

St. Michael the Archangel Sts. Cyril & Methodius

CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Year A

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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Weekend Mass

St. Michael's:
Saturday Vigil | 5:30 pm
Sunday | 7:00 am & 10:00 am
Sts. Cyril & Methodius:
8:30 am

Weekday Mass

St. Michael's:
Monday | No Mass
Tuesday | 5:00 pm
Wednesday | 8:00 am (Sts. C&M Chapel)
Thursday | 8:00 am
Friday | 8:00 am

Reconciliation

St. Michael's:
Saturday | 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Sts. Cyril & Methodius:
Wednesday | After 8:00 am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

St. Michael's on the First Friday of every month in the Church
Sts. Cyril & Methodius on the First Wednesday of every month in the Chapel

Pastor

Rev. Marty Pham

Deacons

Brady Williams, Sr.
Jason Sulak
Don Murrile (Retired)

Contact Us!

St. Michael's

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Website & Facebook

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Facebook @needvillecatholic

Pastoral Care Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to register for the Pre-Baptismal class. The next class will be Sunday, July 26, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the St. Michael's Meeting Room. At St. Michael's Baptism is held on the second Sunday of every month after the 10:00 am Mass and at Sts. Cyril & Methodius they are scheduled upon request.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please register at the parish office as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date.

Annulments

Contact Deacon Jason Sulak (832) 768-2320.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Michael's: Adoration has ended for the summer and will resume after Labor Day.
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Adoration continues thru the summer: Wednesday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Chapel.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is bringing unity to all through Jesus Christ.

Welcome!

Call or come by the Parish Office to register. New Parishioner forms are available on the parish website at <https://needvillecatholic.com> or you can fill out the form below and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Please notify us when moving out of the parish, a change of address, phone number, or family status.

I wish to register at:

_____ St. Michael's _____ Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

_____ New Registration

_____ I have a change of Address

_____ I am moving out of the Parish

_____ I would like Offertory Envelopes

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Veronica Kresse
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Matthew 13:44

On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, the readings help us see what is truly valuable. They remind us that wisdom, faith, and God's kingdom are worth more than anything else we could ever own. These gifts bring life, joy, and strength when we seek them with open hearts.

In the first reading, Solomon shows us what it means to ask for the right thing. Instead of power or wealth, he asks God for wisdom to guide his people well. God is pleased with his request and grants him understanding greater than anyone before or after.

The Gospel continues this theme by showing that the kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure or a pearl worth everything. Jesus tells us that when we see its worth, nothing else compares. On the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded to seek what lasts forever, not what fades away.

Jesus teaches that God's kingdom is worth more than any earthly treasure. God works for the good of those who love Him.

Think about what you value most. Choose God's wisdom and kingdom over things that do not last. Trust God's plan even when it is difficult to understand.

Spend a few minutes each day asking God for wisdom before making decisions this week.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

July 26: June Lendermann, Jim Sury, Susan Risse, Joe & Eva Rosales, Thomas J. Sury, Gerri Rouane, Wendy Hurta, Tury Kalisek, Keith Warncke, Lionel Sanchez, Annie Stransky, Angelo Almarez, Margie Novak, Keith & Kay Kruk **July 19:** Sharon Herring, Marty Weeks, Annie Martinez **July 12:** Patricia Kresse, Stefanie Williams, Tyler Murrile, John Doggett, Kathy Jakubec Fojtik, Sheri Roberts, Ernest & Leona Gardovsky **July 5:** Alice Krhovjak, Jack Raymond Beth, Bruce Harr **June 28:** Betty Kowalewski, Dorothy Pieper

Contact the Parish Office to renew or add your family and loved ones to the list.



To join the Prayer
Chain request line text
STMPRAYER
to
84576

Scan the QR Code
to be directed to
the site where you
can start a Prayer
Chain request



This Week in Our Parish

*Takes place at Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Damon

Saturday, July 25

5:30 pm Mass †Henry & Francis Sury

Sunday, July 26 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Mass **Parish Family**

*8:30 am Mass †Jerry & Frances Pekar

10:00 am Mass †Dianna Billman

Monday, July 27

No Mass

Tuesday, July 28

5:00 pm Mass †Bobby Sury

No Adoration at St. Michael's

7:00 p.m. St. Michael's St. Vincent dePaul Meeting-Mtg. Rm

Wednesday, July 29 *St. Martha*

*8:00 am Mass †Shannon Crawford, Bubba Ferguson, Glen & Annette Elster

*8:30 am to 5:00 pm Adoration

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am Mass †Douglas Venglar

Friday, July 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

8:00 am Mass †Johnnie Jedlicka

Saturday, August 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

5:30 pm Mass †Joseph & Mary Kovar

Sunday, August 2 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Mass **Parish Family**

*8:30 am Mass **Parish Family**

10:00 am Mass †Darrell & Martha Mitchell

FYI: St. Michael's Parish Hall Rentals are on hold for July, August, September and possibly more due to the restroom project remodel.

Scripture Readings for the Week...

Sunday, July 26: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12/Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Monday, July 27: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19,20,21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8,9,11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29: Jer 15:10,16-21/Ps 59:2-3,4,10-11,17,18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2,3-4,5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5,8-10,14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1: Jer 26:11-16,24/Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9,15-16,17-18/Rom 8:35,37-39/Mt 14:13-21

NEXT WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Michael's

Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Lector: John Rouane

Eucharist: Deacon, John Rouane

Chalice: Joyce Wendel, Debbie Asselin

Altar Servers: William Rogers, John Rogers

Ushers: Jim Sury, Mike Scappa, Mike Eicher, Brad Dannhaus

Rosary: Joyce Wendel

Sacristan: Jo Southwick

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 7:00 am

Lector: Tim Sbrusch

Eucharist: Deacon, Tim Sbrusch

Chalice: Richard Brewer, Leo Flores

Altar Servers: Owen Kaminski

Ushers: James Hurta, Wendy Hurta, Frankie Bienek, Charles Zwahr

Rosary: Jan Black

Sacristan: Joy Pumphrey

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 10:00 am

Lector: Cathy Hanzik, Derek Maresh

Eucharist: Deacon, Maria St. Hilaire

Chalice: Cathy Hanzik, Derek Maresh

Altar Servers: Easton Lenz, Avery Labay

Ushers: Mark Kovar, Richard Ernest, Ray Witek, Arthur Corral

Rosary: Dana Maresh

Sacristan: Margaret Tomlin

CLOW: NO CLOW

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 8:30 am

Lector: Rose Gonzales, Roger Barton

Eucharist: Deacon, Linda Murrile

Chalice: Roger Barton

Altar Servers: Riley Kopecky, Reagan Kopecky, Bailey Svatek

Ushers: Eddie Gonzales, Robert McElvany, Tim Wiegat, Tim Buchta

Sacristans: Eileen McFrankie Maroul

Organist: Angela Morris **Cantor:** Angela Morris

Interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister?
Call your parish office and inquire about the ministry you would like to join.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Recited after the St. Michael's 8 am Mass
on the First Friday of every month in Church



Queen of Peace Rosary
Held in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel
on the 25th of every month
beginning at 10 am

COLLECTION FOR JULY 18 & 19

St. Michael's Weekly Budget Needed: \$9,117.65

Sunday Offering	\$4,615.00	89 Envelopes Used
Online Offering	920.00	14 Loose Checks
Maintenance & Repair	565.00	17 Online Donors
Online M & R	1,105.00	4 Online M&R Donors
Children's Offering	18.00	
TOTAL	\$ 7,223.00	

Special Collection for School Supplies: \$1,540.00

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Weekly Budget Needed: \$2,751.37

Sunday Offering	\$1,786.10	39 Envelopes Used
Online Offering	240.00	6 Loose Checks
Maintenance & Repair	0.00	4 Online Donors
Children's Offering	4.00	
TOTAL	\$2,030.10	

Special Collection for Archdiocesan Annual SVdP Black Bag: \$491.00

You Can Donate Through Online Giving Here's How...

St. Michael's:<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmc>**Sts. Cyril & Methodius:**<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stscm>**THANK YOU...**

We would like to thank Robert and Kristine Barbosa for their faithful service at the altar as altar server and Lector. Their reverence, dedication, and joy in serving helped our parish celebrate the Mass more fully. Robert and Kristine, you are true friends of Jesus, and your ministry inspired others to grow in faith. Robert, we are grateful for your commitment to serving and training our altar servers who will be taking your place. Hopefully you inspired others to want to serve at the altar as you so faithfully did.

Robert and Kristine were here on a temporary basis and now they have to return to the Philippines. We will miss them and we wish them safe travels back home.

The Lord Bless You And Keep You
Numbers 6:24

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Whether you are just beginning your faith journey or have been walking with Jesus for years, we are so excited to journey through the Order of Christian Initiation with you!

WHAT IS OCIA?

OCIA is the process by which non-Catholic adults or inactive Catholics brought into full communion with the Church through receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

OCIA is for any non-Catholic (Christian or not) who is interested in becoming Catholic. It is also for any Catholic who has not received First Communion and Confirmation.

SIGN UP

You can sign up for OCIA at our Welcome Session on Saturday, August 8 at 10 am in the St. Michael's CCE Building.

For more information contact:

Kathleen O'Dowd 713-252-4167



See Page 5 for more details on where Faith Formation needs volunteers.



IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE

IN ILLO UNO UNUM

St. Michael's**DSF Report as of 7/21/2026**

Parish Goal: \$38,162.50
Amount Paid to Date: \$33,570.00
Number of Participants: 82
Under Goal By: \$4,592.50

Sts. Cyril & Methodius**DSF Report as of 7/21/2026**

Parish Goal: \$7,525.00
Amount Paid to Date: \$11,010.00
Number of Participants: 35
Over Goal By: \$3,485.00



SCAN HERE
TO MAKE
A GIFT

**FAQ: How can I learn more about DSF?**

To learn more about the Diocesan Services Fund or to make your gift, simply visit www.archgh.org/dsf.



REGISTER FOR

FAITH FORMATION!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Pre-K through 12th Grade

Registration open July 1st through August 7th, 2026

2026-2027 St. Michael's Faith Formation Registration

First Step: Register your Family:
If your children were NOT in the St. Michael's Faith Formation program last year, start here by registering your family for religious education in the Flocknote system. Enter your parent information first and then add your children/dependents. This step only needs to be done if you have never been in St. Michael's Faith Formation classes.

<https://stmichaelscatholicchur10.flocknote.com/register>

Second Step: Register Your Children

Signup for children in PK, K, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grades: <https://stmichaelscatholicchur10.flocknote.com/signup/254131>

Signup for children in 2nd Grade with Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion (Must have Baptismal Certificate to register): <https://stmichaelscatholicchur10.flocknote.com/signup/255292>

Signup for children in 7th through 12th Grades (10th grade must have Baptismal and First Communion Certificates to register): <https://stmichaelscatholicchur10.flocknote.com/signup/255107>

****NOTE: If you are volunteering with EFF or YM, contact the church office to register at a discounted rate. Do Not use the links above.**

EFF & Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer Teachers and Helpers Needed...

We are looking for Elementary Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer Teachers and Helpers. We have many positions available. Elementary Faith Formation hours are from 5:45 pm till 6:45 pm and Youth Ministry from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm. Safe Haven training is required to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Veronica Kresse at the St. Michael's Parish Office.



Adult Volunteers Needed for CLOW

We are looking for two adult volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the school year. You would only be serving once a month or every other month. You will be off for holidays. Safe Haven Training is a

requirement and you must pass a background check. If you are interested in helping, please contact Veronica Kresse in the parish office.

The Liturgy of the Word for Children is not "Sunday School" or a catechetics class; it is not primarily a moment for catechesis. Rather, the Liturgy of the Word for Children is a component of the ritual prayer of Mass just as it is for adults. Learning may take place during the Liturgy of the Word but it is in the context of liturgical prayer. In fact, the Children's Liturgy of the Word should never be seen as separate from the Mass. It should flow with and in the greater celebration of the Sunday Mass. Although the children may be in a different space for the Liturgy of the Word or at a different level of understanding, we should not think of them as having been "dismissed" from the assembly. When they are elsewhere, it is to enhance their inclusion in the liturgy, not separate them from it.



ATTENTION PARENTS:

Is your child missing any sacraments or entering a sacrament year? First Reconciliation/First Communion preparation starts in 2nd grade. One requirement is that your child must have received baptism. If your child wasn't baptized Catholic then your child will have to go through the OCIA program and receive their sacraments at Easter Vigil the following year. If your child is entering 9th grade they will start Confirmation preparation and make their sacrament in the 11th grade year. We have a two year program here at St. Michael's. One new requirement when registering your child for EFF or Youth Ministry is that they must submit sacrament certificates for baptism and confirmation. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Parish Office.



Are you interested in getting involved in Youth Ministry?

We are currently looking for two wonderful "chefs" who would be willing to cook hamburgers on Wednesday, once a month. One person would be in charge of french fries and the other would be in charge of grilling hamburgers. The individuals will arrive to the Family Life Center at 2 pm. We normally cook around 120 burgers. I would rely on the individuals to cook burgers every month. We start in August and end in March. We have all the supplies you need. If you are interested, please contact Veronica Kresse in the parish office. Safe Haven training is a requirement.

Do you have a broken Rosary?
Bring your Rosary to the St. Michael's
Parish Office and it will be taken to
Kathleen to repair.
Rosaries are repaired at no charge.

2026 Altar Society Dues

Sts. Cyril & Methodius: Dues are \$10. Envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

St. Michael's: Dues are \$5. Envelopes are in the back of the Church.

Please include your payment in an envelope with your name and you can drop it into the Offering Plate at Mass.

Thank you for your support!



Homemade Egg Noodles for Sale...

The Catholic Daughters are selling homemade egg noodles for \$6 quart bag (available in thin or wide cut). Noodles may be purchased in the St. Michael's

Parish Office during office hours. We can accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to CDA #2340. Thank you for your support!

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Altar Duty

July 18 to July 31

Bonnie Kocian, Kathy Fojtik, Alice Jakubec, Cheryl Zwahr, Stephanie Fojtik

August 1 to August 14

Don & Linda Murrile

St. Michael's Funeral Luncheon for July

Weekdays: Cynthia Newell (chairman), Renea Hackstedt, Diane Cario, Pam Vacek, Terri McGuire

Weekends: Need Chairman & more volunteers

To volunteer contact either Margaret Tomlin 281-433-3828 or Bernie Novak 281-543-3217



Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Bazaar Buzz.....

Remember our bazaar is Sunday, September 20th, less than 3 months away. There are things to do between now and then. The raffle tickets are available so please try to sell a few extra this year if possible.

The next thing we must do is get all of the chairmen for the booths. We will assume you are doing your booth again unless you let us know that you WILL NOT. Rich and I will be outside after mass each Sunday for you to check off that you are doing your booth again. If you are not able to do it, please try to find someone to take your place.

As in the past, we ask you to start looking or making items for the live auction, which brings in the most money. Buy a few items for the bingo and The Market booths – items for children, teens, men and women priced from \$3 to \$5. Groceries are popular at these booths. Plants, craft items and canned goods are needed in the Homemaker's Booth. And don't forget the Silent Auction, new items, again for children, teens, men and women. Unique items that they can't find in the store tend to bring more bids.

We cannot take live animals in the Auction, especially small ones due to the heat.

When everyone in our Church works together on this big fundraiser, IT IS A GOOD THING...IT IS A GOD THING. We are giving, we are sharing, we are visiting, and we are doing it for the community. But it takes all of us since we are so small. We have done it for so long and we will do it again... TOGETHER.

Thank you for your part.

Rich and Charlotte Mills 337-249-9692 or 910-797-6956

CCSF Mass Cards Available

The Catholic Daughters have CCSF Mass Cards in the Parish Office. They are \$5 (one person); \$10 (a family); \$25 (perpetual).

You can have masses said for a number of reasons: death, birthday, holy communion, confirmation, anniversary, etc. Masses are sent to St. Mary's Seminary in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

KJZT Mass Cards Available

If you would like to purchase a KJZT Mass Card, see Patricia Barak after Mass on Sunday. These Mass cards can be included in a birthday, anniversary, graduation card or just give them by themselves.

Raffle Tickets!

Raffle tickets have been distributed. Each family has been given four books to sell. We ask that you sell these four books and possibly more. You can get extra books by calling Patsy Pekar or come by the Parish Office. Extra books are available after mass on the weekend. Sell them to your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. The raffle is a big part of the Bazaar and an easy way for most people to support us.



If you can do an extra jar or two for the Auction and Homemaker's Mart

WE L♥VE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Help us support a Stroke Survivor

BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR TYLER MURRILE

Saturday, August 1, 2026



**Columbus Club Hall
Hwy. 36 in Needville**

**BBQ Chicken & Sausage Plates
with all the trimmings
\$15.00
Serving begins at 11:00 am**

**Live Auction begins at 12 Noon
Silent Auction**

Bake Sale (sponsored by CDA Court 2340)



Tyler suffered a stroke on Mother's day. His mounting medical bills are more than he and his family can handle. We appreciate your support, but most importantly we appreciate your prayers. God bless you.

Support Tyler's recovery; your kindness can make a difference. All proceeds go towards medical expenses.

To donate auction items contact Tim & Denise
Sbrusch 713-775-2747 or 281-787-2563



Sponsored by the Knights of
Columbus Council 7067

For more information contact: Rich Mills 937-249-9692
Jay Roussel 713-582-9955
Mark Kovar 979-429-0955

REGISTRATION FOR GOLD & SILVER ANNIVERSARY MASSES

*Happy 25th
Anniversary*

*Happy 50th
Anniversary*

The 2026 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Masses honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) and Gold (50th) anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church are open for registration.

The Gold Anniversary Mass is set for Sunday, September 20th, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, located at 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy. in downtown Houston at 3 pm. Couples are eligible to receive a special recognition whether they attend the ceremony or not. The Silver Anniversary Mass is set for Sunday, October 11th, also at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm.

Early registration, which ends July 31 for the 50th and August 31st for the 25th, is \$25 per couple and includes an Archdiocesan certificate of each anniversary, a special issue worship aid and a commemorative pin. Registration increases to \$40 per couple after those dates.

For more information and to register, visit:

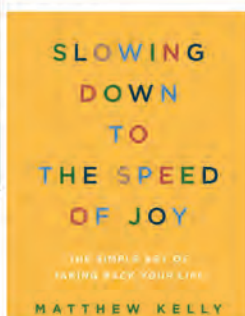
www.archgh.org/weddingjubilee



The Silver Rose moves through Canada, the United States, and eventually to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Join our council for the presentation of the rose and praying the rosary on 08/22/26 (before the 5:30 mass)



**St. Michael's
Needville
August 22nd, 2026
Rosary: 5PM
Mass: 5:30PM**



Coming in September 2026

Join a small group study this September to delve further into the book *"Slowing Down To The Speed of Joy"* and explore personal reaction and application. This study begins at St. Michael's on September 16th (6 sessions).

More information & signup to follow.



Food Pantry Needs...

Bring your donations and place them in the bin located in the back of either church. (Non-perishable food items only). Your donations help those in need in the Needville, Damon and Guy communities. We appreciate and thank you for all your donations!

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Cindy Laird from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



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