

St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3rd, 2023

Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner Cheryl Kerwin



Ever the skeptic, the Doubting Thomas, I wasn't sure if Eucharistic Adoration was the "right" devotion for me when we first began it in 2020. I had never been in a parish that offered it and my knowledge was limited as to what it was/how it worked/and was I worthy of the request to be a part of it. A great help for me came through an offering from Ascension Press for a new "Pocket Guide to Adoration" by Fr. Josh Johnson, a priest I

knew of from the Diocese of Baton Rouge, LA. I immediately fell in love with my personal time with the Lord, the guiet of the church, the flickering candles, and the beauty of the monstrance and the Body of Christ. I did feel as though I wanted a prayer to begin my time and I hadn't come across any that suited me. While sitting in Adoration on August 3, 2020, the Holy Spirit began gently whispering the words to me and I share them with you now. If the prayer inspires you, use it as you own: "Here I am, Lord. In praise and adoration of you-I come. Be with me. Stay with me. Comfort me. Be my safe haven. As I gaze at you, I see you in your magnificence. Yet, simplicity. It is we who surround you with the golden starburst monstrance... It is you who shows himself in the simplicity of a wafer of bread. "For this is my body which will be given up for you." For me. You gave it all for me. And today I am here to thank you for giving your all in all. For me. You promised to be with me always. And always provide me with the comfort I need. Amen." All time in Adoration is beautiful but some days are just more meaningful because Our Lord deems it that way. Shortly after writing my initial prayer, the Holy Spirit provided the inspiration to write a closing prayer to use at the end of my Adoration sessions. So, on September 3, 2020, I began using the following words just before I leave my pew each time; "Jesus, my time with you in adoration is coming to an end. My adoration of you will never end...only this brief time here in this church with your physical presence on the altar is finished. I have moved you to the golden monstrance in my mind's eye; where you will be with me always. A safe haven. Your promise to me. I can release you from the tabernacle of my heart anytime. Anywhere. To praise you. To adore you. Amen. "

Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday – Lk 4:31-37 Wednesday – Lk 4:38-44 Thursday – Lk 5:1-11 Friday – Mt 1:1-16,18-23 MONDAY, SEPT 4TH, LABOR DAY THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, NO ADORATION AT ST MICHAELS.



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONTINUES...

The greatest love story...



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

- Venerable Fulton Sheen

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Haven't Received Confirmation Yet?

St. Michael's and St. Dominic's RCIA Classes for Adults – You're Invited!

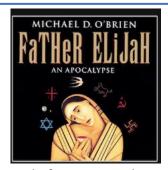
We are preparing to begin weekly RCIA classes in late September for adults and children 14 and up who are interested in becoming Catholic or who have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). Classes are held on Thursday evenings. Invite your non-Catholic family and friends to join us! This is a great opportunity for non-Catholics to find out what Catholics believe and, should they choose to continue, to prepare for reception of the Sacraments.

Weekly Holy Hour – Try it out!

Have you been inspired by the bulletin reflections on parishioners' experience of Eucharistic Adoration? Maybe it's time for you to sign up for a weekly hour. Pick whatever hour works for you, and sign up either online at stmichaelbaden.org/eucharistic-adoration or by calling the parish office. If you are ever unable to make it, just let us know at the office as far in advance as possible. If you give the Lord this time, He will not be outdone in generousity.

"Can you not watch one hour with me?"

FORMED Recommendation



Father Elijah:

An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

Michael O'Brien presents a thrilling apocalyptic novel about the condition of the Roman Catholic Church at the

end of time. It explores the state of the modern world, and the strengths and weaknesses of the contemporary religious scene. (Rated 5 stars by Parish Staff)



Be encouraged by gaining confidence in your identity as a child of God and in hearing God's voice for yourself and others. Learn to evangelize with joy! Encounter School of Ministry, developed by Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Reis, and Dr. Mary Healy, offers a dynamic two-year program which impacts thousands of Catholics across the country and is now in the DC area! Our world needs men and women who can demonstrate the power and love of God. Join us as we teach, equip and activate you to do just that! Encounter School of Ministry DC Satellite School meets Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM at our Gaithersburg, MD campus. Attend the first class for free on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. For more information, visit us at encounterschool.org/dc



Save the Date! Annual Parish Dinner Saturday, September 30th, 2023 Noon till 4 PM

Tickets are now available at the Parish Office or Online at stmichaelbaden.org/parish-dinner.

> Advanced Purchase Tickets: \$27/adult, \$10/child (ages 6-12), 5 and under free

At the Door: \$30/adult and \$12/child (ages 6-12), 5 and under free

Parish Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with the parish dinner as well as donating baked goods for the bake sale.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering and for bake sale items are on the table in the church vestibule. You may also sign up online at: stmichaelbaden.org/volunteer-and-bake sale

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Michael Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM St. Michael 10:00 AM St. Dominic

Tues - Fri 8:00 AM, First Sat 9:00 AM, 1st Fri: 7:30 PM, all at St. Michael

Confession Times

Sunday: 7:30 AM Wednesday: 7:00 PM Saturday: 4:00 PM

Daily Adoration

Visit our website for the full schedule

No Adoration on Monday Sept. 3d, 2023



Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed) Brenda Baden-Ritter, Joe Bauer, Joanne Butler, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, Flossie Brown, James Brown, John Brown, Jr, Lynn Brown, Thomas Canavan, Ann Canter, Larry Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Finn Cusick, Stacey Danielson, Judy Dement, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Shaun Donnelly, Kathy Fisher, Rosemary Flum, Foley Family, Gloria Foley, Bert Hall-Foxwell, Mike Frisby, Jerry Frisby, Don Gardiner, Gerald Gray, Glenn Hale, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Randy Herriott, Larry Horton, Crystal Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mike Mohun, John Martone II, Teddy Miller, Neal Myers, Ralph & Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Thomas Pancamo, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Lena Pettit, Joyce Pickeral, Donald Prather, Michael Proctor, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Paul Richards, Ann Bowie Rice, Lorrie Riess, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Savannah Stuart, Robin, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Doug Walker, Raymond Washington, Jackie Weaver, Joseph & Patricia Welch, Jim Williams, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Cheryl Young, Dean R. Young, Lewis Young, and Theodore Young.

Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! Jesus, I trust in You!

MASS INTENTIONS

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - August 27, 2023

St. Michael Offertory Collection \$ 3528. 00 St. Dominic Offertory Collection \$ 796. 00

May God reward your generosity!