



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

October 24, 2021

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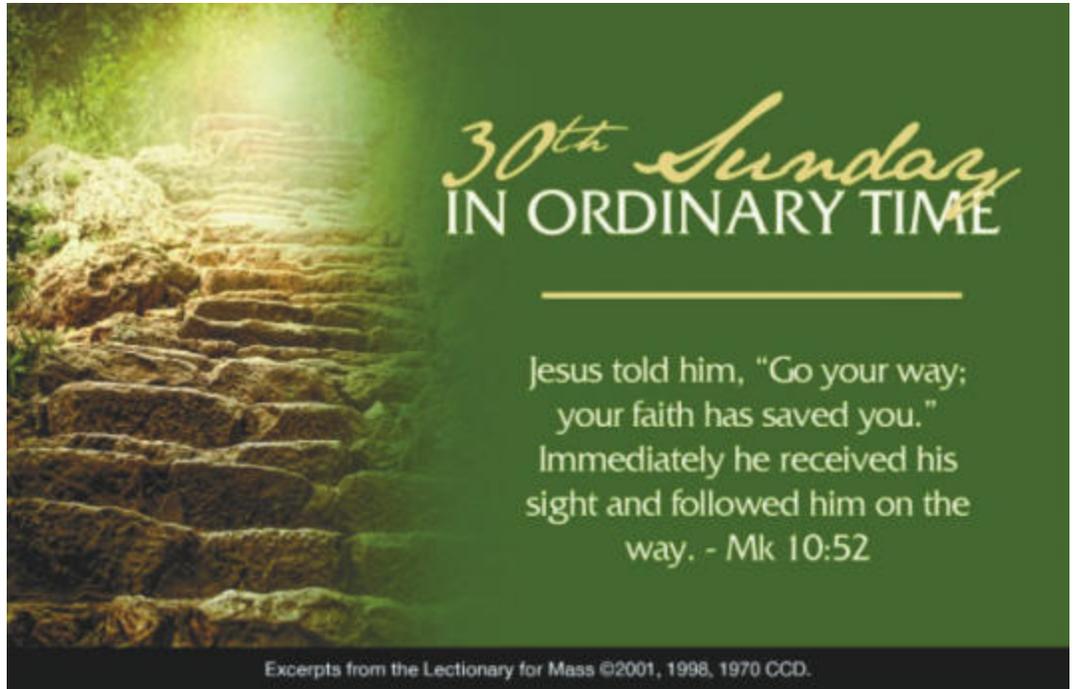
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Mass Schedule

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”

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should you
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

**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 - Jeremiah 31:7-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

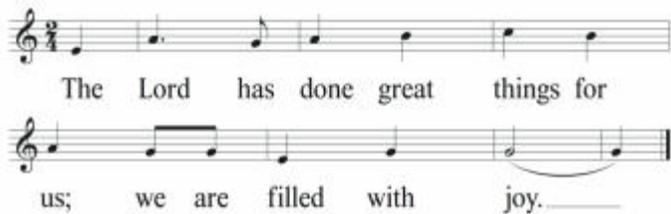
Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people,
the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them back
from the land of the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst,
the mothers and those with child;
they shall return as an immense throng.
They departed in tears,
but I will console them and guide them;
I will lead them to brooks of water,
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
Ephraim is my first-born.

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

Responsorial: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6



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*When the LORD brought back the captives of
Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.*

*Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.*

*Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.*

*Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.*

2nd Reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men
and made their representative before God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,
for he himself is beset by weakness
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for
himself
as well as for the people.
No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God,
just as Aaron was.

In the same way,
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high
priest,
but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my son:
this day I have begotten you;
just as he says in another place:
You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

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



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*Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel.*

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,
sat by the roadside begging.
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to cry out and say,
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.
But he kept calling out all the more,
"Son of David, have pity on me."
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man, saying to him,
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.
Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight
and followed him on the way.

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.

ONLY A SHADOW

Carey Landry



1. The love we have for you, O Lord, is —
2. The bread we take and eat, O Lord, is —
3. Our own be - lief in you, O Lord, γ is
4. The dreams we share to - day, O Lord, γ are
5. The joy we share to - day, O Lord, γ is



1. on - ly a — shad - ow of your love for us;
2. your bod - y — bro - ken and shared with us;
3. on - ly — a shad - ow of your faith in us;
4. on - ly — a shad - ow of your dreams for us;
5. on - ly — a shad - ow of your joys for us;



1. on - ly a shad - ow of your love for us, your
2. your bod - y bro - ken and shared with us, the
3. on - ly a shad - ow of your faith in us; your
4. on - ly a shad - ow of your dreams for us; if
5. on - ly a shad - ow of your joys for us; when



1. deep a - bid - ing love. (to Verse 2)
2. gift of your great love. (to Refrain)
3. deep and last - ing faith. (to Verse 4)
4. we but fol - low you. (to Refrain)
5. we meet face to face. (to Refrain)



Our lives are in your hands, our lives



are in your hands. Our love for you will



grow, O Lord; your light in us will shine.

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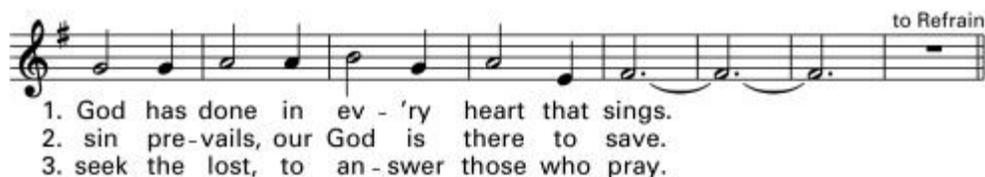
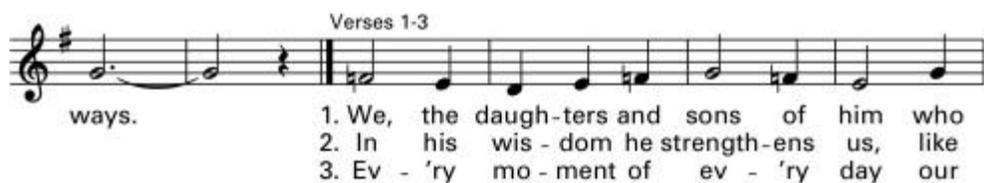
After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

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.**

GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Dan Schutte



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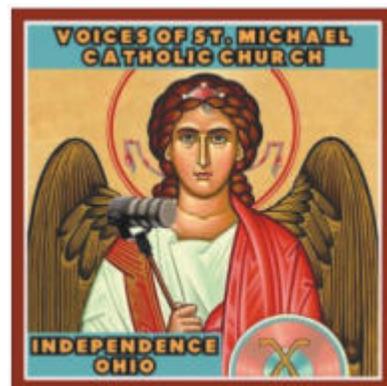
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from the Pastor

Fr. John J. Mullee



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Priests

Friday, October 29th

In honor of Priesthood Sunday October 31, join AM1260 The Rock on a Day of Prayer and Fasting for our priests. The link on their website lists the churches participating. <https://am1260therock.com/event/day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-priests-3/>

St Michael will pray for 4 hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday October 29th - 5-9 PM

God Bless your generosity- over two thousand dollars was collected for SVDP blanket Sunday.

"Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth...

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church"

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?" (Dr Scott Hahn)

Our Lady of Lourdes- Pray for Us!

BOOK OF LIFE

The Book of Life will be in the Church Sanctuary for the month of November.

Parishioners are encouraged to include pages in the book in memoriam of their loved ones who have died.

Paper is at the doors of the Church for making your lists.

Those included in the book are remembered at all Masses throughout the month of November.

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

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

Unless otherwise noted, deadlines are Mondays by 12pm for the upcoming weekend. all announcements need to be emailed to:

tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23

4:30 + Rose Burk
(Children—Connie, Kathy & Jim)

Sunday, October 24

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + GianFranco Cesa
(Silvana & Ricardo Cesa)
12:00 50th Wedding Anniversary:
Fred & Lynn Recko

Monday, October 25

8:30 For the listeners and donors of
AM1260 the Rock and their
intentions
(AM1260 the Rock)

Tuesday, October 26

8:30 + Joseph & Helen Justavich
(Family)

Wednesday, October 27

8:30 + Clifford Gbur
(Family)

Friday, October 29

8:30 + Alex Hays
(Greg & Lyn Kurtz & Family)

Saturday, October 30

4:30 + Frank Mass
(Family)

Sunday, October 31

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + Lou Bontempo
(Jim & Gina Allega)
12:00 + Tom Day
(Rita Baran)

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 10/17/2021

Regular Collection	\$8,190
Parish Maintenance	\$55
School Endowment	\$310

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	RacAnn 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 Owskiak	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



Wedding Banns

I Kristen Klepser & Antoni Chopcinski



Adoration Chapel Meditations

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

Called to be a Profile in Courage

Upon his 1933 Inauguration as president of the Depression-afflicted United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt encouraged the nation, saying *"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."*

Fifteen years later, in his essay "On Living in an Atomic Age," C.S. Lewis wrote, *"If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about death."*

A couple months ago, while America left its war in Afghanistan behind, one of our Afghan allies who was also left behind, as he was being hunted by the Taliban and realizing he had nothing left to lose, wrote: *"I know that I'm going to get killed. The good thing is that I'm not going to die for a bad thing. I'm going to die for a good thing. What I did, I will never regret it because I have tried to help people."*

Now flashback 2,000 years. In an era when being blind was a fate as inescapable as death, a blind man named Bartimaeus survived by begging for the mercy of passersby (**Mk 10:46-52**). One day, one of those passersby was a miracle worker Bartimaeus had heard of. With nothing left to lose, he called out, *"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."* Hearing that call, Jesus told the people around him to bring Bart over. *"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you,"* they told him.

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. *"What do you want me to do for you?"* Jesus asked. *"Master, I want to see,"* came the reply. Jesus told him, *"Go your way; your faith has saved you."* Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

We don't know where Jesus led him, but it's clear to see that in each of the above cases, faith's leadership into courage came from fellow fear-facers. Jesus was an early icon of courage, but even he was leading the way as part of an ancient tradition started by the same Holy Spirit that led the Israelites out of fear's slavery, and whose words continue to speak to the human race. Sunday's first reading (**Jer 31:7-9**) delivers those words to give 21st Centurions courage:

They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble.

Old Testament mythology? Not if we live those words as Jesus and future profilers of courage did—like FDR, CS Lewis, and—even that Afghani freedom lover. After all, as Paul told the Hebrews via the letter serving as Sunday's second reading (**Heb 5:1-6**),

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God ... He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness ... No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God.

Courage is a divine calling, and as John F. Kennedy wrote in his *Profiles in Courage*, *"it is an opportunity that sooner or later is presented to us all."*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

For visits to Parishioners in Hospitals, Nursing facilities or homebound, please let us know if you or someone you know is receiving some medical care and would like a pastoral visit. We want to be with you during these challenging times. Please call the rectory and leave a message for Sr. Betty.

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



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Contact Beth Bowman
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for more information.



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Cemetery Sunday Mass

November 7, 2021 - 3 pm

Cemetery Sunday is a Catholic Observance day dedicated to those buried in Catholic cemeteries. The Catholic Cemeteries Association celebrates Mass at several cemeteries to honor and pray for our departed loved ones.

For more information please email Rhonda Abrams at rabrams@clecem.org, visit the Events tabs on our website.

Mass Locations

All Saints Cemetery
480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield
Nativity Mausoleum

All Souls Cemetery
10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon
Service Building

Calvary Cemetery
10000 Miles Ave., Cleveland
Main Office

Calvary Cemetery
555 N Ridge Road W., Lorain
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mausoleum

Holy Cross Cemetery
100 E Waterloo Rd., Akron
Sacred Heart of Jesus Mausoleum

Holy Cross Cemetery
14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park
Service Building

St. Joseph Cemetery
32789 Detroit Rd., Avon
St. Joseph Mausoleum

St. Mary Cemetery
4720 E. 71 St., Cuyahoga Hts
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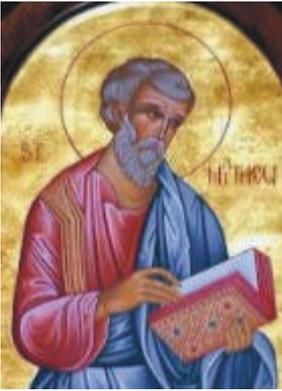
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Matthew 25

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.'

I Have No Hands But Yours (a short reflection from Todd Dockrill, Music Director)

I love our Lord and I especially love the way He works in our lives. I rarely understand it, but I know He has each and everyone of us exactly where He wants us. We all have something to give, something to contribute to His work of building the Kingdom on earth. We are many parts, but we are all one body in Christ. We may not know how we each fit into His plan, but our faith tells us to open our eyes and hearts to see the ordinary opportunities He gives us every day to do so. So begins our story...

Fr. John asked me last week to write something for the Parish bulletin. I went back to my office and I took three pieces of paper out and ambitiously began to spill out all of my ideas. After 30 minutes of brainstorming I stopped and looked back at what would become my inspiration for this reflection—the *three blank pieces of paper are still on my desk.*

Needless to say I was frustrated, so I decided to switch gears and work on the rest of the bulletin. As I was flipping back and forth in the Lectionary, referencing the scripture readings for the Liturgical part of the bulletin, I flipped back too many pages and landed on the readings for October 3rd. Ordinarily, I would have dismissed my mistake and flipped back to where I should have been. This time, however, I stopped because I had glanced at something on the page and had to take a second look. It was one word: Genesis. The first reading for that week was taken from Genesis. The Book of Genesis: The creation story. But what does the creation story have to do with social action? What can we possibly learn from it about our call to Christianity? If we look at it in the proper perspective there is a story here beyond the story. A deeper meaning that speaks to the very core of our call as Christians. So how does the creation story fit into to our mission as Christians to love and serve as Christ did? I want to share this excerpt from a book entitled "Making Life Choices" by Margaret Betz. I read this book several years ago and it has some great insight and realizations on our lives as Christians and our part in creation.

When we see the world through the eyes of faith we appreciate its inner, spiritual side. We cherish it as God's unfinished creation, and we do our best to enhance its beauty and possibilities. A popular poster put it this way: "Be patient with me, God isn't finished with me yet!" That simple message expresses a twofold mystery at the heart of our faith: (1) God's work of creation is not yet complete, and (2) what that creation will finally become depends on the desire of human hearts and the work of human hands.

A simple story illustrates what it means to see with the eyes of faith. Toward the end of World War II, a squad of American soldiers came into a little town in France which had been ravaged by fighting. In the village square they found a battered and broken statue of Christ. The soldiers put it together as best they could but they could not find the hands. Finally, one of them printed in bold letters: "I have no hands but yours."

There is great mystery here. In order to bring creation to its fulfillment, the God who is often imaged as all-powerful, utterly independent and self-sufficient chooses to be dependent on men and women like ourselves! God chooses to need us! God chooses to be close to us, alive in the world, inspiring us with dreams that echo God's own dream for the human family. And God chooses to energize us with God's own Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, so that we can shape a world after God's own heart.

The last paragraph of that excerpt is what inspired me for two of our music selections this week. "*Only A Shadow*" by Carey Landry is a wonderful musical reflection on the mystery of God's infinite love and dreams for us. So infinite that they surpass the limits of human understanding. He wants desperately for us to be part of His Kingdom. We become part of that Kingdom by building it here on earth. "*The Summons*" by John L. Bell challenges us to fulfill that mission by using the tender image of Jesus, calling each of us out, asking, "Will you follow me? Will you leave yourself behind? Will you care for those you love and those you despise? Will you use your faith to reshape the world?" God calls each of us to play a part in the creation story, to be his hands in building the kingdom here on earth by loving and serving others in His name.

I like to think of God's creation, His kingdom, as a magnificent mosaic. Each one of us is a small fragment of it, with our own unique characteristics and gifts, but crafted by God to perfectly fit and complete the entire work of art. Sometimes it can be difficult to know where we fit when the path is not clearly laid out before us. "*Open My Eyes*" by Jesse Manibusan reminds us that we need to pray that God will open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to recognize the everyday opportunities we are given to be Christ to each other, to be Christ for our community and to be Christ for the world.

PSR Classes this week!

Tuesday, October 26th

2nd Grade 6:15-7:30pm in the Church

**4th Grade 6:15pm-7:30pm
in the St. Francis Center**

**7th Grade Virtual
6:30-7:30pm**

All other grades are home study this week.

Contact the PSR office:
216-524-4212

tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

All are invited to attend the Mass of Remembrance
(The commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)
on Tuesday Nov. 2nd at the 8:30 AM Mass.

This Mass is in memory of the those
who were buried from St. Michael Church
during the past year and to pray for all the deceased
family members and friends as well.



SVDP NEWS

Your generosity to the Diocesan Blanket Sunday Appeal was astonishing! A total of \$2048 was collected and will surely help keep our brothers and sisters of the diocese just a bit warmer in this expected cold season.

God bless all of you and may God keep you warm and healthy as well.

And, can we appeal once again for your generosity to our 5th Sunday collection which will be held next weekend, October 30/31. We did not have our appeal this summer because of all the appeals that came from the Diocese (Haiti, disasters throughout America), but we do face shortages locally as well. Therefore, we will be placing our SVDP baskets on the collection tables at the Church entrances. Thank you for your continued caring for our local poor.



St. Michael Holy Name & Altar Rosary Society

TURKEY RAFFLE TICKETS

Available for purchase in the rectory office.

Drawing – Thursday, November 11, 2021

Winners will be notified

“One Turkey prize winner per household”

Donations: \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

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.*

ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES	SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
<p>Monday 10/25</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 105:3-4—Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 20:6—We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.</p>	<p>10/25 Romans 8:12-17 Ps.68:2&4,6-7ab,20-21 Our God is the God of salvation. Luke 13:10-17</p>
<p>Tuesday 10/26</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 105:3-4—Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 20:6—We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.</p>	<p>10/26 Romans 8:18-25 Ps.126:1b-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6 The Lord has done marvels for us. Luke 13:18-21</p>
<p>Wednesday 10/27</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 105:3-4—Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 20:6—We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.</p>	<p>10/27 Romans 8:26-30 Ps.13:4-5,6 My hope, O Lord, is in your mercy. Luke 13:22-30</p>
<p>Friday 10/29</p> <p>ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 105:3-4—Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. COMMUNION cf. Psalm 20:6—We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.</p>	<p>10/28 <i>Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i> Ephesians 2:19-22 Ps.19:2-3,4-5 Their message goes out through all the earth. Luke 6:12-16</p>

<p>10/29 Romans 9:1-5 Ps.147:12-13,14-15,19-20 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Luke 14:1-6</p>
<p>10/30 Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps.94:12-13a,14-15,17-18 The Lord will not abandon his people. Luke 14:1,7-11</p>
<p>10/31 Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Ps.18:2-3,3-4,47,51 I love you, Lord, my strength. Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34</p>

Sunday Grief Support Groups
3rd Sunday of each month
3 pm In-Office
5 pm Virtual Meeting

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey.

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

2022 Meeting Dates

January 16	July 17
February 20	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 24	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 26	December 18

Locations
(Cemetery Offices)

- St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
- Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
- All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
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