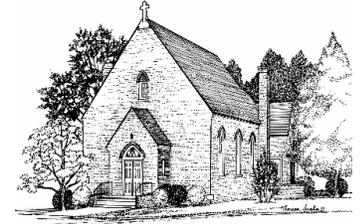




ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION OF ST. DOMINIC

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 2, 2020

Dear friends:

Pope St. John Paul II explained what his hopes were for the Church in a document that he wrote on the Eucharist,

"I would like to rekindle Eucharistic "amazement" [...]. To contemplate the face of Christ, and to contemplate it with Mary, is the "program" which I have set before the Church at the dawn of the third millennium, summoning her to put out into the deep on the sea of history with the enthusiasm of the new evangelization. To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognize him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a "mystery of light".

To encourage renewed attention and meditation on the Eucharistic mystery, the Pope gave the Church the *Mysteries of Light* which were new, but then again, they are as old as any others! As Jesus said, *"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the Kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."* (Mt 13:52) The *Mysteries of Light* include the Baptism of Jesus, the Miracle at the Wedding feast of Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to conversion, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist. By introducing these mysteries, the Pope provided five settings in the public ministry of Jesus Christ for our meditation.

There are those today who reject the "Mysteries of Light" on the basis that they are not from our Blessed Lady. The confusion that is now always around us, the fear caused by a world wide health scare and the challenges that the Church has faced over the last 25 years, have caused some to question the Church and to challenge her core beliefs. A little thoughtfulness will resolve the difficulty. The Pope is supposed to direct the prayer of the Church through the Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments. He certainly has the authority to add mysteries to the holy Rosary! Yet, there is a current in the Church which has lost trust in that authority. The *Mysteries of Light* encourage us to meditate on the public ministry of Christ - a very Marian inspiration!

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You!

Fr. Martin Flum

The parish of St. Michael and the mission of St. Dominic are being called to become a center of Eucharistic love.

"Remain here and keep watch with me."

(Matt 26:38)

No family left behind... all of our families are being invited... has your family committed yet? Here are the days/times that are as yet uncommitted:

Thursdays: 2-3 PM

Fridays: 1-2 PM

Saturdays: 1-2 PM

The Heart of Jesus beckons you to commit to having at least one family member in adoration for the entirety of that hour harvesting the Lord's blessings. To be on our substitute list, call the office at (240) 681-3551.

The Holy Spirit has chosen us to manifest the Faith of the Church in the hidden, but Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by our quiet visits to Him in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	08/01/20	5:00 PM	Lena Parker +
Sunday	08/02/20	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	08/02/20	10:00 AM	Deacon Leonard Cain +
Sunday	08/02/20	11:30 AM	Jonathan & Lydia Hellerman
Monday	08/03/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Tuesday	08/04/20	8:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Wednesday	08/05/20	7:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Thursday	08/06/20	8:00 AM	Alene Martin
Friday	08/07/20	7:00 AM	Rev Thomas Morrow
Friday	08/07/20	7:00 AM	Jean Mosimann +
Saturday	08/08/20	8:00 AM	Carl Guy +

SAVE THE DATE ~ Parish Dinner

Saturday, September 26th, 2020

Volunteers needed! Call (301) 440-4295

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Anne Clifford, Greg Connick, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixson, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Peter Parkinson, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Willie Stewart, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson and Belinda Windsor, may their crosses be joined to the Cross of Jesus.

Please Pray for
the Souls of the Faithful Departed

+ *Edna "Loretta" Douglas*

+ *Paul Windsor*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them;
may they rest in Peace. Amen.*

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

July 26, 2020

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3,979.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 852.00



The **Food Pantry** will be open on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Visit our website for more details:

stmichaelsbaden.org

Sacramental Congratulations!



A heartfelt congratulations to those who have received sacraments of initiation in the last month:

Baptism

Alexandra Leigh Holdridge
Alliana Lynne Lucy Velasco

First Holy Communion

Asher Benjamin Fisher
Sebastian William Fisher
Nicholas Williams



While we often think of pregnancy as culminating in the birth of child, we know that the journey is only just beginning. While motherhood brings with it many joys and blessings, it also involves challenges and difficulties. In raising their children and dedicating themselves to their families, mothers participate in a type of "daily heroism," one for which they "do not always find support in the world around them" (EV 86). Providing and caring for children as a single mother includes additional hardships.

Sadly, today, one in four children are being raised without a father. Certainly, there are many reasons this might occur in any given circumstance. However, it is also true that in a culture that largely rejects the Church's teachings on marriage, life, and sexuality, women and their children are often disproportionately impacted. It was Pope Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae* who warned that, "a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman... no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection" (HV 17).

In the midst of this reality, the Church is called to be a beacon of light, hope, and support. May we respond to this call, individually and communally, to surround mothers with assistance and support as they care for their children.

Prayer for Spouses:

Saints Anne and Joachim, good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ, when life seems barren, help us to trust in God's mercy. When we are confused, help us to find the way to God. When we are lost in the desert, lead us to those whom God has called us to love. When our marriage seems lifeless, show us the eternal youth of the Lord. When we are selfish, teach us to cling only to that which lasts. When we are afraid, help us to trust in God. When we are ashamed, remind us that we are God's children. When we sin, lead us to do God's will.

You who know God's will for husband and wife, help us to live chastely. You who know God's will for the family, keep all families close to you. You who suffered without children, intercede for all infertile couples. You who trusted in God's will, help us to respect God's gift of fertility. You who gave birth to the Blessed Mother, inspire couples to be co-creators with God. You who taught the Mother of God, teach us to nurture children in holy instruction. You whose hearts trusted in God, hear our prayers for . . . (mention your requests here)

Pray with us for the ministry of Catholic family life. Pray with us for the ministry of Natural Family Planning. Pray with us for all who give their time, talent and treasure to this good work. Amen.