



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

May 23, 2021

Pastoral Staff

Fr. John J. Mullee
Pastor

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Retired—in residence

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Minister to the Sick &
Homebound

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PSR & Technology

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School Principal

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Ed Riegelmayr
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When the Advocate comes
whom I will send you from
the Father, the Spirit of
truth that proceeds from
the Father, he will testify
to me.” - Jn 15:26

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Mass Schedule

Saturday—4:30pm
Sunday—8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
Mon.-Wed. & Fri.—8:30am
Holy Days—8:30am
12:05pm
7:00pm
Legal Holidays 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday—3:30pm
and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Weddings & Baptisms

please call the Rectory
to schedule

“Meeting Christ through prayer and
being Christ for the World”

BE NOT AFRAID

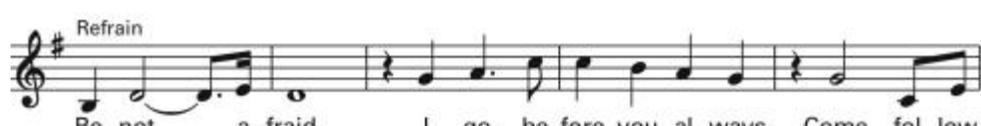
Bob Dufford, SJ

Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live. *to Refrain*

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
me, and I will give you rest.

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
2. side, know that I am with you through it all. *to Refrain*

Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that
3. weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and
3. hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you! *to Refrain*

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to
people of goodwill.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins
of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right
hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are
the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of
God the Father,
Amen.

1st Reading - Acts 2:1-11

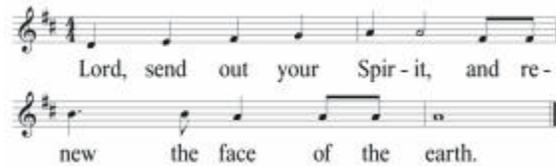
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34



*Bless the LORD,
O my soul!
O LORD, my God,
you are great indeed!
How manifold are
your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of
your creatures.*

*If you take away
their breath, they
perish and return to
their dust.
When you send forth
your spirit, they are
created, and you
renew the face of
the earth.*

*May the glory of the
LORD endure
forever; may the
LORD be glad in
his works!
Pleasing to him be
my theme;
I will be glad in the
LORD.*

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

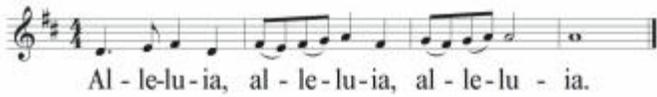
**Pentecost Sequence
COME, HOLY GHOST**

LAMBILLOTTE

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our hearts take
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly gift of
3. Praise be to thee, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,

1. up thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid To fill the
2. God most high; Thou font of life and fire of love, And sweet a -
3. with them one; And may the Son on us be - stow The gifts that

1. hearts which thou hast made; To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. noint - ing from a - bove; And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
3. from the Spir - it flow; The gifts that from the Spir - it flow.



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*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father,
he will testify to me.
And you also testify,
because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.
But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.
He will not speak on his own,
but he will speak what he hears,
and will declare to you the things that are coming.
He will glorify me,
because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.
Everything that the Father has is mine;
for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*bow*) and by *the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man*. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostle's Creed

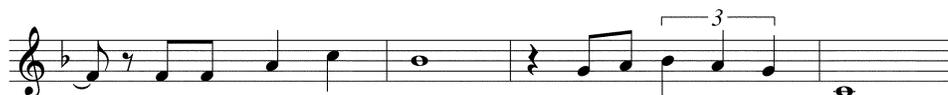
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

We Are Many Parts

Refrain



We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,



and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.



May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;



one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -



spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses



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|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. God of all, | we look to you, | we would be your |
| 2. So my pain | is pain for you, | in your joy is |
| 3. All you seek - ers, | great and small, | seek the great - est |



ser - vants true,	let us be your love to all the world.
my joy, too;	all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
gift of all;	if you love, then you will know the Lord.

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After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

Prayer to St. Michael

**Saint Michael
the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell
Satan and all
the evil spirits
who prowl about
the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen.**

ONE SPIRIT, ONE CHURCH

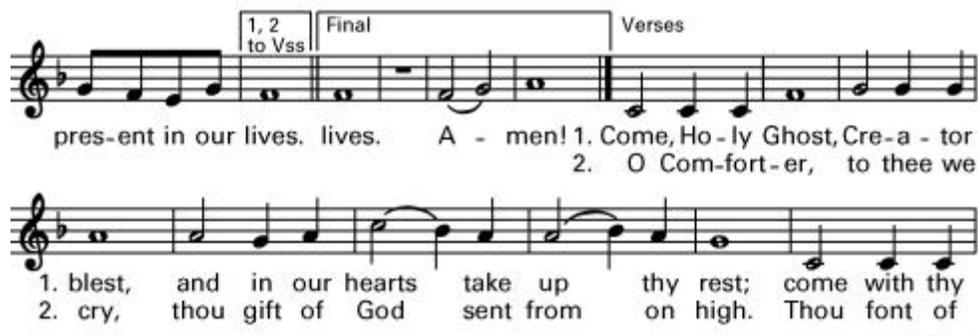
Kevin Keil

Refrain



We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A
fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one
spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

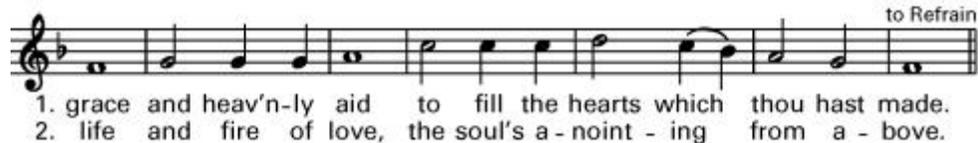
1, 2 to Vss Final Verses



pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor
2. O Com-fort - er, to thee we

1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy
2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of

to Refrain



1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

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Parish Website

<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>

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We are streaming Mass each week from the 4:30pm Saturday Liturgy

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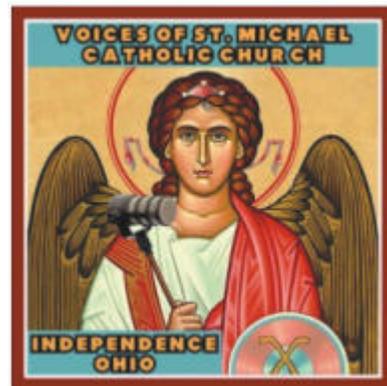
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Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

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| Joyce R. | Sal Loparo |
| Michael Herasimuk | Charlenea Fabrizo |
| Tom Matia | John Patrick Gallagher |
| Betty Schwab | Diane Bernaciak |
| Rick Schreiber | RaeAnn DiBaggio |
| Laura Kelley | James Stenger |
| Christopher | Thomas Gannon |
| Mary Stanley | Lisa Bielawski |
| Gina Childress | Danny Goins |
| Gayle Telford | Lorenzo Gramuglia |
| Phyllis Owsiak | Connie Fossa |
| Gaetano Rini | Fred Wright |
| Gayle Rini | Gaylene Bielawski |
| Daisy Santocildes | Judy T. |
| Carol S. | Posy Grzincic |
| Ron Gerba | Ron Krzynowek |
| Jerry Wright | Dorothy K. |
| Judy Fiore | Christine Banaszak |
| Mark L. | Nina Gollon |
| Jen LeBlanc | Terrie Goodrich |
| Cecilia M. | Linda Szymanski |
| Joe Denk | Ken Stephan |
| Barbara P. | Alexis Cerio |
| Ashley Skuhrovec | Tony Kucia |
| Sylvia Priebe | Rosanne Cifani |
| Rita Matthis | Mafalda Fiorentino |
| Maryann Cohara | Donald Keller |
| Michelle Murach | Patrick Baker |
| David Pichert | |

A Prayer for our Military:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

- PFC Joshua Strenk, National Guard**
- 1LT Zak Zubic, Marine Corps**
- LTJG George Ponce – Navy**
- Lt. Col. Michael Oetjens – Air Force**
- Kevin Clymer—Midshipman , Navy**

If you have a family member or close friend serving on active duty who could use our community’s prayer support for their health, well being and safe return, call the church office so we can add their name:
Please provide their rank and which branch of the service they are in.

Remembering all of our Beloved Deceased, and those in the St. Michael Memorial Fund especially,

Robert Dorko

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Prayer before meals:

*Loving Father,
As we gather at our table to give thanks and honor to You, We remember Your grace and open our hearts to Your compassion. We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless. The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety producing. We place ourselves in Your care, entrusting our lives to You. Bless our family, our parish, our nation, and our world. Give us comfort and strength. Help us to see beyond this challenge and find comfort in Your guidance. Jesus, we place our trust in You. St Michael the Archangel- Pray for us!
Amen.*

from the Pastor

May 23rd, 2021—Pentecost

As we roll out the Heart of a Shepherd campaign to the entire parish family, I want to first thank all those benefactors who have been so generous to help us reach our goal. Once we reach the goal, eighty cents of every dollar will go to our parish for enhancements to our worship space and ministries.

Prayers and Blessings to all our students preparing for graduation and those who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.

Please review the latest information from the Ohio Bishops- the entire text can be found on the Cleveland Diocese website:

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day (CIC, can. 1247) and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, homebound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

On Monday May 24th, we celebrate the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. We pray for Mary's intercession to shower the world with Her Son's Light, to bring peace and comfort to the suffering. **" Source of peace and light, come and enlighten me. I am hungry, come and feed me. I am poor, come and enrich me. Holy Spirit, I abandon myself to you"**
(*Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified- + 1878*)

Fr. John

LIKE THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB ON THE LINTEL OF THE DOOR

If you desire to have your home enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fr. Mullee will lead a 25 minute enthronement "rite" immediately following the 12:00pm Mass on Sunday, May 23rd. At least one representative of the family needs to be present at this rite.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in union with St. Joseph bestow abundant blessings upon your entire family.

If you are unable to attend and are interested in having your home enthroned to the Two Hearts, please call Trudy at 216-524-1778

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22

4:30 + Kevin Yuknavich
(Helen Mikel)

Sunday, May 23

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + Eleanore Olexa
(Soldat & Karp Families)
12:00 + Marlene Ziel
(Family)

Monday, May 24

8:30 + Deceased Members of the
Masar Family
(Shuki Family)

Tuesday, May 25

8:30 + George Kanzig
(Wife)

Wednesday, May 26

8:30 + Maggie Surovi
(Edward Surovi—Husband)

Friday, May 28

8:30 + Christine Guzi
(Husband)

Saturday, May 29

4:30 + Donald Svoboda
(Helen Mikel)

Sunday, May 30

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + Michael Laptiuk
(Gregory & Lynn Kurtz)
12:00 + Ruth Gaab
(Wes Gaab & Family)

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Email your prayer requests to stmprays@gmail.com.
If you don't have access to email, call the rectory office and we can get your prayer requests submitted to the chain. Prayer requests can be submitted anytime. A list of prayer requests will go out to the prayer chain via email. You can also request just to be part of the prayer chain. Just email us at stmprays@gmail.com

SVDP NEWS

The "new normal" can't come soon enough! We truly are looking forward to resuming our hot meal at Holy Name -- those guests who attended came not only for the nourishing meal but also for convivial companionship, and we enjoyed providing a happy setting. We continue supporting our food pantries: here at St Michael's, at Holy Name, and at our sister parish, St Michael's on Scranton Road.

Your generosity has enabled us to continue supporting these pantries during this past year when so many families struggled to meet basic needs.

Next weekend is our "Fifth Sunday" collection. As we have been doing in the past months, our SVDP collection baskets will be placed next to the regular collection baskets.

Thank you in advance for your financial and spiritual support.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH OFFERTORY

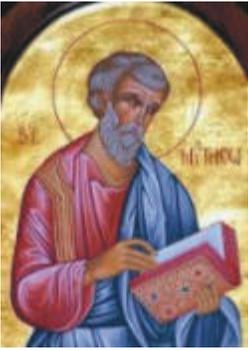


	5/16/2021
Regular Collection	\$9,864
Parish Maintenance	\$1,095
Total Sunday Collection	\$10,949
School Endowment	\$20

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous offertory giving this past weekend. St. Michael continues to rely on your support, both spiritually and financially. I ask you to please consider giving as you are able in one of the following ways:

1. Donate online using this secure link:
<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>
2. Mail your envelope/weekly contribution:
6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131
3. Drop your offertory envelope off using our mail slot located in the rectory front door.



Matthew 25

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

GLOBAL EMERGENCY UPDATE

Catholic Relief Services and our partners across the world are supporting high-risk communities on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, our critical humanitarian and development programs are ongoing. Read the latest highlights of emergency responses by CRS and our partners. © 2021 Catholic Relief Services. All Rights Reserved. COVID-19 SPOTLIGHT CRS and our partners have reached over 16 million people to date through on-the-ground efforts that help prevent the spread of COVID-19, bolster the capacity of local health responders, and assist extremely vulnerable families to manage the compounded impacts of the pandemic on their lives. A top priority for CRS is ensuring that national vaccine strategies include people in the hardest-to-reach communities. We are also using our networks and programs to educate local leaders and communities about the vaccines. CRS and our Catholic partners play a unique role as trusted sources of information— which, at a time of fear and misinformation, is truly lifesaving. COVID-19 continues to impact the health, well-being, food security and livelihoods of people in all the countries where we work. The following section highlights the current response of CRS and our partners in India and Brazil. INDIA Hospitals and medical facilities across the country are beyond capacity, having run out of oxygen and intensive care beds. Page 2 BRAZIL The country accounts for 30% of new COVID-19 cases and has the second-highest number of deaths globally. Page 3 In New Delhi, India, mass cremations of those who have died from COVID-19 are taking place around the clock.

Participants reached in CRS COVID-19 response (March 2020 to March 2021)

16,797,055 Total Program Participants

1.19 million Latin America and the Caribbean
645,659 Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia
4.55 million West Africa
4.19 million Central Africa
1.63 million East Africa
1.73 million Southern Africa
2.83 million Asia



THE CLASS OF 2021 *congratulations*



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HIGH SCHOOL



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MIA VERGILII
GILMOUR ACADEMY



"BE WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE, AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE." *st. catherine of siena*

HELP WANTED—SATURDAY HEAVENLY DUSTERS

The Heavenly Dusters Saturday Crew is looking for additional volunteers.

Please contact the rectory office for more information if you are interested.

216.524.1394

HOLY NAME PARISH ABSOLUTE HOUSE

Does someone you know need help because of addiction? The Absolute House located at Holy Name Parish is a Men's Residential Recovery Living Community for Drug and Alcohol Addictions.

This is an intensive 12 step program that includes Daily Mass.

For an Intake Interview call:
216-862-5014



HEART OF A SHEPHERD
Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

ST. MICHAEL IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE...

...that we are participating in the *HEART OF A SHEPHERD* campaign, an extraordinary effort to meet & serve the needs of St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries of the Diocese of Cleveland.

In addition, our parish has an exciting opportunity to raise **\$222,652** to support much-needed parish projects, including renovations of our worship space and strengthening our discipleship mission. We invite you to join us in realizing a new vision for St. Michael!

WAYS TO GIVE:



Online at www.catholiccommunity.org/Shepherd



Commitment Weekend on May 22-23 during Mass



By mail in the coming weeks! Keep an eye out!

Use the QR code to the right to access the giving link!
All parishioners will receive a mailing with further details.
Please call (216) 524-1394 for more information.



Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael (www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog)



Muscular Prayers from Skeleton Crews

To one little boy growing up in the 1960s, his grandparents' house in North Royalton, Ohio seemed immense—especially for the few souls that had been living there since the formative years of his parents' generation. And, indeed, it was a large house situated on the 12 acres of land it shared with an apple tree orchard, a picnic area and a well-stocked pond. But without the grounding spirit of love these generations of family shared with grandma and grandpa during family get-togethers there, that house would be a tiny version of the tower of Babel site we read about during Pentecost: a city and a tower with its top in the sky. (Genesis 11:1-9)

But the spirit of love in that extended family had the effect that every loving family has on a house: turning it into a home. One small room just outside the grandparents' bedroom served as this house's communications center: the chapel. In this small space, the family believed the smallest prayers of each family member were heard over the outside world's noise. This tiny room sustained the household surrounding it through the hardest times of the 40s, 50s and 60s.

In this way, the property on which that house is situated was like the bone-strewn plain we reflect upon in the reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life. I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.

When that North Royalton homestead finally got too big for its family's grandparents in 1970, they arranged to let the Byzantine Poor Clare Nuns turn it into a monastery. Since then, under the terms of a trust, for 50 years, this house has continued to be alive with prayer, not only those of its skeleton-crew of seven nuns, but of other religious groups that use it for meetings and get-togethers—and soon, the Byzantine Franciscans of the Order of Friars Minor. Local Boy Scout troops even help with maintenance as they use the property for camping and skills training.

Rev. William Skurla, administrator of the trust, says over the years, this small core group of nuns have kept the tradition of prayer in this house alive to make a big difference in the eyes of God:

"It's hard to realize the great effect of their prayers of support and for healing both to those who lived near and far from the Monastery. ... Once the virus restrictions are lifted, we hope that very soon incense and campfire smoke will be rising up to the heavens once again."

From those Roman Catholic grandparents, to these Byzantine Catholic nuns—and the Boy Scouts of many faiths and God-given talents in-between them, this homestead has carried on the spiritual tradition of Pentecost as described by St. Paul for the Corinthians:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholics journey towards sacramental initiation within the Catholic Church. RCIA is a learning and loving process in which one walks with members of our faith community towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. Contact Fr. John in the Parish Office for more information.

ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 5/24</p> <p><u>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</u> ENTRANCE cf. Acts 1:14—The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus COMMUNION cf. John 2:1, 11—A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee, and the Mother of Jesus was there; then Jesus performed the first of his signs and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed him.</p>	<p>5/24 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps.87:1-2,3&5,6-7 Glorious things are told of you, O city of God. Acts 1:12-14 John 19:25-34</p>
<p>Tuesday 5/25</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 18:19-20—The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 13:6—I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.</p> <p><u>Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</u> ENTRANCE cf. Sirach 15:5—In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory. COMMUNION cf. Luke 12:42—Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.</p> <p><u>Saint Gregory VII, Pope</u> ENTRANCE—The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure house, made him rich in all good things. COMMUNION cf. John 10:11—The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep.</p> <p><u>Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin</u> ENTRANCE—Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ. COMMUNION cf. Matthew 25:6—Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.</p>	<p>5/25 Sirach 35:1-12 Ps.50:5-6,7-8,14&23 To the upright I will show the saving power of God. Mark 10:28-31 or <i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Ps.119:9,10,11,12,13,14 Lord, teach me your statutes. Matthew 7:21-29 or <i>St. Gregory VII, Pope</i> Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36 Ps.110:1,2,3,4 You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. Matthew 16:13-19 or <i>St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin</i> 1 Corinthians 7:25-35 Ps.148:1bc-2,11-13a,13c-14 Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord. Mark 3:31-35</p>
<p>Wednesday 5/26</p> <p><u>Saint Philip Neri, Priest</u> ENTRANCE Romans 5:5, cf. 8:11—The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us. COMMUNION cf. Matthew 24:46-47—Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.</p>	<p>5/26 <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i> Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps.79:8,9,11&13 Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness. John 15:9</p>
<p>Friday 5/28</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 18:19-20—The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 13:6—I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.</p>	<p>5/27 Sirach 42:15-25 Ps.33:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made. Mark 10:46-52 or <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8 Ps.96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10 Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations Luke 11:27-28</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1; padding-right: 20px;"> <p>For daily bible readings, go to usccb.org</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  <p>Catholic Scripture Resources</p> </div> </div>	<p>5/28 Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Ps.149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a&9b The Lord takes delight in his people. Mark 11:11-26</p>
<p>BULLETIN DEADLINE</p> <p>Deadline for the May 30th issue is Monday, 5/24 by 12pm</p> <p>all announcements need to be emailed to: tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org</p>	<p>5/29 Sirach 51:12cd-20 Ps.19:8,9,10,11 The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. Mark 11:27-33 or <i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i> 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Ps.96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10 Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations Matthew 16:13-19</p> <p>5/30 Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps.33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22 Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20</p>



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