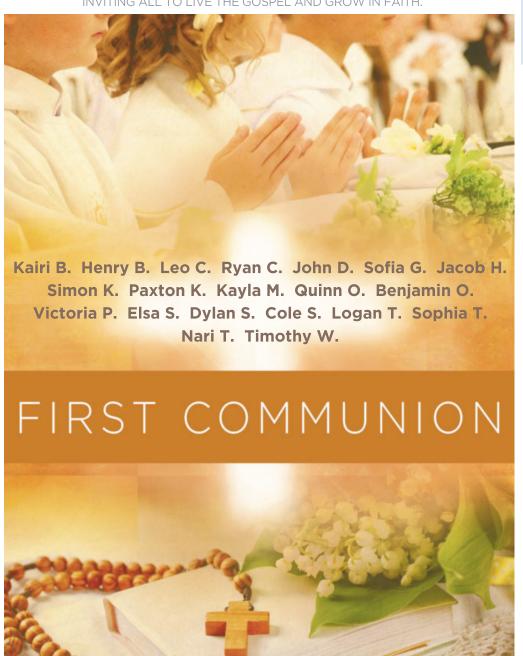


4th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 8, 2022

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#### **Worship Times**

Saturday: 4:30PM LIVESTREAMED YOUTUBE.COM/CHURCHOFSTMICHAEL

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM Tuesday—Friday: 8:30AM

Confession

Saturday: 3:00-4:00PM

Appointments w/Fr. Froehle
Call Carol Severson for all

appointment requests 651-463-3360

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.

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### FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we are privileged to celebrate many of our children receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! Personally, these moments are always a highlight for me. It is so wonderful to see the joy and anticipation of each child as he/she comes forward to finally receive our Blessed Lord. During distribution of Holy Communion each week, there are often children who evidently cannot wait to receive the Eucharist—looking at their parents with inquisitive eyes as to why they are only given a blessing, sometimes even reaching out for the Host themselves. Then, after a few short years and preparation, the moment finally arrives when they can unite themselves to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, receiving all the graces it offers.

I think we can learn from the example of these children. The purity of their faith, the intensity of their joy, and the excited anticipation to receive is a manifestation of a disposition we all can have. As we reflect on who it is that we receive each weekend, and the more often we ponder the great mystery of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the more our own spirit will long to experience a deeper union with him—a union given in mystery in Holy Communion and perfected in Heaven.

As we celebrate these First Communions this weekend, let us ask for the grace to have the same reverent joy in our own reception of our Blessed Lord, so that we can truly become united in him as the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

In Christ,

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#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

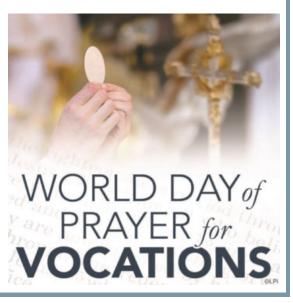
may each person hear and respond

to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage,

the chaste single life, consecrated life.

or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children.

Amen.



#### **CALENDAR**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7

3:00PM Confessions

4:30PM Mass Intention—Jim

Krueger+

4:30PM First Eucharist

Celebrated

5:30PM Respect Life Flower

Sale

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 8**

8:00AM Mass Intention—Barbara

Beckel+

8:00AM First Eucharist

Celebrated

9:00AM Respect Life Flower

Sale

9:15AM Respect Life Prayer

Group

10:30AM Mass Intention—Church

of St. Michael Community

10:30AM First Eucharist

Celebrated

11:30AM Respect Life Flower

Sale

#### MONDAY, MAY 9

6:30PM Faith Formation

Committee Meeting

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 10**

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Donald

Jenkins+

1:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Emma

Mihm

6:30PM Summer Youth Group

#### THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Julia

McCann+

3:00PM Our Lady's Rosary

Makers

6:30PM Baptism II Class

FRIDAY, MAY 13

8:05AM Rosary

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### **CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST**

8:30AM Mass Intention—Sharon

Severson+

9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration 10:00AM Word and Communion

at Trinity Terrace

SATURDAY, MAY 14

3:00PM Confessions

4:30PM Mass Intention—Carol

Benolkin+

**SUNDAY, MAY 15** 

8:00AM Mass Intention—Donald

Jenkins+

9:00AM Coffee & Donuts

9:15AM Respect Life Prayer

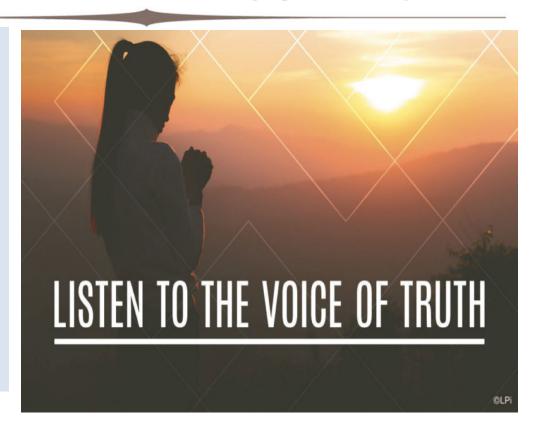
Group

10:30AM Mass Intention—Church

of St. Michael Community

11:30AM Coffee & Donuts

12:00PM Baptisms



### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost. ©LPi



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, June 3, 2022 in the Chapel 9:00AM—9:00PM

Plan to spend an hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact Connie Fifarek (612-269-5901) for time slots needing to be filled. All are welcome to come spend time with Jesus in the Chapel.

### **GROWING IN FAITH**



#### DO YOU KNOW?!

What is the name of the large fan used in pontifical functions?

Last week: What is the third holy oil called after oil of catechumens and holy chrism? Oil of the sick.

#### PARISH LIBRARY

New additions to the library include the DVD - 'Twas the Night Before Easter by VeggieTales and a book entitled, The Book of Saints. The library is located between the Chapel and the fireplace and we have a bookshelf of items located by the door to the office.



#### 22-23 FAITH FORMATION

Did you know that we offer 3 opportunities for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners to attend Faith Formation, including one during the Sunday 10:30 Mass? Early Bird registration deadline is June 30. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the Gathering Space.



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#### **OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS**

Thursday, May 12; 3:00-4:00PM

Please join us in rooms 9 & 10 to pray, make rosaries and for fellowship. We provide a lesson and materials for you. For more information, please contact Laura Shupe in the Parish Office.











#### SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

6:30-8:00 PM Wednesday, May 11th All 6th-12th graders are invited!

#### YOUTH GROUP

All 6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 11 from 6:30-8:00PM in the Social Hall. Join us for an evening of "Chopped—Youth Group Edition." Come put your baking skills to the test and see who can make the best dessert!



### **GROWING IN FAITH**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022**

SUN 5/8 Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27

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MON 5/9 Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

TUE 5/10 Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

WED 5/11 Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

THUR 5/12 Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

FRI 5/13 Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

SAT 5/14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

SUN 5/15 Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a,

34-35

#### **OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022**

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;

Mother's Day

Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Friday: Our Lady of Fatima Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

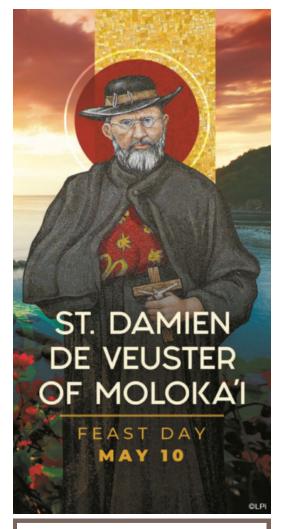
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#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may



not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©LPi



#### **REFLECT**

#### First Reading: (Acts 13:14—52)

We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey. How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult?

#### Second Reading: (Rv 7:9—17)

During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing. Who has been a good spiritual guide for you?

#### Gospel: (Jn 10:27-30)

Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep"). In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith?

### **MAKING DISCIPLES**

#### **BACKPACK PROJECT**

We will continue providing food for 31 students at North Trail Elementary School through the last week of this

academic year, May 30th. Items in need are: ramen noodles, granola bars and fruit snacks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students and their families.



#### **BAPTISMAL GARMENTS**

We are in need of a few people to make the baptismal garments that we give the parents. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Laura Shupe in the Parish Office.



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March	1611 4 weekends	2267 4 weekends		

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### FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Jul - March 2022		Jul - March 2021	
Sunday Collections	\$	609,055	\$	617,665
Budget	\$	637,125		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	(28,070)		
Debt Reduction Fund	\$	42,765	\$	43,725
Budget	\$	22,500		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	20,265		
Maintenance Fund	\$	35,025	\$	39,080
Budget	\$	18,750		33.11
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	16,274		
Operating Expenses	\$	668,256	\$	663,728
Budget	\$	685,160		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	(16,904)		
Loan Debt				
Balance 3/31/2022	\$	804,696		2 2
Monthly Payment	\$	14,725	Principal/Interest	
YTD Add'l Principal Pmts	\$	44,570	Principal Only	

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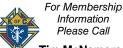


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