

All Are Welcome, All Belong - August 2, 2026




ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
— IN OLD TOWN —

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20



St. Alphonsus Liguori

September 27, 1696 –
August 1, 1787

Patron Saint of moral theologians, confessors, the poor, vocations, and those suffering from arthritis

Founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732

St. Alphonsus Liguori devoted his life to bringing God's mercy to souls, especially the poor and spiritually neglected.

Born in 1696 to a noble family near Naples, Italy, Alphonsus showed remarkable intelligence from childhood. He mastered several languages, excelled in music and philosophy, and earned doctorates in civil and canon law at age 16. He quickly became a respected lawyer, but worldly success did not satisfy his deeper call from God.

After unexpectedly losing an important legal case in 1723, he recognized the event as a turning point in his life. He withdrew from his legal career and dedicated himself entirely to God. Despite strong opposition from his family, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained at age 30.

As a priest, Alphonsus focused his ministry on the poor, laborers, and those living in remote areas around Naples. Troubled by the spiritual neglect he witnessed, he established the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer, or Redemptorists, to minister to the abandoned and forgotten.

St. Alphonsus also became one of the Church's most influential theologians and spiritual writers. His works emphasized compassion in the confessional and encouraged priests to guide souls patiently, helping sinners trust in God's forgiveness. Among his many writings, Moral Theology, The Glories of Mary, and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament became enduring classics of Catholic spirituality.

In 1762, Alphonsus was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata de' Goti. Though reluctant to accept the position, he faithfully served his diocese while enduring severe physical suffering in his later years. Bent and weakened by illness, he continued praying, writing, and encouraging others until his death on August 1, 1787.

Pope Gregory XVI canonized him in 1839, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. St. Alphonsus remains a model of pastoral charity, theological wisdom, and unwavering confidence in God's mercy.



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Pastor's Note: Jesus Provides



In today's gospel we hear the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish and Jesus feeding the 5,000 men plus women and children. In the past, I have had to host dinners of around 300 people, but I can't imagine what the logistics are like to feed 10,000+ would be. So, the idea that Jesus could feed that many people at once and do it with so

little is a miracle. Obviously, the apostles did not believe it to be possible either. But to get caught up in the physical problems of the story would be to miss the deeper meaning; that Jesus filled with pity, wants to take care of us.

Jesus will take what we have and make it enough, but not only enough, more than enough for us. For the miracle to happen though, the apostles had to do two things first, they had to give all they had to eat and they had to trust Jesus. Jesus was asking them to give up all they had to eat themselves and give it to the people. From a purely physical sense, this would seem like a waste of food, because, although it may have been enough to feed them, it would never be enough to give even 10% of them a mouthful. So, Jesus asking them to give up what little they had would have seem ridiculous. The apostles then had to trust, that if they gave what they needed to survive to the people, that Jesus would somehow provide for them.

What does this mean for us? Do we trust Jesus enough that he will provide? Do we try to save a little back incase Jesus does not come through? What about the things he does provide, are we satisfied? It may not be the brand we like, or the color, or even our favorite flavor. Do we even see the things that he sends us or are we looking for something else? Are we using what he sends effectively? Do we waste it? Sometimes we even take it for granted; we have enough and we can always get more.

Jesus provided for the people out of his love for them, but he also asked the apostles to give too. In the end there was enough for everyone and plenty left over. Let's trust Jesus to provide for us too.

Peace,

Fr. Larry



WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AS ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS

Elizabeth Dobrzynski
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Kristan Vaughan
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Anita Hickey
Jenna Hanson

New Parishioner Registration

We look forward to having you join us as a registered parishioner. All new families can register by calling the parish office at 312-642-2498 or by going to our website at www.st-mikes.org.



Gospel

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

We Pray and Remember

Angelica Salazar
Joe Farago
Mary Rose
Carol Christiansen
Jack McGrury
Dino Mark
Angela Luby
Abby Sapita
Tom Blasczyk
Serena Pope
Deacon Tim McCormick
Virn Rose

Prayer Requests

Maria Rodriguez



Prayer to St. Alphonsus Liguori

The prayer below can be said as a novena for 9 days

Prayer for a cure

Glorious St. Alphonsus, loving Father of the poor and sick, all your life you devoted yourself with a charity really heroic to lightening their spiritual and bodily miseries. Full of confidence in your tender pity for the sick, since you yourself have patiently borne the cross of illness, I come to you for help in my present need (mention it). Loving Father of the suffering, St. Alphonsus, whom I invoke as the arthritis Saint, since you have suffered from this disease in your lifetime, look with compassion upon me I my suffering.

Beg God, to give me good health. If it is not God's will to cure me, then give me strength to bear my cross patiently and to offer my sufferings in union with my Crucified Savior and His Mother of Sorrow, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, in reparation for my sins and those of others, for the needs of his troubled world, and for the souls in purgatory.

Our Father...Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Alphonsus, patron of the sick, pray for me. Amen

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of August 1– 9, 2026

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM—Chapel

† Matther Kummer

5 PM – Church—Sunday Vigil Mass

† Marianne Gilcrest

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Church

Nieves Santana

The People of the Parish

11:00 AM – Church

Nives Santana

7:00 PM – Church

Nieves Santana

Monday, August 3

8:00 AM – Chapel

† Kay Leiting

Tuesday, August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM – Church

† Paul Steingraeber

12:00 PM – Church

† Justine Price

Wednesday, August 5

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:00 AM – Chapel

Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM – Chapel

† Sandy Marinello

Friday, August 7

St. Cajetan, Priest

8:00 AM – Chapel

† David LeRoy Johnson, Jr.

Saturday, August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

9:00 AM—Chapel

† Daniel Kummer

5 PM – Church—Sunday Vigil Mass

† Kelli Murphy

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Church

Deacon Tim McCormick

The People of the Parish

11:00 AM – Church

† Steven Breckel

7:00 PM – Church

Myrna Rosete & Kristofer Swanson

Wedding Banns

III - August 8, 2026

Catherine Lenti and Tyrone Clark

II - August 14, 2026

Kelly Fornarelli and John George

II - August 14, 2026

Amy Altenberger and Charles McElvain

II– August 15, 2026

Molly Thornton and Logan Sander

I - August 20, 2026

Caroline Bergonia and Christopher Swade

I - August 22, 2026

Monica Schusler and Phillip Bogusz



The Church Welcomes the Newly Baptized

John Ford Keegan

Son of Sean and Grace Keegan

Cole Jaxon Carr

Son of Brice and Meghan Carr

Irene DePeter

Daughter of Connor and Elizabeth DePeter

Georgia Hartlieb

Daughter of Michael and Leah Hartlieb

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.

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.




FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

Create new friends. Grow in faith.

7 PM | Parish Center 2nd Floor

EVERY OTHER MONDAY
Next Meeting **AUGUST 10TH!**

TOPIC: **The Immaculate Conception**

BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES
GROUP DISCUSSIONS
AND MORE!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY
AT: EBETZ@ST-MIKES.ORG





SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION
of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY MASS

 **SATURDAY,**
AUGUST 15TH

 **9:00 AM**

 **MASS IN
THE CHURCH**

 Music will be
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MARIAN HYMNS

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This Week on Formed



A STUDY OF
Sacred Art
The Transfiguration
BY RAFFAELLO SANZIO

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



Religious Education Registration is NOW OPEN

Sharing the richness and beauty of our Catholic faith is one of the most important things we can do for our children. Thank you for letting us be part of your family's faith journey through our Religious Education program. Registrations for our next year of Religious Education are now open.

**There is a discount for early-bird registrations,
now until August 10th**

For more information, please contact
Info@st-mikes.org



Our Mission Co-op 2026 Appeal at St. Michael's Parish

Diocese of Kitui – Kenya, East Africa

When Bishop Joseph Mwangela was consecrated and installed as Bishop of Kitui, his emphasis was on two main pillars; vocations and self-reliance. This is because the number of Christian in the diocese is growing as well as the pastoral demands. This demands many priests to cater for the missing gaps. Currently, we have 75 active Diocesan Priests and seminarians.

We are empowering our Christians so that we may make initiatives toward self-reliance. This will help us in promoting human standards and facilitate our pastoral efforts.

This year, we wish to focus our efforts in the following areas:

- ♦ School fees our sixty (60) seminarians
- ♦ Youth and pontifical missionary childhood formation and evangelization
- ♦ Humanitarian support to vulnerable children and families
- ♦ School fees for needy students
- ♦ Support to our water, health and agriculture projects
- ♦ Support to St. John Eudes Rehabilitation Centre.

Fr. George Marete will be talking about the mission in Kutui after all Masses on the weekend of August 8th & 9th.

We are requesting your assistance to support the diocese as we share with you in the journey of faith and struggle that is our life here.

ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKENDS!

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S 2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 1ST - AUGUST 9TH

SHOP FOR SUPPLIES

- **Shop & Drop:** Shop sales & drop off supplies to St. Michael's **in the donation boxes in the back of the Church (July 18th to August 9th).**
- **Online:** Use the QR codes to access our Amazon & Staples Wishlists.

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DONATE

- **Gift Cards:** Purchase a gift card through St. Michael's & Office Depot's "Cash Back to Schools" program at the Parish Office.
- **Cash Donations:** Drop off a check at the Parish Office or use the Give Central QR code.

GIVE CENTRAL



Highest Need Items

Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, Glue Sticks, Dry Erase Markers, Highlighters, Spiral Notebooks, and Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf Paper.

VOLUNTEER

- Help pack & deliver supplies the week of August 17, 2026 by signing up on the Hearth App

Thank you for sharing your blessings and empowering children in our community with the gift of education.

Mission Co-op Kitui Kenya



Fr George Marete
Ordination, 1994

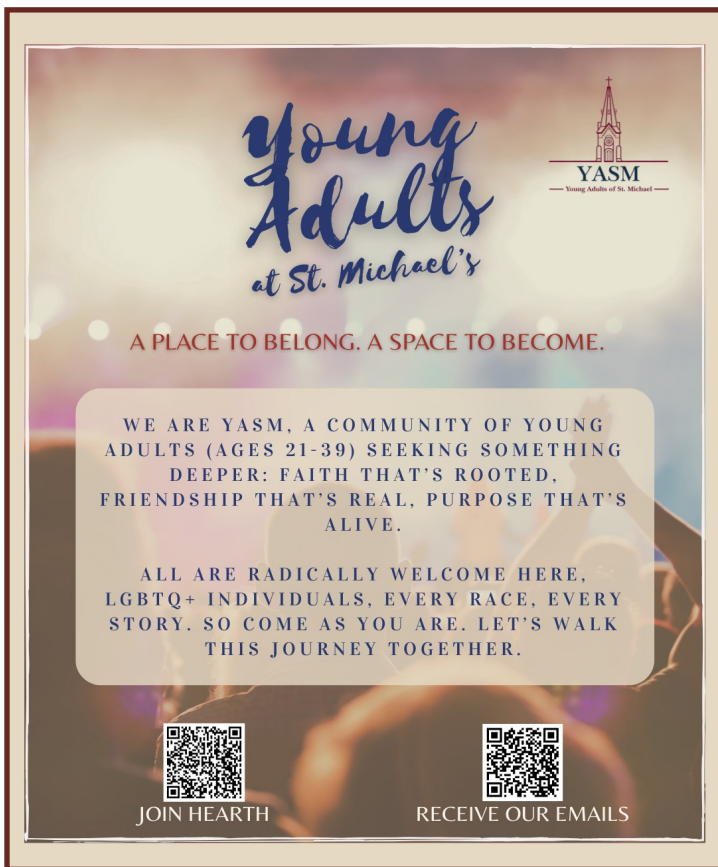
Parish: Pastor at St Augustine's parish
nguutani-Kitui Kenya

Education: Degree in Theology, Masters
Degree in Education

Family: Fourth borne in a family of five

A second collection will be taken after Fr. Marete's talk on the weekend of August 8th & 9th.

Please make checks payable to St. Michael and add "Mission Co-op" to the memo line.



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UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRY

Make sandwiches for the homeless with friends! RSVP required.
August 15, 2026 | 9:30 AM
1711 N. Cleveland Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

SAVE THE DATES

August is shaping up to be a good one. Here's everything on the calendar so you can plan ahead:

Faith Aflame Summer Cookout

Thursday, August 13th, 6 PM - Parish Lawn

Good food, good people, good vibes on the lawn. It's a potluck, so bring something to share!

Uncle Pete's Ministry

Saturday, August 15th, 9:30am, Parish Center

600 sandwiches. 300 meals. 300 grateful people.

Confirmation + Beer & Brats

Friday, August 22nd, 5 PM in Church

Come celebrate our newly Confirmed, then stick around for brats and beers on the parish lawn afterward.

A great way to welcome new family!

kindly RSVP, bring your friends,

and let's make it a great month.



FAITH AFLAME SUMMER COOKOUT

THURSDAY
13 AUGUST, 2026
6 PM
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INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Saint Michael in Old Town

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Discover Catholicism

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you feel called to explore a deeper relationship with God within the Catholic Church? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming process for adults who wish to inquire about Catholicism, prepare for the sacraments, or become full members of the Catholic Church.

What is OCIA?

OCIA is a journey of faith, prayer, and community. It is designed for:

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Christians baptized in another tradition who wish to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation

Through OCIA, participants learn about Catholic beliefs, traditions, and practices, and are supported by a community of faith as they discern their spiritual path.

What to Expect

- **Weekly Sessions:** Gather with others to explore Scripture, Church teachings, and the meaning of the sacraments.
- **Personal Reflection:** Opportunities for prayer, discussion, and personal growth.
- **Community Support:** Sponsors and parish members accompany you on your journey.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Guidance and preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Who Can Join? OCIA is open to all adults who are curious about Catholicism, regardless of background or previous religious experience. There is no obligation to join the Church—OCIA is a process of exploration and discernment..

How to Get Started

- Contact the parish office or OCIA coordinator to express your interest.
- Attend an initial inquiry session to learn more about the process.
- Meet others who are on a similar journey of faith.

Who Can Join?

If you feel drawn to explore Catholicism or are seeking a spiritual home, consider joining OCIA. All are welcome to inquire, learn, and grow in faith.

How to Get Started

- **Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic to join OCIA?** No. OCIA is a process of inquiry and discernment. Participation does not require a commitment to join the Church.
- **How long does OCIA take?** The process typically follows the liturgical year, culminating at Easter, but the timeline can be adapted to individual needs.
- **Can I bring a friend or family member?** Yes. Support from loved ones is encouraged.

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

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

Or by appointment (312) 642-2498

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday 6:00 PM

Baptisms

www.st-mikes.org/baptism

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Funerals

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Weddings

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Fridays 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM

Saturdays 12:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM

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Wedding Coordinator

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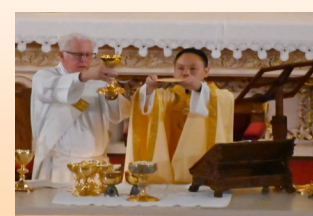
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