ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
3705 STONE LAKES DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40299
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

Imagine.
If our elected officials listened a bit more and talked a bit less; and if our leaders spewed less verbiage and humbly said, “help me to understand.”

Imagine.
If the families and friends of those in the law enforcement profession were able to worry less about the safety of their loved ones and knew of the appreciation which many have for their sacrifices.

If those who stand up for necessary racial and social justice knew that they had the support and understanding of so many, including those who may not participate in a protest.

Imagine.
If the COVID-19 pandemic had not fundamentally changed the world around us and led to so much death and destruction.

If civil unrest was seen as a result of long simmering disgust and anger with the marginalization of too many people.

Imagine.
If actions mattered more than words; and if social media did not disseminate every possible thought, feeling, or idea of its’ users.

Imagine.
If we saw God in the beauty around us: in nature, in others, and in the many gifts we have been given.

If we shared that vision with others?

Imagine.
Maybe this is a time to (re)imagine: even amid the chaos and distress, the disharmony and dissatisfaction. Would that make you and me a bit unusual or odd?

And what if we saw God in the Big Crazy? What would God look like? And would God care and still love us?

I imagine these questions, and even, on those days when I feel particularly full of wisdom, have answers to the same.

What do you imagine?

Peace,
Father Steven
Fr. Kenny’s Retirement

As we all know, our dear Fr. Kenny will be retiring at the end of June. In celebration of his birthday and his last day at St. Michael, he will be celebrating Mass. On June 29, his birthday, he will hold a special Mass at 8:15am. Then the next day, June 30, he will celebrate his last Mass at St. Michael at 8:15am. Please plan to come and celebrate with him!
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020

SUN 6/14
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

MON 6/15
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42

TUE 6/16
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48

WED 6/17
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THR 6/18
Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15

FRI 6/19
Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 [cf. 17]/Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

SAT 6/20
2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51

SUN 6/21
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2020

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day
Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

They recognized him in the breaking of bread. This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning. Sometimes we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God’s divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

I have called you by name, and you are mine.
**FIRST READING**

“Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.” (Dt 8:3b)

**PSALM**

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) or Alleluia

**SECOND READING**

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

**GOSPEL**

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (Jn 6:55-56)

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God’s. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God’s children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.
St. Michael Youth Ministry
Summer Program 2020

Witness Wednesdays: 3–4pm
We will be gathering to hear from some amazing people in our community as they share their story and call.

Wednesday Night Worship: 6–7pm
Gather via Instagram Live (@smymlouisville) for adoration, praise, and worship live from St. Michael. Send us your prayer requests and song requests as we worship God together.

Thursday Small Group Ministry 3–4 pm
Join us on Thursdays from 3–4 pm as we dive into deep issues of our faith. From June 4–July 2nd, we will be talking about finding hope in messy situations.

Just for Fun Fridays: 3–4pm
Join us as we play a game or two of Kahoot! Winners will receive a prize from your friends at Youth Ministry!

Sunday Night Drop-ins: 6–7pm
7th–12th graders are welcome to join us for an hour of games, socializing, fun activities, and prayer.

Join us via Zoom for Witness Wednesday, Thursday Small Group, Just for Fun Friday and Sunday Night Drop-In! All events are open to 7th–12th grade students.
https://zoom.us/j/96181056015?pwd=YnlFZkxuOXR6anNXYURuT005ZUw1UT09
Calling all 7th-12th graders!
Join us for our next online small group series....

**WHEN:**
Five Thursdays in a row starting June 4th:
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and July 2nd

**WHERE:**
Join us as we gather on Zoom at:
https://zoom.us/j/96181056015?pwd=VnIzRzA0V2pXZ09tQzFrYVZtZk9DUT09

**CONTACT:**
Have Questions about this series?
Contact Aaron in the Youth Ministry Office at (502) 266-5611 or afrazita@stmichaellouisville.org

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Sharing the Gospel
Jesus said, "He who feeds on this bread, this flesh of the Son of Man, will live forever." The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ given at Communion time during Mass. We hear the words of Jesus in the Eucharistic Prayer and the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ. When you eat this bread and drink of this cup, you will have life everlasting.

Prayer
Father, I thank you for sharing your Son, Jesus Christ with me.

Something to Draw
Draw a picture of Jesus sharing bread and wine with the apostles.

Mission for the Week
Every morning when you eat breakfast, spend time with Jesus. Trust God to give you all that you need.

Read the Gospel and Color
Do you ever wonder about Mary and her role in our salvation?

Are you looking to develop a closer relationship to our Lord’s mother?

Then 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley is just the right book study for you!

It is a short study—33 days, hence the name of the book. Join us via Zoom on Wednesdays starting June 17th and ending on July 15th. The actual 33 days is from June 13th to July 15th. Consecration day is on Thursday, July 16th. Please bring a copy of the book and read the first 5-7 days. Each day is only 3-4 pages. You will also watch the video synopsis with Fr. Gaitley speaking on our church’s subscription to Formed.org. Time of study adjustable for early or later in day according to participants needs.

If interested, please contact Angela Taylor at (502)594-2939 or ataylor16506@gmail.com.

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**MASS TIMES**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**
- Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
- Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**
For June, daily Mass will be held on June 10, 16, 18, 23, and 25.

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

**SACRAMENTS**

**RECONCILIATION**
- June 6 & 7
- July 11 & 12

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Please contact Sheryl Krieger in the parish office

**BAPTISM AT ST MICHAEL**
For dates contact the Parish Office

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