



St. Michael Catholic Church

Mission of St. Dominic

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Queen of Heaven and Earth

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in a homily dated August 15, 2005 said: "Mary is taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, and with God and in God she is Queen of Heaven and earth... Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness, and has been given to us, as the Lord said, *precisely as a 'mother' to whom we can turn at every moment*" (emphasis added).

Indeed! Our Blessed Mother is our beautiful Queen who supports her devoted children in their journey to God. Each day, our Marian prayers help us to build a bridge from earth toward Heaven. I would like to invite each of you to reflect on your love for Mary and how you may desire to develop that love. One easy way to increase in love of Mary is to sign up and participate in the **Fatima Mission Program**. This program includes opening your home to host our parish(es) statues of Mary, saying family prayers, and consecrating one's family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. By hosting a statue of Mary you are saying, "We open our hearts to love and serve the Lord in imitation of Mary." I would like to invite you to pray for this grace and to read the announcement in today's bulletin to discover how you can participate in this program.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was assumed into Heaven, intercede for the Church, our parish/mission, and reign in the hearts of all people!

God bless you,
Fr. Cusick

Fatima Mission Program – Relaunch!



"He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own home." (Jn 19:27)

IN 1917, IN FATIMA, Portugal, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children: Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia. She said to them: "Pray the rosary everyday to bring peace to the world and end the war." Today, more than ever, the world needs peace -- to obtain peace we must live in obedience to Our Lady's request and apply the messages of Fatima in our daily lives.

We are offering you the chance to respond to Our Lady in a special way, by bringing her into your own home. **Our parish and mission pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima are available for parish families for a period of two weeks.** While in your home, the family can gather for prayer, and honor Our Lady, asking her intercession for personal needs and the needs of our world today. Fr. Cusick will be available to schedule a house blessing while you host Our Lady's statue. Please sign-up online at St. Michael's website: stmichaelbaden.org/fatima-mission-program. If you prefer to sign up in writing, place your name on the sign-up sheet located by the holy water dispenser at the back of St. Michael's church, or at St. Dominic's, at the front of the church by St. Joseph's statue.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Pray for us!

Evangelization Survey

Please take a couple of minutes to fill out our new parish survey. This can be done either in writing (you can pick up a copy in the back of the church) or online at: stmichaelbaden.org/survey.

**We appreciate your participation!
St. Michael and St. Dominic, pray for us!**

Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)

Joanne Butler, Kyle Kidwell, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, James Brown, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Fran O’Neill, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Mary Roberts, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Elizabeth Watson, Shirley Watson, Jim Williams, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Beverly Windsor, Caroline & Peter Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young. *Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! I trust in You! Stay with us!*

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Aug 8, 2021

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$ 5045 .00
St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$ 590 .00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 08/14/21 5 PM Kathleen Lohman +
Sunday 08/15/21 8 AM Parishioners
Sunday 08/15/21 10 AM Garland Proctor +
Sunday 08/15/21 11:30 AM Olivier & Sarah Castellanos
Monday 08/16/21 -- *NPM Mother Teresa of Jesus
Tuesday 08/17/21 8 AM Garland Proctor +
Wednesday 08/18/21 7 AM Johnnie Hazelwood +
Thursday 08/19/21 8 AM Deacon Stephen McKimmie

Faith Formation 2021-22

If you have children that have not received the sacraments or are not being instructed in the faith through Catholic school or homeschool, they should be registered for faith formation classes. Register Online at stmichaelbaden.org/ccd-registration-form or call the parish office (240) 681-3551. If you know an adult who is interested in learning about Catholicism, they can attend adult faith formation classes! These classes are also for adult Catholics who have not received all their sacraments of initiation (baptism, reconciliation, first communion, and confirmation), as well as Catholics who simply want to learn more about their faith. Register online at stmichaelbaden.org/becoming-catholic or call the parish office.

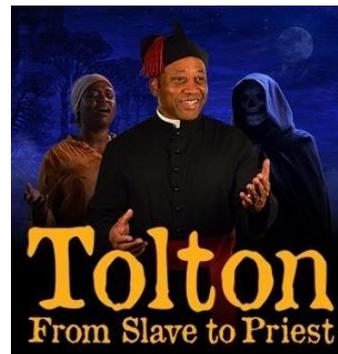
**Pro-Life Volunteers Needed
at the Maryland State Fair!**

Aug. 26-Sept. 9, 2021

Each year, Maryland Right to Life secures an indoor booth at the fair. Our wonderful volunteers are able to connect with those in attendance about the beauty of life and how we can protect it legislatively. In 2019, the Maryland State Fair had 572,000 guests and exhibitors over the 12 days of the event! This year, we need 72 volunteers to cover the duration of the fair. Each day, participants work in shifts of three to four hours and there are at least two volunteers for each shift. We are so grateful to our regular volunteers who help out every year and hope you can join us again. Email Charles County Right to Life if you’re interested at: ccrtl1973@gmail.com.



FORMED Audio Drama Recommendation



Meet America’s first Black Priest, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, in this audio drama adapted from the St. Luke Productions live stage production. The drama opens with nine-year-old Augustus Tolton’s harrowing escape from slavery to freedom. In a leaky boat with bullets whizzing

overhead, his mother courageously rows the family across the Mississippi River. They settle in the town of Quincy, Illinois, where hardships and persecution continue to afflict them. Despite all this, Augustus perseveres in his deep desire to become a Catholic priest. Rejected by all U.S. seminaries, he is finally ordained in Rome. When he returns to America, he tirelessly serves people of all races, especially the former slaves who flock to Chicago.

Actor Jim Coleman’s powerful performance as Father Tolton is complemented by a wide cast of supporting characters. The remarkable story is enhanced with Tony Manfredonia’s moving musical score inspired by traditional African American spirituals.

Save the Date



**St. Michael’s Parish Dinner
September 25th, 2021**