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**THAT**  
**YOU**  
**ARE THE**  
**Holy One of God**  
**COME TO BELIEVE**

# Saint Michael Parish

**TWENTY-  
FIRST  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 25  
2024**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 27 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.  
Aug. 27 Beep Beep Bingo 5:30 PM.  
Aug. 29 SMS School Open House from 6-7 PM.  
Sept. 2 Labor Day, Offices are closed.  
Sept. 3 First Day of School at SMS.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$9,226.86  
Holy Day- Feast of the Assumption  
\$1,028.00

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30 PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

CSA  
Pledged: \$101,890  
Paid: \$91,165

## THANK YOU

I thank all who helped me celebrate my birthday earlier this month. Your cards and good wishes were much appreciated. Blessings to all.  
*Fr. Ray*

**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO OUR PARISH!**

**St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Janet McParland (\$100),

**St. Michael Cemetery:** In memory of Clifford McClain (\$200).

**St. Michael School Endowment:** In memory of Mert Muscarella (\$50).

| Date / Mass     | Lector       | EMHC                              | Cantor         | Accompanist    | Altar Servers             |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Aug. 31/4:30 PM | Russ Lauffer | Sandy Ohl (sub ?)<br>John Svirbly | Mary Smart     | Kathy Williams | Krystal W. & Maggie L.    |
| Sept.1/8 AM     | Mark Holian  | Patti Hayes & Patty Meehan        |                |                | Avery W. & Duncan M.      |
| Sept.1/11 AM    | Linda Hajtol | Nancy & Alan Carr                 | Bob Hutchinson | Lisa Demarest  | Ella & Lance P. Andrew H. |

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

*Weekday Masses Tues– Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM  
Saint Michael Church*

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

Saint Monica  
Curtis Beblo (Tom Murrin)

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

Saint Augustine  
Robert Fleming (Helen Berger)

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
Edward Shelley (Anne Merrit)

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

Sophie Micsky (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Trace Pickens (Amy & Alan Anderson)

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**\*8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission\**  
For the People of the Parish

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Dolores Taylor (Anniv.) Granddaughter

## 40 CLUB AUGUST 14TH WINNERS

\$100-Matt Jordan; \$100-Lisa Walton; \$50-Marvin Holler.

## PRO LIFE—NEW BEGINNINGS “BABY SHOWER”

The Order of Secular Franciscans is collecting Baby and Infant items in support of the Pro-Life Organization-New Beginnings. They are collecting items for a Sept 15 “Baby shower”. A wish list is in the Gathering Space of the Church along with a tote to leave donations. Items are needed by Sept. 14. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>Aug 16-31</b>    | Fr. Christopher Barnes (Tom & Patty)       |
| <b>Aug 16-31</b>    | Judy Kalchthaler (Benny & Bonnie & Family) |
| <b>Sept 1-15</b>    | Vincent Cardamon (Mary Jo Lipani)          |
| <b>Sept 1-15</b>    | Cecelia Kettering (Family)                 |
| <b>Sept 1-15</b>    | Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert W Moore)           |
| <b>St. Margaret</b> |  |
| <b>Sept 16-30</b>   | Debbie Chess (Benny & Bonnie & Family)     |
| <b>Sept 16-30</b>   | Cecelia Kettering (Family)                 |
| <b>Sept 16-30</b>   | Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family)       |
| <b>St. Margaret</b> |  |

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

School will be starting at SMS on September 3. This week our teachers will have four in-service days to prepare for the opening of the new school year.

Parents and students are invited to attend the Open House on Thursday evening (8-29) from 6-7 PM for grades Preschool 3 through Grade 5. We look forward to seeing you.

Special thanks to our preschool teachers Aimee Forsythe and Steve Neral for the great job they did painting their classrooms to welcome their eager learners.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL MICHAEL’S MEAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 29 for the second annual Michael’s Meal. Social Hour will begin at 4:45 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM in Lateran Hall. Watch for details on making reservations in upcoming bulletins. The meal will be catered so that no one has to do anything but enjoy food and friends.



## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

Two weeks ago we had our annual parish picnic on a perfect Sunday afternoon! For how hot and muggy, or muggy and stormy, this summer has been, it was great to have a comfortable and sunny afternoon to gather! I want to thank all who made that picnic possible. So many hands work to make that picnic into what it is so all of us can enjoy some great food and camaraderie! I think it's a great blessing to have that massive yard right here on our property to gather for a parish picnic. My previous assignments had picnics miles away, so you'd only get those that were willing and able to make the drive. I love that we have such a dedicated team here of volunteers that just jump into action and provide for us a great picnic right here on our property. To all those that came, I hope you enjoyed yourself. To all those that cooked and organized, I thank you for your commitment to us and your care in giving us a great opportunity to be together as a parish family in a fun and comfortable manner! I am grateful for the devotion and dedication of so many of you who make the picnic - and so many things that we do - possible!

Along with our parish picnic we have in August to celebrate our friendships, last year, I thought it'd be great for us to celebrate our Parish Feast Day as a family, too. We had our first "Michael's Meal" last year the Sunday nearest our Parish Feast Day (the Feast of Saint Michael The Archangel, September 29). I thought it was a tremendous evening and opportunity - and tradition to begin - so please mark the 2nd Annual Michael's Meal on your calendar for Sunday September 29 (the actual Feast Day this year!). There will be a formal invite and RSVP in future bulletins. Keep an eye out!

This weekend, we welcome our annual missionary appeal, asking us to help support the broader mission of the Church throughout the world. I ask that if you wish to give to the appeal, that you place your donation in a marked envelope or memo of your check. We will collect for a few weeks before sending the proceeds off to the missions. I thank you for whatever you can give to the mission of the Church throughout the world.

This weekend, we also close out our five week run with The Bread of Life Discourse (John 6). Every three years, the Church takes a break in this Year of Saint Mark and sits with John 6 for five weeks. As I've said in previous articles, Mark is the shortest of the Gospels, so the Church looks to John to supplement the year. At the close of this Chapter from Saint John's Gospel, after preaching this marvelous Truth, many leave Our Lord. If you think about things from a Biblical and Salvation History perspective, all God has wanted, since the Fall, was for us to return to Eden; He simply wants us to desire that closeness and intimacy that Creation was created for. Yet, we simply keep rejecting He who pursues us and relentlessly desires us. So, when Our Lord comes, Incarnate in the flesh, to walk and be among us, He is simply going to the next level of pursuit after His beloved - The Lover even took on new nature to get to us to show us what we truly were created for and crave! We see at the end of John 6 that even after becoming flesh, teaching, preaching, healing, casting out demons...giving them His very flesh to eat...they still reject Him and walk away. This profound chapter ends with a heartbroken Jesus. This chapter closes with a Jesus who has given away and done everything for those He loves, and yet, they just reject Him and walk away... It's a sad ending to a climatic and iconic moment in the Scripture. And, that is a great reality to take to heart. The presence of iconic and profound moments do not mean that people will no longer hurt us, disappoint or let us down. Rather, the more beautiful life becomes for us, the more acutely aware we become of just how fleeting the things of this world are. May that, though, never rob us of the pursuit and the desire to have what was lost in the Garden so we may spend our life returning to that - here, but also in the life to come!

*Love,  
Fr. Brandon*