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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday,
October 3, 2021



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

Fr. Michael Cannon
Pastor



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WEEKLY COLLECTION (SEPT 25-26)

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WEEKLY OVERVIEW



MONTHLY OVERVIEW



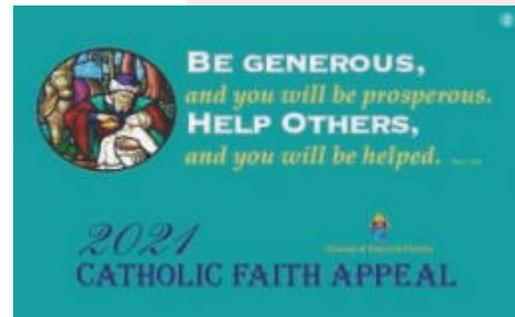
CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$169,000	\$138,000
Pledged	\$203,400	\$69,670
Payments	\$202,375	\$67,783*
% of Goal	120.36%	50.49%*

* as of September 23, 2021



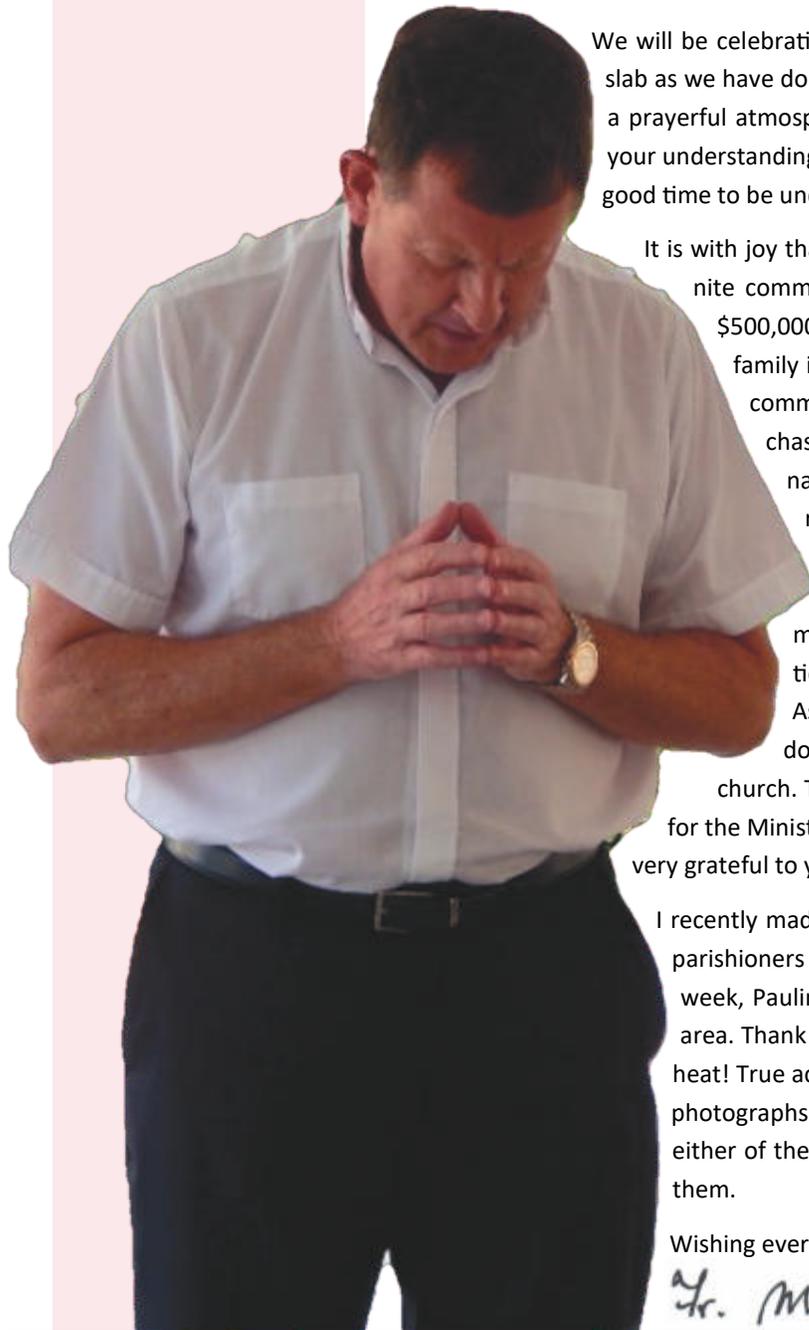
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CFA

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FATHER MICHAEL'S RAMBLINGS



May the grace and the joy of the Lord Jesus be in each of your hearts and lives. Praying as always that my words are finding everyone healthy and well.

This has been a very busy week around the parish campus. Our roofers are finishing the replacement of the roof and they have done an outstanding job. The remainder of the tiles (portico) will be replaced when we are roofing the new Ministry Center. Two of the new air conditioners were installed on Monday and Tuesday. The third unit was installed Thursday. I am including some photographs of the work at various stages of progress.

Where do we go from here on the church renovation project? The next step is that we plan on removing the pews to have them reupholstered and refinished. The original pew cushions could not be recovered as the foam had disintegrated. This removal is scheduled to take place during the last week of October. While the pews are being refinished, the carpet will be removed and we will replace it with tile, as advised by our working committee and approved by the Diocese.

We will be celebrating our liturgies in the tent which we will erect on the stone slab as we have done several times in the past few years. We will work to create a prayerful atmosphere for Masses and other liturgies as required. We ask for your understanding as we progress. This is far from the ideal but there is never a good time to be undertaking two major projects as we are doing at this time.

It is with joy that I announce that one of our major donors has made a definite commitment to the Church Renovation Project in the amount of \$500,000. We are incredibly grateful for the great generosity that this family is bestowing on our community. Another generous donor has committed to \$100,000 and has also expressed a desire to purchase a new Tabernacle for the church ... in addition to the original donation. We had another call this week from a former parishioner who, because of his love for St. Michael's, wants to cover the cost of our new marble altar. Some months ago, a friend of one of our dear parishioners donated \$100,000 in memory of Don Crawford. Many more of you have sent donations for which we are incredibly grateful. Every dollar counts! As I informed you in previous messages, none of the money donated towards the Ministry Center can be used for the church. They are completely separate accounts. If you sent a donation for the Ministry Center, that is where your money will be spent and we are very grateful to you.

I recently made reference in my Ramblings / Flocknote to two very special parishioners who have been busily beautifying the parish grounds. This week, Pauline Alex and Veronica Frangos completed work on the Grotto area. Thank you, Pauline and Veronica, for your hard work in the extreme heat! True acts of love for which we are very grateful. I am including some photographs of the completed project for your enjoyment. If you know either of these two wonderful ladies, please express your appreciation to them.

Wishing everyone a blessed week,

Fr. Michael

RECENT CAMPUS PHOTOS



ANNUAL PET BLESSING



Oscar would like to remind everyone that Monday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis and that means it's time for the annual Pet Blessing. All are welcome but all pets must be caged or leashed.

Date: Monday, October 4

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: St. Michael's Under the Portico

Oscar and Fr. Michael are looking forward to seeing all of your furry family members there!

ROSARY RALLY

DATE: Saturday, October 16, 2021

TIME: 12:00 Noon

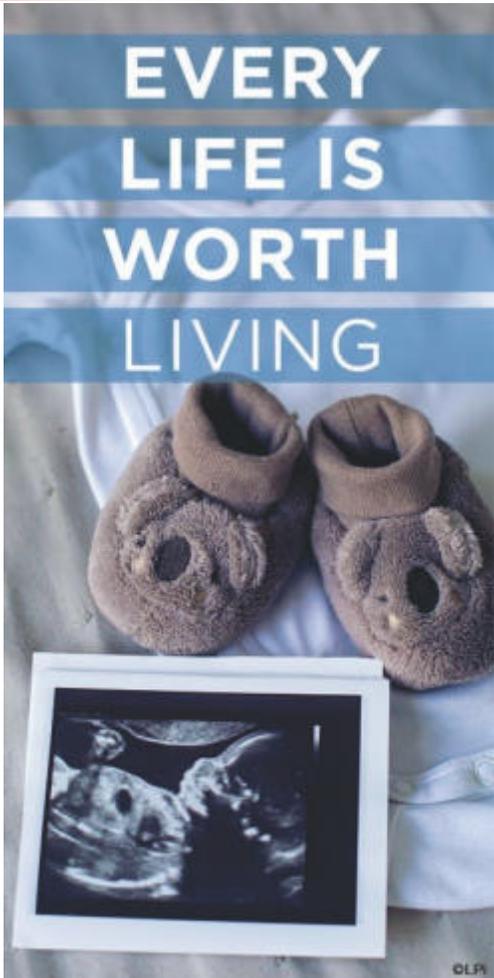
LOCATION: Ringling Blvd. & Bay Front Drive

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40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

As Catholics, we are called to stand witness, visibly and peacefully, to send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at or patronize the facility.

Please help us to save lives by joining the St. Michael the Archangel parish family for a prayer vigil outside of Planned Parenthood in downtown Sarasota. We will gather at 9am on Friday, October, 29 at Planned Parenthood, 736 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL. Bring friends and family and stand with us for life.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God.” Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God’s incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God’s greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ’s love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God’s unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.



Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God’s perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God’s and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That’s

why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God’s oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

***“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in them.” - 1 John 4:16***

THEREIN LIES THE... RIB

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don’t verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn’t let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn’t exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don’t look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it’s never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam’s rib. Everything that He

had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I’m guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven’t you sent me what I need? I’ve been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don’t fit the bill?

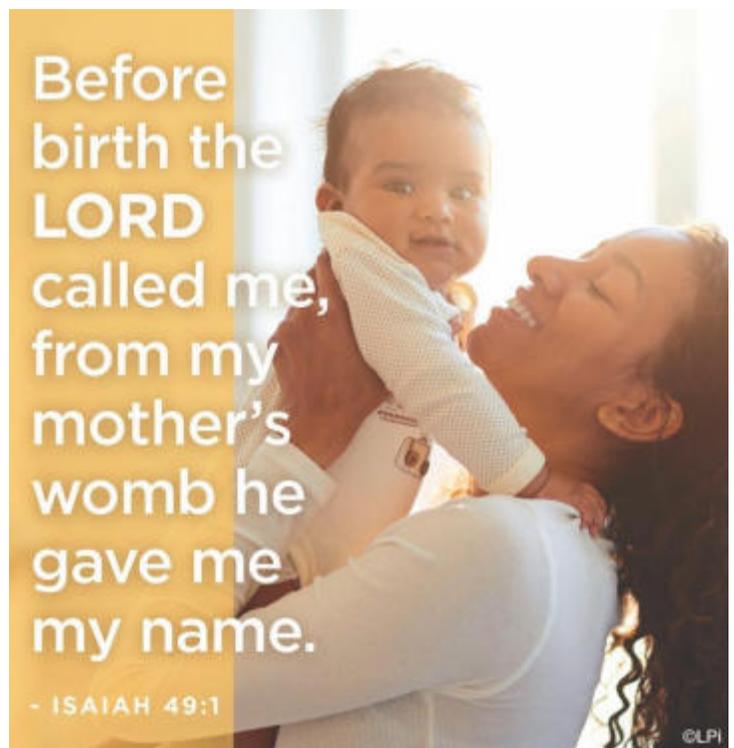
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CAN A PERSON (THE MOTHER, FATHER, OR PROVIDER) EVER BE FORGIVEN FOR AN ABORTION?

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God’s loving mercy. Because God’s mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms

of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.



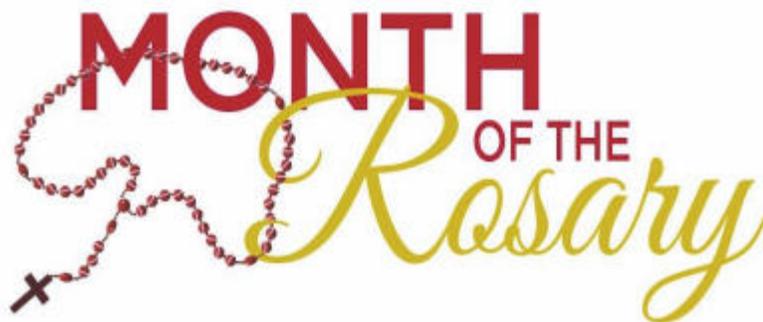
Women's Guild Kicks Off 60th Year

The Women's Guild will begin its 60th year with an **11:30 Mass** on **Monday, October 4th**. Please note this change in protocol. It will only effect our first meeting. Following Mass we will hold a Guild meeting on the lawn behind the Church. Please remember to bring a lawn chair for that meeting. Should it rain that day, we will hold the Guild Meeting in the Church. Guild meeting attendees are encouraged to park their cars in the parking spaces accessed from Glebe St. This will help us exit the Church without interfering with the Blessing of the Animals, which begins at Noon under the Portico.

It is too late to order a box lunch, so pack a sandwich and something to drink to enjoy during the meeting. I have learned that the tent that will be "home" during renovation of the Church will be going up the end of October. This will create a new meeting space for SMWG. Come hear what plans and possibilities for 2021-2022 are being considered. We hope to see current Guild members at this event, and meet women interested in learning more about the Guild and its works.

God bless,

Kathy Caltagirone



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

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THE NEXT ZOOM MEETING

with Jim Holt and Fr. Michael will be:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5—7:00 PM

There is so much happening as things begin to move more quickly. Please join us for an update on the church and campus renovations as well as the progress of the capital campaign.

Zoom link will be sent via our Flocknote email distribution, or you can access the call by clicking on the link from the capital campaign promo at the top of our website (stmichaelssiesta.com).

Be a part of the story!

Ave Maria Catholic Church Respect Life Conference

Saturday, October 23, 2021 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Ave Maria University Campus

Free Event! All Are Welcome!

Walk-ins welcome based on seating availability.

Boxed lunch option is available for \$10 (info on registration)

For more information or to request a pre-registration form:

Sharon Levesque, Respect Life President

Email: AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com

READINGS, OBSERVANCES AND INTENTIONS

<u>Monday, October 4</u>	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>
9:00am	+ Neil Molloy by Margaret Molloy
<u>Tuesday, October 5</u>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42 <i>Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>
9:00am	+ Tim Steindolf by Bill Cook + Mae & Jake Copec by Greg & Michele Leone
<u>Wednesday, October 6</u>	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4 <i>St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i>
9:00am	+ Sara “Sally” Schiller by Greg & Michele Leone Susannah Mary Wheeler & Felicity Anne Wheeler by Mary Wheeler
<u>Thursday, October 7</u>	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
9:00am	+ Anne Moesch by Bill Paxton & Sue Molinari
<u>Friday, October 8</u>	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
9:00am	+ Ralph Khourie by Bill Paxton & Sue Molinari
<u>Saturday, October 9</u>	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28 <i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>
4:00pm	Bindu & Aby Abraham “Happy Anniversary” by Mom & Dad + James Piro by Piro Family
<u>Sunday, October 10</u>	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00am	Noah Brian “First Birthday” by Appachen & Ammachi + Jeannie Hart by Bill Paxton & Sue Molinari
10:00am	+ Douglas Franz by Judy Franz + Francis Turner by His Family St. Michael’s Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of
Sean Snyder
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The Flowers this week are in memory of

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Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Oct. 9, 4:00pm: Fr. Michael Cannon
Sun. Oct. 10, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino
Sun. Oct. 10, 10:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon

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