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# Saint Michael Parish

TWENTY -**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY** TIME

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER** 13 2024

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **STEWARDSHIP**

Oct. 14 Young at Heart at 11:30 AM.

Oct. 15 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.

Oct. 15 Season of Hope Bereavement at 6 PM.

Oct. 17 Men's Group at 6 AM.

Oct. 19 Renate Toth Funeral Mass 10 AM.

Nov. 2 K. of C. Marathon Bingo begins at Noon.

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30

PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time \$ 13,361.68

**CSA** 

Pledged: \$102,840

Paid: \$95,525

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

# YOUNG AT HEART

Plan to attend the Young at Heart Luncheon on October 14 at 11:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Deacon Frank will share photos from his trip to the Holy Land. Bring a dish to share and a friend. Everyone 55 years young and older are welcome whether this is your first lunch or a regular. See you there!

### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Shuttic. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	ЕМНС	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Oct. 19/4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Mary Ann Marshall Sandy Ohl	Mary Smart	Kathy Williams	Krystal W. & Maggie L.
Oct . 20/8 AM	Patti Hayes	Cindy Saulsbery Gabby Saulsbery			Gabe & John G.
Oct. 20/11 AM	Susan Wallace	Marilyn Kosloski Brenda DelMaramo	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano	Callie, Tucker, & Liza S.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekday Masses Tues- Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM

Saint Michael Church

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15** 

Saint Teresa of Jesus Cecelia Kettering (Family)

# **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Saint Helwig & Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Paul Ceremuga (Anniv.) (Family)

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Janet McParland (M/M Joseph Krachkowski)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Saint Luke Anthony Crognale (Steve & Pat Crognale)

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church* Jay & Kim McMillan (Family)

# **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

\*8:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission\* For the People of the Parish 11:00 AM Saint Michael Church Stephanie Romine (Husband-Bill)

# CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: IS YOUR CHILD STREET SMART?

Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When your street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can "read" people. Teach your child who are strangers - (-anyone they do not know or kind of know- and to never approach a stranger's vehicle. Teach to your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help. Places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren't safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they scared. For more information it www.kidshealth.org. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection.

# 40 CLUB OCTOBER 2nd WINNERS

\$100-Alex Prunka; \$100-Bonnie Eaves; \$50-Kelsie Prunka.

# SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Oct 16-31 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie & Eddie) Pickens)

Oct 16-31 Jack & Helen Meehan (Family)

## **SEASONS OF HOPE**

Season's of Hope meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the large meeting room of the Church. Tuesday, October 15, will be the last day to join this season of the Seasons of Hope Group. Another season will be offered after the new year.

Email Emily at emilyzgonc@hotmail.com with any questions.

### **MEN'S GROUP**

Session 4 of 5 sessions of *Into the Breach*; *The Mission of the Family* is Thursday October 17. The title of session four is "*Healing in the Family*". Join us for the video and group discussion of its messages. The door opens to McElhinny Hall by 6 AM, with the video at 6:15, and conclusion at 7:20. Light breakfast and refreshments provided.

Contact Steve Kerch at <a href="mailto:stevekerch@yahoo.com">stevekerch@yahoo.com</a> with any questions.

# MICHAEL'S MEAL

Thank you to all who came out for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Michael Meal! We had about 200 of us that came and enjoyed a great meal with great company and friends! It's a thrill we are able to do that as a parish family and to celebrate our love for each other as the parish family of Saint Michael! ~Fr Brandon

# KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MARATHON BINGO

The K. of C. is holding their 2nd annual Marathon Bingo on Nov. 2, 2024 at the Hall. Tickets are \$40, doors open at Noon, Bingo starts at 2 PM. Basket items are needed from crafters for the Basket Auction.

Call Dot Holzapfel at 724-815-8864 for tickets, information, or to donate.

### **Second Principle: Subsidiarity**

"But God did not create man as a solitary, for from the beginning 'male and female he created them'. Their companionship produces the primary form of interpersonal communion. For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others, he can neither live nor develop his potential." (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 12).

"The final demand is that relations between citizens and public authorities be described in terms of rights and duties. It must be clearly laid down that the principal function of public authorities is to recognize, respect, co-ordinate, safeguard and promote citizens' rights and duties." (Pope St John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, 77)

"Subsidiarity respects personal dignity by recognizing in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others." (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 57)

If one member suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice. (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

"Whatever house you enter, first say 'peace to this house!" (Luke 10:5)

The next principle or idea within Catholic Social Teaching (CST) I'd like to highlight for our discernment leading up to the election is Subsidiarity. This is, hands down, my favorite idea within CST, and I could go on for pages, but I will try to be succinct in helping you understand the idea. Perhaps more than any other idea we'll talk about, this highlights just how far away, not only the two candidates are, but our entire society has become from the Catholic ideal. Subsidiarity calls for a full-court press change in how we understand society and our role within it.

To put simply, Subsidiarity is the principle that problems are to be solved and handled at the lowest possible tier of society. To rephrase that, Subsidiarity is the principle that the lowest tier of society, or the most basic unit of society, is the individual and the family. Thus, the individual and the family are to have the rights and freedoms to take care of as much as they can. Then, when their abilities and resources have been exhausted, they go up the ladder – reach out – to neighbors, then the church, then local social organizations / clubs / associations, then, and only then, do you reach out to the various tiers of government: local, state, federal. To rephrase again, Subsidiarity simply says that because of Human Dignity, humans are created to take care of each other and to form and join communities that look out for and care for all those within and near them. By the time the highest tier of government gets involved (think Federal), there really isn't much that is left for them to do or for us to rely upon them for. This is why getting so worked up over politicians in the Federal Government – even President – just works against this principle, because this principle lays out the idea that, truly, those at the Federal level should have very little impact on our lives. Truly, your Borough Council, Mayor, or even KOC Grand Knight should be 10x more impactful on your life than your US Senator or President.

This is a different conversation than 'limited vs big' government or 'social programs v no-social programs'. Those conversations, largely, are rooted in spending and budgetary principles. What we're talking about here is an entire change in how we think about our relationship to others. If every person is created in the Image of God and possesses an incredible Divine Dignity, then what is my role or relationship with them supposed to be and look like? Subsidiarity shows us it's a radical form of relationships that our current society simply starves.

When it comes to discerning an election and your vote, Subsidiarity can play a tremendous role in giving you a lens for which to discern various policies and agendas and platforms. Obviously, no one is running with this as an explicit campaign promise. But we can take the principle and ask ourselves if whether a candidate's policies they are offering aligns with Subsidiarity. Will their platform or policy lead us to more greatly invest in our families, neighbors, churches, clubs, and community; or will it make us more dependent on a non-tangible idea of government? In other words, will this policy give me back my right and obligation to feed, care for, protect, nurture, and rally around those in my community so that I can help sustain the life of my neighbor, or will this strip more of that right and opportunity away from me? The individual, the family, the neighborhood, the parish, the local community all precede the State and the State is at service to them, not the other way around. If we are made in the Image of God, then like God, we are to love like God, nurture like God, care for and tend to others like God. We do that for our families, first, then to our neighbors, parish, local organizations, and then wherever my limited human capacity stops, I invite the State to come in and help me in what I can't do for others – not what I don't want to do for others.