

# Church of Saint Michael

*God's sons and daughters in  
Farmington, Minnesota*

## Our Mission

*To be a welcoming Catholic community  
centered in the Eucharist, inviting all to live the  
Gospel and grow in faith.*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 18, 2019**

### WORSHIP TIMES

**Saturday:** 4:30PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM, 10:30AM  
**Tuesday:** 6:30PM Chapel  
**Wednesday-Friday:** 8:30AM Chapel

### CONFESSION

**Saturday:** 3:15-4:15PM



Weekly Readings and Observances can be  
found on page 3.

JOIN US FOR THE **ST. MICHAEL'S**

# PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY**  
**8.25**  
**AFTER 10:30 MASS**

### WHAT WE NEED:

HELP  
SALADS  
BARS/COOKIES  
WATERMELON  
CHIPS  
40-50 COUNT INDIVIDUAL BAGS

## From the Pastor

### THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH

#### DISHEARTENING NEWS...

...yet upon a moment's reflection, news that is hardly surprising, and therefore not news. Last week, the Pew Research Center published the results of a poll which revealed that seven out of ten Catholics in the United States do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Another way to put it is that just less than a third of Catholics actually stand with their Church in one of its deepest-held and most central doctrines. *Transubstantiation, i.e., the name by which we call the change that takes place upon God's altar when the very substance of the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus (all while retaining the outward sensible "accidents" of bread and wine), is indeed a difficult thing to comprehend. In fact, we cannot grasp this great mystery all the way to its depths. But God reveals this truth to us and asks us to keep it as the anchoring point of our lives. By faith, we know that Christ is really, truly present with us. And if we knew that, how could we stay away. As a priest friend often says, every Sunday becomes Superbowl Sunday if one really beholds the wonder of the Eucharist which is the heart of the Church's life and the great treasure that God so generously gives to us at every Mass.*

There are many reasons for the decline of this faith in Jesus' Real Presence in our time, many of them tangled with each other in such a way that makes it difficult to know where to grab hold of one thread and begin to bring order. One place where we can begin to do that, however, is to continue to encourage the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. To be honest, I have been greatly disappointed in the response of the parish to the invitation to additional opportunities to spend time in Jesus's Presence on our First Friday Adoration, which have been happening for some time now. It is urgent that all of us ask ourselves: "what is preventing me from spending some time with the Lord?" There are at least sixteen hours every month in our parish during which you could take some time for Jesus. Neighboring parishes offer even more opportunities. For certain people in our parish family, the practice of adoration is all the more necessary. Anyone who serves in any liturgical capacity (lector, music, and especially Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion) really ought to be making time in their schedule for adoration. I know people's lives are busy, but if all we do is carry out an external function on Sundays, without taking time to feed the interior place from which our desire to serve comes, we are not partaking of all God has for us. If the times of Adoration in which the Host is exposed in the monstrance (again, Tuesdays from 5 to 6pm and First Fridays from 9 to 9) are not possible, you can come by at any time the Parish Office is open and also find the chapel open for private prayer with Jesus Christ residing in the Tabernacle. We are currently exploring options for even greater availability of Eucharistic Adoration. *I firmly believe that if the practice of Eucharistic Adoration takes greater hold in the life of our parish, many of the struggles we face will be resolved. By the same token, if Jesus is not more honored and loved in the Eucharist--if we do not move away from being a "one third" parish--the faith here will essentially die out. And then what? Why then, would we even exist? We must become a parish whose life together in Christ has at its center a core of disciples who spend time with Him and who know, deep within themselves, that His Love is better than life itself (Ps 63).*

When we actually put flesh and blood on the *practice of our faith (as Deacon Russ so articulately pointed out in his recent homily) we begin to grasp more profoundly the theoretical part of our faith. Coming to adoration, genuflecting in homage, quieting our frenzied minds and hearts (even to the point of being physically uncomfortable) brings us face to face with the awesomeness of God. Even if we suffer boredom or distraction, all God asks is that we remain with Him. His Heart is consoled by your presence.*

*"So I gaze on You in the sanctuary,  
to see Your power and glory" -Ps 63*

Fr. Benjamin Little





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**Pilgrimage Mary**

**August /September Schedule**

August 18	Mary Stout
August 25	<b>Available</b>
September 1	Vicki Pepera
September 8	<b>Available</b>



As an extension of the series that I had about funerals in the Catholic Church, here is the beginning of a series on grief support after loss.

**Change and Loss**

We experience minor changes and losses to some extent every day. For example, losing a glove or umbrella may cause a bit of inconvenience. These are rather common life experiences that we tend to ignore. The extent to which we react to any loss is dependent upon how significant the loss is and the amount of change that accompanies the loss. Minor losses may be upsetting enough to elicit a response (discovering that you lost an umbrella when it is pouring outside), but cannot compare to the fear and pain we feel when a loved one dies.

If you learned at an early age to hide feelings or refrain from expressing the disappointments of life, it may be difficult for you to know how to respond when more dramatic events occur. The key to accepting and adapting to the changes/losses is learning how to express feelings as each event occurs. Certain changes in life invariably challenge anyone's ability to cope. Examples include moving to a different town or new home, having our children leave home or losing a job. Other changes/losses like a separation, divorce or death are so dramatic that they can threaten anyone's ability to cope. ([http://www.catholic-cemeteries.org/support\\_grieving\\_process.aspx](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.org/support_grieving_process.aspx))

If you need help dealing with loss, please contact me, I am happy to help you find resources to help.

In His Joy,  
 Jennifer Schneider

**Growing Through Loss**  
 South Suburban Coalition  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 7600 Cahill Avenue East  
 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076  
 651-451-6225  
**Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm**

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

**Readings for the week of August 18, 2019**

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Observances for the week of August 18, 2019

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Thursday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Set the Earth on Fire**

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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**The Legends of Robin Hood** is a new Augustine Institute Radio Theatre presentation available at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Hero. Outlaw, Faithful. Rogue. Champion. Vigilante.

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# Adult Faith Formation

Laura Shupe, Director of Children/Adult Faith Formation  
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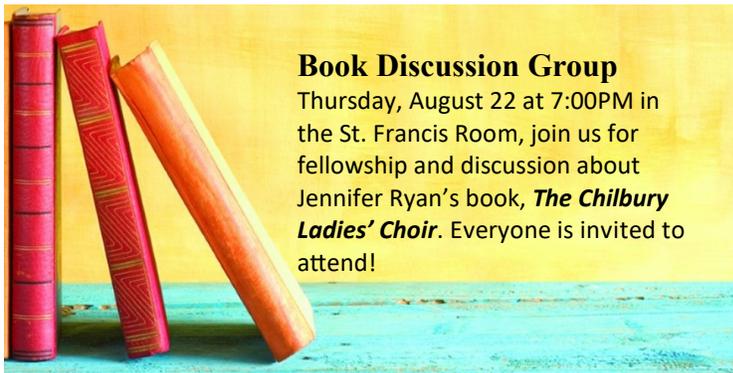
### Do You Know?!

Our Lady of Fatima requested that we pray for the conversion of what country?

Last week: *What is the name of the church built over the tomb of Jesus? Church of the Holy Sepulchur.*



Brittney LeVigne, Director of Youth Faith Formation & Ministry, 651-463-5223, [blavigne@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:blavigne@stmichael-farmington.org)



### Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 22 at 7:00PM in the St. Francis Room, join us for fellowship and discussion about Jennifer Ryan's book, **The Chilbury Ladies' Choir**. Everyone is invited to attend!

### Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles

Mondays from 9:30-11:00AM

Starting on September 16, join Deacon Russ and Laura Shupe for this 10-session study. Cost is \$20/person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTREME FAITH CAMP REUNION**

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 25TH  
3PM-5PM  
FUN FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP  
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH, LAKEVILLE MN

PLEASE RSVP TO BRITT LAVIGNE  
[BLAVIGNE@STMICHAEL-FARMINGTON.ORG](mailto:BLAVIGNE@STMICHAEL-FARMINGTON.ORG)

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## Community News

Learn about God's plan for grandparents  
and be equipped to pass on the Faith.



### Catholic Grandparent Conference

Saturday, August 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Church of the Epiphany  
1101 Hanson Blvd NW • Coon Rapids  
(Optional Mass at 8:00 a.m.)

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Crystal Crocker • Patrick Conley • Molly Schorr

#### CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

Music • Praise and Worship • Reconciliation  
Resources for Passing on the Faith • Lunch

#### SPEAKERS



**Mary Ann Kuharski**  
Author, national speaker and founding  
member of PROLIFE Across AMERICA



**Fr. Joe Bambenek**  
Assistant Director of the  
Archdiocesan Synod



**Archbishop Bernard Hebda**  
Administrator, led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda



Cost: \$25 per person/\$45 per couple before August 1  
\$30 per person/\$55 per couple thereafter.  
(Includes morning coffee, granola bars, box lunch and afternoon snack)

For more information and to register, visit [www.CatholicGrandparenting.org](http://www.CatholicGrandparenting.org)  
Questions? Contact Susanna Parent at [parents@archspm.org](mailto:parents@archspm.org) or 651-291-4411.

## Farmington Food Shelf News

1. We have a new rescue partner - the new **Aldi in Lakeville**. We have been receiving so much rescue that we have run out of refrigerator and freezer space. Thanks Mike for adding this location to your route.
2. The ISC is starting renovations in September. The great news is our new space at the ISC will be fantastic and we are scheduled to be in April 2020. I have asked the architects for a drawing to share. The bad news is our overstock areas need to be moved ( We are moving the overstock space on **Saturday Aug. 17 AM**, we are looking for two - three more folks that are able to lift 40 - 50 lbs) Thanks Chris for leading this effort - email Chris directly if you can help - [Charlievictorrepar@gmail.com](mailto:Charlievictorrepar@gmail.com)
3. **ALL Volunteer Meetings MARK YOUR CALENDAR-**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (*new*) every other month 2-4PM location TBD. An agenda and location will be sent out prior to the meeting. Our August volunteer meeting was rescheduled for **August 28** 2-4PM at SOTV. Next one will be **October 16**.

We are still looking for a couple volunteers for a **10AM– 12PM delivery & stocking shift both Monday & Thursday**.



**Janice Wilson, Director of Music**  
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## St Michael's Resurrection Choir

A "Meet & Greet" is being planned for members of the **St. Michael Resurrection Choir** and those interested in joining. We will meet on **Thursday, August 29 at 9:00AM** in the church for a short rehearsal (about an hour). We'll follow that with some time for food and fellowship. If you like to sing and are available on weekday mornings, please consider joining us! For more information, see below or contact Janice at [jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org) or 651-463-5227.

Questions about the **Resurrection Choir**? Here is more information about us. The Resurrection Choir helps lead the singing at most of our Parish Funeral Liturgies. We minister to those in our community in need of comfort, healing, and peace with the gift of musical support. Resurrection Choir members are adults who are available to sing for funerals on weekday mornings. Choir members are placed on an email list and phone tree. When a funeral is scheduled, each person is notified of the date and time of the funeral. (There are no regularly scheduled rehearsals for this group.) This important ministry holds us true to our call to bury the dead and comfort those who mourn.

## "He Who Sings, Prays Twice!"

Do you enjoy singing and participating in the Liturgy? Can you follow a simple piece of music? **Then the St. Michael Choir is looking for YOU!!** Our Adult Choir Season is gearing up, and new members are always welcome. Our "Back to Choir Night" is set for **Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:00PM** with time for fun, fellowship and food, followed by a short rehearsal. All other rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7:00PM. If you are interested in joining, please contact Janice at 651-463-5227 or [jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org)

The **St. Michael Young People's Choir** has a new name! Going forward we will be called "**Jubilate**." Rehearsals for "**Jubilate**" will be starting up later this fall. We sing about once a month at the Sunday, 10:30AM Mass. **We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 5:45, and our first rehearsal is scheduled for Oct. 2.** All students in grades 4 – 8 are welcome. If you like to sing and would like to help us pray through our music, please join us!! For more information, please contact Janice at 651-463-5227 or [jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org](mailto:jwilson@stmichael-farmington.org)

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 Mark Wood—Secretary

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 Office Fax: 651-463-2339  
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**Bulletin Deadline:** 12:00PM Monday Please submit requests to  
 info@stmichael-farmington.org

**Pastoral Emergency (after hours)** 651-243-9253

**Archdiocese Victim/Survivor Assistance** 651-291-4497

**Parish Council** .....pastoralcouncil@stmichael-farmington.org  
**Finance Council**.....financecouncil@stmichael-farmington.org

**Saturday, August 17**

3:15PM Confession  
 4:30PM Mass Intention—Jacque Devney

**Sunday, August 18**

8:00AM Mass Intention—Fabian Kuretich  
 10:30AM Mass Intention—St. Michael Parish  
 Community

**Monday, August 19**

5:45PM Rosary at The Legacy

**Tuesday, August 20**

10:00AM Mom’s Group  
 5:00PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:10PM Rosary  
 6:30PM Mass Intention—Glory Bee & Donald Callen  
 7:00PM Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 21**

8:10AM Rosary  
 8:30AM Mass Intention—Robert Langer  
 1:00PM Staff Meeting

**Thursday, August 22**

8:10AM Rosary  
 8:30AM Mass Intention—Willis Bauer  
 9:30AM Communion to Legacy Residents  
 1:00PM Communion to Honeysuckle  
 7:00PM Book Club

**Friday, August 23**

8:10AM Rosary  
 8:30AM Mass Intention—Mary Stoffel  
 9:30AM Communion to Red Oak  
 9:40AM Rosary at Trinity Care Center  
 10:00AM Mass at Trinity Care Center  
 10:00AM Word and Communion @ Trinity Terrace  
 11:00AM Communion to Trinity Memory Care

**Saturday, August 24**

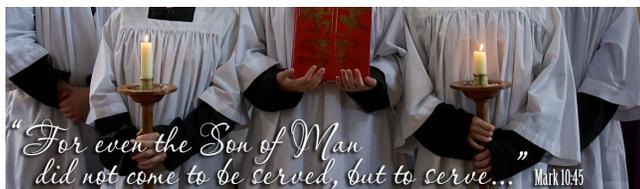
3:15PM Confession  
 4:30PM Mass Intention—Joseph Fischer

**Sunday, August 25**

8:00AM Mass Intention—Lucille Lesser  
 10:30AM Mass Intention—St. Michael Parish  
 Community  
 11:30AM Parish Picnic

**Altar Server Training**

Those in 4th grade through adults are invited to a training to be a Mass Server. You can attend one of the following two scheduled trainings: Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30pm or Saturday, September 7th at 10:00am. Please call the office if you are interested in this ministry to the parish.



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November 14, 2019

### Are You Interested in Registering?

Please visit [www.stmichael-farmington.org](http://www.stmichael-farmington.org) to fill out an online registration form. This is found under the Online Forms and Payments tab. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 651-463-3360

### Are You Interested in Electronic Contributions?

Scan the QR code for an immediate link to the site or visit [www.stmichael-farmington.org](http://www.stmichael-farmington.org) and hover over Online Forms and Payments. Click on Pay or Donate online. Contact Patty Stibal in the parish office with any questions.



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### Mass Attendance

Month	2019	2018
May	3,505	3,598
June	3,691	3,080
July	2,640	3,633

## Financial Update

### Financial Update - May

	<u>May 2019</u>	<u>FYTD 2018-19</u>
<u>Contributions</u>		
Sunday/Holy Day	\$60,825	\$740,805
Budget Expectation	<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$706,000</u>
Short May/Over YTD	-\$2,175	\$34,805
<u>Contributions</u>		
Building Maint Fund	\$7,467	\$65,120
Budget Expectation	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$137,500</u>
Budget Shortage	-\$5,033	-\$72,380
<u>Expenses</u>		
Expense Budget	\$78,298	\$879,787
Expense Budget	<u>\$74,764</u>	<u>\$934,748</u>
Over May/Under YTD	\$3,534	-\$54,961
<u>Loan Debt</u>		
Principal Payments	\$22,487	\$230,107
Interest Payments	\$3,924	\$43,599
Loan Balance	\$1,401,823	