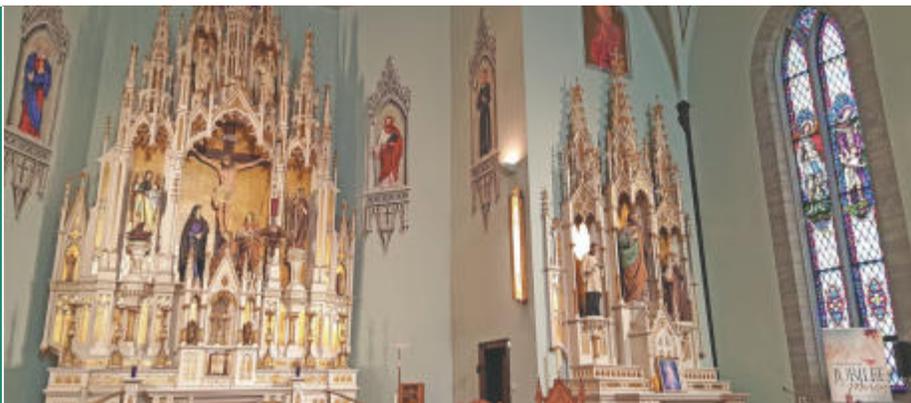


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JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we celebrate 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In January 2021, Pope Francis established throughout the Church the celebration of the **World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** beginning on the fourth Sunday of July 2021, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

This first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated midway through the year dedicated to family by the Holy Father on the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. This is a deliberate choice that stems from awareness of how the elderly – all the elderly, including those who are not grandparents – need a family environment in which to live, and also how it is necessary for families to become aware of the role being played by their older members.

The Gospels give no indication as regards the parents of Our Lady. But, the Proto-Gospel of James, dating back to the middle if the second century, names them as Anna - or Hannah which means “grace” – and Joachim, denoting “Yahweh saves,” and declares that their daughter Mary was born in answer. It’s not surprising that we celebrate Monday the feast of Sts Anne and Joachim Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today as we celebrate, let us give thanks to God for our grandparents and elderly in our lives for their love, service, dedication and sacrifice.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Due to COVID-19, the parish was not able to host a drive last year. Now it is safe to do it! This year the American Red Cross drive will be **Tuesday, July 27th from 12 pm to 6 pm** in the school.

Most of you know the importance of giving blood. If you have never given and are unsure if you should, stop by the blood bank and find out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office. The blood drive is just one of the ways we, as a parish, reach out to the

wider community – a community that spreads wider than the confines of our parish or vicariate. The blood drive enables us to touch the lives of people we will never even hope to meet. Please consider giving your blood and your time to the needful people.

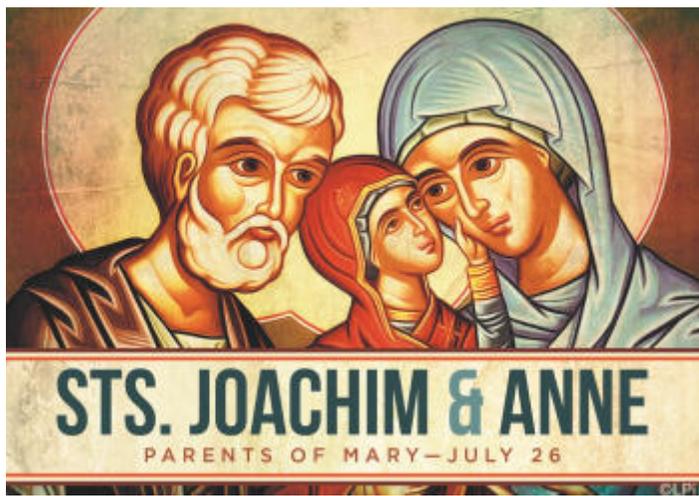
THIRD FAMILY GATHERING

Thank you so much to all of you who participated in the first two family gatherings. The third gathering, **Witnessing with Support and Encouragement**, will take place **Wednesday, July 28th from 6:30 – 8 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, *in person*. People are welcome without registration. There will be water, coffee, and ice cups/cookies. If you have attended the first or second you will be notified. If you have not attended the first two gatherings, you are still welcome to attend the third meeting. You can even show up at the last minute. I encourage you to attend this third gathering and learn a little more about ‘Families of Parishes.’

Have a blessed week!

God bless you

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu SAC



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Which was Jesus' first public miracle?

- Feeding the 5,000
- Healing of the lepers
- Walking on water
- Turning water into wine

Answer is on the calendar page.

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Tuesday, July 27, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



We're also looking for volunteers to help during our blood drive on Tuesday, July 27th. (It's in the air conditioning!)

A great way to earn service hours for parents and teens! Bring a friend!

Please call the parish office or click the link on Facebook sign up now!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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."

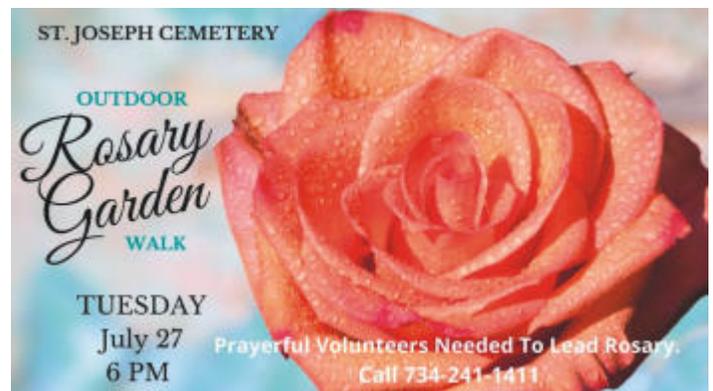
There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the 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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FAMILIES OF PARISHES PRAYER REQUEST

Change is a constant part of life. This past year we have all had to make changes due to circumstances beyond our control.

Throughout the history of the Church, change has been made necessary by constantly evolving needs of the faithful. Currently our local Church leadership, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has discerned that the Church must grow in its missionary and evangelizing efforts.

To best accomplish this, and to care for the multiple needs of God's people, our archdiocese is embarking on a new structure: *Families of Parishes* (more information is available at www.familiesofparishes.org).

The *Families of Parishes* concept is designed to share available resources among neighboring parishes. Our family consists of St. Anne, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and St. Michael the Archangel. In the 'Family,' the clergy, staff and those who serve in leadership positions will collaborate in a more deliberate way to serve all the faithful.

The creation of *Families* enables the clergy and staff to better share their gifts and talents in partnership toward the mission: taking the Gospel out beyond our church walls and into the surrounding community. We seek to invite and re-engage Catholics who have become disconnected from the Church.

As people of faith, we believe that our Monroe Family of Parishes can only succeed if our efforts are firmly rooted in prayer. To this end, we are requesting you prayerfully consider participating in one or more of the following ways:

- Personal prayer
- Small group prayer sessions, perhaps "neighborhood or friend oriented" in individual homes
- Scheduled holy hours in church

Through these various formats we will ask the Holy Spirit to guide our parish leadership, specifically seeking wisdom, courage, perseverance, patience, faith, and hope throughout the process.

Please let us know how you can be a part of our intercessory prayer as we begin this new chapter in the life of our local Church. Detach and return the check list below, contact the parish office at (734-241-8645), or email parishoffice@stmichaelmonroe.com. This is the first step to advancing our prayer efforts! We thank you in advance!

____ Yes, I will personally pray for our transition to a Family of Parishes.

____ Yes, I am interested in learning about small group prayer sessions.

____ Yes, please notify me when Holy Hours are scheduled.

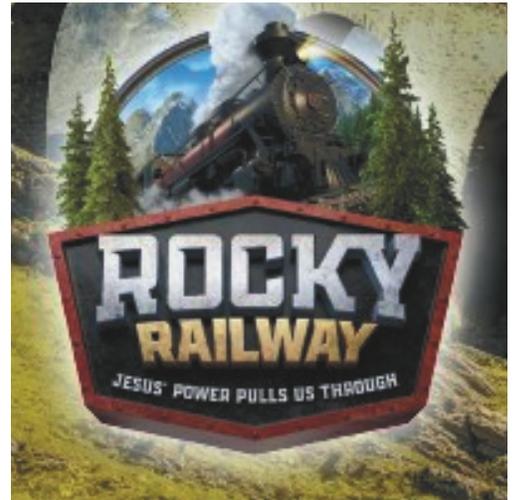
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With gratitude,

Fr. David Burgard
Moderator, Monroe *Family of Parishes*

Fr. Kishore Babu Battu
Pastor, St Michael the Archangel



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VACATION BIBLE ADVENTURE!

AUGUST 10-12

9 - 11:30 am

- **St. Michael School Campus**
- **Kindergarten - sixth grade**
- **Register: Facebook, parish office, website**
- **To volunteer or questions: 734-241-6097**

REFLECT & RESPOND

FIRST READING:

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:

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:

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?



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School Advisory Committee Seeking New Members

Dear Parishioners,

Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools' School Advisory Committee (SAC) exists to assist the Pastors of the sponsoring parishes, the Pastor Delegate and the Executive Principal in the implementation of the mission and vision of Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools. Advisory in nature, the SAC meets with the MCES Executive Principal and Finance Director on a regular basis to discuss ways to better promote and support MCES. Areas of Focus include:

1. The main focus area is on developing and implementing our strategic plan.
2. Empower the Executive Principal to ensure the Catholic mission and identity of the school, as well as the implementation of faith formation, religious education and worship according to the tenets of the Catholic faith.
3. Assist with reviewing the Mission, Vision and Root Beliefs of MCES on a regular basis, coinciding with the accreditation cycle.
4. Promote for better understanding and support of Catholic education both in the parishes and in the local communities.
5. Work with the Executive Principal and Finance Director to approve and monitor the annual budget.
6. Observe and support the Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools Articles of Agreement and assist in their review.

As we look to the future, we would like to grow the number of representatives from each parish and the larger Monroe community to offer voice and expertise.

We are currently seeking prospective candidates with experience and expertise in: Marketing/ Communications/Advertising, business/small business owners, strategic planning, and other areas that would be helpful and applicable to the above areas of focus.

Members of the SAC serve a 2-year term, which is renewable once. Meetings include: an August Training Meeting, a quarterly SAC meeting, and committee meetings.

If you support the mission of MCES and Catholic Education and are interested in joining the SAC, please contact Kyle Kubik at kubik@monroecatholicschools.com. Those selected will be approved by the pastors.

Thank you for considering supporting MCES in this way!

Kyle Kubik
MCES Executive Principal



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Bill Dempsey	June Neph
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Javier Barrios	Donna Perez
James Barron	Greenawalt
Monica Beeson	Sean Griffin
Carolyn Bellino	Kate Herr-Maletich
Lynda Billock	Rose Kavanagh
Philip Bloom	Edna Kinsey
Addie Bressler	Lois Knegendorf
AJ Bressler	Alice LaPrad
Carol Carle	Donna Leask
Fr Daniel Complo	Madeline Lemerand
Keith Dean	Dorothy Louwsma
	Mary Zubkoff

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Major Matthew Aubry	Staff Sgt. Angelo Marino
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Tracy (Scobel) Bennett	Airman 2 Drew McLaughlin
Pvt. Adrien Boudreault	Sgt. William McGowan
Major Zachery Briscoe	S. Sgt. Jill (Hoffman) Miles
CWO3 Ricky Brown	AB Tannar Osborne
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Sgt. Michael Makela	LCPL Justin Zukowski

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

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Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: 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
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

THIS WEEK ~ JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

MONDAY, JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 8:15 am - church
Devotions 9 am - church



TUESDAY, JULY 27

Red Cross Blood Drive noon - 6 pm - gym
Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Family of Parishes 3rd Gathering 6:30 pm - K of C Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 29

St. Martha

FRIDAY, JULY 30

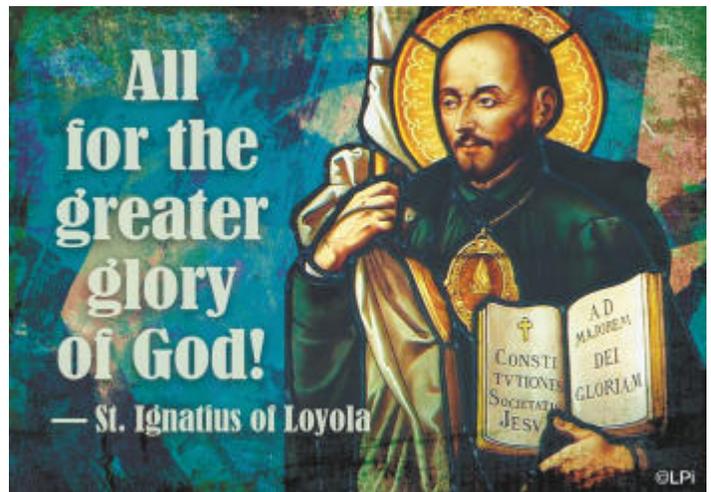
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church



**All
for the
greater
glory
of God!**

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

LITURGY SCHEDULE JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	† Anna Rappa † Betty Korte
Friday 8:15 am	† Mary Ann Mead † Mary Rose Rohr
Saturday 5:00 pm	† Frank Perna † Tina Perna
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	† The People of St Michael † David & Ralph Emerick † Waldon & Dorothy Wannemacher

St Michael the Archangel Parish staff & fellow parishioners:

THANK YOU! to the entire parish staff and the many volunteers who stepped up and led our parish through the past very difficult year. Our parish family came together to address our needs during this time, including: making phone calls to check on parishioners, offering assistance with errands during the initial shutdown, providing homemade masks when masks were scarce, livestreaming Mass so we could participate while at home, offering *drive-by* Confession and *parking lot* Adoration so we could be close to Jesus, keeping us informed through Tuesday Check-ins, volunteering at Mass even during the shutdown, cleaning and disinfecting the church, enabling us to have a clean, safe environment in which to pray and worship...and the many other ways which may have been unseen, but were still very much appreciated. A special *Thank You* to Fr. Kishore for continuing to guide us back to normal. It makes me feel so blessed to be a member of the St Michael the Archangel Parish family. May God richly bless you all!

Sincerely,

A very grateful parishioner

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food and help with utility, rent and other bills. **God Bless You!**



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