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28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of October 11 - 19, 2025

Saturday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope; BVM
9:00 AM - Chapel
Megan & Ben Kesler
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
Peter & Annette Chemello

Sunday, October 12

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† Danny White
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Johnson Family
7:00 PM - Church
† Kovac Family

Monday, October 13

8:00 AM - Chapel
Fathers Mass League

Tuesday, October 14

St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
8:00 AM - Church
Foundation Fund Members
12:00 PM - Church
† Justine Price

Wednesday, October 15

St. Teresa de Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Adolfo Flores

Thursday, October 16

St. Hedwig, Religious Saint, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
St. Gerard Majella, C.Ss.R.
8:00 AM - Chapel
Derek Schulze

Friday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Joe Stucker, Jr.

Saturday, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist
9:00 AM - Chapel
† Kay Leiting
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
† Justine Price

Sunday, October 19

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† Mary A. Fitzgerald
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Carl E. Mathews
7:00 PM - Church
† Gregovich Family

Wedding Banns

III - October 17, 2025

Dana Humen
Ben Eddingfield

II - October 25, 2025

Ellen Banach
Peter Aksamit

III - October 18, 2025

Colleen Collins
Joseph Messer

I - November 1, 2025

Aileen Mallon
Joseph Cahill

II - October 24, 2025

Megan DeVault
Ross Lazar



The Church Welcomes The Newly Baptized

Louis Marius Berenz
Son of Joseph and Annamaria Berenz

The Parish wishes to congratulate the parents and godparents. We as a parish family pledge our support and prayers as they grow with us in living out the Christian message.

What is a Mass Intention?

Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose.

St. Michael Church offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. To request a mass intention for your loved ones, please stop by our Parish office or call 312-642-2498.

Monday, October 13th

The parish office will be closed.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael Parish, anchored in faith, rejoicing in hope, and burning with charity, nurtures a personal connection with God, and our surrounding community.

Through our ministry, we seek to provide a sanctuary where all are welcome within our historic and inspiring church.

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary, a prayer that has served as a beacon of hope, a source of comfort, and a mighty weapon for believers throughout history.

This devotion is not only deeply rooted in Marian apparitions but also commemorates significant victories and reflects the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us explore the origins and significance of this timeless prayer.




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Prayer Requests



Pastor's Note - Who are the Lepers in our Lives?



Who are the Lepers in our Lives? In the readings today we hear two stories of people being cleansed of leprosy. Leprosy still exists in our day. We know it now as Hansen's disease and it is curable. In ancient times a person who had leprosy had to remove themselves from the community and could not get near

anyone because they thought the disease was contagious. While it is contagious, it does not spread very easily. Also, any skin condition was thought to be leprosy and the person was ousted until their skin was healed.

This may seem like a cruel treatment of someone who was ill, but in order to protect the community these people needed to be separated. Having just gone through a pandemic we realize the importance of this separation. When Jesus healed the 10 men of leprosy in the Gospel, he not only cured them but restored them to society. Except for the Samaritan who was still not accepted in the Jewish society. The Samaritan stayed and thanked the one who did accept him, Jesus.

While the disease of leprosy does not separate us from others as much today, there are many things that do. AIDS, mental disease, COVID, and homelessness can be seen as modern leprosy that separates people from society. Some people even place people who smoke into this category because smokers are pushed outside and away from other people, so they won't contaminate the non-smokers.

Think about who you may be treating as a leper today. Are we being called to reach out to these people to cure them and bring them back into society? And if we can't cure them, what can we do to help?

Maybe we are the leper today, are we calling out to Jesus to be cured?

In either case, let us as God to help us to be aware of those people who are being separated from others and do what we can to help them.

Peace,

Fr. Larry

Our generous appreciation to everyone who celebrated the Feast of Archangels with us!

The Feast Day Mass and Fiesta last week, September 28 honoring Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, was truly a profound expression of the Catholic belief in the unity of heaven and earth. The Mass celebrated by Father Ed Vella, concelebrated with Father Michael Hoang, was a solemn yet joyful reminder of the roles the Archangels play in the history of salvation. St. Michael's Schola Cantorum led the faithful to a very personal prayerful experience. Our special thanks to our guest soloist Geoffrey Agpalo, from Chicago Lyric Opera, who joined the choir to sing Manila Cathedral's "Pinagpala Ka Maria" during the Mass.

After the Mass, guests were treated to a traditional Filipino lunch~ lechon (roasted pig), pansit (rice noodles), adobong manok (vinegar stewed chicken), lumpia (egg rolls), and pandesal (salted bread). Desserts were bountiful: puto (rice cakes), turon (banana fritters) and freshly made shaved ice with coconut jelly and ube ice cream known as halo-halo. More than just a party, a fiesta is a communal feast and festival, with deep roots in traditions and the Catholic faith. *Fiestas are a testament to Filipino resilience, generosity, and the powerful bonds of family and community.*

Such a generous feast for over 500 guests wouldn't have been made possible if not for our generous benefactors and dedicated volunteers and friends (listed below). We offer special thanks to Alderman Timmy Knudsen for stopping by to support our community event and parish mission.

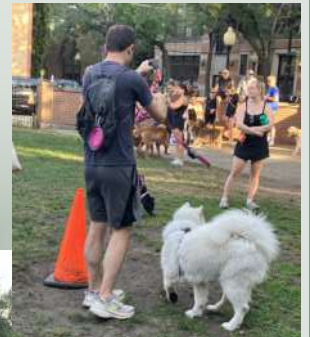
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And to St Michael's parishioners for sharing this day with us: **Maraming Salamat Po!**
Thank you very much!

Sincerely,
Mariel Salazar-Saenger



Dogs & Dogs and Pet Blessings October 3, 2025



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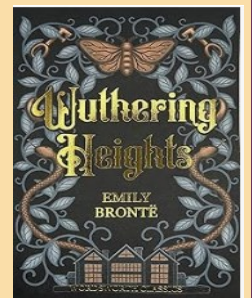
St. Michael's Book Club

Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Parish Center for a discussion of *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë. This celebrated classic is known for its passionate and destructive love story between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, set against the desolate Yorkshire moors. The novel explores themes of love, revenge, social class and the supernatural, following the turbulent lives of the Earnshaw and Linton families across two generations. Snacks and beverages will be available.

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What is a Lector?



This ministry may also be called "reader", or "proclaimer of the Word."

A lector is the person who proclaims the first or second reading at Mass. This person also may lead the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. A lector must have the qualifications listed on page 3 and have a desire to minister in this capacity at the eucharistic liturgy. This ministry in the Church requires a person who is of excellent character, and serious about the practice of their faith. the lector must believe that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God and have a deep respect for God's presence in that Word.

How does a person become a lector? Pastors propose candidates for delegation as lectors on the basis of objective pastoral need. Lectors should be carefully chosen based on their skills in proclamation, their willingness to complete formation in this ministry, and their evidence of a deep spirituality.

What is an Usher?



A church usher is a person who helps ensure a smoothly running church service and who ministers

to people in a variety of practical ways. The specific responsibilities of an usher vary with the church, but his duties usually include greeting people as they arrive for the service, assisting people with special needs, and collecting the offering.

As the churchgoers arrive, the ushers will act as doorkeepers, greeting each person with a smile, shaking hands, and handing out bulletins. They are also available to answer visitors' questions and extend extra help to those who need assistance.

Although the position of "usher" is not mentioned in the Bible, ushers today provide an invaluable service to the local church body. In many ways, the ushers are the "face" of the church, the first ones that people see when they arrive and the last ones they see as they leave. An usher must be friendly, honest, and willing to serve. It is an honorable position in the church, requiring integrity, cordiality, and wisdom.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 19, 2025

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday and our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. This year's theme, Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples, reminds us of the message of this Jubilee Year. Let us reflect on our common call, as the community of the baptized, to share the love of God with everyone. Your generous donations given in the World Mission Sunday collection will support the efforts of countless missionaries in 1,124 areas where the church is young, poor or persecuted. Let us build a communion of prayer and action.

World Mission Sunday
 Second Collection
 Weekend of October 18 -19

St. Gerard Majella, C.Ss.R. October 16

Redemptorist Brother St. Gerard Majella is one of the most popular saints in history. He is mostly known as the patron of expectant mothers. He was a very joyful person who could make the saddest people happy.

He was born at Muro, Italy, in 1726 and was the son of a tailor who died when Gerard was twelve, leaving the family in poverty. His mother then sent him to her brother so that he could teach Gerard how to sew and help with the business. He tried to join the Capuchin order, but his health prevented it. At the age of 23, the Redemptorists came to town and preached a large mission. He followed them and joined the missionary group.

He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women. He had the faculties of levitation and bi-location associated with certain mystics. His charity, obedience, and selfless service, as well as his ceaseless mortification for Christ, made him a model. He loved to be like Jesus Crucified, and never turned down an opportunity for penance.

This great saint is invoked as a patron of expectant mothers as a result of miracles effected through his prayers for women in labor. He was once falsely accused of sexual abuse by a jealous young lady, who recanted months later on her deathbed, and St. Gerard was cleared.

However, he suffered greatly during that period.

He was reputed to have bilocation and read consciences. His last will consisted of a small note on the door of his room saying, "Here the will of God is done, as God wills, and as long as God wills."

He died of tuberculosis at the age of 29 on October 16, 1755. He was canonized a saint on December 11, 1904, by Pope Pius X. Visit the altar of St. Gerard in the museum chapel at the back of St. Michael's Church.

-Fr. Ed Vella, C.Ss.R.



Sunday Mass Schedule
 Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil
 Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 Chapel at 8 AM

Saturday
 Chapel at 9 AM

Tuesday
 Church at 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions
 Tuesday after Daily Masses

Confessions
 Tuesday 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM
 Saturday 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM
 Sunday 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Eucharistic Adoration
 Sunday 6:00 PM

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