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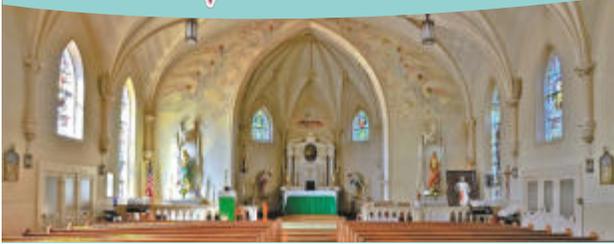
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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Confessions: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:00pm and by appointment
Baptisms: By appointment
Marriage: Diocesan regulations require at least 6 months advance notice
PSR: Sundays at 8:45am–9:45am
School Building across the Street from Church
Restrooms - in the School Building (directly across the street from the Church)
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26th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39b

FATHER JOHN'S MESSAGE

The clear meaning of the gospel of today is that those who do not give good example are responsible for the ensuing evil committed. "Whoever caused one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck, and he were cast into the sea."

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29 /Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 /Jas 5:1-6 /Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8 /Ps 102:16-21, 29 and 22-23 /Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 /Ps 87:1-7 /Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12 /Ps 138:1-5 /Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-6, 7b-12 /Ps 19:8-11 /Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22 /Ps 79:1-5, 8, 9 /Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 /Ps 69:33-37 /Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24 /Ps 128:1-6 /Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:00 pm +Angel Alonso (Lorraine Alonso)

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBR 26

7:30 am +Alicia Kelly (Irene Hackworth)

10:00 am People of the Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 am +Alex Ocsody (Adrian/Beth Eckl)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:00 pm +Alicia Kelly (Andres/Mary Jo Rivera Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 am Marie & John Klaiber (Bill/Reigina Cook)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30 am Father Andy Sullivan (Irene Hackworth)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:00 pm +Angie Czermak (Wayne/Mary Ellen Hall)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am +Henry & Bea Stumpe (L/M Trousdale)

Date Time	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
September 25 Saturday 6:00 PM	Deacon Steve	Whit Chaney Anne M. Chaney
September 26 Sunday 7:30 AM	Deacon Steve	Chris Stangel
September 26 Sunday 10:00 AM	Deacon Steve	Anthony Eckl
October 2 Saturday 6:00 PM	-	Greg Halen
October 3 Sunday 7:30 AM	-	Carolyn Eck
October 3 Sunday 10:00 AM	-	Alan Eckl

WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
 IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
 AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Collection Box is now in the front of Church on the steps by the communion rail.



In celebrating **Father John** and all that he has done for Saint Michael's, we will have cake in the gym after the 10am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome to stop by and say thank you and wish him well as he returns to Saint Bernard Abbey.

Welcome

Please welcome **Abbot Cletus Meagher O.S.B.** from Saint Bernard Abbey next weekend. Abbot Cletus will start his role as pastor of Saint Michael's this Friday, October 1st.

Zack Lisko please call or stop by the Church Office to claim your Labor Day raffle ticket prize.

Special T Shirts were printed for the PSR students. Students may pick up shirts at class. A limited number of extra shirts and sizes are available for purchase in the Church Office for \$15.



The CYO will meet this Sunday, September 26th, in the CYO room (in the gym) at 4:00 pm to continue watching the series *The Chosen*. We will replay the first three episodes starting at 3:00pm that day if anyone has missed any or all and would like to see them or get caught up. We will have snacks.



RCIA - Interested in the Catholic Faith? RCIA starts this Thursday, September 30th. Father John and Deacon Steve are jointly teaching with St Joseph's this year. New or old in the Catholic faith, there is always more we can learn. Contact Deacon Steve at deaconsteve@stmichaelscatholic.org or call/text Steve at 256-509-3005.

Flowers on the altar are in memory of John Joe Eckl placed by Jean Eckl.



Dance Night is next Friday October 8th from 6-9pm in the gym. Instructions start at 6pm with dancing from 7-9pm. All are welcome to join in the fun or simply to watch.

Catholic Night at the Pie Factory continues the second Tuesday of each month. Our very own Dan Penny will play live music from 6-9pm on October 12th. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the Church. Come out for some great food and music.



Coffee and Doughnuts will be served Sunday, October 17th, in the gym after the 7:30am and 10am Masses. Any individuals or families interested in hosting please contact Courtney Warden.

Child Protection and Safe Environment training can now be completed online for free. The training class must be done every three years by adults (ages 18+) who are around children during church events to help ensure the safety of our children. Visit <https://bhmdiocese.org/office-of-child-protection> for training.

Reflection of Sunday's Readings

First Reading Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

Live the Liturgy – Inspiration for the Week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

Prayer for Peace

O God, source of all holy desires and right counsels and just works, grant us peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to your commands and under your protection, enjoy peace in our days and freedom from all evils. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael Prayer

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, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Offertory Collection

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Patrick McGee		Kasmeier (C Eck)	(C.Varer)



BIBLE STUDY



Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the gym, all are welcome. We are studying "The Eucharist" by Fr Mitch Pacwa. All ladies are welcome.

Adult Thursday Morning Bible Study meet at 10:30am Thursday mornings in the office library, all are welcome.

Tuesday Night Bible Study will begin a new study on the books of Romans. We continue to use the Ignatius Press series and we are meeting at 6:30pm in the office library. All are welcome.

HOLY ARCHANGELS

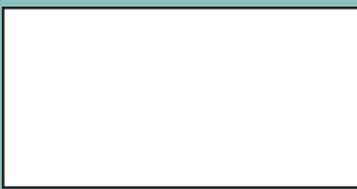
Saint Michael the Archangel - Michael means, "*Who is like God?*" Of the three angels mentioned by name in the Catholic Bible, St. Michael the archangel is mentioned the most. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 10:13-21, 10:21, 12:1, and in the New Testament in Rev. 12:7-9 and Jude 1:9. St. Michael is most known for doing battle against Lucifer (who could have been a seraph) and casting him and the other fallen angels out of heaven. Because of this feat, he is known as the leader or prince of the angels. St. Michael is the champion of God's people and the protector of the Church. He is also regarded as the angel who brings the souls of men to their judgment before God, thus being the angel of judgment.

Saint Gabriel the Archangel - Gabriel means "*Power of God.*" St. Gabriel the Archangel is mentioned the most in the Bible after St. Michael. He is found in the Old Testament in Daniel 8:15-26 and 9:21-27, and in the New Testament in Luke 1:11-38. St. Gabriel is most known for his messenger role in the Annunciation. He is the angel who appeared to Zachariah and the Blessed Virgin Mary announcing the birth of St. John the Baptist and Incarnation of Jesus Christ, respectively. He is also believed by some to be the angel who appeared to St. Joseph and the shepherds at Christ's nativity, as well as the angel who comforted Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because of this he is known as the herald angel, and the angel of mercy and consolation.

Saint Raphael the Archangel - Raphael means "*God has healed.*" St. Raphael the Archangel is only mentioned once in the Catholic Bible, in Tobit chapter 12. In this passage he was a companion, protector, and healer. He is also believed to be the angel who stirred the water in the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem, giving it its healing properties, as mentioned in the New Testament. He therefore is regarded as a healing angel and a companion angel. Learn more about these amazing creatures that God has appointed to lead us to our salvation by looking up each Bible reference mentioned above and read the accompanying stories. Consider also having a special devotion to one (or all!) of these angelic saints. We celebrate the Archangels on September 29th. Source: Catholic Company



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