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Saint Michael Parish

**TWENTY –
SIXTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
29
2024**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP

- Oct. 1 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
- Oct. 1 Beep Beep Bingo, doors open at 5:30.
- Oct. 3 Men's Group at 6:00 AM.
- Oct. 4 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9 AM Mass.
- Oct. 8 Season of Hope Bereavement at 6 PM.
Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30 PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$8,042.77
Catholic Education
\$923.00

CSA
Pledged: \$102,440
Paid: \$94,070

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

THANK YOU!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, October 4. Remember to commit to your hour to visit through Flock Note. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 PM. Benediction will follow immediately after the conclusion of the Rosary.

A heartfelt thank you from the Holy Spirit Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order to all who helped make our "Baby Shower" a success. Your prayers and donations are a tremendous help to young families in need of assistance. Peace and Blessings!

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Oct. 5/4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Sandy Ohl Pat Shaughnessy	Amy Anderson	Lisa Demarest	Maggie L. & Mason M.
Oct. 6/8 AM	Russ Lauffer	Patti Hayes & George Soros			Gabe & John G.
Oct. 6/11 AM	Robert Woodley	Kenda & Tom Hoovler	Bruce Turcic	Natalie Serrano	Ella & Lance P. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Nancy Wuenster (Helen Berger)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
Tom Duda (Benny & Bonnie Barbarosa)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Curtis Beblo (Andy & Tillie Murrin)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Saint Francis of Assisi
Walter Burke (Matt & Jill Ross)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Saint Fausina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Krajcovic Family (Family)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church
Jim Micsky Sr. (Mark & LeeAnn)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission
Ann Bunton (Joe & Terri Korcinsky)

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church
For the People of the Parish

BEEP BEEP BINGO

Back by popular demand, the last Beep Beep Bingo of the season is Tuesday October 1st at the Reynolds Drive In. \$20 for 20 games of Bingo. Doors open at 530pm. Bingo starts at 630pm. Cash Prizes!!

We could use a few sets of hands to help take money at the gate, sell bingo cards and daubers and check cards! If you can help contact Trichelle Eddy 724-456-7555 (text/call). Yes, you **can** still play bingo and help at the same time!

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 book is full. Requests for 2025 will be open at the end of October. Watch the bulletin for the notice.

40 CLUB SEPTEMBER 18th WINNERS

\$100-Kelly Ryder \$100-Tom Hoovler; \$50-Susan McDeavitt.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Sept 16-30 Debbie Chess (Benny & Bonnie & Family)
Sept 16-30 Cecelia Kettering (Family)
Sept 16-30 Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family)
St. Margaret
Oct 1-15 Stephen Banic (Wife & Children)
Oct 1-15 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie & Eddie Pickens)
Oct 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)
St. Margaret
Oct 16-31 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie & Eddie) Pickens)
Oct 16-31 Jack & Helen Meehan (Family)

MEN'S GROUP

Thursday morning October 3 is our second of five sessions of *Into the Breach; The Mission of the Family*. "The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family" (St. John Paul II). Today's society, which has attempted to cast off its Christian roots, has made living out this understanding of marriage more and more difficult. Family life stands out as a battleground in our time. Join us for a video on this topic, followed by a group discussion. Door opens to McElhinny Hall by 6 AM, with the video at 6:15, and conclusion at 7:30. Invite a friend. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Contact Steve Kerch at stevekerch@yahoo.com for questions.

SEASONS OF HOPE GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED BEGINS SOON

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six weeks (plus a final extra session with a meal), each Tuesday beginning Tuesday, October 8 through November 19. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 6:00pm. For more details, take a Seasons of Hope brochure at the church entrance or email Emily Zgonc at emilyzgonc@hotmail.com.

GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd Center welcomes all non perishable food donations. Drop off at the Food Pantry or in the bin in the Gathering Space.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

First Principle: Human Dignity

"Whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are [wretched] indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury." (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 27.)

"All human beings, therefore, are ends to be served by the institutions that make up the economy, not means to be exploited for more narrowly defined goals. Human personhood must be respected with a reverence that is religious. When we deal with each other, we should do so with the sense of awe that arises in the presence of something holy and sacred." (USCCB, Economic Justice for All)

"Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are." (St John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 11)

"The dignity of the individual and the demands of justice require, particularly today, that economic choices do not cause disparities in wealth to increase in an excessive and morally unacceptable manner." (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 32)

Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan – the man was cared for because the Samaritan saw dignity in him, even though they were religiously, socially, and economically at odds with one another.

At the core of all Catholic theology, and of course Catholic Social Teaching, is the principle that all life is made in the Imago Dei – the Image and Likeness of God. This is the basis of the Church's vision of a Moral and Just society, one that flourishes with the richness of life, for all Her citizens, from conception to natural death. The whole life of the person is sacred, not moments or portions of. One cannot say they are against abortion (as all Catholics must) and then fail to advocate for some form of paid family leave, affordable childcare, affordable food, affordable housing, access to medical care, a living wage, and every other opportunity for a flourishing life for that child and its family! We can't demand that child be born, and then give up on him/her and their mother and, hopefully, father. Where's the dignity in that? We don't get to advocate for human dignity at one moment of life, and not the others. Doing so is politics, not theology!

This principle also demands a nuance, though, a triage of dignity. Human life and its problems and threats to it are not equal. Catholic theology, though, is also not a one or two issue theology. As is previously noted, our Imago Dei is the foundation of all we teach, fight and advocate for on behalf of others. Not every issue, though, is of equal threat or carries equal weight. To illustrate, we could look at the ruthless and carelessness of the bombings on Gaza and the tens of thousands of innocent men, women, and children who have been obliterated. Stopping that gross atrocity because of the sheer magnitude of innocent human life lost is more perilous now than if whether a one or two state solution is the path forward. Delaying the obliteration of human life in Gaza because a path forward is unknown, or in the name of self-defense, is not morally acceptable. We could also say that securing the elimination of abortion's scourge from our society is of more paramount concern than having an answer to every question of the path forward in terms of how we will care for those babies once they are born. Yes, an answer and solution must be laid out for Gaza and Israel, but the killing and bombing of children needs to stop immediately for it is pure evil. Similarly, a nation does not need every policy in place for the flourishing of human life before it realizes that it needs to delete the evil from the fabric of its society! Yes, you can call Israel bombing Gaza 'self-defense' but that language trick is what lets it endure. Similarly, you can call abortion 'healthcare' or the baby a 'fetus'. and that language has also let it endure.

This principle is not a pious expression nor a cudgel to get your way, rather it is the basis of the human experience – a consistent ethic of life. Every construct, aspect, and institution within society exists for a singular purpose: *revere and protect the dignity of the other*. Period. Simply, there is no other reason to vote, participate in the society, do anything of meaning or purpose in the world other than to honor the Imago Dei of the other. So, as you sit under the weight of the cross in the dark and arid desert, contemplating how you will approach this election, remember that you are out there with that cross because you are discerning the candidate who also believes in and will fight for this truth!

Love
Fr. Brandon