nathaniel (the liturgy does not always seem aware of this identity). He hailed from Cana in Galilee, was one of the first disciples called by the Lord. On that initial meeting Jesus uttered the glorious compliment: "Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile!" After the Resurrection he was favored by becoming one of the few apostles who witnessed the appearance of the risen Savior on the sea of Galilee (John 21:2). Following the Ascension he is said to have preached in Greater Armenia and to have been martyred there. While still alive, his skin was torn from his body. The Armenians honor him as the apostle of their nation. Concerning the fate of his relics, the Martyrology says: "His holy body was first taken to the island of Lipari (north of Sicily), then to Benevento, and finally to Rome on an island in the Tiber where it is honored by the faithful with pious devotion." The Church of Armenia has a national tradition that St. Jude

Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew visited the Armenians early in the first century and introduced Christianity among the worshippers of the god Ahura Mazda. The new faith spread throughout the land, and in 302 A.D., St. Gregory the Illuminator baptized the king of Armenia, Dertad the Great, along with many of his followers. Since Dertad was probably the first ruler to embrace Christianity for his nation, the Armenians proudly claim they were the first Christian State.

Tuesday, August 25 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorials: Saint Louis of France, King; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26 Jesus said: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity. But these you should have done, without neglecting the others. Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel! "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You cleanse the outside of cup and dish, but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."

Meditation: Jesus went to the heart of the matter when he called the religious leaders of his day *blind* Pharisees and *hypocrites*! A hypocrite is an actor or imposter who says one thing but does the opposite or who puts on an outward appearance of doing good while inwardly clinging to wrong attitudes, selfish desires and ambitions, or bad intentions. Many scribes and Pharisees had made it a regular practice to publicly put on a good show of outward zeal and piety with the intention of winning greater honors, privileges, and favors among the people. Jesus had a very good reason for severely rebuking the scribes and Pharisees, the religious teachers and leaders, for misleading people and neglecting the heart and essence of God's law – love God above all things, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Prayer ~ Saint Louis: O God, who brought Saint Louis from the cares of earthly rule to the glory of a heavenly realm, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that, by fulfilling our duties on earth, we may seek out your eternal Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Saint Joseph Calasanz: O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Joseph Calasanz with such charity and patience that he labored tirelessly to educate children and endow them with every virtue, grant, we pray, that we, who venerate him as a teacher of wisdom, may constantly imitate him, for he was a co-worker of your 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: The essence of God's commandments is rooted in love – love God above all things, and love your neighbor as yourself – righteousness (justice and goodness), and mercy. God is love and everything he does, including his justice and goodness, flows from his love for us. True love is costly and sacrificial - it both embraces and lifts the burdens of others. And so we might ask ourselves today: Do you allow the love of God to shape and transform the way you live your daily life, especially in the way you think of others, speak of them, and treat them? If not, now is an opportunity to let the transformative grace of God work in and through you so that you may imitate Christ in thought, word and deed.

Wednesday, August 26 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32 Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth. Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the memorials of the righteous, and you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have joined them in shedding the prophets' blood.' Thus you bear witness against yourselves that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets; now fill up what your ancestors measured out!"

Meditation: Outward appearances can be deceptive. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would *not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth* (Isaiah 11:3-4). The heart reveals the true intentions and attitudes that form the way we think of others and treat them. Jesus used strong language to warn the religious leaders and teachers about the vanity of outward appearance and pretense - wearing a mask that hides the true intentions and thoughts of the heart. This warning applies to all persons who identify themselves as disciples and followers of Christ, and so we must meditate on what authentic discipleship in Christ really means. It is not mere show, but an authentic way of life, in all aspects of life, day in and day out.

Prayer: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 warns that what truly corrupts a person is not external ritual impurity but the impurity of wrong and sinful attitudes that come from within a person's mind and heart – pride, greed, sloth, envy, hatred, gluttony, and lust. These are what produce sinful habits (vices) and ways of speaking, acting, judging, and treating others. That is why every good deed is beautiful in God's sight and every wrong or sinful deed is ugly in his sight. The scribes and Pharisees were intensely religious in their outward observances, but their outward show didn't match the inner reality of the state of their minds and hearts. True beauty, goodness, and piety come from within, an interior motivation from a heart that is set on pleasing God and a mind that is set on hearing and obeying God's word, and thus the importance of having an authentic interior life rooted in Christ. Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and harmful habits and addictions that lead us into wrong and sinful ways of thinking, acting, and relating to others. Only the humble of heart can receive from God true wisdom and understanding, pardon and healing. Properly cultivating our interior life is a must in order to achieve what we seek. Trappist monk Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, contextualizes this more richly in his book *New Seeds of Contemplation*: "This then is what it means to seek God perfectly: to withdraw from illusion and pleasure, from worldly anxieties and desires, from the works that God does not want, from a glory that is only human display; to keep my mind free from confusion in order that my liberty may be always at the disposal of His will; to entertain silence in my heart and listen for the voice of God; to cultivate an intellectual freedom from the images of created things in order to receive the secret contact of God in obscure love; to love all men as myself." This book is a must read for those who wish to cultivate their interior life so that one may enter into a more fruitful, prayerful dialogue with God.

Thursday, August 27 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time **Memorial: Saint Monica, Patroness of Mothers**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:42-51 Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant, whom the master has put in charge of his household to distribute to them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so. Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is long delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with drunkards, the servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Meditation: When God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, into the world it was to rescue us from ourselves, from the tyranny of sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross and his triumphant victory over the grave won pardon for us and reconciliation with our heavenly Father, and the promise of everlasting life and joy in his kingdom. The Lord Jesus told his disciples on a number of occasions that he would return again at the end of this present age, not simply to rescue us again from our enemies, but as a victor King and Lord who will vindicate all who have believed in him. How? By releasing us from the curse of death and condemnation and restoring for us the plan he had from the beginning of creation – a new heaven and a new earth for a people perfectly united with God in peace, joy, and harmony forever. This is the background to Jesus parable in today's Gospel about the householder and the thief in the night. When the Lord Jesus returns, he doesn't want to find us flirting with the enemy or worse joining forces with enemies who are opposed to God and his kingdom. He wants to see us fully aligned with him, and invites us constantly to do so when Jesus says "follow me."

Prayer: O God, who console the sorrowful and who mercifully accepted the motherly tears of Saint Monica for the conversion of her son Augustine, grant us, through the intercession of them both, that we may bitterly regret our sins and find the grace of your pardon. 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.

Prayer to Saint Monica for Children who have Strayed: Dear Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, we give thanks to our Father in Heaven Who looked with mercy upon your tears over your wayward son. His conversion and heroic sanctification were the fruit of your prayers. Saint Monica we now

ask you to pray with us for all those sons and daughters that have wandered away from God, and to add your prayers to those of all mothers and fathers who are worried over their children. Pray also for us that, following your example, we may, in the company of our children, one day enjoy the eternal vision of God our Father in Heaven. Amen.

Contemplation: And so Jesus invites us to follow him, time and time again. But ask yourself: Do I take up Jesus on his invitation? If I do follow him, I am truly attentive to his teachings by embracing them and living them, so that I am ready to meet him when he calls each of us to himself. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit so that we may have the wisdom, help, and strength we need to turn away from sin to embrace God's way of love, justice, and holiness. The Lord's warning of judgment causes dismay for those who are unprepared, but it brings joyful hope to those who eagerly wait for his return in glory. God's judgment is good news for those who are ready to meet him. Their reward is God himself, the source of all truth, beauty, goodness, love and everlasting life.

Friday, August 28 ~ Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Memorial: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Meditation: Jesus warns us that there are consequences for being unprepared. There are certain things you cannot obtain at the last moment. For example, students cannot prepare for their exams when the day of testing is already upon them. A person cannot get the right kind of character, strength, and skill required for a task at hand unless they already possess it, such as a captain with courage and nautical skills who must steer a ship through a dangerous storm at sea. When the Lord Jesus comes to lead you to his heavenly banquet will you be ready to hear his voice and follow? Our eternal welfare depends on our hearing his voice, the call of the Good Shepherd, above all others. How can we meet the Lord, face to face, when he calls us on the day of judgment, unless we listen to him today. The Lord invites us to feast at his heavenly banquet table. Are you ready?

Prayer: Renew in your Church, we pray, O Lord, that spirit with which you endowed your Bishop Saint Augustine that, filled with the same spirit, we may thirst for you, the sole fount of true wisdom, and seek you, the author of heavenly love. 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.

Prayer to Saint Augustine for Purity: O Saint Augustine, beacon of purity, in this realm of temptation, I implore your heavenly intervention. Strengthen my resolve, guard my heart from the snare of original sin that so easily ensnares us. Through your intercession, may our paths be illuminated in the virtue of purity, enabling us to resist desires that lead away from His divine love. Instill within us a spirit of vigilance, trusting wholly in the providence of God. Hold steadfast our hope for righteous living. Amen.

Contemplation: What is your ultimate goal in life, and what are you doing to attain it? If your ultimate goal is to graduate from Harvard, have a six-figure salary, live in a mansion and drive an expensive car, you've missed the boat. Those might be short-term goals, but our ultimate goal in life is to get to heaven; there is only one way to get there, and that is through Jesus Christ. Knowing this, now, what are you going to change in your life in order to achieve this ultimate goal? There is no time like the present to change from our former ways of life to newness of life in Christ. Start now! Today! Kick it in gear!

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Around the Parish (continued)



Adoration Chapel

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Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the QR code.

Eucharistic Adoration Openings: Spend a quiet holy hour with the Lord in our Adoration Chapel. We urgently need dedicated adorers for the following weekly hours:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 12:00 and 8:00 a.m.

Monday: 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 a.m.

2nd Adorers needed for many hours. Can't commit to a weekly hour? Sign up to be a substitute.



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To celebrate the parish's 80th anniversary, a new parish directory is coming and we'd love your family to be a part of it!

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Opt. #2 Before or After weekend Mass "Pop-up" sessions

A quick family portrait – Photos taken on parish grounds

– No advanced scheduling – Paper sign-ups available in Marian Hall (if preferred)

Dates: August 29th & 30th – September 26th & 27th

Times: Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. & 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.; 9:30-10:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-2:00 p.m.; 4:30-5:00 p.m.; & 6:00-6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rachael Laurin at rachaellaurin.com/st-michael-directory or call the Parish Office.

Sign up for your sessions today!



Women's Faith and Fellowship

Back by popular demand, our Fall Tuesday Evening Study Group will feature an exciting program with acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre, who explores the biblical roots of the Eucharist through the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. Familiar phrases from the Mass – "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," and "The Body and Blood of Christ" – take on greater meaning as we discover how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

When: Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22; October 13, 20; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1

Where: Upper Meeting Room | Time: 7:00 p.m. fellowship and Rosary; program 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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Help with the Festival!



VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

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