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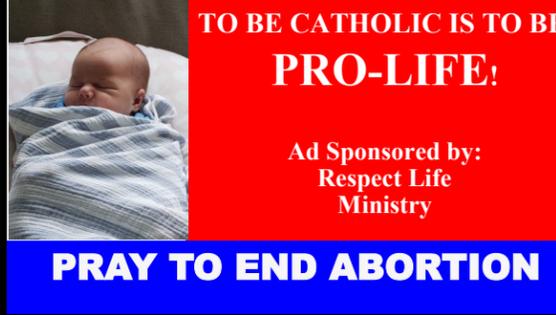
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August 1st, 2021

425th Edition

**Mission Statement:** St. Michael's Parish is a Catholic faith community deeply rooted in the Holy Eucharist. Through our faith and worship, we honor the Lord's commandment to love Him and one another, to proclaim the gospel and bring about fair and just world for all people.

### Office Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm

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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."  
Jn 6:32-33



"Yo les aseguro: No fue Moisés quien les dio pan del cielo; es mi Padre quien les da el verdadero pan del cielo. Porque el pan de Dios es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo".  
Jn 6, 32-33

## 18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

### Schedule of Masses

Saturday.....5:00pm  
Sabado.....6:30pm español  
Sunday.....7:30 am & 10:00 am  
Domingo.....12:00 pm español  
Weekdays.....8:00am

### Holy Days

English.....8:00 am  
Español.....6:00 pm

### First Friday

Holy Hour.....4:00 pm  
Mass.....5:00 pm

### Sacraments

Confession Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm  
Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English  
Bautizo.....2º & 4º Sab. 11:00 am Español  
Marriage.....6 months advance notice

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo:** Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice./ Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.

**Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina:** The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm @ the FMC./ Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes en el FMC

# St. Michael Parish News

## !!Happy Birthday Monsignor Gus!!



Thank God for you!!! We, your parish of St. Michael's are so grateful for your open spirit, your gentle disposition, and your immense patience with your flock. We pray that your Birthday is joyful, filled with love, and graced with much festivities.

Happy Birthday, Maligayang Kaarawan, Feliz Cumpleaños, Buon Compleanno, Feliz Anniversario, Ma'u ha'aho Fa'ele'i Fiefia!!!!

### Children's Faith Formation Registration Dates:

- July 23, 2021 Last day (Early registration)
  - July 31, 2021 (After Masses) 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
  - August 1, 2021 (After Masses) 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
  - August 7, 2021 (After Masses) 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
  - August 8, 2021 (After Masses) 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
- August 9th and on, Late Fee of \$50.00 will applied

Required documents for registration: Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate, 1st Eucharist  
Please call to make an appointment (No walk-ins)

For more information call Sister Angela @ 209-931-2696 or at [stmichaelcatmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelcatmin@gmail.com)

### (Fechas de inscripción para la formación de la fe de los niños)

- Julio 23, Ultimo dia (inscripciones tempranas)
  - Julio 31, 2021 (Despues de Misa) 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
  - Agosto 1, 2021 (Despues de misa) 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
  - Agosto 7, 2021 (Despues de las misas) 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm
  - Agosto 8, 2021 (Despues de misa) 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
- Agosto 9 en adelante, se aplicará un cargo por retraso de \$50.00

Documentos requeridos para el registro: Certificado de nacimiento, Certificado de bautismo, 1ª Eucaristía  
Por favor llame para hacer una cita (No walk-ins)

Para más información llame a Sr. Ángela @ 209-931-2696 o [stmichaelcatmin@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelcatmin@gmail.com)



### Divine Mercy Courtyard Brunch Fundraiser

Sunday, August 8th  
after every mass  
7:30am, 10:00am,  
12:00pm

- Breakfast burritos \$3 each
- Lumpia 2 for \$3
- Frittata slice \$2
- Fruit bowl \$2
- Combination plate; chicken adobo, pancit, 1-lumpia & rice \$10
- Coffee & Drinks \$1
- Assorted baked goods various prices.
- Tamales: 2 for \$5.00 or \$3 each
- Pork, Chicken & Cheese with jalapeños

Fr. Meyer Center side garden  
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For 1 dozen or more, pre order tamales 12x\$25

@ Parish Office

**RCIA Adults Only:** if you need the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion, Please contact Elena Molina at (209) 609-9066, if you are interested in signing up for our class. Also, feel free to call if you have any questions for additional information.

**RICA Adultos solamente:** si usted necesita el Sacramento de 1ra comunión, favor de comunicarse con Elena Molina al: (209) 931-5390, si está interesado/a a inscribirse en para nuestra clase. También no dude en llamar si tiene alguna pregunta para obtener información adicional.

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**Scripture Course will be offered on  
Wednesday Nights starting September 2021  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
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**Get more out of your Scripture Study  
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Our yearly bulk subscription for the **Magnificat** is coming up for renewal. Our issue runs from October through September. So you can send your payment to St. Michael's Church, 5882 N Ashley Lane, Stockton CA 95215 in the amount of \$29.95 for each subscription.

Please leave a telephone number and email if you have one. I would like to notify everyone each month, as soon as the Magnificat arrives.

For any questions, please call Laureen Casale 209-954-2838.

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Francisco R. Cruz  
&  
Juanita D. Cruz**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Bruno &  
Frances Malucchi**

Our parish bulletin is available for viewing at [www.stmichaelparish.net/bulletins](http://www.stmichaelparish.net/bulletins)

### Our Gifts to the Lord

Weekly amount needed for <u>Ordinary</u> operations	\$ 10,700.00
<b>July 2021</b>	
Weekly Collection	\$ 7293.42
Online Giving (July)	\$ 725.10
Budgeted Offertory (July)	\$ 33,000.00
July month to date	\$ 29,735.38
Difference (month)	\$ 4,753.90

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<b>Offertory</b>	\$	<b>7,293.42</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>725.10</b>
<b>Candles</b>	\$	<b>235.00</b>

**Thanks for your generous offerings!**  
**Please continue to use your church envelopes.**

**Respect Life Ministry:** August 6th will be First Friday Adoration, held in the Fr. Meyer Center from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sign-ups will be the week of the 1st. Please make a note to plan on spending an hour with our Lord.

**Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:** El 6 de agosto será la Primera Adoración del Viernes, que se llevará a cabo en el Centro Father Meyer de 8:30 A.M. a 5 P.M. Las inscripciones serán la semana del 1º. Por favor, tome nota para planear pasar una hora con nuestro Señor.

**Consecration to St. Joseph:** Our next meetings will be on August 2 & 9 @ 6:00pm in Rm.9. Consecration Mass will be August 17 @ 6:30pm.

**Consagración a San José:** Nuestras próximas reuniones serán el 2 y 9 de agosto @ 6:00pm en el salón 9. La Misa de Consagración será el 17 de agosto a las 6:30pm.

**Faith Formation Corner:**

Tuesday morning, 7-27-2021. The reading is from the Gospel of Matthew. I am listening to this gospel at this morning's Mass. I know for a fact I have read and heard this gospel many times. Yet, again, this reading is "hitting home" in my soul. Clearly, this reading is from the writings of one of Jesus' closest followers. He knew Jesus, who gives the interpretation to Matthew and the other apostles. Okay, just stop for a moment, and consider this notion. This story comes directly from one of Jesus' followers.

*"Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom. The weeds are of the children of the Evil One, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are the angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun to the Kingdom*

*of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matthew 13:36-43)*

I am reading the response Jesus gives: "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom." So, I understand this to mean that Jesus is the sower of all the good seed; those who follow Christ are the "good seed;" and He "plants us into the world," in order that we spread the good news throughout the world. After all, did he not send the apostles out two by two to keep spreading the "good news" of salvation.

Notice, the Devil is also sowing seed, "bad seed" which turns into "weeds." What do weeds do in a garden? They cause all types of havoc in a garden; they take up precious space in a garden, they can choke the life out of a vegetable if not controlled; they cause extra work for the gardener because they have to be removed. And that's what will happen at the "end of the age." The Lord clearly tells us that He "will" send his angels, he "will . . . collect. . . all who cause others to sin and all evildoers . . ." and "they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

In this writing, the Lord makes a definite distinction between the good seed and the bad seed. So, according to this scripture, the Lord is telling us that he allows these "weeds" to grow up and along with the "good seeds." I believe the bad that we see in our current world is the work of the evil one, and that this unbelievable craziness is the evil one's response to the fact that his work is coming to an end. What craziness you ask? Oh, like pandemics closing the doors of churches, like babies being allowed to be terminated in utero up until the moment of birth, for sacraments becoming moments of show and not taken seriously, for societies to condone the leadership of hypocrites, the list goes on. They say the devil comes to lie, steal, and cheat. Our jobs? Well, not to give credence to lies, or to steal, or to cheat. But the Lord knows, the Lord knows.

We are to make sure we keep "growing" in God's Kingdom because "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," it's here. We are the representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven now. And the Lord allows the "weeds" of this world to grow alongside us. Perhaps it's to give these "bad seed" every possible chance for them to change their growth patterns. Perhaps it's to strengthen the good seed. Who knows. What I do know is that as long as I am alive, my job is to grow in relationship with the Christ. I don't know what that always looks like, or sounds like, or feels like. I just know that as long as I am close to Christ, he will not allow me to be taken from Him. How's that for purpose? So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to the Kingdom!! We're in the thick of it. Peace and Blessings, Roz



*Faith Formation*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Decimotavo Domingo en el Tiempo Ordinario**

**"The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second Reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquires a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.**

*"La multitud en el Evangelio de hoy exigía una señal de Jesús. Que nuestra fiel administración sea un signo para los demás de nosotros, como los Efesios en la segunda lectura, hemos dejado a un lado nuestra forma de vida anterior y que hemos adquirido una "forma fresca y espiritual de pensar." en Cristo.*

<b>Mass Intentions for the Week Year B:</b>		<b>Wednesday August 4th</b>
<b>Saturday July 31st</b>		<b>8:00AM Michel Family (Intention) Veronica Castañon (Birthday)</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>For People with Disabilities For Medical Professionals</b>	
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Rainier Juan (Birthday) Gloria Juan Levin (Birthday) Gabino Pacheco † Gina De Guzman † Faustino De Guzman †</b>	<b>Thursday August 5th</b>
		<b>8:00AM Joe Pereira † Joaquin Costa † Antonio Alves †</b>
		<b>Friday August 6th</b>
<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)</b>	<b>8:00AM Greta Hermann †</b>
		<b>Saturday August 7th</b>
<b>Sunday August 1st</b>		<b>8:00AM All the Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Rosalinda Chavez &amp; Family (Intention) Ramon Reyes † Adriana Robles &amp; Family (Intention) Joe &amp; Maria Silveira † Julia Lynch † Robles &amp; Garcia Family (Intention)</b>	<b>5:00PM Sam Orlando †</b>
		<b>6:30PM Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Margarita Cabalbag (Birthday) Elmo Biglieri † Dorothy Dentoni †</b>	
<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>J. Carmen Gonzalez Vasquez † Maria Del Carmen Rivera †</b>	
		<b>Readings for the Week:</b>
<b>Monday August 2nd</b>		<b>Monday</b> Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Tom Bielejeski †</b>	<b>Tuesday Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</b> Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
		<b>Wednesday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
<b>Tuesday August 3rd</b>		<b>Thursday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene</b> Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 or Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 or Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Monsignor Gus (Birthday) Trinidad Carranza † All Souls in Purgatory † Jose Paolo J. Amilasan (Birthday)</b>	<b>Friday Saint Bridget, Religious</b> Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
		<b>Saturday Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</b> Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
		<b>Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18;

## Parish Updates/Actualizaciones Parroquiales

**07-23-2021-Thank-you** to the following who have **also generously donated** additional funds to our **Roof Replacement Project**:

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**07-24-2021-** What a lovely sight to see all the **Legion of Mary** members at Saturday Mass!!! The group came out for their retreat and began their day with Mass!!! Thank-you to all of you faithful you keep our parishes and families **“prayed up!!”**

**07-24-2021-** ¡Qué hermosa vista ver a todos los miembros de la **Legión de María** en la misa del sábado!!! El grupo salió a su retiro y comenzó su día con misa!!! Gracias a todos ustedes fieles que mantienen nuestras parroquias y familias **"oraciones!!!"**

**Offertory:** Make your offertory: Mail check to St. Michael, 5882 N. Ashley Ln, Stockton, CA 95215 or Online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmichaelparish/funds>

Thank you to all our parishioners who join us in person or live in Facebook in our Sunday Mass. Your presence is a true blessing. A special thank you to all, who continue to give your weekly offertory during this hard time.

**Ofertorio:** Envíe su cheque a St. Michael, 5882 N. Ashley Ln, Stockton, CA. 95215 o en línea a: <https://www.osvhub.com/stmichaelparish/funds>.

Gracias a todas las personas que nos acompañan en persona o virtualmente en Facebook a nuestras Misas del domingo. Su presencia es una verdadera bendición. Un agradecimiento especial a todos los que continúan dando su ofrenda semanal durante estos difíciles momentos.

**(Thank-you to all of our donors who are sharing their financial gifts with our church projects!!! And Thanks to all who are praying for God to meet the physical needs of our church as well!! We would love to have EVERYONE join in on these necessary repairs to our “faith home.”)**

Gracias a todos nuestros donantes que están compartiendo sus dones financieros con nuestros proyectos de la iglesia!!! Y gracias a todos los que están orando para que Dios satisfaga las necesidades físicas de nuestra iglesia también!! Nos encantaría que **TODOS** se unan a estas reparaciones necesarias para nuestro "hogar de fe".

## **Gospel Reflection:**

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems

that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

### **Family Connection**

In today’s Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious

request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don’t recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today’s Gospel, John 6:24-35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist. Pray together the Magnificat.

**Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. Please restore your servants to full health, dear Father. Remove all fear and doubt from their hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, and may you, Lord, be glorified through their life, Amen.”** *Deja que se llenen de paciencia y alegría en tu presencia mientras esperan tu toque sanador. Por favor, restaura a nuestros siervos a la plena salud, querido Padre. Quita todo temor y duda de sus corazones por el poder de nuestro Espíritu Santo, y que tú, Señor, seas glorificado a través de su vida, Amén."*

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