



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

September 5, 2021

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Pastor

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**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" —that is, "Be opened!"
- Mk 7:32-34

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Rectory Hours (Mon.-Fri.)
9am—4pm

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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”**

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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**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 - Isaiah 35:4-7a

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

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

Responsorial: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10



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*The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.*

*The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed
down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.*

*The fatherless and the widow the LORD
sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.
Alleluia.*

2nd Reading - James 2:1-5

A Reading from the Letter of Saint James

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality
as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus
Christ.
For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes
comes into your assembly,
and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in,
and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes
and say, "Sit here, please,"
while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at
my feet,"
have you not made distinctions among yourselves
and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him?

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



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*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.*

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre
and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee,
into the district of the Decapolis.
And people brought to him a deaf man who had a
speech impediment
and begged him to lay his hand on him.
He took him off by himself away from the crowd.
He put his finger into the man's ears
and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to
him,
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —
And immediately the man's ears were opened,
his speech impediment was removed,
and he spoke plainly.
He ordered them not to tell anyone.
But the more he ordered them not to,
the more they proclaimed it.
They were exceedingly astonished and they said,
"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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.

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte

Verses



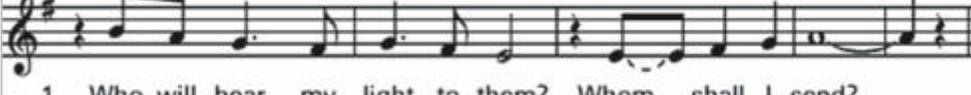
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

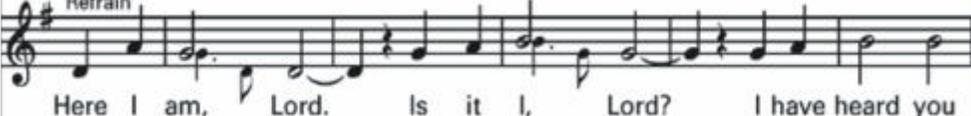


1. made the stars of night, I will make__ their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts__ for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts__ be sat - is - fied.

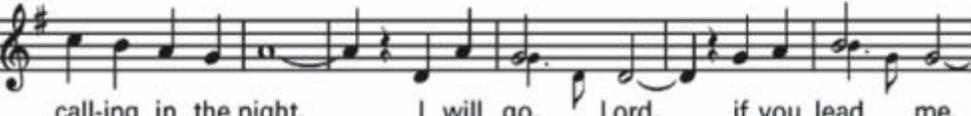


1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom__ shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom__ shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom__ shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold___ your_ peo-ple in my heart.

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.**

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin - kling star and
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
 right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
 May our lives your love con - fess.
 In your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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Parish Website

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

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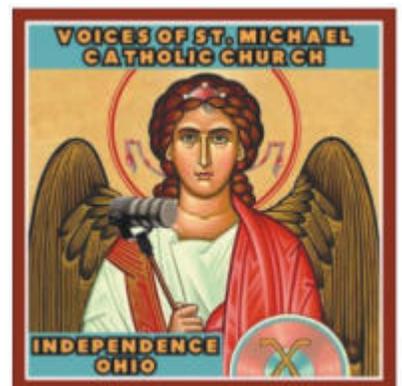
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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



Dear friends in Christ- On this weekend we pray for all those who labor to provide food and shelter for their families, and for those who put their lives on the line every day in working to keep us safe and secure. Prayers as well for all those struggling to find employment.

We also ask God to protect our healthcare workers on the front line, who continue to persevere in caring for the suffering. **Please review the letter to the faithful from Bishop Malesic.**

A reminder to respect those who are praying before Mass by minimizing your conversations in Church.

We welcome Scott Cerrito to our parish. Scott is studying for the permanent Diaconate program and has been assigned to St Michael this year. He will assist at our liturgies and help with RCIA and other areas.

As a community of faith that believes in the power of intercessory prayers, we ask God to protect and console our human family in Haiti, Afghanistan, and New Orleans

The leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic bishops have asked churches in our country to take up a 2nd collection to help our human family in Haiti. You can make a check out to St Michael and write Haiti in the memo line. We will send one check to the Diocese.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the St Michael corn roast on Saturday September 18th at 3PM.

Take some time this weekend to put your phones away and spend time with your family and loved ones.

St Joseph – Pray for Us
Our Lady of Perpetual Help- Pray for Us



ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY MASS & DINNER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
5:00 MASS FOLLOWED BY
DINNER

Cavatelli w/ meatballs
salad & dinner roll

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
RSVP FORM ON THE BACK
OF THE BULLETIN

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.

Remembering all of our beloved deceased

Joyce Eleck

Esther Stokar

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

September 19th inserts are due by
Monday, 9/13 by 12pm.
all announcements need to be emailed to:
tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4

4:30 + Tom & Rosemary Gulick
(Yolanda Marotta)

Sunday, September 5

8:00 + Edward & Esther Laskowski
(Daughter)

10:00 + Bob Artrip
(Family)

12:00 Parishioners

Monday, September 6

8:30 SVDP

Tuesday, September 7

8:30 + Viola Saunders
(Joseph Canzoni)

Wednesday, September 8

8:30 + Mary Macko
(Daughter-Beverly)

Friday, September 10

8:30 + Tom Pisarick
(Pisarick Family)

Saturday, September 11

4:30 + Judith Siedlecki
(Family)

Sunday, September 12

8:00 HNAR
10:00 + Frank Boehnlein
(Dr. Boehnlein)

12:00 Parishioners

In the event the Mass Intention for the weekend is for your loved one and you would like to bring up the gifts, please see the ushers in the back of Church prior to Mass, thank you!

OFFERTORY 8/29/2021

Regular Collection \$7,573
Parish Maintenance \$39

Thank you!

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
Ensign Kevin Clymer, Navy

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.

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

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Adoration Chapel Meditations

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

St. Michael Parish School of Religion (PSR)



Can You Handle the Truth?

A recent ad for a hearing aid company cites a study stating that in marriages where a spouse has hearing loss, both people suffer. Problems arise when the one who CAN hear becomes unsure of whether their spouse actually can't hear them or whether they are simply using their condition as a license to ignore them. The resulting anger can give way to fear that an eventual and actual inability to hear might contribute to the spouse's mental decline.

All of this may very well be hype to sell hearing aids, but this Sunday's scripture readings offer a bit of support connecting fear to human deafness *and* blindness, whether physiological or conditional. Take the deaf and dumb man brought to Jesus in the Gospel reading (Mk 7:31-37). Both he and his hearing friends had the same reason to fear what Jesus was about to do: to open their ears to disruptive spiritual truths for the first time in their lives.

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. ... They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

But as that hearing aid ad implies, sometimes our deafness—as with some blindness—can be willful. In our second reading (Jas 2:1-5), James asks us, as we discriminate between people we want to see and hear vs. those we don't, *"have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"*

It may be that those we choose not to see and hear offer us fearsome truths. Eventually, we must confront our inner Jack Nicholson, whose cornered colonel in *"A Few Good Men"* lashes out at his courtroom accusers: *"You can't HANDLE the truth!"*

In that way, we adults can be like frightened children, caught doing something for which we should be ashamed and are now being verbally schooled on what we should have done. We cover our ears and shout LALALALA so we can't hear the truth. On a human scale, truth is a fearsome thing.

After the people who heard Jesus command the deaf man, *"Ephphatha!"*— *"Be opened!"* — and saw the man respond to the truths accompanying this miracle, what did they do? They turned deaf to Jesus' instructions not to tell anyone. Maybe Jesus feared that the legions of people who heard of this miracle would be so impressed they'd forget hearing's accompanying responsibility: to listen.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A 4TH GRADE & A 5TH GRADE TEACHER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE PSR OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FILLING EITHER OF THESE ROLES. THANK YOU!

2021-2022 Program Overview

PSR is moving to **Tuesday nights going forward.**

This year's program will be a three part hybrid – 1 in-person class, 1 virtual session and 2 home studies each month. Classes will begin the first week of October and run through the end of April. Classes will take place in the St. Francis Center. In-person class time will be from 6:15pm-7:30pm. Virtual class times are 6:30pm-7:30pm.

The program fee for each student will be \$45 for the entire year, which includes the cost of the book.

Schedules, syllabuses and additional PSR materials will be available on each grade webpage like last year. Those links will be sent out by grade as soon as they become active again.

You do not have to re-register for PSR unless you are registering a new student. The registration form is available on the Parish website in the PSR section under the ABOUT US tab.

The rotation schedule can be found on the website as well.

There will be Open House nights the last week of September. Monday 9/27, Tuesday 9/28 & Thursday 9/30 from 6:30-7:30pm in the St. Francis Center. Families will have an opportunity to pay tuition fees, pick up books, and fill out the necessary forms for this year.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Todd in the Religious Education Office at 216-524-4212 or email him at tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Part time Weekend Position to perform maintenance in the school and the parish property. 14-16 hours per weekend. VIRTUS trained and pass BCI and FBI background checks. Please apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and three references to cmd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

Full Time General Maintenance of school, church, and the property. Duties to include cleaning, vacuuming, disinfecting of the church and school and taking care of the grounds, shoveling of snow from sidewalks and other duties as assigned. VIRTUS trained and pass BCI and FBI background checks. Hours M-F 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Interested candidates please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to cmd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

Harvest Mum Buddies Sale!

Harvest Mum Buddies are coming to St. Michael PTU! The Harvest Mum Buddies program consists of two types of products. A premium greenhouse quality mum, and a fall themed tin character pot (Mum Buddy).

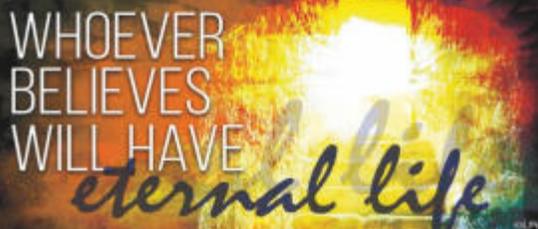
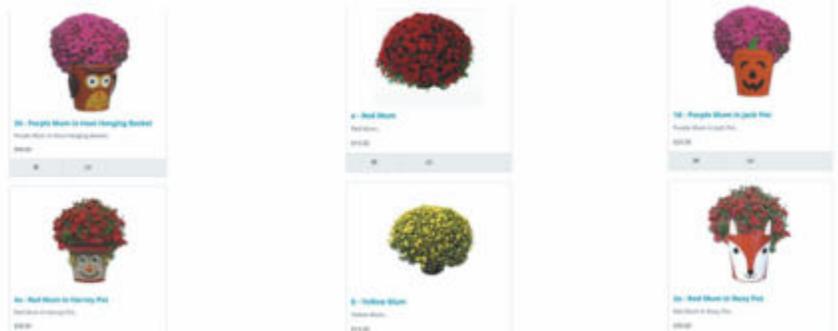
IMPORTANT DATES

- Kick off day: **August 25, 2021**
- Last day to order: **September 7, 2021**
- Delivery day/time/location: **September 18th, 2021, from 10:30 to 12:30 pm in the parking lot of St. Michael School**
- We will only be having **one pick up day**, so please show up on **September 18th!**

ONLINE PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS

- Please visit www.fundraiseit.org
- Click the green "Online Shopping" button.
- Enter the following code for Web Sale Code: **E2E04** and click the "Lookup" button
- Enter your email address and click "Submit"
- To begin shopping, click on the link: <https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=E2E04>

With your support, this will enable PTU to continue to provide activities, gifts and events for the student body. PTU would like to thank you for your support of our Fall Fundraiser. Thank you!



Appalachian Collection

32nd Annual

When: ONE DAY ONLY
Saturday September 18th from 8:00am to 5:00pm or when truck is full

Where: St Basil the Great's parking lot
8700 Brecksville Road

Why: To help the poor living in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky.
To meet new friends and to help those in need.

How: Off load donations from cars and load into 53' trailer

Sign up: Please contact Ken Peters at 216-849-1434 with questions or visit www.kofc14406.org/collection to schedule your time slot. ALL are welcome to help.

HELP NEEDED

**LOOKING FOR
COUNTERS TO HELP
WITH THE WEEKEND
COLLECTION**

**PLEASE CONTACT
CHRISTINE IN THE
RECTORY IF
INTERESTED.
216-524-1394 X11**

**I WILL NEVER
FORSAKE YOU OR
ABANDON YOU.**
HEBREWS 13:5

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN US FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR! VISIT US ONLINE.



ABOVE: ENJOYING A COLD KONA ICE TREAT, THANKS TO PTUI!

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Thanks to the cooperation and work of all of our staff, students, parents, and families St. Michael school successfully completed a year of in-person learning in the midst of the pandemic, and we are looking forward to the gifts and blessings this new school year will bring. With the coronavirus pandemic still with us, we remain ever aware of our responsibility to protect our children and members of our community. We continue to rely on the guidance of our health professionals, and our thoughts and prayers are with all who have experienced its effects either personally or with loved ones. As a Catholic community, St. Michael School strives to provide the highest quality formation and education while protecting the needs and dignity of each individual as we live our call to love one another, protect the vulnerable, and be mindful of the common good of those in our community.

Many of you have not yet seen the work done last year to the first floor at the St. Michael Campus. The Gala revenue was used to paint, carpet and add whiteboards to the classrooms in 2020. Upstairs, the new whiteboards are being put in to each classroom and will be finished by the 12th. We hope to have you in to visit soon, and look at the repainted Gym and updates. All of these needed and completed updates are due to your generosity! I cannot thank you enough.

There are bound to be unknowns ahead - of that we can be certain. However, I am confident that we will be able to work together, as long as we continue to extend grace to one another as we face these unknowns. We must remember the comforting assurance from our Lord that He will always be with us.

Take us as we are this day: blessed with many gifts from Your goodness, and yet still broken as we continue our journey toward You. Look into our hearts and summon forth the courage and the willingness to align ourselves with Your will. Set Your seal upon our hearts. Live in us. And teach us always to be Your instruments of peace.

It is God calling to us to trust Him and let Him live in us, as we try to navigate the issues (both new and old) which face us each day. I pray that we do not focus on the limitations alone - let us also remember the many Blessings! I look forward to seeing you next week!

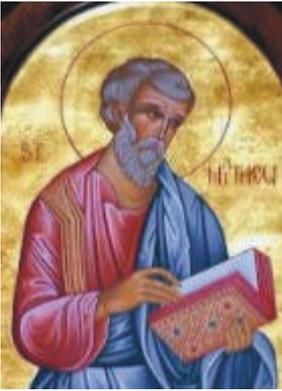
Sincerely,

Yvonne V. Saunders

Principal, St. Michael School



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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.'

A message from Bishop Malesic on keeping people safe during the pandemic

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The latest information from federal, state and local public health agencies informs us that the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is surging in our area, causing increased illness and hospitalizations at levels not seen since the spring. For the safety of all who worship at Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland, I strongly encourage you -- whether vaccinated or not vaccinated -- to wear a face mask while attending Mass indoors. All who want to attend Mass, and who are otherwise vulnerable, should feel safe and welcome inside our sacred spaces. Please use charity and patience with those who do not wish to comply with this strongly stated request. You also might want to consider wearing a face mask for other indoor gatherings, especially for those not yet fully vaccinated. Wearing masks outdoors is not generally required except for activities involving close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

Pope Francis recently offered a message of hope and unity to the world in an effort to continue increasing confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines, specifically in communities disproportionately affected by the virus. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19," the pope said. "Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love. I pray to God that each one of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always grand."

I am fully vaccinated and recommend the same for my family and friends. In consideration of others, I also am wearing a mask during the distribution of holy Communion and I strongly encourage those distributing holy Communion at Mass to wear a mask while distributing as well.

Remember that the situation seems to be ever changing. This request to wear face masks is temporary and will be changed once this current level of increased coronavirus cases is over. Stay connected to information coming from national, state and local health authorities, and stay home and get tested for COVID when you are not feeling well. Following these recommendations will go a long way in helping to keep you and others around you safe.

We are all tired of this pandemic, but we must not forget that we are called to care for the health of others in times of crisis and must continue to protect our healthcare system and medical workers.

May God bless and watch over us in our time of need.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic



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ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 9/6</p> <p>ENTRANCE Psalm 119:137, 124—You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 42:2-3—Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul thirsting for God, the living God.</p>	<p>9/6 Colossians 1:24-2:3 Ps.62:6-7,9 In God is my safety and my glory. Luke 6:6-11</p>
<p>Tuesday 9/7</p> <p>ENTRANCE Psalm 119:137, 124—You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 42:2-3—Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul thirsting for God, the living God.</p>	<p>9/7 Colossians 2:6-15 Psalm 145:1b-2,8-9,10-11 The Lord is compassionate in all his works. Luke 6:12-19</p>
<p>Wednesday 9/8</p> <p><u>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> ENTRANCE—Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God. COMMUNION Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21—Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins.</p>	<p>9/8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 Ps.13:6ab,6c With delight I rejoice in the Lord. Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23</p>
<p>Friday 9/10</p> <p>ENTRANCE Psalm 119:137, 124—You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 42:2-3—Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul thirsting for God, the living God.</p>	<p>9/9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> Colossians 3:12-17 Ps.150:1b-2,3-4,5-6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Luke 6:27-38 or Isaiah 58:6-11 Ps.1:1-2,3,4&6 Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Matthew 25:31-40</p>

	<p>9/10 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps.16:1b-2a&5,7-8,11 You are my inheritance, O Lord. Luke 6:39-42</p>
	<p>9/11 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Ps.113:1b-2,3-4,5&6-7 Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever. Luke 6:43-49</p>
	<p>9/12 Isaiah 50:4c-9a Ps.116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35</p>

HELP WANTED!!!

We are looking at the possibility of bringing back the Parish Sunday School Program.

We are in need volunteers to serve as program coordinator(s) and aides.

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