





# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday, August 31, 2025

### **MASS TIMES**

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

**Saturday,** 4:30pm (*Saint Michael*) **Sunday,** 8:00am (*Saint Margaret*) **Sunday,** 11:00am (*Saint Michael*)

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### **STEWARDSHIP**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time \$ 8,793.51

#### **CSA 2025**

Pledged: \$128,600 Paid: \$102,165

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

If you have not yet pledged to this year's CSA, please prayerfully consider.

**St. Michael Parish**: In Memory of Joseph Lightner (\$100).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS

The K of C is holding its 11th annual Summer Bash on Saturday, Sept 27 beginning at Noon at 171 Clarksville Rd., Greenville. Food & beverage available for purchase, basket raffle and more. Call Duke 724-591-6245 for more information or to volunteer time and/or baskets. Proceeds fund the Coats for Kids.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament begins after the 9 AM
Mass on Friday, September 5.
Adoration concludes at Noon with
Benediction.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, September 2**Gary Haverdick (Carla Myers)

### Wednesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great Mike Ceremuga (DelMaramo Family)

# Thursday, September 4

Rose Gessler

Friday, Sepetember 5 Ann Bunton (Michael Allen)

### Saturday, September 6

Fr. Christopher Barnes (Sandy, Ron, & Daniel Wever)

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, September 6

4:30pm Joseph & Joey Bonaquist (Mary Jo Lipani)

# Sunday, September 7

8:00am Relatives & Friends of Tom & Shirley Patton

11:00am For the People of the Parish

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

# September 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Tom Duda (Benny & Bonnie Barbarossa)

(Benny & Bonnie Barbarossa) Shawn Holzapfel & Florence Garrett (Dot)

## September 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 1: Labor Day. Church & Office

are closed.

September 6: Confessions 3-4 pm.

**September 27:** Coats for Kids at K of C.

September 29: Michael's Meal celebrating

175 years 4:45 pm.

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A workshop for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion is being planned for the Fall. The training is for those who are interested in serving in this ministry as well as for those who wish to continue in the ministry. Please contact Patty at the parish office (724-588-9800 x 133) to add your name to the list.

### 3rd ANNUAL MICHAEL'S MEAL

Plan to attend the third annual Michael's Meal to honor our Parish Feast. A meal count is needed since the Parish will provide all the food. Please note the number attending from your household on the coupon. Drop your coupon in the offertory basket, respond through Flocknote or leave in the office by Sept. 19, 2025. (Please reply by one format only).



Our Third Annual Michael's Meal Sunday September 28 Lateran Hall

Let's celebrate our Parish's 175 Years as a family with a good meal.

Social Time & Light Hors d'oeuvres at **4:45 PM** Dinner service begins at **5:30 PM** 

Menu: Roast Beef, Roasted Vegetable, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

RSVP by September 19, 2025.	
Number Attending	
Household Name	

# A WORD FROM FATHER TOM



## My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on one of the most important Christian virtues, which is humility. The understanding we gain from the readings extends beyond the traditional view of humility as simply modesty or politeness. In fact, it is the very heart of the Gospel and a defining characteristic of God Himself. Today, we are reminded that true greatness lies not in exalting ourselves, but in lowering ourselves in love and service ofothers.

The reading from the Book of Sirach urges us to perform our duties with gentleness and to approach life with a humble heart, reminding us that the greater we become, the more we must humble ourselves. True wisdom is not found in pride or self-importance, but in recognizing our limitations and our dependence on God. The world encourages us to prove ourselves, pursue success, and earn love and respect. But God's way is different. His way is to reach out to others in love and service to the poor, the neglected, forgotten, and those on the margins of society. In the Gospel, Jesus is at a dinner party. Everyone's watching him, and then, in a bold and compassionate act, he heals a sick man, right in front of them. Jesus narrates a parable and teaches humility by advising guests to take the lowest place at a wedding banquet. This is more than good manners. Jesus is teaching us about the heart of God. He's not giving us an etiquette lesson. He is demonstrating how God's kingdom functions. In God's banquet, the proud are relegated to the sidelines, and the humble are welcomed. Humility is not about perceiving ourselves as inferior. Rather, it's about acknowledging our imperfections and embracing the love that surrounds us.

Sometimes, we come to God limping — poor in spirit, broken in body and mind, feeling we do not belong. But God surprises us. He invites us to the table in ways we cannot expect or imagine, just as we are.

Let us take some time with week to really think about what our lives could be like if we lived that way. What if we stopped trying to earn God's love and simply accepted it? What if we believed that our weakness isn't a barrier, but a channel through which God's grace and goodness can flow.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom