

**PARISH OFFICES**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY: BY PHONE ONLY 9AM-3PM**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY: CLOSED**

OUR LOBBY IS OPEN FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM. IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE, PLEASE USE THE INTERCOM LOCATED OUTSIDE THE PARISH OFFICE DOOR.

<u>Staff Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>EXT</u>
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Peter Grodi	337
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Religious Education Director:	Geri Leibfarth	333
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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

723 Sutton Place / 419-423-2738



Principal:	Amy Holzward	222
Asst. Principal:	Deacon Mike Eier	223
Secretary:	Vicki Bihn	221
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**OUTREACH MINISTRY OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—11:00 am

Deacon Keith Talbert

419-422-2646 ext. 332

PHONE CALLS ONLY PLEASE

**St Michael cemetery fall clean-up  
will be September 20.**

Please remove any decorations that you wish to keep before September 20. Anything that is left will be removed. Please do not bring any new decorations until October 1.

**The PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on  
Monday, September 7.  
LABOR DAY MASS will be held at  
9am in the Main Church on  
Monday, September 7  
\*No 7am Mass on Labor Day\***



**Monday, September 7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

9:00 am Brenda North  
David Snoko

**Tuesday, September 8**

7:00 am Anne Hermiller  
Sam Fittante

**Wednesday, September 9**

7:00 am Robert & Mary LaForrest

**Thursday, September 10**

7:00 am Carol Baughman  
8:35 am Jenelle & Merle Hohman

**Friday, September 11**

7:00 am Don Kettinger  
Denny Dantuano

8:35 am Margaret Fell

**Saturday, September 12**

8:00 am Nienberg & Kiczek Families  
Nancy McCoy

4:30 pm For The People of The Parish

**Sunday, September 13**

8:00 am Mary Jo Urschaltz  
Barb Pompos  
Aelker & Schroeder Families  
Dave Maas

10:00 am Mary Pahl  
Bob Pahl  
Terry Heater

Noon Tony Trotta—*Anniversary*  
Aaron Snyder

6:00 pm Sharon Wilhelm



**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Main Church**

Monday, Wednesday 12:30pm—1:30pm  
Thursday & Friday

Tuesday: 7:45 am —4:00 pm

If you have any crucifixes that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office drop box located outside the Parish Office. Thank you for your kindness!





## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Scripture Readings for the Week of September 6, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest</b> 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b> 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



## COUPLES CORNER

The first reading and Gospel today speak about advising others to turn away from sin. How can we apply this lesson to our marriage? Our ultimate goal in marriage should be to get each other to heaven, and we need to care equally about our spouse's salvation as we do about our own. Thus, with love in your heart, take courage and kindly advise your spouse regarding any sin or bad habits that are detracting from your marriage. A good time to do this is in private and perhaps during a walk or car ride together. Include a simple prayer to invite the Holy Spirit to the conversation.



## FAMILY CONNECTION

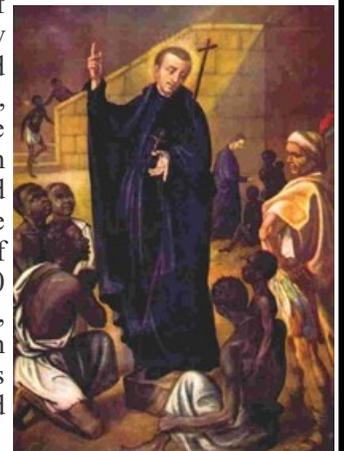
Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect. As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises? How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church. Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household. In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.



## SAINT STORIES

Have you ever been really, really thirsty? Maybe you were hiking or mowing the yard on a hot summer day. Maybe you just came in from the playground or off the basketball court. Think how good a drink of cold water would be. If some kind person brought you water, how would you feel? Peter Claver was that sort of person. Peter felt he was called to be a missionary. When he was 29 years old, Peter left his home in Spain and went to Cartagena (in what is now Colombia), South America. There he continued his studies and was ordained a priest.

Whenever a ship carrying Africans arrived in port, Peter was there. He would hurry down with a jug of water, and a basket full of medicine, fruit, bread, and clothing. He would greet the slaves by giving them a drink of water. His first concern was to tend to their human needs—to ease their suffering and somehow restore their sense of dignity. He saw the suffering Jesus in the people he served. And he heard in their cry: “What you do for others, you do for me.” Peter nursed many back to health and, while they were in warehouses awaiting their sale, he told them that Jesus loved them and gave them the sacraments. Peter Claver could not eliminate the strong hold that slavery had on society. The hearts and the consciences of many people had been so hardened that they refused to see this evil of slavery in their midst. But Peter did what he could. He tried to be a visible sign that the African slaves were indeed human beings, children of God. By bringing the love of Jesus to them, he was laying the foundations of justice and charity for the future. During his 40 years in Colombia, Peter Claver baptized nearly 300,000 Africans. A man of deep prayer, unbounded energy, and steady devotion, Peter Claver realized that it was his relationship with Christ that nourished his spirit and gave him the courage to go on when so many problems surrounded his work. When he died, the city that had opposed so many of his efforts honored him.



## REST IN PEACE

Robin Werling

**RECONCILIATION  
AT THE MAIN CHURCH  
SATURDAYS  
8:30AM & 3:00 TO 4:00PM**

## ADULT FATI H FORMATION RCIA & DISCIPLESHIP

Contact Geri Leibfarth, our Religious Education Director, by calling the Parish Office.

## BAPTISM

To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office. Baptism instruction is necessary when:

- It is your first child,
- There are more than 3 years between children,
- The baptismal instruction was completed at a different Parish.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the wedding coordinator at the Parish Office six months or more in advance to start planning your wedding.

Email:  
cpopenberg@findlaystmichael.org

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Those wishing to register as a parishioner should visit our website (findlaystmichael.org). The registration form is under New Members.

- ◆ Email the completed form to dzoll@findlaystmichael.org
- ◆ Mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office.

**Current members are asked to notify the Parish Office when they move.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Michael is a praying Parish and has an active and continuous prayer ministry. We will be happy to pray for you, and you can rest assured that your requests will be handled confidentially. Please send your requests to: parish@findlaystmichael.org

## Attention High School Seniors!



Ave Maria University (near Naples, FL) is offering the Toledo Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Toledo Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. Additional institutional and federal aid are available. You are also invited to participate in the 2020 AMU Michigan Fly-In, which is a FREE college visit to AMU THURSDAY, Oct. 29 – SUNDAY Nov. 1, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit [www.avemariafoundation.org](http://www.avemariafoundation.org).

## Early Origins of the Rosary

The Hail Mary prayer came together slowly. It took more than a thousand years. The earliest version simply added Mary's name to the message delivered by the angel Gabriel to Mary: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" (Luke 1:28). Around 1050 AD, the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary during the Visitation were added: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Luke 1:42). In 1261, Pope Urban IV added the name of Jesus to the end of Elizabeth's words. St. Peter Canisius published the Hail Mary in his 1555 Catechism with almost the entire final petition: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners."

Eleven years later, the Catechism of the Council of Trent (a work that Canisius was instrumental in creating) included, for the first time, the entire final petition, concluding with the words "now and at the hour of our death. Amen." The version of the Hail Mary we pray today was given official approval in 1568.



## Celebrating a Fabulous Milestone . . .

Parishioner Margaret "Peggy" Corbin will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 11, 2020. Since Peggy's complex at Birchaven is under quarantine, her family asks that if you are a friend of Peggy's, please send her a card or letter to let her know you're thinking of her on her special day!

Margaret A. Corbin  
15100 Birchaven Lane  
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Findlay, OH 45840



**Thank you,  
Ann, Terry & Patty  
(Peggy's children)**

**A Letter From Our Associate Pastor**



**The Prayer of St. Michael**

As I have mused many hours about our situation and the events concerning our former pastor, I have found so many ways that the hand of God (or as the Bishop said, the finger of God) has been present in this parish in such profound ways.

One of those ways, I believe, is the institution of praying the St. Michael prayer after every Mass. As you may know, the Bishop asked parishes to re-instate this practice which was standard in many parishes after Pope Leo XIII wrote the prayer. We have been praying that prayer for some time now. Every day, we pray for the protection of St. Michael from the evil one. We pray that God rebuke Satan. We pray that St. Michael defend us in our spiritual battles. We pray for that God, through his intercession and help, cleanse our parish of all influence of the evil one.

Can you see where I am going with this? *Yes, it would not be a stretch to say our prayers have been answered. What was hidden came to light, a dark underbelly was up-turned. The hidden presence of terrible acts was made known. The evil was purged from our midst.*

And now we face the aftermath. We face a different kind of spiritual battle. A battle against distrust, a battle against hatred, a battle against bitterness, a battle against doubt, a battle against disillusionment, a battle against Satan himself in all his secret wiles. Now, more than ever, we must turn and implore the spiritual protection of St. Michael. Through his intercession, God has revealed the festering wound which needed healing. He has shown us the battle lines upon which we now align, side by side. Now is the time to stand together in Christian unity and fight for our parish, for our school, for our very spiritual well-being. Our armor is virtue, and our weapon...is prayer.

You may have noticed that the newest additions to our community, the four Dominican sisters, wear a rosary on their side. One of the reasons they do this is so that, like knights of old, they keep their greatest weapon close at hand, ready to be drawn in spiritual battle. Like them, we must..."be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:10-11

Christ has won the war. Our fight is deciding to stand alongside him against all that is not of him. To stand against all that would pull us from his loving hands, blood-stained and mangled as they by the war he fought for our sins.

Let us be warriors, let us be healers, let us be saints. Let us be a parish that continues to turn to St. Michael, our standard bearer. **Let us be the body of Christ.**

**St Michael the Archangel, Pray for Us. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us.**

In Christ,  
Fr. Peter Grodi