SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 8, 2022

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?



WORSHIP WITH US

We the people of St. Michael Catholic Church seek to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ by sharing His message of love, peace, justice, and compassion. We are called to teach and evangelize, to praise and worship God, through prayer and service to our community and beyond.

Visitors interested in becoming a member of our community are invited to register by collecting a registration packet in the Gathering Space, visiting us online or stopping by our Parish Office.

CONTACT OUR OFFICES

(513) 563-6377 Parish Office

Monday—Thursday	8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday	
Email	office@saintmichaelchurch.net
Prayer Chain Line	(513) 563-6377, Option 6
St. Vincent dePaul Society ext. 353	

(513) 563-6377 School Office

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m.
In the event of a funeral, daily Mass time i	s subject to change.

Presider Schedule for May 14-15

Presiders are subject to change.

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Ed Burns 9:00 a.m.— Fr. Norm Langenbrunner 11:30 a.m.—Fr. Ed Burns

Exposition	Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Rosary	Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL

Monday, May 9 8:30 a.m.	9 Mass Intention: Margaret Asbrock requested by Mercedes Leopold
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Exposition in Church Evening Prayer in Church 11:30 Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 8:30 a.m.	10—St. Damien de Veuster, Priest Mass Intention: Tom Dressing requested by Lois and Robert Kessling
4:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church Rosary in Church Knights of Columbus in the Cafeteria
Wednesday, N	-
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confession in Reconciliation Room Mass
7:30 p.m.	Intention: Enrollees in Education Memorial Endowment Fund Youth Adult Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Thursday, May 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 12:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	 12—Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr Women Together in the Gathering Space Mass Intention: Special Intention requested by Michele Tillapaugh Rosary in Church 9:00 Choir Rehearsal in Church
Friday, May 13 8:30 a.m.	–Our Lady of Fatima Mass (School) Intention: Thomas Garland requested by Donna Bush, Dorothy and Danielle Miller Margaret Asbrock requested by the Guye Family
Saturday, May 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	 14—St. Matthias, Apostle; Festival Volunteer Sign Up Weekend; Sharonville Food Pantry Confession in Reconciliation Room Mass Intention: Tom Schmidt requested by Carol Schmidt Mary Schmidt requested by SVdP
Sunday, May 15–5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore; Festival Volunteer Sign Up Weekend; Sharonville Food Pantry	
9:00 a.m.	Mass Intention: Margaret Asbrock requested by Donna and Mary Jo Tom Schmidt requested by Carol Schmidt and Family
11:30 a.m.	Mass Intention: For the Parish

UPCOMING READINGS

Monday's readings	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday's readings	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday's readings	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday's readings	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday's readings	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday's readings	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Sunday's readings	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

GATHER WITH OUR FAMILY

FROM THE PASTOR

I think that one of the reasons that I am a hopeful person by nature is because of my parents. Through all the ups and downs of life, they were always there for me, and I never doubted they would be. On this Mother's Day, I think particularly of my own mother's kindness and love; she really is the quintessential mom! Always there with a listening ear, unconditional love and usually with something to eat! Her own mother was like that, too. (And, come to think of it, so was her mother, who lived long enough for me to get to know her well!)

This is how I understand God's love-always there for us, always waiting for us, always there to help and support us. At all times of day, no matter the need, God is there to feed and strengthen us.

So thanks to my mom and all mothers and mother-figures who show us this beautiful love of God!

Fr. Ed Burns, Pastor

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL

We introduce and warmly welcome this newly registered family to Saint Michael:

The Peltier Family

John, Rebecca, Olivia, Luke, and Emma

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

We are looking to purchase a new set of Assisted Listening Devices to help those who have difficulty hearing. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Brian Bisig at (513) 563-6377 ext. 301 or brian@saintmichaelchurch.net.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

St. Vincent de Paul Society 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
St. Michael K of C 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Athletic Boosters 3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Parent Teacher Organization TBD
Religious Education (Grades 1-8) Sunday, 10:10 a.m.
Catholic Inquiry Sessions Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
HS Youth Group Sundays, 7:00 p.m.
Jr HS Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:00 p.m.
Young Adult Group Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Subject to cancellation on holidays and during festival season.

Scheduling & Room Reservations

Please call the Parish Office or email: calendar@saintmichaelchurch.net

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

Parish Pastoral Council Every six weeks
President: Jim Konves
Worship Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Jack Hornsberger
Finance Council Last Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.
Jan, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
Chair: Jerry Mussari
Community Outreach 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Mary Heilers
Youth Commission1st Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Tyler Marsh

OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. John the Evangelist 9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Road West Chester Twp., Ohio 45069 (513) 777-6433 | www. stjohnwc.org

St. Gabriel Church

48 West Sharon Road Glendale, Ohio 45246 (513) 771-4700 | www.stgabrielglendale.org

ROUNDING THE BASES, SENDING THEM HOME

Casey Cole, O.F.M., is an American Franciscan friar, Catholic Priest, writer, and blogger

This Memorial Day weekend, two friars on a pilgrimage like no other, will make a stop in Cincinnati. YouTube sensation Fr. Casey Cole and Fr. Roberto "Tot" Serrano plan to visit all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums, meeting young adults where they are to invite them to return home to Jesus and his Church.

Fr. Casey Cole will be saying Masses at Saint Michael Church in Sharonville the weekend of May 28/29. Saint Michael and its family of parishes, invite you to hear more from Fr. Casey at a stadium-style, BYOB social event on Sunday, May 29th.

Rounding the Bases, Sending them Home Social Sunday, May 29, 2022 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Pavilion Grove 9080 Cincinnati Dayton Road West Chester Twp., Ohio 45069

Your RSVP is not required but is requested. Please RSVP at: https://bit.ly/3LSZY8v

Learn more about Fr. Casey Cole's pilgrimage at https://breakinginthehabit.org/.



May is the month of our Blessed Mother. Join us on Tuesday, May 10 and May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Church as the Knights of Columbus lead us in rosary. You are also welcome to join us every Thursday, year round, immediately following the Noon Mass, to pray the rosary with our Rosary Prayer Group.

IS THIS A SUMMER FOR A RETREAT? Ignation Spirituality Going Deeper

Follow the path away for a few days at nearby Milford. Spend a week in silence and meet with a spiritual director each day, as you rest and pray and walk, enjoying the river and trails, the trees of the Jesuit Spiritual Center. Come to understand your own story more deeply and to connect it to the Big Story we're all living. It's beyond "being better," it's being truly yourself now, deeply alive, connected to the Way of Christ, loving more.

Available retreat dates include June 3 - 10, July 8 - 15, August 5 - 12. Call their office at 513-248-3500 ext. 10 for reservations or more information or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com .

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR

A Spiritual Journey October 17-28, 2022

Join Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 17-28, 2022. This pilgrimage will be a spiritual journey to the land where Jesus was born, where he preached and healed, suffered, died, and rose again. For more information and to register, go to www.catholiccincypilgrimage.com.

PRAY WITH US

GOSPEL MEDITATION May 8, 2022—4th Sunday of Easter

"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.

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM Remembering Relatives and Friends

May 13	Walter F. Hickey
May 14	Josephine DeBlasio

LOVING GUIDANCE, EVERLASTING CARE Celebrating Recent Baptisms

Please welcome the following child into our Christian community, who were baptized recently at St. Michael:

Madilyn Elizabeth Gulley Daughter of Ryan and Michelle

Campbell Joseph McEachen Son of Roderick and Danielle

Hunter Joseph Stein Son of Trevor and Kaitlyn

A Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY

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.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Reluctant Sheep by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

YOUTH MINISTRY: JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

Upcoming Fellowship and Fun!

Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day, no youth group sessions	
Sunday, May 15	7:00-8:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, May 22	4:00-5:30 p.m. 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Junior High School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room (Grades 6-8) High School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, May 29	7:00-8:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room (Grades 9-12)
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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Register to Play by May 10

Registration is now open for Girls Volleyball (Fall 2022) and will remain open until May 10. Girls volleyball is open to girls in grades 3-8 who are enrolled in either St. Michael School or the St. Michael Religious Education program. You can register at www.stmichaelboosters.org.

SHARONVILLE FOOD PANTRY

Collection Weekend May 14-15

The Community Outreach Commission is collecting donations for the Sharonville Food Pantry the weekend of May 14-15. The most pressing needs of the pantry n this collection include: cereal, oatmeal packets, and toiletries such as hand soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Donations can be left on the appropriate wire racks in the Gathering Space.

MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

May Wish List Items

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries continues to feel the support and generosity of Saint Michael Church. The following items are requested for the May 21-22 collection, and may be left on the appropriate wire racks in the Gathering Space.

- · Cream Soups · Cans of Chili
- · Hearty Dinner Soups
- Canned Fruit
- · Cleaning Supplies · Laundry Detergent
- · Rice Sides
- · Small Instant Coffee
- · Dryer Sheets
- Hot Cereal • Small Instant Crean
- $\cdot\, \text{Small}$ Instant Creamer

HONORING HEROES ON MEMORIAL DAY

In our Memorial Day bulletin, we would like to prayerfully honor our parishioners, family members, and friends who are currently serving in the military. Please send the honoree's name and branch of service to the Parish Office or email amanda@saintmichaelchurch.net by May 19. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS Gate of Heaven Cemeterv

Monday, May 30 Gate of Heaven Cemetery with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day Presentation 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day will be a day of ceremony, remembrance and prayer, as Gate of Heaven Cemetery (11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, 45249) celebrates its annual Memorial Day Field Mass at the Priest Mound.

All are welcome to come, express our faith and remember those who have served and died for our great nation and freedom. We will also remember family and friends interred on these sacred grounds.

Transportation will be provided from parking areas to the Priest Mound for those who need assistance. There will be light refreshments after Mass, for all. Please bring your folding chairs. In case of rain, the Mass will move to Good Shepherd Parish at 8815 East Kemper Road.

Are you prepared? Let Gate of Heaven help.

Visit: www.gateofheaven.org

THANK A TEACHER

As we come down to our final days of the academic year at Saint Michael School, we're reminded how blessed we are for everything our educators do. Here are some ideas to show them a little love!

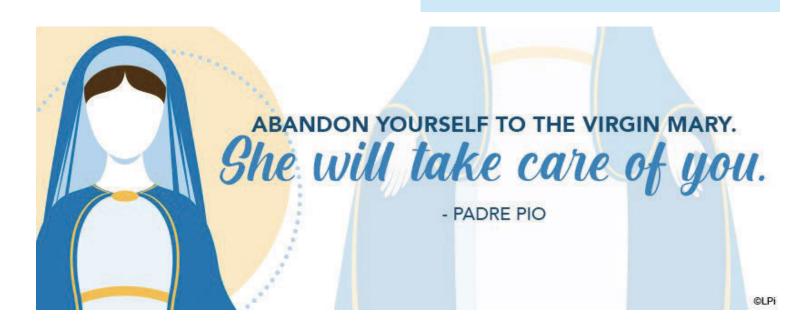
1. Write an encouraging note. Sometimes it's easier to critique than to affirm. Kind words can really make a teacher's day!

2. Give a helpful gift. Apples and candy are nice, but how about something they'll use? Consider a gift card to a coffee shop, gas station, or big-box retailer.

3. Buy some classroom necessities. Many teachers pay for tissue, fun-colored erase board markers, and other items out of their own pockets.

4. Bring in a snack. Treats in the breakroom are a welcome sight after a long day in the classroom!

5. Track down your former educator. Old acquaintances are easier to find than ever through social media. Find a former teacher who inspired you, and send them a message telling them that. Even if it's been 20 years, it's never too late to say thank you!



ST. MICHAEL FESTIVAL

Friday, June 3 6:00 p.m. - Midnight DV8

Saturday, June 4 6:00 p.m. - Midnight The Rusty Griswolds

Sunday, June 5 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Matt Waters & the Recipe Family Fun Day | Petting Zoo

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JUNE 3

RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Parishioners have received raffle tickets in the mail. Complete ticket stubs for every raffle ticket you wish to purchase and return to the Saint Michael Parish Office. Any tickets you don't wish to purchase, write your name on the seller's line and encourage friends, family, and neighbors to submit them to the Parish Office for the chance to win a seller's prize of \$250!

HELP US PROMOTE

Yard signs and car magnets are now available in the Gathering Space. Please display them proudly in your yard and on your vehicles. In addition, if you live or work in a high traffic area and are willing to have a larger sign placed at your location during festival week, please email Mike Chaney at mike@saintmichaelchurch.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Festival Volunteer Sign-up Weekend Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 in the Gathering Space

We need you to help make this the best festival yet!

BID 'N BUY GIVING TREE

This is a simple way to help out with the festival. Each donation allows us to fill baskets for raffles and bidding at the festival. There are three easy ways to give:

- **Grab a tag from the giving tree** in the Gathering Space. Buy the item and bring it back to the tree by Saturday, May 28th.
- Visit our Festival Amazon wish list. Buy the item from Amazon and follow the directions to have it shipped directly to the Parish Office. Scan the QR code for the list.



Finally, we are more than happy to take gift cards,
 cash, or other donations for a wheelbarrow of cheer!
 You can leave those items at the tree or drop them off to the Parish Office.

If you have questions, please call or text Becky Lindner at (513) 266-4566.



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