

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

We are in the month of October. Before we start counting days and weeks before the great celebration of Christmas which is not that far away, I thought of gently reminding you of special events happening during this month. Allow me to start with this weekend. Sunday is the feast of one of my favorite saints, St. Francis of Assisi. One cannot help but admire how he had given up everything not just to serve the poor but be poor himself like the Lord Jesus.

Also Sunday we celebrate Respect for Life Sunday. It is celebrated every year during this month to remind us of the gift of life that God gives us. Because of that, life must be respected from the moment of its conception until it's natural death. We must respect that gift everyday all year round and to pray for an end of abortion, euthanasia and all forms of artificial contraception.

Let us not forget the month of October is dedicated to our Heavenly Mother Mary. Because of that, I strongly encourage you to pray the rosary daily and to reflect in each mystery. Not to be forgotten though is World Missions Sunday. We need to pray and support the missionaries who dedicated and risked their lives to spread the good news of the gospel. It is a good reminder to us too that we have that same calling by virtue of our baptism. We don't have to go to any foreign lands to do that, but simply live our lives in such a way that it becomes an image of the gospel itself.

Finally, Several of our parish groups are in the midst of fundraising for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and their other charitable activities. Some information is below and more is in the bulletin and our website. Please support them.

Peace and Blessings.

*Fr. Dwight*

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The Knight of Columbus are holding a drive thru Food Drive for SVdP this Thursday, October 8 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Drive to the parking lot side entrance of the Family Life Center and drop off your non-perishable food offerings or donation.

The KC Chicken Sunday is October 11 with all proceeds going to SVdP to help with the holiday season. Chickens can be picked up at the Church side and home delivery is also available. Please consider pre-ordering by going to <http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens-svdp>.

The Catholic Daughters are holding a Mini Yard and Bake Sale on October 24 starting at 8:30am in the parking lot. Donation of items for the yard sale are being accepted. Please contact Janet Gipson in the office for more details.

The Women of St. Michael's Annual Raffle is underway with the drawing on November 20. Please