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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **JULY 25, 2021**

OUR MISSION

TO BE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST, INVITING ALL TO LIVE THE GOSPEL AND GROW IN FAITH.

Worship Times

Saturday: 4:30PM LIVESTREAMED
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM
Tuesday: 8:30AM
Wednesday: 8:30AM
Thursday: 8:30AM
Friday: 8:30AM
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Confession

Saturday: 3:00-4:00PM

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member needs to receive the Sacrament of Anointing please call the Parish Office, 651-463-3360

Baptism

Baptism class attendance is required. Baptism 1 is offered the 3rd Thursday of the month. Baptism 2 is offered the 2nd Thursday of the month. Both classes are at 6:30pm. Group Baptism is held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Call 651-463-5237 to pre-register for class & sacrament.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office. Allow at least 9 months to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Homebound Eucharist

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer Schneider 651-463-5224

Prayer Line

Email your prayer requests to: jschneider@stmichael-farmington.org or call 651-463-5224

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00am-4:00pm
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FROM THE PASTOR

This past weekend I had the privilege of presiding at the nuptial Mass of a couple of my friends out in Pittsburgh. In addition to the great joy of the occasion as the two of them entered the great sacrament of Holy Matrimony, I was struck by their attentiveness to ensuring a beautiful liturgy. Part of this was choosing to give honor to both our Lady and St. Joseph in a couple of spots during the Mass; they did this as a way of entrusting their marriage to the Holy Family. In particular, I was moved by their choice to have a simple Latin chant sung in honor of St. Joseph after communion, *Caelitum Ioseph*. The English translation follows:

> JOSEPH, the praise and glory of the heavens,
> sure pledge of life, and safety of the wide world,
> as in our joy we sing to thee, in kindness
> listen to our praises.
>
> Thou by the world's Creator wert appointed
> spouse of the Virgin; thee He willed to honor
> naming thee Father of the Word and guardian
> of our salvation.
>
> Thou thy Redeemer, lying in a stable,
> whom long ago foretold the choir of Prophets,
> sawest rejoicing and thy God adoredst
> humble in childhood.
>
> God, King of kings, and Governor of the ages,
> He at whose word the powers of hell do tremble,
> He whom the adoring heavens ever worship
> called thee protector.
>
> Praise to the Triune Godhead ever-lasting,
> Who with such honor mightily hath blest thee;
> o may He grant us thy blest petition
> joys everlasting.

In our current day and age, St. Joseph is a tremendous patron to claim as our own. He acted with righteousness, courageously followed the will of God, and was close to Jesus. These are all worthy of emulation in our own lives. Let us call out to St. Joseph to intercede for us, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

In Christ,

Fr. Froehle

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting new school supplies for North Trail Elementary School. Among the supplies needed are: pens, pencils, scissors, markers, highlighters, notebooks, etc. Place donations into the gray and white baskets located in the Gathering Space and outside the Parish Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 24
3:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Mass Intention—Mike Walter+

SUNDAY, JULY 25
8:00AM Mass Intention—Francis Scarpetta+
10:30AM Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community

TUESDAY, JULY 27
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—Jacque Devney+ (Fr. Joe Gifford)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—Kathy Dahl+ (Fr. Joe Gifford)
9:30AM Kids/Family Fun Time

THURSDAY, JULY 29
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—Youth Attending Extreme Faith Camp

FRIDAY, JULY 30
8:05AM Rosary
8:30AM Mass Intention—All Souls
9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration

SATURDAY, JULY 31
9:00AM Teams of Our Lady Retreat
3:00PM Confession
4:30PM Mass Intention—Dan Nicolai+

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00AM Mass Intention—Mary Hatfield+
10:30AM Mass Intention—Church of St. Michael Community

CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST

LIVE THE LITURGY

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

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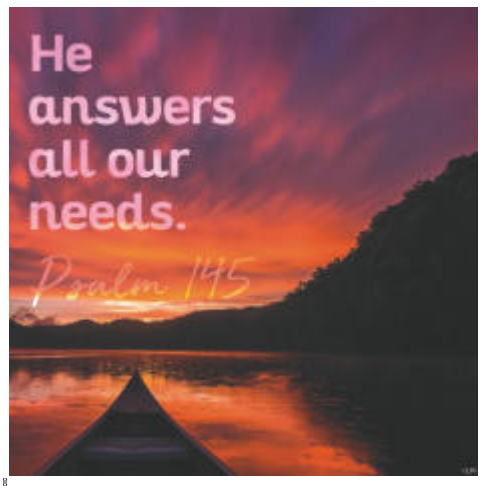

GOSPEL REFLECTION

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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GROWING IN FAITH

DO YOU KNOW?!

In the Old Testament, who was the mother of Benjamin?

PRAYERS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT EFC

We have a few young people from our parish attending Extreme Faith Camp this week! Please keep our young people in your prayers! Please pray that each young person can encounter Christ's love and

come to know Him more deeply!

CARNIVAL

Sunday, August 22 after 10:30AM Mass

The Faith Formation program is hosting a carnival for everyone in the parish. There will be food and games for people of all ages. Please mark your calendars for this fun time.

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PICK OF THE WEEK: *Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion.* In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series was filmed on location in the Holy Land. Each episode explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. Through personal testimonies you will be inspired to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

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ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

SYNOD 2021

If you've ever started a sentence with, "The Church needs to ...." then this is for you! Consider joining a small group this fall to provide input about the best ways for the Archdiocese and our parish to form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization;
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call; and
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

The parish will offer small group opportunities on Monday morning and evening, Tuesday afternoon and evening, Wednesday morning and Thursday evening for 6 sessions starting on September 27. Registration information will be coming soon.

FUN AND FAITH

Wednesday, July 28; 9:30-11:00AM

Please join us on Wednesday in the Quad Rooms for crafts, snacks, Bible lesson and games. This event is open to children ages 4-Grade 5 with a parent/guardian. There is no cost for this activity.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

GROWING IN FAITH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

SUN 7/25	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
MON 7/26	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
TUES 7/27	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
WEDS 7/28	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
THURS 7/29	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
FRI 7/30	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
SAT 7/31	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
SUN 8/1	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

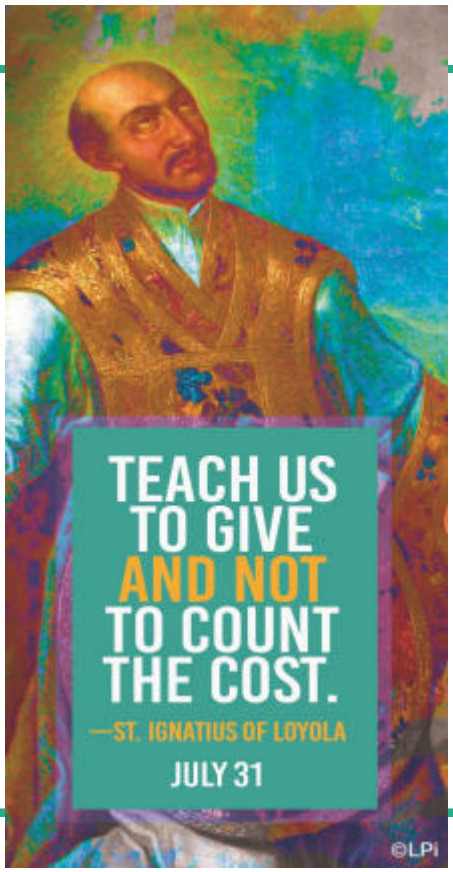
Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Martha
Friday:	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Next Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Awesome marriages don't just happen—couples create them! Begin creating the marriage of your dreams by attending the August 21—22 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.

Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call Mary Jackson 651.454.3238 if you have any questions.

Marriage Encounter



REFLECT

First Reading: (2 Kgs 4:42—44)

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

Second Reading: (Eph 4:1—6)

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

Gospel: (Jn 6:1—5)

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus? ©LPi

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LAST SUNDAY'S READINGS AND HOMILIES FOCUSED ON THE MISSION GOD HAS FOR EACH ONE OF US

LET RELEVANT RADIO HELP YOU TO FIND INSPIRATION FOR RECOGNIZING YOUR MISSION

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Jul 2020 - May 2021	Jul 2019 - May 2020
Sunday Collections	$ 752,716	$ 749,871
Budget	$ 703,472	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ 49,244	
Debt Reduction Fund	$ 51,706	$ 72,072
Budget	$ 59,583	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (7,877)	
Maintenance Fund	$ 47,244	$ 48,629
Budget	$ 50,417	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (3,173)	
Operating Expenses	$ 896,239	$ 816,999
Budget	$ 928,652	
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	$ (32,413)	
Loan Debt		
Balance 5/31/21	$ 984,241	$ 1,214,601
Monthly Payment	$ 14,725	*Principal/Interest*
YTD Add'l Principal Pmts	$ 53,000	*Principal Only*

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