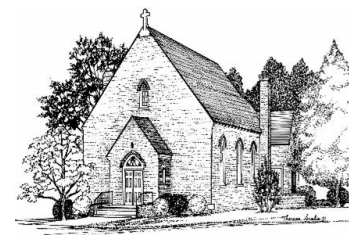




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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29th, 2023

Reflection by St. Michael's Parishioner, Amy Zager

"You're doing the bare minimum."

I will never forget these words or how they pierced in such a way, I heard very little of what followed. As though a bomb had stunned my hearing, all else was rather muffled. Intended as a consolation, it was the sentiment of a friend in response to the objections of those who disapproved of my faith and its hold on me: "How could anyone be upset? You're doing the bare minimum..."

"You shall: attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor, confess your sins at least once a year, receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season, observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church, help to provide for the needs of the Church."

These are the Precepts of the Church to which my friend alluded; what deem one a "Practicing Catholic." Eucharistic Adoration is not found among them. In fact, most of us will satisfy the requirements with relative convenience and ease. But what prompts the heart to give more, causing it to skip its rhythm? Or takes one's breath away only to return it again renewed? It's worth noting, the spiritual life is not intended to simply have a weakened pulse. He who longs for us to have life, ardently desires we should have it to the full!

"The bare minimum." I stood convicted. "There is no one else I love this way," I thought as my friend continued on. In fact, this isn't what a mature, deep, abiding love does at all! No... love surrenders all, lamenting when there is nothing more to give. But how can we love someone we do not truly know? Consider well, dear reader, the unparalleled opportunity that comes in the form of Adoration. How Our Lord must delight in the company of one who visits with Him simply because he/she wishes to draw near. While obedience can most certainly be an expression of love, oh what it fosters in the soul to aim higher! To live out both the generosity and intimacy inspired by the spousal relationship of Christ and His Church. To truly know Him, by whom we are so very well known.

In the days that followed, I failed to be able to name a saint who ever considered precepts "enough" for Him who gave His Precious Life for ours. Rather, they echo the expression of the Psalmist, "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" Let us do the same, giving all of our very selves, adopting the attitude of true lovers who find sweet contentment in one another's company.

He has said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." "You shall... with all." You must. I must. Mustn't we?

"Sweet Sacrament, We Thee Adore!
Oh, Make Us Love Thee More and More!"



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONTINUES

One More Night of Eucharistic Recollection
at St. Michael's

7 PM Tues., Nov. 14
Led by Rev. Dan Leary



Next Coffee, Donuts, and Miracles:

Sunday, November 12th after the 8 and
11:30 AM Masses. *Please save the date!*

All Saints and All Souls Days

1) **All Saints Day** – Wednesday, Nov. 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be at St. Michael's at 8 AM and 7 PM. *The parish office will be closed and there will be no Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

2) **All Souls Day** – Thursday, November 2nd

Mass will be at St. Michael's at 7 PM only; there will be no 8 AM Mass. The schedule will be as follows:

- 6:15-45 PM Confession
- 7 PM Mass
- After Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and another chance for Confession

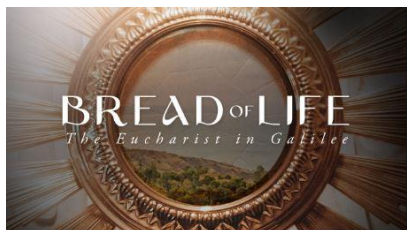
Please join us to pray for all our deceased loved ones.

All Souls Day Names

Please submit the names of your deceased loved ones via your All Souls envelopes, or by email or phone **by Monday, Oct. 30th** to the parish secretary, Suzanne Stuart: secretary@stmichaelbaden.org, (240)681-3551. The names will be compiled and placed on a list on the altar as the intention for select Masses throughout the month of November.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FORMED Recommendation



Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

5-Part Short Series

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the

Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all His work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in "Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee" for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Each of the five episodes is only 5-10 minutes long.

Food Pantry Wish List

Jiffy mix, canned pumpkin pie filling, canned cranberry sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, packaged stuffing, and gravy mix.

Please leave your donations in the food pantry donation closet in the vestibule of St Michael's.

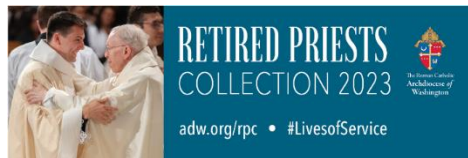
Thank you!



First Friday and Saturday

Nov 3rd and 4th

November 3rd is First Friday. Mass will be at 7:30 PM, followed by the opportunity for confession, devotional prayers to the Sacred Heart, rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration until 9 PM. 12 hours later, at 9 AM, we will be back for First Saturday Mass and devotions! Mass will be followed by the rosary, the opportunity for confession, and a 15-minute reflection with Fr. Cusick on one of the mysteries of the Rosary. Following Mass and devotions, the Blue Army will meet for breakfast, reading, and discussion of *Fatima for Today* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Blue Army, contact Joanna at (240)681-3551 or joanna@stmichaelbaden.org.



The **Retired Priests Collection** is coming up the weekend of **November 4th & 5th**.

This collection will

be taken up at parishes across The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. The Archdiocese has 277 priests of whom 59 are retired. Thank you for supporting our priests!

Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday – Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday – Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday – Jn 11:17-27

Friday – Lk 14:1-6

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, 1st Fri 7:30 PM,
First Sat 9:00 AM, 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



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., Richard Canter, Sr., Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Andrew Catterton, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Terri Cox, 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, Jackie Markam, 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, Bonnie Robertson, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Sylvia Scott, Thomas Scott, Jr., Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Dave Spadaro, Savannah Stuart, Robin, Patricia & Thomas Stuart, Fr. Larry Swink, George Thomas, Bernard Torreyson, 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

Saturday	10/28/23	5:00 PM	Honor of St Jude
Sunday	10/29/23	8:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	10/29/23	10:00 AM	Clara Thomas +
Sunday	10/29/23	11:30 AM	Dorothy Mary Smoyer +
Tuesday	10/31/23	8:00 AM	Claude Boswell, Sr. +
Wednesday	11/01/23	8:00 AM	Rev. Roderick McKee +
Wednesday	11/01/23	7:00 PM	Deacon Perry Iannaconi +
Thursday	11/02/23	7:00 PM	All Souls
Friday	11/03/23	8:00 AM	Deacon Steve McKimmie +
Friday	11/03/23	7:30 PM	Ashley and Makayla Hyde +

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS - October 22, 2023

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 3800.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 809.00

May God reward your generosity!