

St. Michael

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

October 1, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday5:00pn
Sunday7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45an
Monday-Friday6:30am, 8:00an
Saturday8:00an

Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation		
Vigil for Holy Day		.5:30pm
Holy Day		
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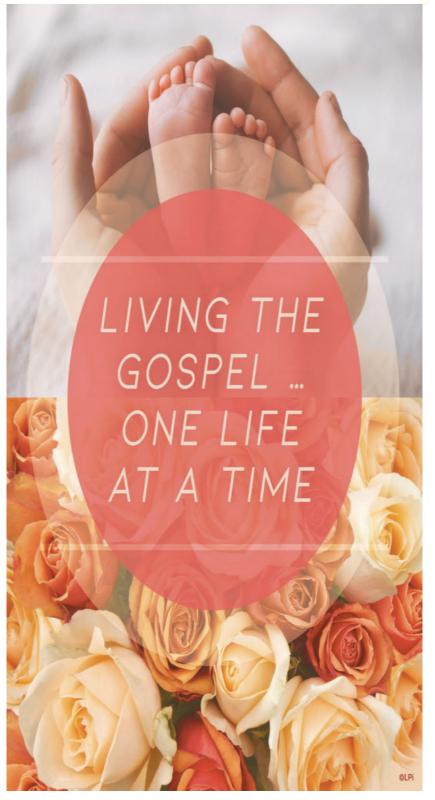
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Open Daily4:00am ~ 10:00pm

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	



Fr. Dan Hoehn - From the pastor's desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate "Respect Life Sunday." The Church's concern to protect the sanctity of human life extends to all persons – from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, reminds us that there is still much work to do in promoting a culture of life. Says Pope Francis:

Jesus, the evangelizer par excellence, and the Gospel in person, identifies especially with the little ones (cf. *Mt* 25:40). This reminds us Christians that we are called to care for the vulnerable of the earth. But the current model, with its emphasis on success and self-reliance, does not appear to favor an investment in efforts to help the slow, the weak or the less talented to find opportunities in life.

It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are isolated and abandoned, increasingly others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. For this reason, I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis. How beautiful are those cities which overcome paralyzing mistrust, integrate those who are different and make this very integration a new factor of development! How attractive are those cities which, even in their architectural design, are full of spaces which connect, relate and favor the recognition of others!

I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. The issue involves everyone! This infamous network of crime is now well established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity.

Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems. Once this conviction disappears, so do solid and lasting foundations for the defense of human rights, which would always be subject to the passing whims of the powers that be. Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual".

Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or "modernizations". It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations?

As I said, there is much work to do! Please see the various opportunities in this bulletin for helping to promote a culture of life!

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl.

Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,

Virgin

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR October 1 — October 8

10/1 Br. Lawrence Fidelus O.CARM
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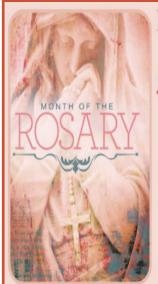
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10/6 Deacon David Prete
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Deacon Victor Puscas

10/7 Seminarian Jared Beltz

10/8 Sr. M. Thadine Kaminski OSF Sr. Donna Marie Baier 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.



Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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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.



Edward Karlovsky Richard Ollendick

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For Requested By SUNDAY, October 1

7:15AM + George Poyer Family St. Michael Parishioners 9:00AM

10:45AM + John & Helen Kern Kern Family

MONDAY, October 2

6:30AM + Bill Sippel Catherine & Dean O'Brien 8:00AM Gene & Sue Kania Mike & Bernadette Flynn **Anniversary**

TUESDAY, October 3

6:30AM + Bill & Agnes Mutert Kinkley Family 8:00AM + Thomas Bonk **Anonymous**

WEDNESDAY, October 4

6:30AM + Salvatore, Angelina & Family

Bernie Tacito

8:00AM + Michael Vallaro Barb & Ken Intihar + Jim Barbour Jeannine Barbour

THURSDAY. October 5

6:30AM + Sophie Zurawski Zurawski Family

8:00AM + Gloria Fortman Family

FRIDAY, October 6

6:30AM + Carmella & Dan DeLeo Judy Augustine 8:00AM + John & Joan Chionis John & Diane Ward

SATURDAY, October 7

8:00AM + William & Stephanie **Duckworth Family**

Morford

5:00PM + Michael J. Druzgala **Holm Family**

SUNDAY, October 8

Maribeth & Phil Kerr 7:15AM + Marion Murray

9:00AM + Herb Wehling David & Joan Coghlan

10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners

For information regarding recently departed parishioners and others, please consider subscribing to email notifications from local funeral homes. https://www.williamskampp.com/obituaries/ obituary-listings https://www.hultgrenfh.com

Around the Parish



Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:30-8:00PM, Adult Faith Room, Faith Center ST. MICHAEL'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — Compassionate support for those experiencing a loss. Join us as we pray, journey through scripture, reflect and share. Contact: Deacon Dan Aderholdt, dladerholdt@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:00PM, Faith Center RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE — Ground Zero Tour

Mary Kate Zander, Executive Director of Illinois Right to Life will discuss important trends, Illinois laws and public policy changes in the pro-life movement. See ad on this page for more information and to register.

Thursday, October 5th, 9:30-11:00AM, Bridal Room

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — Prayer Partners — All women of the parish are welcome to attend as we pray the rosary and discuss meaningful faith-based topics. Kids are welcome! See Page 6 for additional information, sign up on Flocknotes or email Gina Carroll at sjsginacarroll@yahoo.com

Thursday, October 5th or October 19th, 4:00-5:00PM, Church ALTAR SERVER TRAINING — Grades 5—8 — Liturgical Ministry opportunity for Teens. See Page 7 for sign up information.

Friday, October 6th, 7:00PM, Church

MINISTRY OF LECTOR INSTALLATION — Join us for Mass as diocesan diaconate candidates receive The Rite of Installation of Lector. Bishop Ronald Hicks, Celebrant.

Saturday, October 7th, 10:45AM-Noon, Compass Church

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE — Chain-For-Life — Register now for the event hosted by St. Michael . Signs provided. See Page 7 for more information.

Thursday, October 12th, 6:00PM, Church

MASS & DEDICATION CEREMONY — Join us for Mass as St. Michael Parish celebrates the opening of the Lavin Learning Center. Bishop Ronald Hicks, Celebrant..

Thursday, October 19th, 3:30 –7:30PM, in Versiti Bus

<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> — To register, call or text Camille at Versiti, 847-305-9998, or click link: www.versiti.org/IL. Look for the Versiti Blood Donor Bus in the parking lot on West Street. Appointments are encouraged; walk-in welcome! Photo ID required.

Friday, October 20th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP BOOK CLUB — Join us as we read

"An Introduction to the Devout Life", by St. Francis de Sales. We will discuss Part Two, Chapters 13-21 and Part Three, Chapters 1-5.

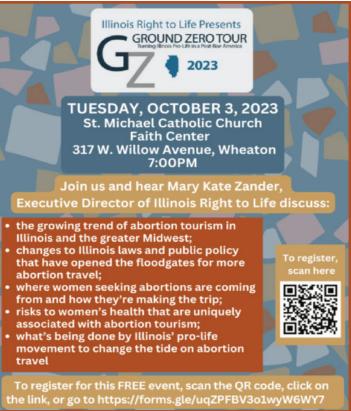
Sunday, October 22, 4:00PM, Church

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH CONCERT SERIES — Featuring William Phemister, Emeritus Professor of Piano at Wheaton College. Share the joy of music and invite your friends! Admission is FREE! Free will offering received.

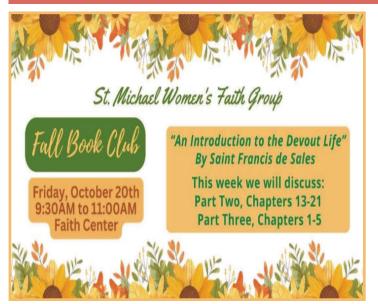
Saturday, October 28th, 8:00AM, Mass at St. Michael Church EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR LIFE Begin with Mass at St. Michael; procession concludes at St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn. See Page 6 for QR code to sign up!







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Gina Carroll

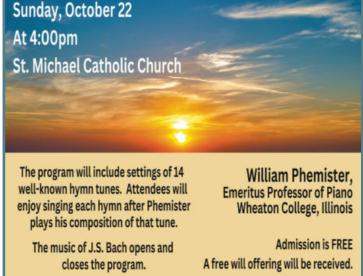
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Prayer Partners Schedule and Topics

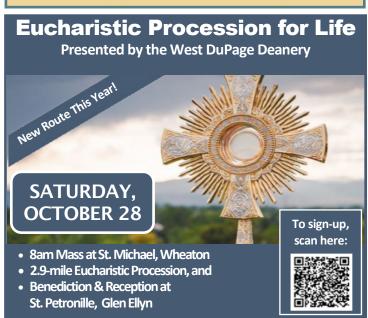
the rosary over the God Box that holds intentions of the parish and the school. Then, we will discuss the topic for that month.

We hope you can join us!









Around the Parish

Altar Server

Liturgical Ministry for Teens -Be an Altar Server!!

One of the best opportunities for students in grades 5-8 to serve the church is to be an Altar Server. Students fill an important role in the Mass and grow closer to Jesus in their ministry. Please prayerfully consider having your student sign up to be a Server.

There are two training dates for new Servers:

Thursday, October 5th - 4:00-5:00 pm in the Church Thursday, October 19th - 4:00-5:00 pm in the Church

Click here or scan the QR Code to sign up for a training time



Questions? Contact Colleen Brodhead at 630-462-5043



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INSTALLATION TO THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR Diocesan Diaconate Candidates

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 MASS - 7:00PM

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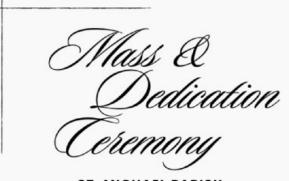
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JUAN REYES (OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL - JOLIET)

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Everyday Reflections on the National Eucharistic Revival

Acquiring the Taste

I still remember the first time I tried beer. I was eight or nine, and I asked my dad if I could taste the beer he was drinking. He offered the can to me. I cannot remember the brand, but I know it wasn't a Coors. My dad was a union man, and later, when I was old enough to buy beer, he exhorted me never to buy Coors because they fought unions. (Even though I have never shared my dad's visceral disgust with non-unionized companies, I've rarely if ever drank a Coors! Such is the power of a father's catechizing!)

My parents didn't believe we kids should go sneaking around to try alcohol. If we wanted to see what some drink tasted like, they said to come to them first. That took all the fun out of sneaking around, but still I tried a few alcoholic drinks in my childhood, just single sips, and usually only during the holidays, with lots of adults around.

When it came to beer, especially the first sip, I didn't get it. It tasted awful. Bitter and tasteless as far as I could tell. It wasn't a fancy craft brew, but something prosaic like Falstaff or Hamms. I didn't see why any adult would bother to drink it.

Decades later, I took up the hobby of brewing beer and enjoyed brewing and tasting and serving to friends. What happened?

I had acquired a taste for beer.

This didn't happen instantly on reaching drinking age. For years after that, I only had the occasional beer, mostly because the social occasion more or less demanded it. But over time, I began to increasingly appreciate not only the taste of lagers, but of ales of all sorts—pales, ambers, porters, and stouts.

This is how it is when it comes to the Eucharist. The eating/drinking age for Communion is usually seven or eight—old enough to understand what is happening, but I'd argue, not old enough to have an acquired taste for it. I don't mean a literal taste for bread and wine. I mean an appreciation for everything that is going on at that moment. So as a child, you may "taste" the Eucharist because is the social thing to do in church, but only as you mature, do you begin to grasp what's really going on in the Eucharist.

Back to beer for a moment. When I first started making beer, I'd have a friend over for a taste test. He had a gifted palette. He could taste five or six things going on with a batch: "There's a hint of a caramel

and chocolate sweetness in the malt, and a woody, even spicy flavor coming through the hops. I also detect a bit of...." And on he'd go to describe another two or three flavors. I'm usually able to find three flavors at best.

There are some gifted in grasping the many, many nuances of the celebration of the Eucharist, and sometimes it's overwhelming when they share all that with us. We think we must not "get it," that the Eucharist is only for gifted taste testers. Hardly. Most of us may be able to grasp just a few of the miraculous things going on at Communion. But that is enough. More than enough. More than enough to keep us coming back because we come to deeply appreciate what God is doing in it.

If you feel like the Eucharist has become "tasteless," like it doesn't seem all that special or miraculous anymore—well, hang in there. The Eucharist is an acquired taste. Sometimes it takes years to appreciate the many things that are going on.

And sometimes, the Lord allows us to endure a long dry spell so that we'll be surprised by it again.

I was in Mexico years ago, visiting a deserted town and church that had been inundated with lava eight feet high. It was a fascinating visit, but the heat beat down on us, and the road to and from the site filled our

eyes and dried out our mouths. On the way back, we pulled into the first restaurant we found and I ordered a beer to quench my thirst. I was gabbing with my friends when the beer arrived. When I took a sip, I fell silent. I stared at the label, like I was in a beer commercial. It tasted so good! Amazingly good, refreshing, wonderful! It was a Bohemia. I've compared it to other lagers since then, and it's really not that different. Yet to this day, when eating at a Mexican restaurant, I always ask if they serve Bohemia. It's never as stunningly good as that hot, dusty day. But it brings back a great memory.

Perhaps you're in a dry, dusty period of your spiritual journey. As one of the Psalms (38:4) puts it, "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" Maybe you'll be happily surprised by the Eucharist again. And if not, rest assured, you'll slowly but surely acquire a taste that you'll never forget.

Mark Galli is a member of Saint Michael parish, and offers these articles as part of the national Eucharistic Revival.



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Stewardship Report

As of 9/27/23

September Offertory Budget \$150,000

September Envelopes \$ 68,991 September Online Giving \$ 55,643 Total \$124,634

Total Over (Under) < \$ 25,366 >

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.



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