

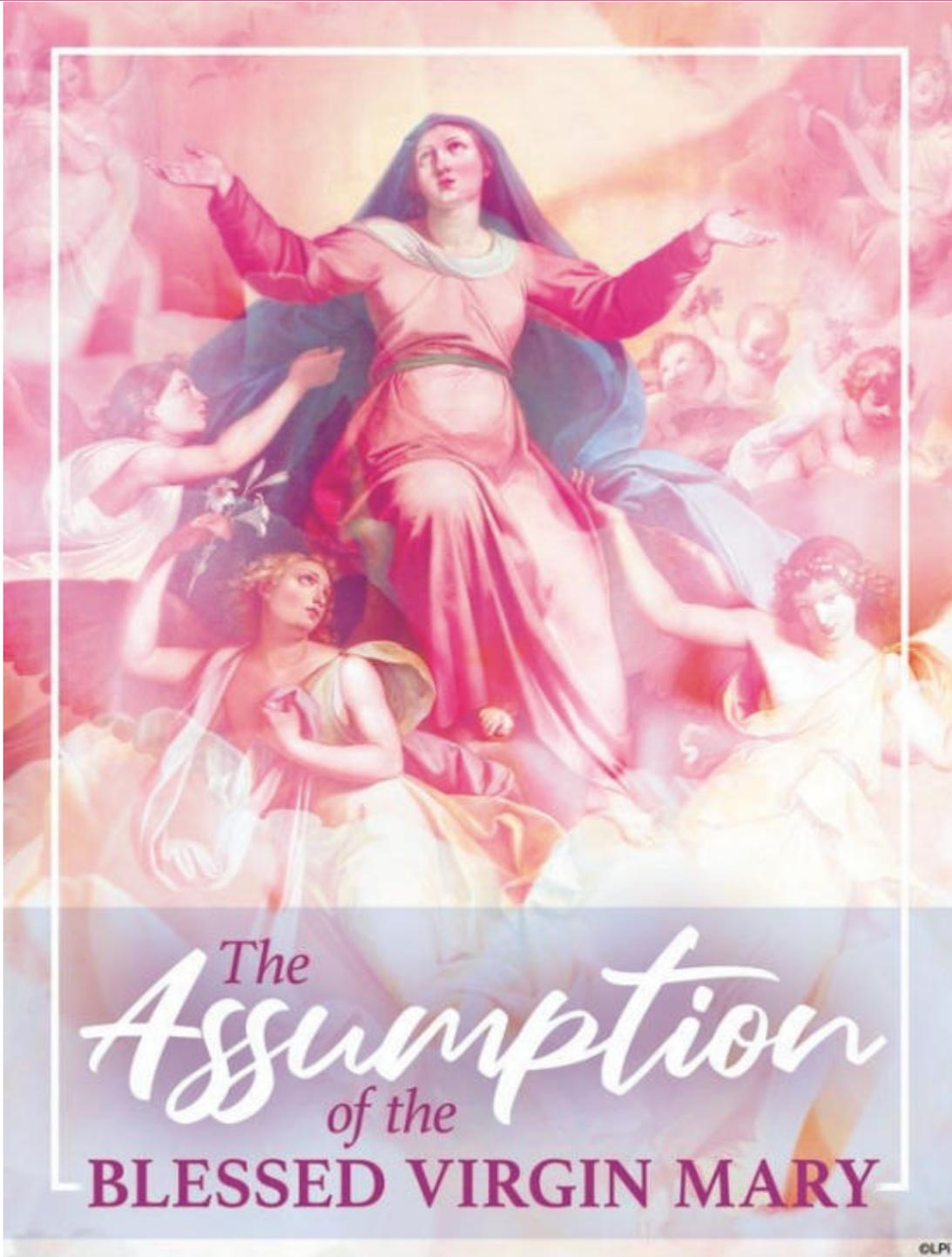


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THE ARCHANGEL**
CATHOLIC CHURCH



WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday,
August 15, 2021**



The
Assumption
of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday
9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm—3:30 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

9:30 am—3:00 pm
Livestreamed

HOLY ROSARY

Monday—Friday

9:30 am

Thursday

Livestreamed

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am—Noon

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WELCOME FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish (stmichaelssiesta.com), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.



Fr. Michael Cannon
Pastor



FINANCIAL UPDATE

WEEKLY COLLECTION (AUG 7-8)

Offertory	\$3,137
Candles	\$145
Poor Box	\$35
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa	\$578

ONLINE GIVING

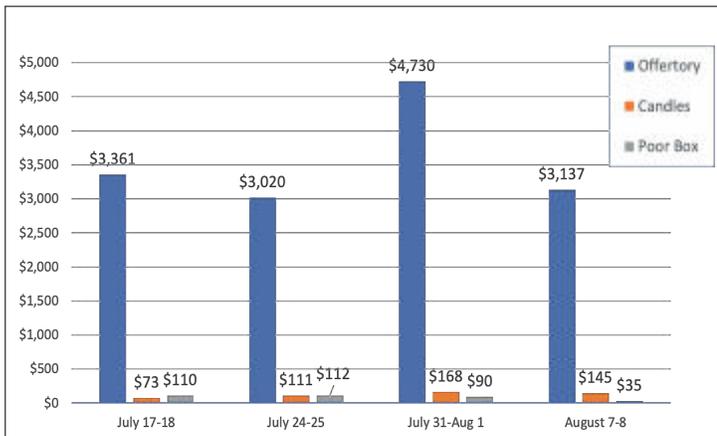
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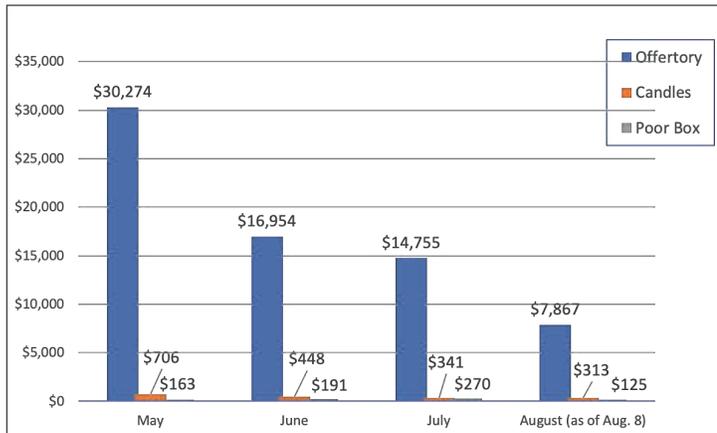
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WEEKLY OVERVIEW



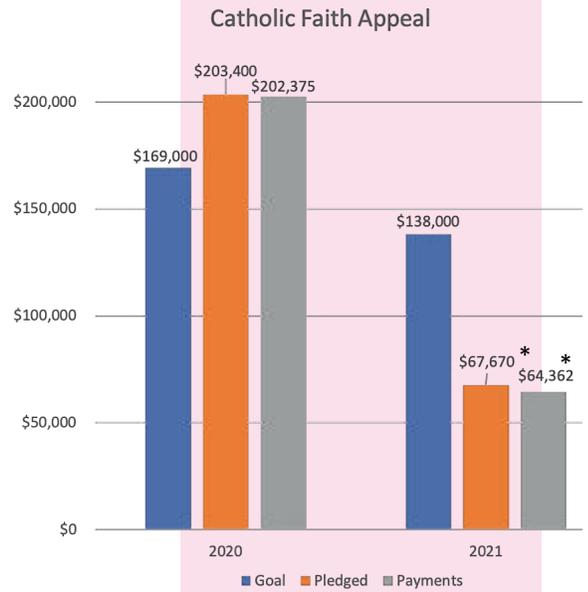
MONTHLY OVERVIEW



CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$169,000	\$138,000
Pledged	\$203,400	\$67,670
Payments	\$202,375	\$64,362*
% of Goal	120.36%	49.04%*

* as of August 5, 2021



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FATHER MICHAEL'S RAMBLINGS

May the peace, the companionship and the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ be experienced by each of you at this time. Every day, as I celebrate Mass here with my family, I bring all of you and your loved ones, by name, to the Lord.

As you are aware, I am here in Ireland with my dad and family. I am enjoying a quiet and relaxing time. The weather has been quite inclement since my arrival but no one travels to Ireland for the weather! We have temperatures in the mid to upper 60s most days which (truth be told) is actually a pleasant relief from the high 80s we experience in Florida prior to my departure. That being said, it is so nice being with my father and family. He and they are all doing well.

I met the most recent addition to our family yesterday – for the first time. Erin Cannon joined the family on Friday July 30th . I have included a photograph of her! She is dad's fourth great-granddaughter. There are no great-grandsons yet.



Erin Cannon
Born: 7/30/2021

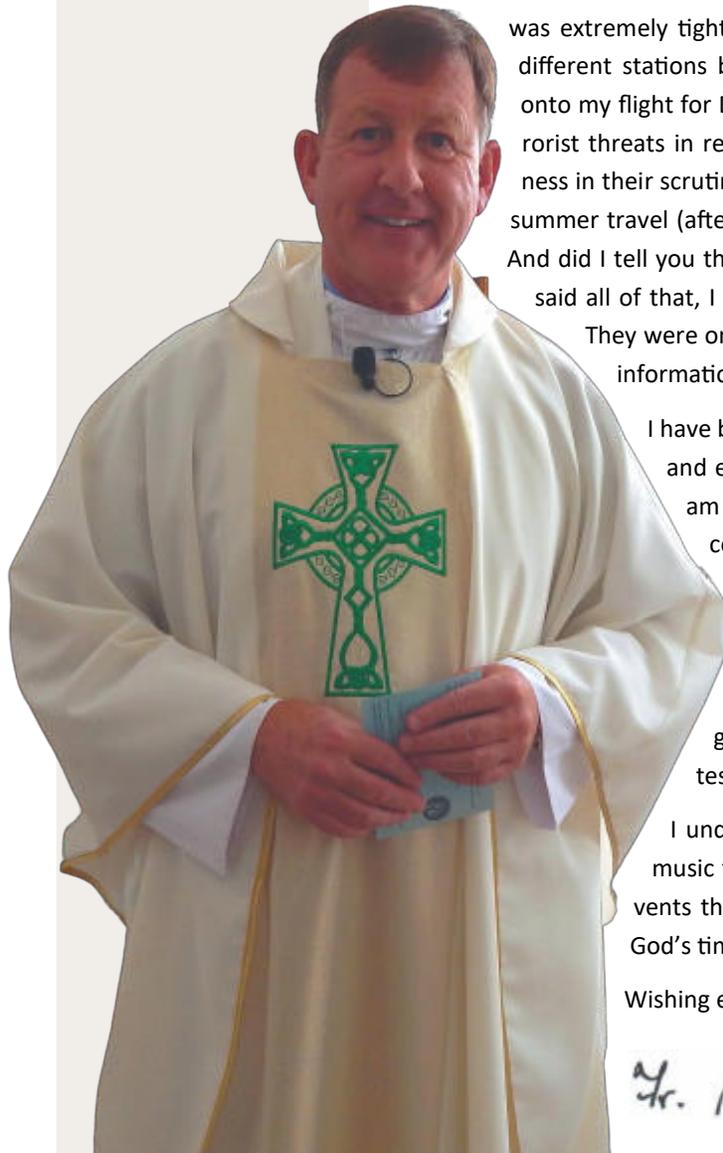
My travel itinerary to Ireland this year brought me from Sarasota to Detroit (Michigan) to Paris (France) to Dublin. The trip, door-to-door, took twenty-four hours. It was the most tiring travel experience I have ever had. I had a five-hour layover in Paris – and I needed it all! Paris was a nightmare! By that I mean that security was extremely tight and I had to show travel documents at five different stations between getting off my US flight and getting onto my flight for Dublin. On reflection, I believe that due to terrorist threats in recent years, France is on high alert – accounting for their thoroughness in their scrutiny of those entering their county. Add Covid to that reality and place summer travel (after a two-year hiatus) on top of that and we have the perfect storm!! And did I tell you that my bags were flagged for a full and thorough search? But having said all of that, I have to say that the airport staff were very courteous and friendly. They were only doing their job. But it does take the joy out of travel. Oh, for your information, yes, my return itinerary brings me through Paris again!!

I have been keeping a close eye on Covid developments in the United States and especially in Florida. It paints a very troubling picture. Almost daily, I am getting reports of more and more people whom I know who have contracted the virus. This new variant is real and it has not yet been defeated. I ask everyone to please stay safe and please keep each other safe. The Covid numbers here in Ireland have risen somewhat also but over 80% of people over the age of 40 have received their first vaccine. Please know that I am praying daily for continued good health and safety for all of you. I will be required to take a Covid test 72 hours prior to my return to the United States.

I understand that work is progressing on the roof of the church. That is music to my ears! But you have had quite a lot of rain recently which prevents the roofing company from completing the work. It will all be done in God's time!!

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Fr. Michael



Greetings From

The Emerald Isle



Nephew Mark with his beautiful family



A local scene (notice the sheep?)

Introducing
the newest
member of
the Cannon
family, Erin
Cannon



Dad with
my nephew
Mark



Dad, brother Charlie and
Charlie's granddaughter Sophie



Niece Cathy with her beloved granddad

GOSPEL MEDITATION

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed

to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need

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REMINDER

Unfortunately the fake emails from criminals posing as Fr. Michael are once again making the rounds. If you receive an email from Fr. Michael requesting help with something or asking for a favor, please know that this is not Fr. Michael. Do not engage with these people. Simply delete the email. The police have informed us that there is not much we can do but alert our parishioners to this scam. Be aware that you should never send money or share personal information with anyone unless you verify their identity. Thank you.



Be Blessed and Encouraged at our next Magnificat breakfast for women, **Saturday, October 2**, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Airport, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Our guest speaker is Peg Mengle, a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Community.

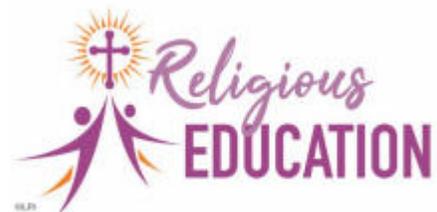
At a Charismatic Mass in Philadelphia, Peg encountered the love of God in the first of several miraculous healings that changed her faith and trust in Him for the rest of her life. God the Father became real to her, as she experienced his great love, healing, and mercy. Peg believes that God has done great things for her because of His desire to alleviate suffering and make us whole, but also because of her willingness to share these healings with others; to proclaim his love and healing power.

Seating is limited. No walk-ins or payment at the door! Advanced registration **ONLY**. Please send a \$23 check, payable to *Magnificat Fort Myers*, to Margaret Mengle, 5017 Westminster Dr., Fort Myers, FL. 33919 (239-826-7475). **Your mail request must be postmarked by September 22**, or make reservations online at <https://magnificatfortmyers.com/order-tickets/>.

We are experiencing a problem with people dumping their trash in the church dumpsters. We have seen everything from mattresses and box springs, old furniture, moving boxes, old toys, and much more! This does not leave room for the trash that we accumulate ourselves.

We are in the process of purging the office and church attic in preparation for the construction of the new Ministry Center.

We do have video surveillance around the property and we have seen the people who are dumping in our lot. If you know anyone who might be dumping on the St. Michael's campus, please ask them to stop. Thank you for your cooperation.



Now is the time to register your child for the 2021-22 school year.

Please contact the parish office to register. Registrations will be ongoing through the month of August.

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.



What lessons should we learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches. ©LPi

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. - Luke 1:38

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

soul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

sulo s o u l

Mythig _____

srevatn _____

hylo _____

stirip _____

belssde _____

Soívar _____

hmuleb _____

gerta _____

MISSION

Mary was a humble girl, and God chose her to be Jesus' mother. David was a humble shepherd, and God chose him to be a great king. Name one other humble person in the Bible that God lifted up and used powerfully.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

M   

B   

H   

MISSION

I will hear and do what God asks in a humble manner.

MINISTRY MESSAGE BOARD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several of the parish ministries are looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact the parish office at 941-349-4174 to sign up for a ministry assignment.

Thank you to all our volunteers who give of their time freely to make our parish such a loving and welcoming community.

Ministries Needing Volunteers:

- ⇒ A/V Operations
- ⇒ Eucharistic Adorers
- ⇒ Eucharistic Ministers
- ⇒ Greeters
- ⇒ Lectors
- ⇒ Photography
- ⇒ Prayer Shawl
- ⇒ Ushers

UPDATE



Join us for the Next Capital Campaign briefing

Please join us for the latest information on the church renovation project and the new Ministry Center. All the latest information will be discussed.

Our next Zoom briefing:
Tuesday, August 17th—7:00pm

The link to join via Zoom will be sent out via Flocknotes and will be listed on the parish website.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NEW MINISTRY CENTER PLANS!!

St. Michael the Archangel Parish



If you have a special prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please reach out to the parish prayer line and allow our 82-member prayer team to pray for your intentions.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. - 1 John 5:1

Call Anna DeFelice at 941-378-9944 or email adefelice@comcast.net

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Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We continue to have a need for Eucharistic Adorers every Tuesday, especially 10am - 1pm. Can you spare an hour for the Lord?

Please note that during the renovations, Adoration will be held in the conference room inside the Parish office red side door.

For questions or to sign up for a specific time, contact Karen O'Neal at 216-990-2912.



PRAYER & WORSHIP

READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Monday, August 16

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

St. Stephen of Hungary

Tuesday, August 17

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 19

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

St. John Eudes, Priest

Friday, August 20

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, August 21

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

St. Pius X, Pope

Sunday, August 22

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 16

9:00 am +RICK KACZANKO by Eileen Ishmael

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 am +JOHN KERCHER by Patrick Family

Wednesday, August 18

9:00 am +JOHN WIESNER by Sandra Noxon

Thursday, August 19

9:00 am PATRICIA SLY

Friday, August 20

9:00 am ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS

Saturday, August 21

4:00 pm +GLADYS M. SWEENEY by Nancy Sweeney

+JIM KNIGHT by Pauline Alex

Sunday, August 22

8:00 am +ROSE HENTEMANN by Paul Hentemann

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS

10:00 am +RICK KACZANKO by Eileen Ishmael



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of

Tetina Shay

By Michael & Maria Shay

The Flowers this week are in memory of

Gladys M. Sweeney

By Nancy Sweeney



Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Aug 21, 4:00pm: Fr. Greg Nevlud

Sun. Aug 22, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino

Sun. Aug 22, 10:00am: Fr. Greg Nevlud

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