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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"No servant can serve two masters."
- Lk 16:13

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Welcome to our Community

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	Confession 3:00pm 4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am
Domingo	Confesión 2:00pm 3:00pm Misa en Español
Monday to Friday	8:00am
Saturday	8:00am

TODAY'S MASS: *JOURNEYSONGS*
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ORATORY ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30am to 8pm

Saturday: 8:30am to 3pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on
Wednesdays will begin at 8:30am to 7pm with
Benediction at 6:30pm located in our Church**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4pm

Friday from 9am to Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm; also after
the 8:00am Mass on the Thursday before the first
Friday of each month.

BAPTISM:

Arrangements are made six weeks in advance.

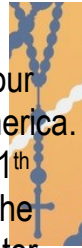
MARRIAGE:

Six months formation program is required.

Rosary Rally at St. Michael's

All are encouraged to pray the rosary to our Blessed Virgin Mary Asking God to Save America.

The rally takes place on Saturday, Oct. 11th located on the grounds of Saint Michael the Archangel. (2281 State Road 580 Clearwater, Florida 33763.) To RSVP or volunteer for this exciting event, please contact Carol Corby by corbycarol@yahoo.com or call (804) 937-2245

**Altar Servers Installation!**

The Installation of our new Altar Servers will take place on Sunday, Sept. 28th during the 11am Mass. If your child is still interested in becoming an Altar Server during the weekend Masses, please contact either Mike Manion or Jeff Brown

Mike Manion - mmanion@st.michaelfl.org
Jeff Brown - JBrownieUNC@yahoo.com



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Then stop by the Parish Office to visit the Gift Shop during office hours!
Please note that the Gift Shop is only accepting cash or check

**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

*Spiritual Enrichment Series
with Deacon James Munuhe*

Saturday, Oct. 18th from 8:45am to 11:30am
located in the Cenacle at St. Michael's. Teens and adults are welcome to attend.

A continental breakfast will be provided.

Invite all your friends and families

(parishioners and non-parishioners)

To register for this exciting event,
please visit the St. Michael's website

Light of the World Retreats - St. Michael the
Archangel - Clearwater, FL

For more information, contact Light of the World
Coordinator, Corinne Austin at 603-315-2107



The feast day of St Vincent de Paul is Sunday, Sept. 27th. We will have our open house at our St Michael the Archangel food pantry on that weekend. We will welcome visitors after Mass on Saturday, Sept. 27th and after Masses on Sunday, Sept. 28th. If you would like to see our food pantry, please stop by!

Rally to Launch **CLEARWATER FALL CAMPAIGN**

**CLEARWATER OPENING CEREMONY**

Sunday, Sept. 21st, 2025

3:00 pm

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

1955 S Belcher Avenue, Clearwater

Ascension Hall

Scott Mahurin, FL Preborn Rescue, guest speaker

It may be an "abbreviated" campaign

BUT

Let's STAND FOR GOD FOR LIFE AND FOR LIFE FOR GOD!

Pastor's Column



Dear Friends in Christ,

09/21/2025

The volunteers that we have teaching our children as catechists will receive a special blessing this weekend at the 9:30am and 11am liturgies as it's Catechetical Sunday. The readings for the weekend have a singular intentionality climaxing with the final verse of Luke 16:13 "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Many scholars translate 'mammon' into 'money.' You may be surprised to learn that the English word "money" comes from the Latin word for "warning." One of the titles of the ancient Roman goddess Juno was Juno Moneta which means Juno the Warner. Her temple contained the mint which in 390 BC a band of Gauls attempted to break into by scaling the walls of the Capitoline Hill upon which

Juno's temple was built. As the invading Gauls silently scaled the wall, the geese that were sacred to Juno started squawking, and that alerted the sleeping guards, who then repulsed the invaders. The coins from the mint then were stamped with MONETA honoring the goddess Juno under her title as Juno Moneta (the warner) as she gave warning of imminent danger. Just as cigarettes come with a warning on the label, they can be bad for your health. The very word money, now that we know a little bit about the etymology of the word itself, should give us pause. Balance is key when it comes to this as Jesus says in the gospel: "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." He doesn't condemn the dishonest steward, he gives him credit for being clever, while also issuing a warning about honesty and true wealth.

Next weekend we will be celebrating the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael instead of the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. I'm looking forward to addressing you all outside the context of Mass for a town hall meeting. My hope is that my prepared statements will be followed up with a question-and-answer period that will be helpful in terms of getting more clarity on how best we can move forward with the mission of the parish. The first session of the Town Hall meeting will be on Saturday at 11am in our Church. The second session will take place on Sunday at approximately 12:30pm following the 11am Mass, also in our Church.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tom J. Anastasia
Pastor

YOUTH MINISTRY!

St. Michael's Youth Ministry is every Sunday night starting at 6:30pm located in Room 8! All middle and high school students are welcome to attend.

For any questions, please contact
Nathan Gonzalez at (727) 797-2375 ext. 244

PRAYER TO OUR PATRON SAINT

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



Next Sunday, Sept. 28th
8:30am to 1pm

All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card, a Cancer Awareness T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Don't delay come and donate blood today!



Please join the St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscans Fraternity on Oct. 3rd, in Room 11 at 6pm to celebrate the beautiful Transitus Service (St. Francis's passing into eternal life). All are welcome to attend

St. Michael's Women's Council



St. Michael's Women's Council met this past Saturday, Sept. 13th to kick off the 2025/2026



calendar of events which features the theme, "Come Grow With Us". The meeting was a simple gathering welcoming new members, our current members and of course an inspiring speech from our spiritual leader, Deacon James.

Box of Joy Project

The Women's Council "Box of Joy" project shares God's love by sending Christmas boxes to children in developing countries. Many members of the Women's Council sold boxes after the Masses these past 2 weeks and we really appreciate and are thankful to all who purchased a box to give some joy at Christmas time to those in need. Boxes are still available at the Parish Office for \$9.00 (cash only).

All boxes must be dropped off in the Narthex by Oct. 12th

Save the date!

The council has many activities planned, and we always welcome new members who would like to join!

Saturday, Oct. 11th at 10am is our next meeting



**Thank you and
God Bless You!**

Our Knights of Columbus are serving
Free coffee & juice
with the purchase of
a donut in the Cenacle
After the Sunday Masses
(All proceeds supporting charities of KofC)



KofC's Donation to Kimberly Home



The Knights of Columbus collected \$165 during the month of May which the Knights doubled the amount for \$330. An addition, \$93 was collected through the Baby Bottles during Sunday donuts. The total amount provided to Kimberly Home was \$423

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading: The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading: There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

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Save the date...

St. Michael's Parish Picnic is Sunday, Nov. 02nd
from 11am to 4pm located at Philippi Park.
All families are welcome to attend

Date/Readings (September 21st - 28th)	Mass Intentions (This Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered to...)	Event Schedule (September 21th - 28th)
Sunday, September 21st <u>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;</u> <u>CATECHETICAL SUNDAY</u> AM 8:4-7/ PS 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (See 1a, 7B)/ 1 TM 2:1-8/LK 16:1-13 OR 16:10-13	8:00aM Caroline Vrooman 9:30aM Vivian Balkenbusch 11:00aM Adams & Moll Families	All Masses - Coffee & Donuts - Cenacle 9:00am - CGS Level 1 - Room 2 9:30am - Grade - Level 1 - Room 7 10:45am - First Communion Prep - Room 5 10:45am - OCIC - 1st Level Kids - Room 3 12:00pm - Altar Server Training - Church 12:30pm - Parish Library Opened - Room 13 6:30pm - Youth Group - Room 8
Monday, September 22nd EZR 1:1-6/ PS 126:1B-2aB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6/LK 8:16-18	8:00aM Mary Volpe	12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7 6:30pm - CGS - Level 2 - Room 1 6:45pm - Faith Formation 3rd to 8th - Room 3-12 7:00pm - Adult Confirmation - Room 13
Tuesday, September 23rd <u>ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</u> EZR 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20/ PS 122:1-2, 3-4aB, 4CD-5/LK 8:19-21	8:00aM Laurie Neiman	12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7 6:45pm - Holy Communion Prep - Room 11 6:45pm - OCIA - English - Room 13 7:00pm - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting - Room 5-7
Wednesday, September 24th <u>VOCATIONS</u> EZR 9:5-9/ TB 13:2, 3-4a, 4BEFGHN, 7-8/LK 9:1-6	8:00aM Vocations	9:00am - Arts & Crafts - Room 11 & 12 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7 7:00pm - KofC Officer's Meeting - Room 11 7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsals - Room 4
Thursday, September 25th HG 1:1-8/ PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6a AND 9B/LK 9:7-9	8:00aM Anthony Montevago	12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7 6:15pm - Confirmation - Room 11 7:00pm - Hispanic Evening Prayer - Room 3 8:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous Nights - Room 6 & 7
Friday, September 26th <u>STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN</u> HG 2:1-9/ PS 43:1, 2, 3, 4/LK 9:18-22	8:00aM Mr. & Mrs. Chester J. Kreska	11:30am - Parish Library Opened - Room 13 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
Saturday, September 27th <u>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST</u> ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15a/ JER 31:10, 11-12aB, 13/LK 9:43B-45	8:00aM The Health of Pat Dorsey 4:00PM Bernadette Ingram	4:00pm - St. Vincent de Paul Open House - Room 10
Sunday, September 28th <u>ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY;</u> <u>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;</u> <u>PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY</u> AM 6:1a, 4-7/ PS 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/1 TM 6:11-16/ LK 16:19-31	8:00aM Our Parish Family 9:30aM Bea Adshead 11:00aM Leon, Josephine and Leonard Nowicki	All Masses - Coffee & Donuts - Cenacle All Masses - St. Vincent de Paul Open House - Room 10 8:00 - 12:00pm - Blood Drive Bus - Parish Parking Lot 9:00am - CGS Level 1 - Room 2 9:30am - Grade - Level 1 - Room 7 10:45am - First Communion Prep - Room 5 10:45am - OCIC - 1st Level Kids - Room 3 11:00am - Altar Server Installation - Church 12:30am - Parish Library Opened - Room 13 6:30pm - Youth Group - Room 8



SUNDAY, SEPT 14TH, 2025

Offertory:	\$	12,560
Online:	\$	5,189
Attendance:		1,349

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CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Appeal

CMA GOAL as of 2025	\$ 138,432
Pledges	\$ 107,233
Total Paid	\$ 101,686
Number of Gifts	247

To make a CMA pledge, please go to this website:

<https://www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/#>

Scroll down "to make a pledge" button

Remember our parish is

St. Michael the Archangel (Clearwater)

Does St. Michael's have your email?

Join FlockNote Friday and get all the news and upcoming events delivered right to your phone (or computer)! Please contact the Parish Office for more information



FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Our Church's Loop System in the front section of our church (only) is compatible with a tele-coil or T-coil. Simply set the T-coil to the 'on' position and everything from our audio system will process wirelessly through your hearing aid.

Want to become Catholic?

Classes for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and Adult Confirmation have started! If you or someone you know is interested and would like to receive their Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office



Town Hall Meeting

Our Pastor, Father Tom, will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27th at 11am. The location of this meeting will be in our Church and lasting no more than an hour. All are encouraged to attend and gain more insight as to the future of St. Michael's. Please see the Pastor's Column for more information

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

JUST FOR FUN

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN QUESTION IS.....

Who had a dream about Jesus during His trial and before His crucifixion?

THE ANSWER WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

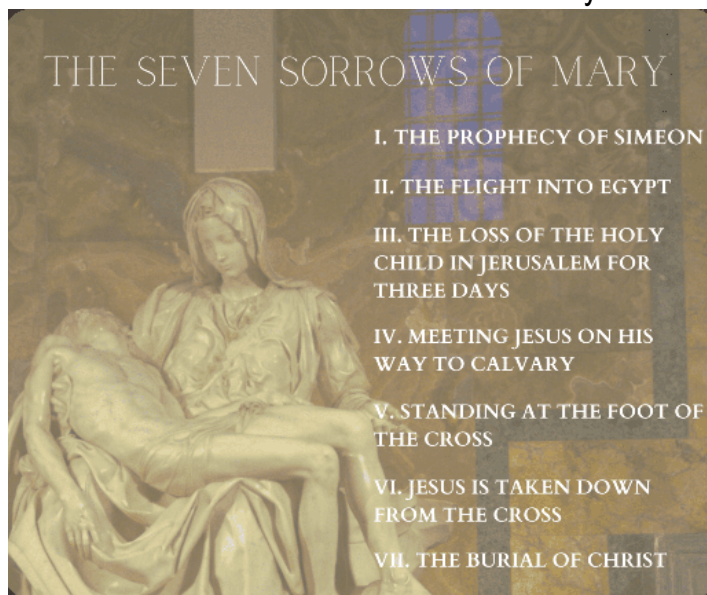
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LAST BULLETIN QUESTION WAS.....

What are the Seven Sorrows of Mary?

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- I. THE PROPHECY OF SIMEON
- II. THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT
- III. THE LOSS OF THE HOLY CHILD IN JERUSALEM FOR THREE DAYS
- IV. MEETING JESUS ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY
- V. STANDING AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS
- VI. JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS
- VII. THE BURIAL OF CHRIST



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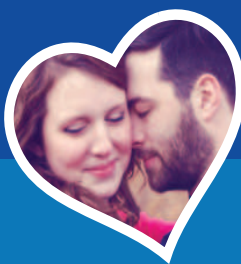


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