

August 8, 2021

# Saint Michael THE Archangel

CATHOLIC CHURCH



AUGUST 8, 2021

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY MASS

Sunday.....11:30 am

### CONFESSION

After Friday and Sunday Masses.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Friday.....9:15 am

### BAPTISMS

Call office to schedule the baptism and formation class.

### MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made six months in advance of the date of the wedding.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements need to be written and submitted to the office by Monday at noon.

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### VISION STATEMENT

As a faith community we believe and profess that “God so loved the world that he gave us his only son” (Jn.3:16) God invites us to be one with the Trinity.

In response to the divine invitation the parish of St. Michael the Archangel gives praise, thanks, and obeys the word spoken by “the word made flesh”.

- **"Do this in memory of me" (Lk. 22:19)**

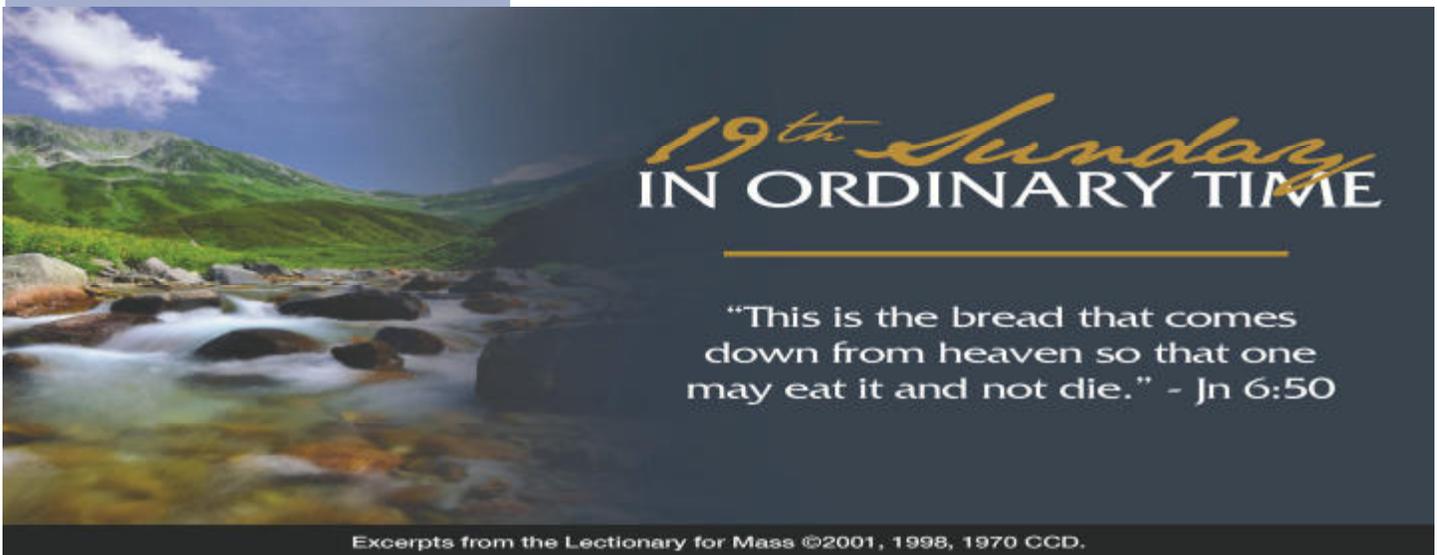
We celebrate the sacraments to encounter the Lord Jesus, especially the Eucharist, in which many become one and become increasingly the Body of Christ in this world.

- **"Go teach all nations and baptize them...." (Mt. 28:19)**

We commit ourselves to live the gospel. In doing so we proclaim, teach, and model a way of life for all in this rural community.

- **"Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn.13:34)**

Convinced of the beauty and dignity of the human family, we minister to the needs of both our faith community and the wider community.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:50

**PARISH STAFF****Parochial Administrator**

Rev. Johnathan Schmolt

**Deacon Assistant**

Rev. Mr. Nicholas Cirell

**Coordinator of Relig. Ed.**

Elisa Cirell

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Lori Cratty

Jennifer May

**Prayer Chain**

Anne Weiss - 724-659-2696

**St. Michael Cemetery**

Shirley O'Brien - 724-867-5441

**Sunday Fellowship**

Carrie Kolesar - 814-758-1020

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 8/08/2021 11:30 am	For the people of St. Michael's Parish
Friday 8/013/2021 9:15am	Tony Salamone (Fred & Chris Hespeneide)
Sunday 8/15/2021 11:30 am	For the people of St. Michael's Parish

**MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

Date/Time	Lector	Altar Servers
8/15/2021 11:30 AM	C. Hespeneide	As available

**Online Giving is Available at [tithe.ly/give](https://tithe.ly/give)**

**Please note**

if it is a problem getting to our Confessional because of stairs, obstacles etc., please let Fr. Johnathan know. He would be more than willing to make other accommodations for Confession with you.



If you would like to request the lamp for someone, please fill out an envelope found in the back of the church or contact the office at 724-867-2422

**SANCTUARY LAMP****MEMORIAL**

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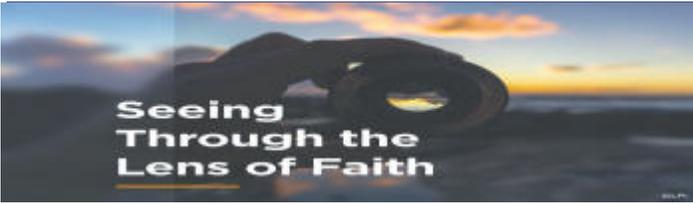
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**FINANCIAL****Offertory**

Actual 8/1/2021	Actual Fiscal year to date	Necessary Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage over (under)
1,420	5,866	9,340	-37%
Weekly Collection: \$ 1,402			
Weekly offertory goal : \$1,868			

**Catholic Services Appeal**

Actual collected 8/1/2021	Total collected As of 8/1/2021	Parish Goal	Percentage of goal collected
455	21,098	24,000	88%
Total Pledged: \$ 23,828			



## Seeing Through the Lens of Faith

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



## Pray For...

Sigrid Piroch	Alice Pihoker
Howard Maresch	Brad Louise
Paul Pastorok	Rosie Hartzell
Ruth Hepler	Eric Zacherl
Shirley Wedekind	



### Family Perspective

“Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.

### Marriage Moments

It’s summer. It’s hot in the northern hemisphere. How do you and your beloved keep cool? If you’re lucky enough to have air-conditioning. Be thankful and help someone who doesn’t. If you live in the southern hemisphere – just wait.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Welcome!**  
**Or perhaps more accurately —**  
**welcome back!**

For many months, our households, families and communities were unable to embrace one of the most beautiful joys of our humanity: Gathering around the table to share stories and a meal. Similarly, our parishes have longed to gather around the table of the Eucharist to share our great story: The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

At Mass each Sunday, we *remember* the faithfulness of God throughout all of salvation history and see how that same great love remains present, here and now. We are physically present with Jesus and with each other. We also long to “re-member” our parishes, because *Our Sunday Story* isn’t complete if even one member of our family is missing from the table.

Isolation and social distancing have awakened our deep need for connection with each other and with the physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As a community of faith, participating in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is our central activity. Recall with us the sacredness of the sabbath, of a family meal and of sharing treasured stories. Then, come, share in *Our Sunday Story*. We have prepared a place for you!

### Rosary

Pray a Scriptural Rosary with Deacon Nick and Lisa on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:20 am on **We Are One Body Radio**. You can pray along on **your computer at [www.waob.org](http://www.waob.org)** or on the radio at **106.7 FM**.



### Basic Evangelization Training

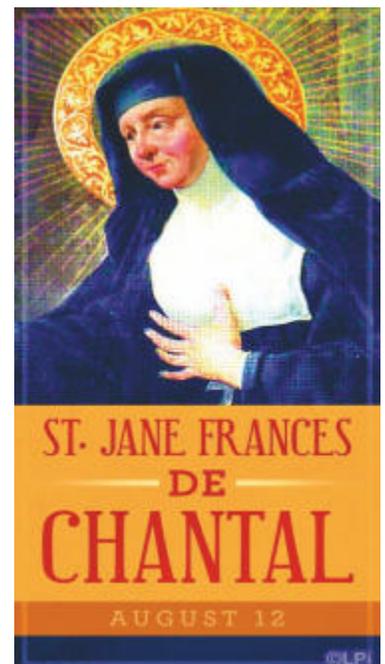
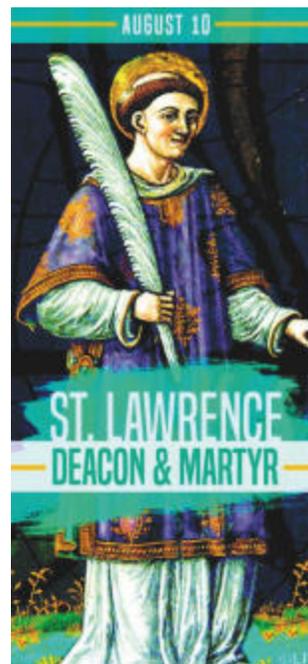
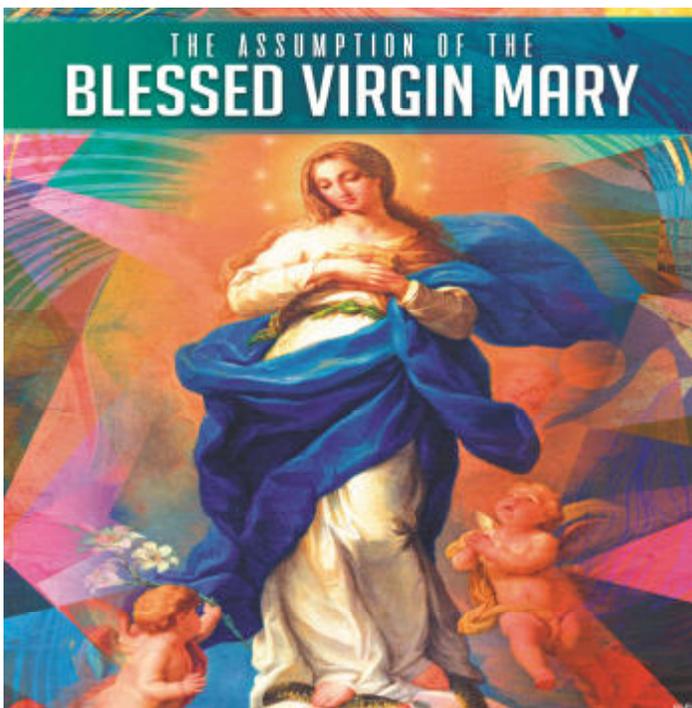
Saturday, August 28  
 9:00am—4:00 pm  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 111 Petroleum St., Oil City, PA

#### Includes:

- ◆ **The Full-Day Evangelization Workshop**
- ◆ **All Workshop Materials**
- ◆ **Light Breakfast and Lunch**

#### Registration

[www.stpaulse.com/oilcity](http://www.stpaulse.com/oilcity)  
 \$10 adults, \$5 students  
 Or call the parish office  
 814-677-3020 ext. 6





# Faith Formation

## The Feast of the Assumption

### Reflection

Reflect, today, upon your understanding of our Blessed Mother. Do you know her, understand her role in your life and continually seek her motherly care? She is your mother if you choose to live in the grace of her Son. Embrace that fact more deeply today and choose to make her an even more important part of your life. Jesus will be grateful you do!

*Lord, help me to love Your mother with the same love You have for her. As You were entrusted to her care, so I desire to be entrusted to her care. Mary, my Mother and Queen, pray for me as I have recourse to you. Jesus, I trust in*



\*From Mary we learn to surrender to God's Will in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.

From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!\*

-Pope St. John Paul II  
[www.holyfines.com](http://www.holyfines.com)

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### *Giving Thanks For Summer*

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun  
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me  
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

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