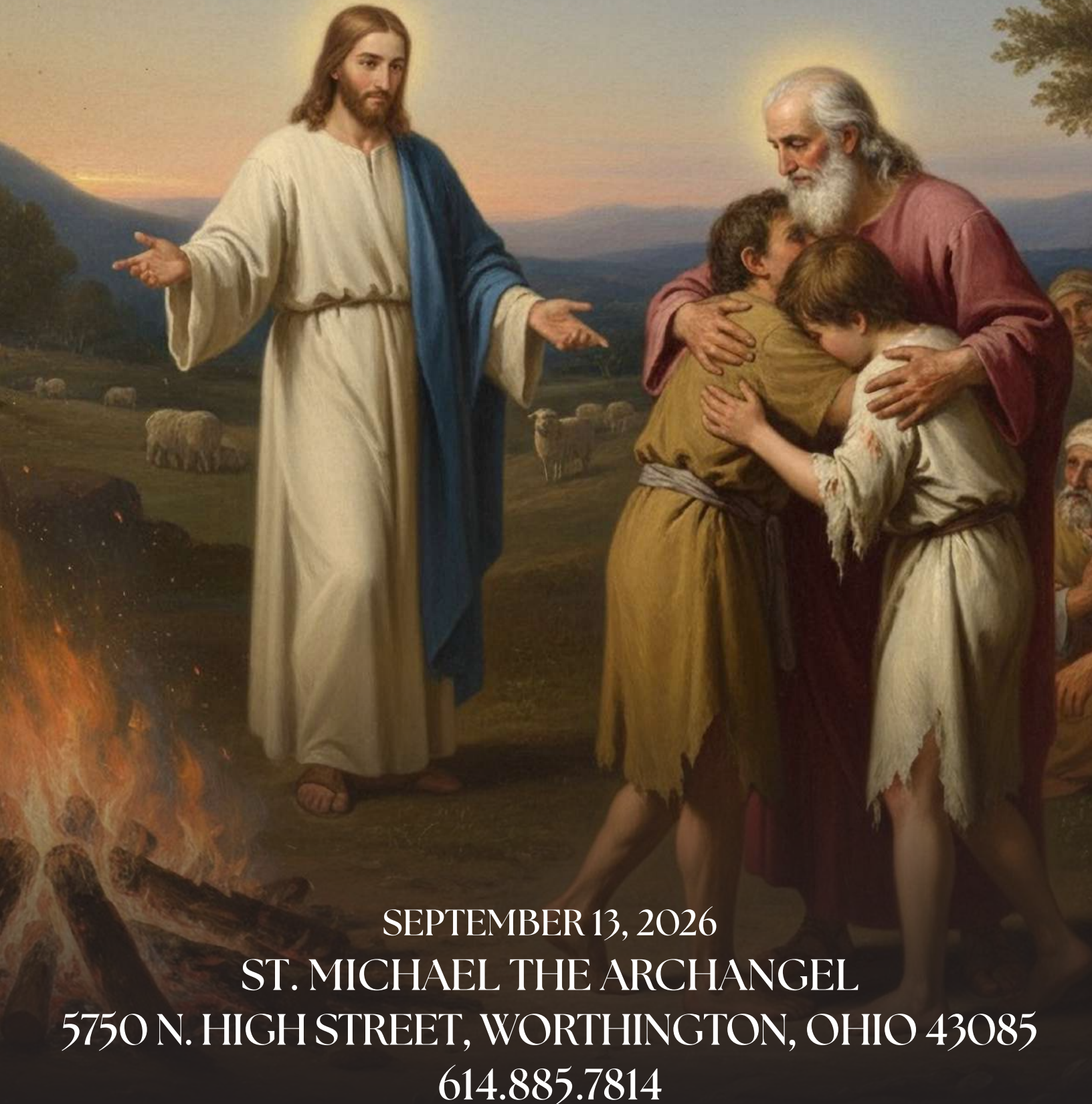


*So will my heavenly Father do to you,
unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.*

– Matthew 18:35



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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From the Pastor

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JMJ

A WORD FROM THE NEW GUY!

Dear Parish Family,

Peace of Jesus in your heart and on your lips!

I am in awe of all the dedication and hard work that went into setting up, running, and then taking down our Parish Festival. The love of our volunteers for this parish family and school was tangible.

What an amazing three nights. Our Lord blessed us with great weather and a great turnout. The sound of joy rose from the rides, the bounce houses, and all of the games and other activities. It was great to see our community present at our Festival enjoying one another's company and sharing a great time with family and friends.

Our beloved Pastor getting into the dunk tank on Sunday evening was a bonus joy for all the participants.

Our Festival highlights what a special gift our Lord has entrusted to us here at St. Michael's. We have been blessed with a beautiful Church, wonderful grounds, and an amazing Catholic School. We are truly a lamp that our Lord has lit and set on the lampstand of Worthington to provide the light of Jesus for our community.

And our community is paying attention. We have over 20 requests to join our OCIA program. OCIA is the program that allows everyone who is interested to join our Catholic Church: some of them have not yet been baptized, and some of them are searching for the fullness that Jesus has placed in His Church.

On Sunday, September 20th, there will be two OCIA Info Sessions that will explain the process, what to expect, and what to look forward to. For all of you who have registered for OCIA and for those of you who are interested in the program, please plan to attend one of the Info Sessions, either at 9:30 a.m. or at 11:45 a.m. in Marian Hall, in the Upper Room.

On Sunday, September 27, we will have the launch of our OCIA program at 9:00 a.m. in Marian Hall, once again in the Upper Room. The sessions will lead right into our 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass.

In Jesus and Mary,

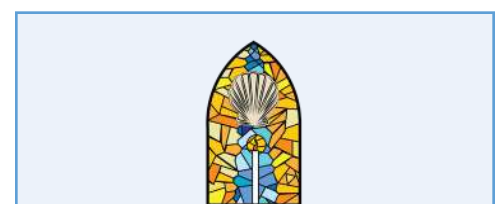
Fr. Michael Suhy – Associate Pastor



Financial Stewardship

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 10,238.00
Online Giving	\$ 15,588.24
Total:	\$ 25,826.24



Baptism

Daisy Kate Wallace

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12

8:15 a.m. +James Kellenbarger
4:00 p.m. +John Baumann (Jim & MaryAnn Murphy)

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. +Rosemary Trelease
10:30 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
12:30 p.m. +Jerry & Rosemary Mogan (Sue Mogan)
5:00 p.m. +Leo Thomas Zupan IV (Uyen Le Zupan)

Monday, September 14

6:30 a.m. +Phyllis Ort (Kathy Hare Family)
8:15 a.m. +Mike Hammontree

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 a.m. +Jerry Rocco (Rocco Family)
8:15 a.m. S.I. Olivia Stuckenschneider (DeCenzo Family)

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 a.m. +Joan Cunningham (Joe Fiala)
8:15 a.m. S.I. Fr. David Johnstone
6:00 p.m. +Elaine Cruz Jones (Joseph Gecan)

Thursday, September 17

6:30 a.m. Peter Griffith (Lou & Kare Griffith)
8:15 a.m. +Juliette Lundy

Friday, September 18

6:30 a.m. +Robert G. Best (Fiala-Fristed Family)
8:15 a.m. S.I. Abby Stofer (Lund Family)

Saturday, September 19

8:15 a.m. S.I. Nora Lund
4:00 p.m. +Betty C. Barbe (Joe Fiala)

Sunday, September 20

8:30 a.m. +Jonathan Walden
10:30 a.m. +Thomas Eckert (Damo Family)
12:30 p.m. For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
5:00 p.m. +Mike Hammontree

Parish Calendar September

Sunday, September 13	Mission Appeal Weekend Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 11:30 a.m. St. Gerard Blessing (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (F) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
Monday, September 14	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. KOC 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:30 p.m. KOC Monthly Meeting (LMR)
Tuesday, September 15	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:15 p.m. Women's Faith & Fellowship (MH)
Wednesday, September 16	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C)
Thursday, September 17	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. No Title (MH) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (LMR)
Friday, September 18	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR)
Saturday, September 19	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 7:00 a.m. WF&F Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Popcorn Sales (MH)
Sunday, September 20	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 11:30 a.m. Cub Scouts Popcorn Sales (MH) 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor Banquet (U) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (G)
To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/ . (U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium	

To be included in the following weekend's bulletin, all materials must be received no later than noon on Monday. No exceptions, please. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays.

Around the Parish



St. Michael Youth Ministries Kickoff – Sunday, September 13!

All middle and high school students are invited to join us as we launch a new year of faith, friendship, fun, and community!

Middle School Adventurers Youth Ministry will meet on the field at 3:00 p.m.

High School Elevari Youth Ministry will meet in the gym at 6:00 p.m.

Want to help support Youth Ministry? We are grateful for donations of gift cards, meals, and snacks. Online donations are also welcome through the parish website by selecting the fund "Youth Ministry Donations."

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 614-885-7814 or office@saintmichael.cd.org.



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/> or contact Fr. Michael Suhy at msuhy@saintmichael-cd.org or 614-885-7814.

Around the Parish (continued)



The Women's Faith & Fellowship Presents Grace by Candlelight

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall – We invite all women of the parish to join us for a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship! We are excited to welcome Sr. Bozena Tyborowska, a Little Servant Sister of the Immaculate Conception who has spent over 20 years guiding others to encounter Christ through prayer, formation, and compassionate service. Inspired by the words of Blessed Edmund Bojanowski, "Every good soul is like a candle that burns itself but lights up the way to others,." Sr. Bozena will invite us to reflect on embracing every season of life with faith and trust. Together, we'll consider how God calls us, like Mary, to say "yes" in every season – and to encourage, support, and become a light for one another. Gather your friends to host a table of 8-10, or come as an individual to make new connections. Bring an appetizer, dessert, or drink to share! RSVP kindly requested by September 24 using the QR code.



PSR Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration now open!

September 2026-May 2027

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

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



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 Sunday from 5:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. through Friday at 9:00 p.m. A second Adorer is needed for many hours. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Can't commit to a weekly hour? Sign up to be a substitute. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the above QR code.



St. Michael the Archangel Parish Photo Directory

80th Anniversary Edition

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!



Opt. #1 Schedule a Family Session

10-minute family photo session – various locations, dates and times offered – use QR Code to schedule

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: September 26 & 27

Times: Saturdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Sundays from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; 4:30- 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!



Mom's Day Out

Mothers of young children are invited to join our Mom's Day Out (MDO) community on Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Mothers will take turns caring for the group of children or dropping off their child(ren) and enjoying some free time. If interested, contact Rachael Laurin at ralaurin0928@gmail.com.



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.

Workbooks: Optional, \$20.00; Preorder: Mary Fristad at mary.fristad@gmail.com or 614-537-2604

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

“The necessity of prayer is so evident in Scripture that there is nothing more clearly taught or shown ... First, prayer enlightens the mind ... Second, prayer nourishes faith and trust ... Third, prayer kindles love and prepares the mind to receive greater gifts ... Fourth, prayer increases humility and holy fear ... Fifth, frequent prayer leads to a contempt for all temporal things in the heart of the one who prays ... Sixth, prayer brings forth an incredible delight since by its means a man begins to taste the sweetness of the Lord ... Finally ... prayer also confers upon one who prays no small dignity and honor.” +SAINT ROBERT BELLARME

Monday, September 14 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17 Jesus said to Nicodemus: “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Meditation: Moses lifted high the image of a bronze serpent fixed to the wood of the pole, which resembled a cross. Those who put their faith in God by repenting of their disobedience were healed and restored to wholeness of life. In today's Gospel Jesus links his victory on the cross with Moses' act of deliverance in the wilderness with his own impending sacrificial death when he will be “lifted up” on the wood of the cross at Calvary. Unlike Moses' deliverance in the wilderness which only resulted in temporary relief for the people, Jesus' atoning death on the cross brought decisive victory over sin, Satan, and death. Jesus' victory on the cross cancels the debt of our sin, and releases us from guilt and condemnation. His death and victory brings us new life - the new abundant life in his Holy Spirit which lasts forever. Jesus' victory on the cross also brought about his glorious bodily resurrection to new unending life and his ascension to the right hand of God the Father in heaven, where he now rules and intercedes for us. The result of Jesus “being lifted up on the cross” and his rising and ascending to the Father's right hand in heaven is our “new birth in the Spirit” and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only has redeemed us from sin in Christ, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift of his Spirit that we might share in his own glory. Indeed, “Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaimed, till all the world adores his sacred name” (Lyrics from the hymn “Lift High the Cross”).

Prayer: O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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 is no greater proof of God's love for us than the sending of his Son to become one with us in our humanity and to lay down his life for us -- “To ransom a slave God gave his Son.” God sent his Son to free us from the worst of tyrannies -- slavery to sin and the curse of death. Jesus' sacrificial death was an act of total love through self-giving. Jesus gave himself completely out of love for his Father. And he willingly laid down his life out of selfless love for our sake and for our salvation. His death on the

cross was both a total offering to God and the perfect sacrifice of atonement for our sin and the sin of the world. John tells us that God's love cannot be limited because it is boundless and encompasses all of creation (John 3:16). His love is not limited to a single nation or a few chosen friends. His love is limitless because it embraces the whole world and every individual created in His image and likeness. God is a persistent loving Father who cannot rest until all of his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love and not love. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief, or we can choose to love the light of God's truth, goodness, and mercy. If our love is guided by truth, goodness, and that which is truly beautiful, then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Ask yourself: Do you love God who is the supreme good above all else, all things, all people?

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation: Does suffering or sorrow weigh you down? Suffering affects all of us on one level or another, in one way or another. But the cross is different – the cross brings us face to face with Jesus' suffering. He was alone. All his disciples had deserted him except for his mother and three women along with John, the beloved disciple. The apostles had fled in fear. But Mary, the mother of Jesus and three other women who loved him were present at the cross. They demonstrate the power of love for overcoming fear (1 John 4:18) in the face of horrific challenge.

Prayer: O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to Mary in Honor of Her Seven Sorrows: O Mary, Mother of Sorrows, I beseech Thee, by the bitter agony thou didst endure at the foot of the Cross offer to the Eternal Father, in my name, thy Beloved Son, Jesus, all covered with Blood and Wounds, in satisfaction for my sins, for the needs of Holy Church, the conversion of sinners, the relief of the Souls in Purgatory and for the special grace I now implore. (*Mention your request at this point in the prayer*). Amen.

Contemplation: This is a day to pray the Stations of the Cross. Don't wait for the Season of Lent or for Holy Week; today is also a day to read and contemplate the words of the *Stabat Mater* – "At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last." The entire text can be found via the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops web page (<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/0915-memorial-our-lady-sorrows.cfm>). You might also want to read the seven sorrows of Mary in Sacred Scripture; the Biblical references are listed below.

About the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation, with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35);
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15);
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50);
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17);
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30);
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37);
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47).

Wednesday, September 16 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Cornelius, Pope and Martyr; and Saint Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:31-35 Jesus said to the crowds: "To what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

Meditation: Jesus' message of the kingdom of God is a proclamation of good news that produces great joy and hope for those who will listen - but it is also a warning of disaster for those who refuse to accept God's gracious offer. Why did the message of John the Baptist and the message of Jesus meet with resistance and deaf ears? It was out of jealousy and spiritual blindness that the scribes and Pharisees attributed John the Baptist's austerities to the devil and they attributed Jesus' table fellowship as evidence for pretending to be the Messiah. They succeeded in frustrating God's plan for their lives because they had closed their hearts to the message of John the Baptist and now they close their ears to Jesus, God's anointed Son sent to redeem us from bondage to sin and death.

Prayer: God our Father, in Saints Cornelius and Cyprian you have given your people an inspiring example of dedication to the pastoral ministry and constant witness to Christ in their suffering. May their prayers and faith give us courage to work for the unity of your Church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Contemplation: What can make us spiritually dull and slow to hear God's voice? Like the generation of Jesus' time, our age is marked by indifference and contempt, especially in regards to the message of God's kingdom. Indifference dulls our ears to God's voice and to the good news of the Gospel. Only the humble of heart who are hungry for God can find true joy and happiness. And so we might ask ourselves today: Do you listen to God's word with expectant faith and the willingness to trust and obey?

Thursday, September 17 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Meditation: Why did a woman with a bad reputation approach Jesus and anoint him with her tears and costly perfume at the risk of ridicule and abuse by others? The woman's action was motivated by one thing, and one thing only, namely, her love for Jesus - she loved greatly out of gratitude for the kindness and forgiveness she had received from Jesus. She did something a Jewish woman would never do in public. She loosened her hair and anointed Jesus with her tears. It was customary for a woman on her wedding day to bind her hair. For a married woman to loosen her hair in public was a sign of grave immodesty. This woman was oblivious to everyone and everything around her; she was totally focused on Jesus. She also did something which only love can do. She took the most precious thing she had and

spent it all on Jesus. Her love was not calculated but extravagant. In a spirit of humility and heart-felt repentance, she lavishly served the one who showed her the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus, in his customary fashion, never lost the opportunity to draw a lesson from such a deed.

Prayer: O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine with wonderful learning and virtue to vindicate the faith of your Church, grant, through his intercession, that in the integrity of that same faith your people may always find joy. 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 makes clear that great love springs from a heart forgiven and cleansed. Peter the Apostle tells us that "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). It was love that motivated the Father in heaven to send his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, to offer up his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. The woman's lavish expression of love was an offering of gratitude for the great forgiveness, kindness, and mercy Jesus had shown to her. The stark contrast of attitudes between Simon and the sinful woman demonstrates how we can either accept or reject God's mercy and forgiveness. Simon, who regarded himself as an upright Pharisee, felt no need for love or mercy – he never gave it a thought! His self-sufficiency kept him from acknowledging his need for God's grace – God's gracious gift of favor, help, and mercy. The woman, on the other hand, knew exactly what she needed from Jesus and sought it at all costs. Are you grateful for God's mercy and grace? Do you ever think of your need for God's mercy and grace?

Friday, September 18 ~ Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 8:1-3 Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Meditation: During his three years of public ministry Jesus traveled widely. The Gospel records that a band of women accompanied Jesus and the twelve apostles. This was a diverse group of women; some came from rich and prominent families; some had been prostitutes, and others had been afflicted with mental and physical infirmities. No matter their backgrounds or "status" in life, these women served Jesus out of their own resources. We know that Mary Magdalene had lived a very troubled life before Jesus freed her from seven demons. She was privileged to be the first to see Jesus as the risen Lord. As the wife of King Herod's chief financial officer, Joanna was a wealthy lady of the court. It's unlikely that these two would have ever met under other circumstances. What brought them together and united them in a bond of friendship, service, and loyalty to Jesus? Certainly Jesus and his message of the kingdom of God had transformed them. Unlike the apostles, who took great pride in being the chosen twelve, these women did not seek position or demand special privileges. Jesus had touched them so deeply that they were grateful to do anything for him, even menial service. They brought their gifts and resources to Jesus to use as he saw fit.

Prayer: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our privilege as children of God and disciples of Jesus is to serve as Jesus served with humility, selfless love, generosity, joy, and a willingness to do whatever God asks of us. God, in his turn, gives us every good gift and grace we need to carry out our task and mission. God in his infinite power needs no one, but in his wisdom and love, he chooses to entrust his work through each one of us. His Holy Spirit equips us with all that we need to love and serve others. In God's economy, no one is insignificant or unnecessary. The least in his kingdom find a home and a mission at Jesus' side. Do you know the joy of serving Jesus in company with others who love and serve him willingly?

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Around the Parish (continued)



SVDP

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, or scarves during the month of October for Sponsor A Family distribution. Coats are needed for all ages and genders. Donations may be dropped off at the collection chute behind the school gym. Thank you for your generous support!



MF&F – New Season Now on Saturdays at 6:45 a.m.

Men of the parish are invited to join Men's Faith and Fellowship on Saturday mornings as we continue a new season featuring the Paradisus Dei program, *Revelation of the Father*.

Each gathering offers an opportunity to grow in the Catholic faith through inspiring presentations, fellowship, reflection, and small-group discussion. We meet Saturdays at 6:45 a.m. in the Upper Meeting Room, concluding at 8:00 a.m. for those who wish to attend the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Men of all ages are welcome.

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Holy Family Olive Wood Carvings – September 26 & 27

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ST. GERARD MAJELLA BLESSING



Sunday, September 13th is the monthly blessing of those who are hoping to conceive, who are expectant mothers, who are sick children or mothers, as well as all particular intentions through the intercession of St. Gerard Majella.

This will take place after the 10:30am Mass in front of the Blessed Virgin's side altar. Thank you to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers who sponsor the monthly blessing.



Our parish choir is always seeking new voices to help enrich the celebration of the Holy Mass.

No matter your musical experience or ability, we ask that you consider joining this rewarding ministry.

Please contact the parish office for more information at:
(614)885-7814 or office@saintmichael-cd.org

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

This is a fraternity of young men in grades 8 to 12. These young men are dedicated to living an authentic Catholic life as a man, fully engaging in discipleship, and living out the pursuit of holiness. Our primary privilege is serving the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other major liturgies. No experience is needed as training is a part of the formation! We will meet at 6:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the Lower Meeting Room starting in September.

Contact Brother Adam if interested or more information
office@saintmichaelcd.org

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

MASS AT 5:30 P.M. FOLLOWED BY DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

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