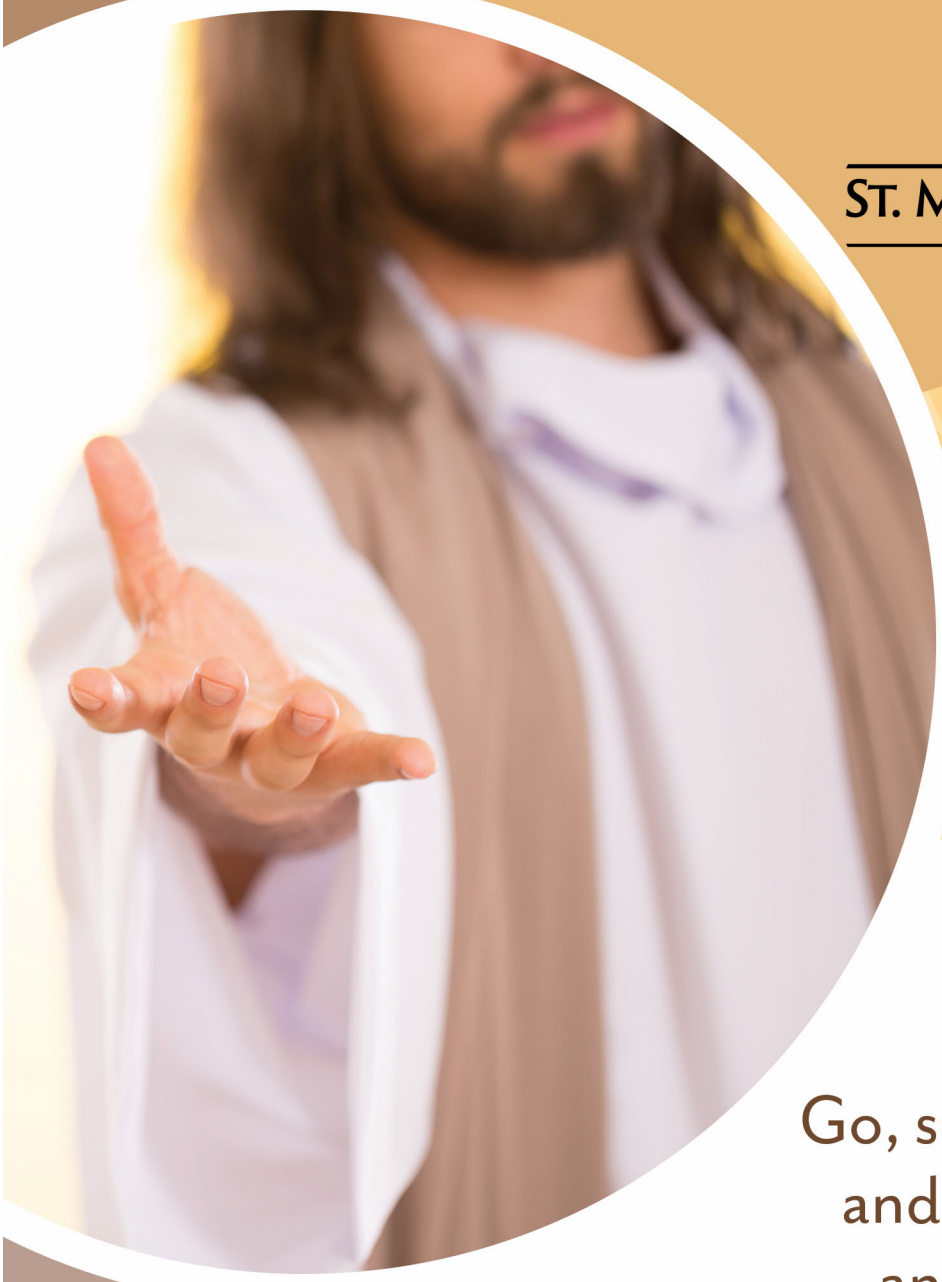

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor
and you will have
treasure in heaven;

# *then come, follow me.*

Mark 10:21

# St. Michael Parish Directory

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**312-642-2498**

## Pastor
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Rev. Jim Keena, C.Ss.R.
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Rev. Greg May, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.
Rev. John Steingraeber, C.Ss.R.

## Attached - Not In Residence
Rev. Joe Dorcey, C.Ss.R.
Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

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## Wedding Scheduling
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Saturdays: 12:30 PM, 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM
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## Finance Council
Council Chair: James Corkery

## Parish Pastoral Council
Council Chair: Annie Pecoraro

## Human Concerns & Needs Commission
Co -Commission Head: Barbara Pope and Lisa Rosskamm

## Worship Commission
Commission Head: Open

## Baptisms
Please visit our website, www.st-mikes.org, to register your child for Baptism. For questions, please email baptism@st-mikes.org

## Confessions
In the Church:
Tuesday 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM
Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM
By appointment, please call (312) 642-2498

## Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office.

## Information Requests
**Genealogy requests**: genealogy@st-mikes.org
**Sacramental certificate requests**:
certificate@st-mikes.org
**General Information:** information@st-mikes.org
**Facebook:** St. Michael in Old Town
**Website:** www.st-mikes.org

## Prayer Requests

For all those who are suffering due to natural disasters.

For the intentions of Daniel McGinnis.

## Wedding Banns

***III - October 15, 2021***
*Ms. Grace Guffer*
*&*
*Mr. Trey Nguyen*

***III - October 16, 2021***
*Ms. Taylor Anne Osicek*
*&*
*Mr. Peter Whittlesey Burd*

***III - October 16, 2021***
*Ms. Erin Keating*
*&*
*Mr. Brendan O'Donnell*

***II - October 22, 2021***
*Ms. Emily J. Strauss*
*&*
*Mr. Duncan F. McGlincy*

***II - October 22, 2021***
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*&*
*Mr. John Brown*

***II - October 23, 2021***
*Ms. Kimberly Moehle*
*&*
*Mr. Joseph Coschino*

***I - October 29, 2021***
*Ms. Emily Edkins*
*&*
*Mr. Thomas Bohac*

***I - October 30, 2021***
*Ms. Sara Urben*
*&*
*Mr. Jacob Crawford*

## Mass Intentions of the Day

**Saturday, October 9**
5:00 PM Good Health for Michael Belmonte

**Sunday, October 10**
*9:00 AM ✞ Anne Mather
Mass for the people
11:00 AM Good Health for Harry Constance

**Monday, October 11**
8:00 AM ✞ Megan & Ben Kesler - 2nd wedding anniversary

**Tuesday, October 12**
8:00 AM Victoria Belmonte

**Wednesday, October 13**
8:00 AM Foundation Fund Members

**Thursday, October 14**
8:00 AM ✞ Kay Leiting

**Friday, October 15**
8:00 AM ✞ Louise & Albert Belmonte

**Saturday, October 16**
9:00 AM ✞ Anne Mather

5:00 PM ✞ Deceased members of the Wetor-Schneider Families

*** Mass will be live-streamed.**

## St. Michael's Parish welcomes our newest Baptized Parishioners

- Sean James, son of Chad and Sarah McCoy

Mass intentions can be arranged through the Parish Office. There are many times available in the coming months. Please contact the office to schedule a mass for your loved ones.

Interested? Please contact the parish office by emailing info@st-mikes.org

## Pastor Notes – Entering the Kingdom

Many of us may feel the same as the young man in today's Gospel. We have followed the commandments from our youth and are looking to see if there is anything else we need to do to get into heaven. For the most part we try to be good people and while we sometimes mess up, we still try to follow the commandments. The problem is – there is always something more to do and we can never do enough to earn our way in. Until we finally enter the kingdom, we strive to be better. This may seem like an endless task and it is. Jesus reminds his disciples that getting into the kingdom is impossible for us but with God all things are possible.

We would like entrance into the Kingdom of God to be a set price. We earn enough credits and we can get in. That would be simple, we can calculate how much we need, how many more good deeds and we are in. Unfortunately God has a sliding scale and it changes for each of us. The scale is God's love and mercy and it will always be enough to get us in. The question then becomes what can I do to get this love and mercy and the answer is nothing. God's love and mercy are free gifts. We just need to accept them. However, in accepting God's gifts we still need to decide what we are going to do, not so we can get in to his kingdom, but in answer to receiving his gifts.

As with all God's gifts we need to use them. It does us no good to store them up. In fact, if we just store them away, they can bog us down like an overburdened camel or we lose them like food that spoils or clothes that no longer fit. The best that we can do is to use God's gifts. We can show love and mercy to everyone and share the gifts we have been given. Then when we finally get to the Kingdom we can enter through the narrow gate, the price already paid, and unburdened from our unused gifts.

Peace,
Fr. Larry

## Feast of St. Michael the Archangel - September 29, 2021

Parishioners joined the St. Michael's Chapter of the Knights of Columbus as well as first responders for an evening liturgy at St. Michael. Fr. Larry extended a blessing at the end of the liturgy to all first responders, which included, police officers, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, EMTs and all others who are on the front lines

October 24, the Archdiocese of Chicago is celebrating the opening of the process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, which will take place in October 2023. The theme of this synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Every parish, and indeed all the faithful, are encouraged to pray for the preparation of the Synod.

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# Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
# To Support People with Intellectual Disabilities

Each year our Knights of Columbus don their familiar yellow aprons for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive in support of people with Intellectual Disabilities. The Knights are at it again and plan to be at all the St. Michael Masses the weekend of October 9 and 10 to collect your donations and distribute tootsie rolls. Funds collected at St. Michael will go to support Misericordia programs in the Chicago area.

You can also choose to contribute online by clicking on the images or by scanning the QR code.

Please donate today or at the collection. And be sure to say hello to the folks in yellow aprons outside church on October 9 and 10!

## Feast of All Saints - November 1
## Mass in Church at 8:00 AM

## Feast of All Souls - November 2
## Masses in Church at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints — that is those recognized in the canon of saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead. The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned. Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became the holy day of obligation by decree by Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

## Why do we light candles for the dead?

Catholics light candles for the dead as an act of remembrance or as a prayer for their souls. They can light candles at any time; however, death anniversaries and All Souls' Day are particularly popular dates to light candles in prayer for the dead. November 2nd is set aside by many Christians to commemorate those whom have died.

This year, the parish has ordered memorial candles that will have the name of our departed loved one inscribed on them. These candles will be lit on November 2nd, and they will burn for six days. For more information, or to place your order, please see the sacristan after Mass in the back of church, or call the parish office. Orders of 4 or more candles can be placed through our online giving program.

The suggested offering for each candle is $5.00

Pets and their humans for a blessing on Friday, Oct 1

# SIGHTS & SOUNDS GALA
# Financial Recap

| | |
|---|---|
| Income | |
| Ticket Sales | $19,200 |
| Auction Proceeds | $24,297 |
| Donations (general) | $16,615 |
| Sponsorship | $2,500 |
| Expenses | |
| Union League | ($24,000) |
| Printing/Postage | ($1,001) |
| Entertainment | ($4,500) |
| Misc Expenses | ($5,453) |
| Gala Net Proceeds | $27,658 |
| Raffle Proceeds | $7,640 |
| Stand Up and Be Counted Proceeds (Restricted) | $36,050 |
| | |
| **Operational Fund for Maintenance of the Parish** | **$35,298** |
| **Restricted for Organ Repairs and Video Equipment** | **$36,050** |
| **TOTAL FUNDS RAISED** | **$71,348** |

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# Upcoming Events

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**All Saints and All Souls Candles**
See bulleting for more information

**Turkey and Hunger Drive**
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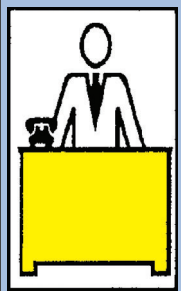

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WHY IS IT?

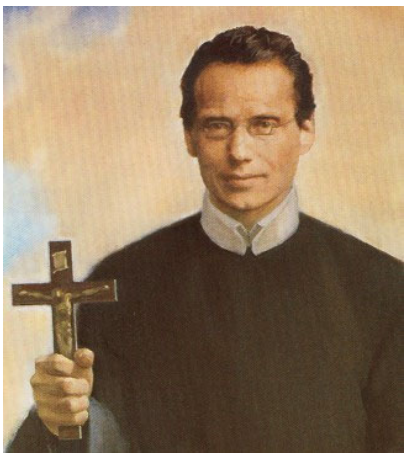
## Saint Gerard Majella, CSsR — October 16

Gerard Majella was born in Muro Lucano in southern Italy on April 6, 1726, in a gamily of humble circumstances. From his parents, Gerard learned the love of prayer and sacrifice. When his father died, Gerard, being the only boy, had to provide for his family by working as a tailer. At the age of fourteen he sought to enter the Capuchin friary but was rejected because of his delicate health. After a short time as a domestic servant of the bishop of Lacedonia, he returned to tailoring, but with minimal income.

In April of 1749, with utter tenacity, he succeeded in getting himself accepted by the Redemptorists who had preached a popular mission in Muro. After a trial period and a year of novitiate in the house at Deliceto, he made his religious profession on July 16, 1752. He was very observant of the rule, while at the same time going about the surrounding countryside to collect money for the material needs of the community. His presence to people, who were weighed down by poverty and illiteracy, and at the mercy of epidemics and crop failures, was seen as a sign of home. Gerard had a deep empathy for them and gave to all a testimony to trust in the love and compassion of God.

During his hive years as a lay brother in the Congregation, he was remarkable for his apostolic zeal, his patience in sickness, his love for the poor, his deep humility in the face of false accusation, heroic obedience, his spirit of penance and his constancy in prayer. He wrote numerous letters of spiritual direction and a "Rule of Life." The Lord favored him with numerous spiritual gifts, among which were prophecy, the reading go people's hears, and the gift of miracles. He died in Materdomini (Avellino) on October 16, 1755.

He was beatified by Leo XIII on January 29, 1893, and canonized by Pius X on December 11, 1904. Remembered among the people for his love for them, he is especially invoked as patron for mothers, particularly in time of pregnancy and for their infants.

## Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, CSsR — October 4

Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Fussen, Bavaria, on January 11, 1819. He studied philosophy at the University of Munich and began theology as a seminarian for the diocesan clergy. After visiting the Redemptorist in Altotting, where he heard of their missionary work in North America, he decided to join them. With their approval, he was sent off for the United States in 1843 where he made his novitiate. He made his profession in Baltimore in May 1844 and was ordained a priest there in December. His first assignment was to St. Philomena's in Pittsburgh where he served for six years as assistant pastor with (Saint) John Neumann as pastor and superior of the community. He then served as superior of the community for three more years. During this time, he was also the novice master. In 1854, he was appointed pastor of St. Alphonsus in Baltimore, and in 1857 pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul in Cumberland as well as prefect of students there and in 1862 in Annapolis, Maryland. Replaced as prefect of students, he preached missions in German and English throughout the Northeast and Midwest United States. Father Seelos was always an active and highly successful missioner - particularly devoted to the confessional - and was revered as an exceptional confessor and spiritual director. After a year as assistant pastor in St. Mary's in Detroit, in 1866 he was assigned to the parish of the Assumption in New Orleans, Louisiana as pastor. There he made a great effort to care for the poor, sick and neglected. While care for victims of yellow fever, he contracted the disease himself. Only a year after being assigned, he died in New Orleans on October 4, 1867. Francis Seelos was beatified in 2000.