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August 27, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday5:00pm Sunday......7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45am Monday-Friday......6:30am, 8:00am Saturday......8:00am

Rosary recited after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation	
Vigil for Holy Day	5:30pm
	6:30am, 8:00am
	12:15pm, 7:00pm

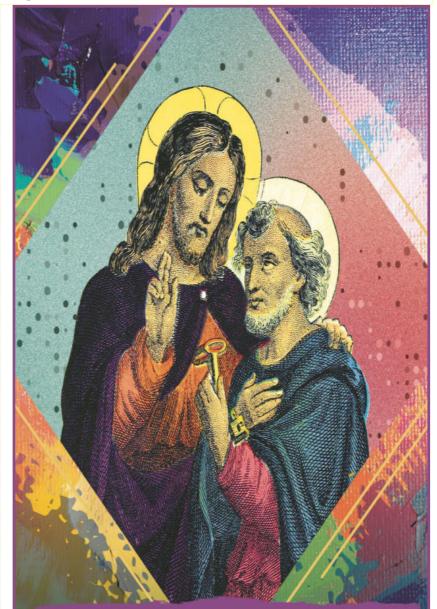
ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Daily4:00am ~ 10:00pm

Access only with a key fob. Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250 to obtain a key fob.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:00pm ~ 5:45pm
Saturday	8:30am ~ 9:30am
Or by appointment	



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

Fr. Dan Hoehn - FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



n today's Gospel, Jesus poses a question that concerns each of us: "Who do people say that I am?" Bishop Robert Barron, in his "Catholicism Series", comments:

"We're so accustomed to hearing this question in the Gospels that we've lost a sense of its peculiarity.

He didn't ask them what people thought about his teaching or what impression he was making or how the crowds were interpreting his actionsreasonable enough questions. He wanted to know what they thought about his identity, his being. And this question- reiterated by Christian theologians through the centuries- sets Jesus off from all of the other great religious founders. The Buddha actively discouraged his followers from focusing on his person, urging them instead to walk the spiritual way from which he himself had benefited. Mohammed was an ordinary man who claimed to have received Allah's definitive revelation. He would never have dreamed of drawing attention to his own person; rather he wanted the world to read and abide by the Koran, which had been given to him. Confucius was a moral philosopher who, with particular acuity, formulated a series of ethical recommendations that constituted a balanced way of being in the world. The structure of his being was never a matter of concern either to him or to his followers. And then there is Jesus. Though he did indeed formulate moral instructions and though he certainly taught with enormous enthusiasm, Jesus did not draw his followers' attention primarily to his words. He drew it to himself. John the Baptist instructed two of his disciples to follow after Jesus. They asked the Lord, "Where are you staying?" (Jn 1: 38) and he said, "Come, and you will see" (Jn 1: simple exchange is enormously 39). That instructive, for it shows that intimacy with Jesusstaying with him— is what Christian discipleship is fundamentally about. This preoccupation with Jesus himself followed, as I've been hinting, from the startling fact that he consistently spoke and acted in the very person of God. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Mt 24: 35). Sane philosophers and scholars invariably emphasize the provisional nature of what they write, but Jesus claims that his words will last longer than

creation itself. Who could reasonably make this assertion except the one who is the Word through which all things came to be? "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10: 37).

We could easily imagine a prophet, teacher, or religious founder saying, "You should love God more than your very life," or at the limit, "You ought to love my teaching more than your mother and father," but "unless you love me"? It has been said that the healthiest spiritual people are those who have the strongest sense of the difference between themselves and God. Therefore who could sanely and responsibly make the claim that Jesus made except the one who is, in his own person, the highest good? Now, the possibility remains that Jesus might have been a madman, a deluded fanatic. After all, mental health facilities are filled with people who think they are God. And this is precisely what some of Jesus's contemporaries thought: "For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him: because... he... called God his own father, making himself equal to God" (Jn 5: 18). What is ruled out— and C. S. Lewis saw this with particular clarity— is the bland middle position taken by many theologians and religious seekers today, namely that Jesus wasn't divine but was indeed an inspiring ethical teacher, a great religious philosopher. Yet a close reading of the Gospel witness does not bear such an interpretation. Given that he repeatedly spoke and acted in the person of God, either he was who he said he was and purported to be, or he was a bad man. And this is precisely why Jesus compels a choice the way no other religious founder does. As he himself said, "Whoever is not with me is against me" (Lk 11: 23), and "Whoever does not gather with me scatters" (Lk 11: 23). I realize how dramatically this runs counter to our sensibilities, but Christian evangelization consists in the forcing of that choice."

And so it is a question of ultimate concern for each and every one of us. With Jesus, there is no fencesitting! Peter had the right answer, and even though at times he wavered, he later was so convinced of his answer that he was willing to give his life. May our answer to that question give us the courage of St. Peter to be authentic witnesses to Jesus Christ!

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

- "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut,
 - when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

- For from him and through him and for him are all things.
- To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

- 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." (Mt 16:18-19)

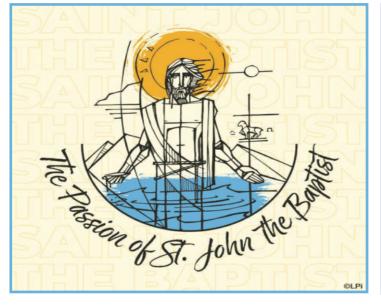
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Observances for the week of August 27, 2023

- Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of Monday: the Church

The Passion of St. John the Baptist Tuesday:

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR August 27 — September 3

- 8/27 Sr. Mary Patrick Salm OSF Sr. Lynn Schafer OSF Sr. Rosemarie Stewart OSF
- 8/28 Sr. Julie Walsh OSF Sr. Sylvia Wehlisch OSF Sr. Georgene L. Wilson OSF Sr. Mary Lou Wirtz OSF
- 8/29 Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz Fr. William O'Shea
- 8/30 Fr. Michael Groth Fr. Gregory Alberts



- 8/31 Sr. Ella Binz OSF Sr. Christine Bowman OSF Sr. Ellen Mary Brenner OSF
- 9/1 Br. Alphonsus Brown O.H. Br. Charles Pratt O.H.
- 9/2 **Deacon Jack Hayes** Deacon Peter Houtman Deacon Philip Leonard
- 9/3 Sr. Maria Brizuela OSF Sr. Gloria Therese Cabrera OSF Sr. Lois Ann Cline OSF



PRAY THE ANGELUS AND THE ROSARY

Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon in the Marian Grotto to pray the Angelus and Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

Feel free to bring a chair, if needed. In inclement weather, the group meets in the Church. All are welcome.

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Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan Dan Bates Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Marianne Bluhm Yecenia Bosley Brandon "Bubba" Brewster David Brummett Kathy Brummett Michael B. Calamia Althea G. Dades **DePratt Family** Jack Deshida Joe Duckworth Carol Ferri Frank Ferri Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty

Dale Foreman David Fountain Connor Giles **Brice Grudzien** Giancarlo Herrera Robert Hoppenstedt Dawn Jacobsen Miki Kern Barbara Krzyzewski Steve Schultz Margaret Kuhn Al Liskey Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Theresa Lozano Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Wilma Mabilangan Andrew Valadka Robert Mucerino Cathy McGuire Joanne Metoyer Nancy Mackowiak Joan Peters

Victoria Holmen Peterson Vicki Piccolo Tony Pisciotta, Sr. **Ray Reynertson Rita Richards** Margaret Riggs Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo Anne Marie Schneider **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Stroner Family **Dominic Thomas** Carole Weber The Wulffe Family Sr. Mary Clarine Young, SND Greta Zilch

To inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member, call the Parish Office at (630) 665-2250 to add or remove a name. Due to privacy laws and family preferences, the names of the sick and the deceased can only be published in the bulletin with specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



John Falvey **Frank Pfeffer** Diane F. Drew Edna Strum **Nancy Kaufman**

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them, and may the souls the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For Requested By SUNDAY, August 27 7:15AM St. Michael Parishioners 9:00AM + Bob & Kay Swanson Dave & Cathy Swanson 10:45AM Laurie Winter Laurie Winter **MONDAY, August 28** 6:30AM + Hector F. Fuster Bill & Cory Voller 8:00AM + Fred Wallitsch Flynn Family **TUESDAY**, August 29 6:30AM + Salvatore, Angelina & Family Bernie Tacito 8:00AM + Rheta Bresnahan Laurie WInter WEDNESDAY, August 30 630AM + Raymond Lewandowski Family 8:00AM + Madeline Glynn St. Michael's RE Staff **Special Intention** Neetha Chettiath **THURSDAY**, August 31 6:30AM + Ella Killian **Challenger Family** 8:00AM + Dave & Lynn VandenBrook Family FRIDAY, September 1 6:30AM + George Carr Family 8:00AM + Dan Donovan Marge Donovan SATURDAY, September 2 8:00AM + Sophie Zurawski Zurawski Family 5:00PM + Don Schmitz Carol Lee & PJ Borter SUNDAY, September 3 7:15AM + Brian Hanslik Philip & Maribeth Spittler 9:00AM St. Michael Parishioners 10:45AM + Pearl Owczarek Mary Abel

For information regarding recently departed parishioners and others, please consider subscribing to email notifications from local funeral homes.



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https://www.hultgrenfh.com

Around the Parish



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St. Michael Religious Ed



St. Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Office 317 W. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

Join Us for RE Classes September - April PRESCHOOL 3 - GRADE 8

UNIQUE, DYNAMIC, FLEXIBLE CLASSES

help children connect with their Catholic faith & make FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

PRESCHOOL 3 - 4 ELEMENT & KINDERGARTEN GRADES

Learn first lessons about God with friends. Prayers, crafts, Bible stories & firstlearner fun in class that's just the right size.

er volunteer!

Get ready for First Communion & discover more about Jesus. Receive your Bible & learn about Old & New Testaments.

GRADES 5 - 8

Apply faith to daily life. Dynamic videos, journaling & service engage young people. Focus on saints, Mass, the Bible & Confirmation.

Need to make Sacraments or jump back in?

- Simply enroll children in their school grade level
- Tell us what Sacraments
 they need
- We create a simple, personalized plan, even if children have missed multiple years

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EASY NEXT STEP Scan here to register your child/children for RE classes.



OR REGISTER ON WEBSITE

www.stmichaelcommunity.org/religious-ed

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Around the Parish

Wheaton Knights of Columbus Our Council 2601 Continues the Tootsie Roll Intellectual Disability Drive 2023



The Knights are back in force to support the effort to raise funds for Intellectual Disabilities. These children in need do not go away. They still need your help and support.

The Wheaton Knights of Columbus Council 2601 ask that you continue to make your donation to the Tootsie Roll Intellectual Disability Drive 2023 by:

Sending in a check to "Wheaton Knights 2601" at P.O. Box 525 Wheaton IL 60189

Or email: WheatonKnights2601@gmail.com A Knight will email you back to make arrangements to pick up a gracious donation.

Or, conveniently scan the QR code on this announcement and make a donation on our official fundraising page.



If you are an adult and would like to assist with our collection drive <u>September 15th-17th</u>, please contact us via the contact info above.

Thank you so much for your support this year. Maybe we will see you around town!

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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Dorothy Jaworska from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the upcoming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Formerly Known as The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

- * Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
- * Are you a Catholic who has been away from the Church or has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- * Are you a committed Catholic with a hunger to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Participants can be those who are unbaptized and have no Christian background, those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities, or even Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist).

The process is one of a total conversion of self to the person of Jesus Christ.

Contact Colleen Brodhead at 630-462-5043 or via email at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org



ATTENTION MEN BOWLERS

St. Michael's Holy Name Bowling League is looking for men interested in bowling on Monday nights with fellow members of our parish.

We will begin this season on September 11th at Bowlero on North Avenue in Glendale Heights, starting at 7:30 p.m.



If you like to bowl, at any skill level, come join the FUN!

Call Bill Keller at 708-602-6972.

Around the Diocese

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SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

USCCB Small Group Material will be included as it becomes available

REGISTRATION OPEN ULY 11 - AUGUST 27TH!

Join a small group and

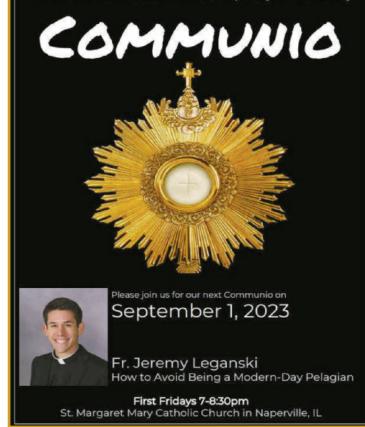
reignite your zeal for

living the virtuous life!

SEASON 7 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

On or after July 11th, register by using the QR code above or go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu</u>

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It's National Make-A-Will Month!



Now's the time to make a plan to take care of the

people and causes that matter most to you and your future.

August is National Make-A-Will Month, a time to consider how you can steward the blessings God has provided to you that will leave a legacy blessing to your family, your parish, and the causes that matter to you for years to come.

Through our partnership with FreeWill, an online estate planning tool, you can put all your intentions into action FREE by creating, planning, or updating your will in just 20 minutes. FreeWill also gives you lifetime access to update and change your will at no cost.

Your legacy has the power to influence not only this generation but the next as well. By including



an optional legacy gift in your will to the Diocese, Catholic parish, or seminarian education endowment, you can ensure the treasury of Faith is passed down to future generations.

Visit <u>FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet</u> to learn more and get started.



Scan the QR code or visit FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to get started.



Retrouvaille is a program designed for married couples who are struggling. Retrouvaille helps couples learn to communicate on a deeper level, and has helped thousands of couples return to a healthy, God-centered marriage.

>>> Our next weekend will be held September 8th - 10th, 2023 <<<

For information please contact: Retrouvaille of Joliet - 1-815-246-2080

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Parish Support

Stewardship Report

As of 8/23/23

July Offertory Budget	\$144,000
July Envelopes Online Giving Total	\$ 57,052 \$ <u> 47,319</u> \$104,371

Total Over (Under) < \$ 36,629 >

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.



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or by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. Tap on the pop up link which will bring you to our website for one-time or recurring online donations to St. Michael Parish.



Bulletin Submission Deadline & Requirements

September 10th Bulletin Deadline: Friday, September 1st Send items to:



communications@stmichaelcommunity.org

Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 and 1/2 page format, as full-page space availability is limited. Earlier printing deadlines occur before holidays.

Catholic Ministries				
		Dio	cese o	of Joliet
Thru 8/20/23	2023	2022	Inc/Dec	2022 (Final)
Goal	\$176,900	\$171,600	\$5,300	\$171,600
Amount Pledged	\$254,921	\$239,191	\$15,730	\$267,594
Amount Paid	\$233,577	\$215,155	\$18,422	\$263,709
Balance Due	\$21,344	\$24,036	(\$2,692)	\$3,885
Donor Count	574	581	-7	626
2023 Rebate	\$39,674			

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St. Michael Parish

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Everyday Reflections on the National Eucharistic Revival

This is My Body

It's one aspect of Catholicism that is both amazing and annoying: how tangible it is.

First the amazing.

Catholics, for good reason, have a hard time conceiving of their faith as primarily spiritual. Certainly there is a spiritual dimension. We have a soul. We believe in the Holy Spirit. God is spirit, Jesus says, and those who worship him do so "in spirit and in truth." We Catholics are on board with the spiritual, but we're especially tuned into that last phrase, "in truth."

"In truth" certainly implies that worship is conducted in accords with the reality of who God is and what he has done for us—the teachings of the church. But worship is not just what we do in Sunday Mass, but what we do

the rest of the week. Worship is not just about praying or meditating, but about loving others—as St. Paul puts it, we are to offer our very bodies as a living sacrifice as this is a "service of worship." This is where "in truth" get a little uncomfortable.

For it's not just about the feeling of love, but physical acts that serve others in their concrete existence. From giving a hug to giving out food; from listening to others' woes to offering an arm to help them stand. It's taking out the garbage, doing the dishes, mowing the lawn. It's picking up the slack of an overwhelmed co-worker. It's standing in front of the abortion clinic praying the rosary, beads sliding through your fingers, and then writing your legislator to save more infant lives. It's volunteering to make sure the refugee family has food, clothing, and housing. Love is a lot of practical *stuff*.

That's part of worshipping "in truth," in reality, day to day, the bodily reality of existence.

Catholics really get this. It's why we can never be accused of being so heavenly minded they are no earthly good.

So where does this come from, this almost fanatical appreciation of the physical? The sources are many, but certainly it begins at the "source and summit" of our lived religion: the Eucharist, where he hear the words, "This is my *body.*"

God came to us in a body. He didn't just write messages in the sky to teach us. He didn't just inspire prophets and teachers to talk *about* him. He entered the warp and woof of our bodily existence to demonstrate his love in tangible ways. Teaching, to be sure, but also healing. Healing, yes, but also suffering.

Suffering, yes, but also dying a bodily death.

And then there is this—the incarnation hasn't really ended. The body of Christ is with us, of course, in the church. The church is how Christ is tangibly with us. Not in the behavior of clergy and laity--a mixed bag at best (still, a St Francis or Mother Theresa comes along every once in a while to show forth Christ afresh!). But especially in the sacraments—where God's grace comes to us in tangible, concrete ways. We don't just confess our sins in our minds: instead we enter an enclosed space, and kneel or sit before a human priest, who bends his ear attentively, and then pronounces with his lips the absolution and—we're not done yet—instructs us with a penance that is invariably tangible—say so many Hail Mary's or Our Fathers, donate to a Catholic charity, read a particular Psalm.



Every one of the seven sacraments is like this—God's grace communicated not just as a warm and fuzzy idea but in tangible, bodily ways—with oil, laying on of hands, with prayers spoken with tongues and heard with

ears, and of course bread and wine.

This way of conceiving the life of faith begins in the Eucharist, where Christ says that the bread is not merely symbolic of his body but is, in fact, his body. Christ is with us afresh. Not as a spiritual feeling but in the appearance of bread, which we take it into our mouths and chew and swallow. Something is happening "in spirit," to be sure. But also in truth, in bodily reality.

I said at the beginning that this is both wonderful and annoying. It's wonderful because it literally fills us with wonder that God, who is infinite spirit, would make himself present and available in so many finite and tangible ways. It's a mystery that inspires awe.

But it can also be annoying! Because when we leave Mass grateful for God's love and renewed in our love for God, we know very well that, as St. James puts it, we can't go out and just ignore our needy brothers and sisters in the world. There are many reasons to be tempted to skip Mass or imagine the Eucharist is just a nice religious symbol designed to make us feel pious. And I think one of them is that when we partake of the body of Christ, we know that we are receiving Christ bodily and his bodily sacrifice for us--and that we're being called to tangibly sacrifice for him and others *in truth*, out in the real world.

Mark Galli is a member of St. Michael Parish. This is part of an ongoing series for the Eucharistic Revival.



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