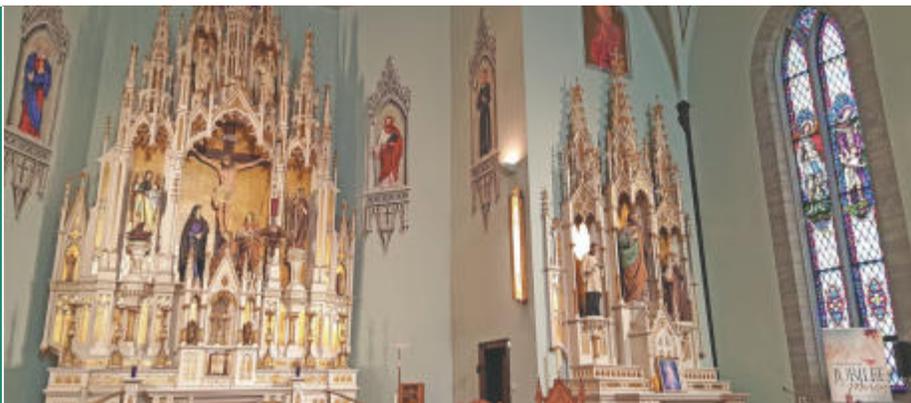


ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Consecrated to the
Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary



AUGUST 22, 2021

• TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

FEARLESS DISCIPLES, FORMED BY THE WORD, FILLED WITH THE HEART OF JESUS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state.

What is the role of Catholics in society?



The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

What is NOT a name of the four sets of rosary mysteries?

- Joyful
- Awakening
- Glorious
- Luminous

Answer is on the calendar page.

Submission as Stewardship

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Faith Formation classes start IN PERSON very soon... Tuesday, September 7th!

Registration forms are available in church, the parish office, and online. Please register your family as soon as possible so planning and resources will be ready for class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation office at 734-241-6097.

Leslee Smith, Director

- **Do you attend Mass with friends or loved ones but are not Catholic?**
- **Are you contemplating the Catholic faith?**
- **Are you a *Cradle Catholic* who may not have been fully catechized?**
- **Have you forgotten the beautiful and abundant information of our faith?**



RCIA AND FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions will begin in September.

We invite you to join us for an enriching faith formation series.

Please call the parish office for more information: **734-241-8645.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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FEAST DAY NEWS

- ◆ Have you picked up your Feast Day raffle tickets? Picking them up from the East entrance will save the parish money in postage!
- ◆ Could you spare some time to help our Feast Day Committee with planning this year’s events? Please call the parish office to volunteer! 734-241-8645.

In the Spirit of Giving Help Needed

Thank you to all who share their time and talent in helping those in our Monroe Community who seek physical assistance through **In the Spirit of Giving**.

Many of you have responded to our previous requests to share your furniture and household items that you no longer need; and without these gifts we could not aid those seeking our help.

At this time we need additional drivers who have a pick-up truck, as well as individuals who could assist with the physical work of lifting items on and off our trucks. Would you be willing to share your time once a month to either help pick up donations or deliver them to our clients? Seasoned *Picker Uppers* will share the "ins and outs" of this opportunity in sheltering the homeless.

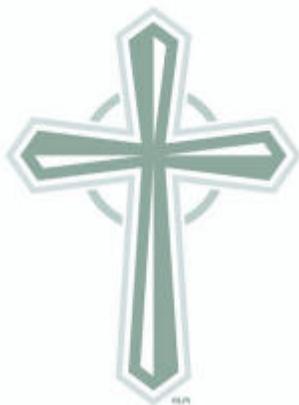
For more information, please contact:

Jim Hansen 313-805-6115

Paul Jay 734-693-4649

Lorie Bronson 734-241-6088.

Thank you in advance!



REFLECT & RESPOND

FIRST READING:

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

SECOND READING:

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

GOSPEL:

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?



LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1266 RECEIVES TOP AWARD

Monroe #1266 Knights of Columbus Council has received the distinction of **Star Council**, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

1266 has received the top honor of the **International Faith in Action** award, for a program that they called Men's Prayer Breakfast, Regular Joes. The council also had fundraisers to purchase an ultrasound machine to be donated at Heartbeat of Monroe. They also donate to a program called Coats for Kids. They give food to families at Christmas time. They have Tootsie Roll sales to help children with disabilities, along with many of other great programs.

"Over this past year of pandemic, all our programs were challenged, but by the Grace of God we have survived and will continue to grow. Thank you to all my brother knights for the hard work that you do for the council and community," Grand Knight, Julian Rios

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus, contact any Knight or the Grand Knight, Julian Rios, at 734-755-3570, or email gk1266@mikofc.org.

EVERY SATURDAY 6:30-8AM
BEGINNING AUG. 21
ST. JOHN'S CYM IN MONROE
OPEN TO ALL MEN AGE 18 & UP

**ST. JOE'S
BASKETBALL
BROS**

**WHERE REGULAR JOES BECOME
BASKETBALL BROS IN CHRIST**

Come Holy Spirit!

Please join us to pray the **Luminous Mysteries** of the Rosary on **Thursday mornings** beginning at 11:40 am followed by Mass at 12:15 pm in St. Mary Church.

Our prayer intention is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to work as a Family of Parishes. We pray also for Fr. David, our moderator, as well as Fr. Giancarlo, Fr. Kishore and Fr. Henri and the parish staffs who serve in our Monroe Family of Parishes (St. Anne, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel parishes).

School Starts August 23rd - Enroll Now!
Visit www.mcesmonroe.com to request more information.



MONROE
CATHOLIC
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SCHOOLS

2021 GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 25, 2021
9:00 am shotgun start

18 holes with cart
Lunch at the turn
Dinner following golf
Cash bar
Raffles & prizes

Carrington Golf Club
911 St. James Park Ave.
Monroe, MI 48161

\$75.00 per golfer

Register Online:
one.bidpal.net/mcesgolf

Sponsorships Available

GOLD.....\$500

BLACK.....\$250

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Visit one.bidpal.net/mcesgolf to purchase a sponsorship! Thank you for supporting MCES!

Thank you for supporting Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools! Questions can be directed to Scott Burns at scott@rrinvp.com or by calling MCES at 734-241-3377.

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Pray for:

Rebecca Alexander	Tom Cousino	Diane Mennell
Theresa Balk	Keith Dean	June Neph
Javier Barrios	Kathy DeFigueiredo	Pat Orr
James Barron	Bill Dempsey	Leigh Ann Parrack
Monica Beeson	Rita Getchey	Donna Perez
Carolyn Bellino	Veronica	Mary Ray
Lynda Billock	Greenawalt	Parker Reau
Philip Bloom	Sean Griffin	Mary Ann Soleau
Addie Bressler	Kate Herr-Maletich	Betty Steffes
AJ Bressler	Rose Kavanagh	Wilbur Stotz
Ruth Brown	Edna Kinsey	Bob Vajcner
Carol Carle	Lois Knegendorf	Alex Vanisacker
Fr Daniel Complo	Alice LaPrad	Alice Villarreal
	Donna Leask	Cody Wood
	Madeline Lemerand	Mary Zubkoff
	Dorothy Louwsma	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Major Matthew Aubry	Staff Sgt. Angelo Marino
Brett Bennett	Staff Sgt. Emily Marino
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
Cpt. Kyle Burkardt, DDS	Major Tim Payment
Cpt. Patrick Burkardt, DDS	Alan Scobel
1st Sgt. Robert C. Cebina	Lt Col Marcus Sitterly
Cpl Chase E. Collingsworth	Gregory Smith
Spc. Skylar Cooper	M/Sgt. Marian Olmsted Smith
SMS. Wayne Fetty	Spc. Travis Weber
Cpl Jacob Luthy	Cpt. Brian Worley, USMC
Sgt. Michael Makela	CPL Justin Zukowski

Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THIS WEEK ~ AUGUST 23 - 29

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

St Rose of Lima, Virgin
Mass 8:15 am - church
Devotions 9 am - church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

St Bartholomen, Apostle
Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

St Louis / St. Joseph Calasanç, Priest

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

St Monica
Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church

WEDDING BANNS

Adam Dushane & Sarah Straub (2)
Andrew Goldsmith & Kristen Johnson (2)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Answer: **b**

LITURGY SCHEDULE AUGUST 23 - 29

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	† Gloria Collingsworth † Carl Stoddard
Friday 8:15 am	† For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Poor Sinners
Saturday 5:00 pm	† Waldon & Dorothy Wannemacher Intentions of Fr. Phil Ching
Sunday 8:30 am	† Carl Stoddard † Fr Stephen Rooney Intentions of Lino & Anna Perna
10:30 am	† The People of St Michael

