

All Are Welcome, All Belong - August 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE CAME TOWARD
THEM WALKING ON
THE SEA.



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
— IN OLD TOWN —

— MATTHEW 14:26 —


 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
 SEVERAL OF OUR
 FAVORITE
 MARIAN HYMNS

All Are Welcome, All Belong
 AT ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN



Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1950, stipulating that “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” (Munificentissimus Deus 44).

What exactly does that dogmatic definition mean? As regards the Assumption, it means that—unlike each of us at the end of our “earthly life”—Mary never experienced the separation of body and soul. Her body and soul are both in heaven.

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.



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 Fr. Pete Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

Prayer Requests



Pastor's Note: Have a Little Faith



In today's Gospel, Jesus calls to Peter, “O you of little faith.” Personally, I think it took tremendous faith even to take the first step out of the boat, let alone walk several steps on the water. If Peter's faith allowed him to take a few steps on the water, then my faith must be lacking because I have yet to take one step on water.

However, it is not good to compare one's faith to another and their abilities because that is not how faith is measured.

Faith cannot be measured in a measuring cup, or even by weight. Faith is measured by how well you trust in God in the situations that you are in. It is not good to compare ourselves to others, because we will have the faith we need, to do what God calls us to do in life. So, when Jesus told Peter that he had little faith, he was telling him that he did not have faith, but the faith he did have was being overwhelmed by other concerns. God gives each of us enough faith to follow Him, but we let other things get in the way of that faith and we lose sight of God.

So how do we get more faith? By using the faith that God gives us to overcome the obstacles that try to block us from God. Cares of the world, despair, loneliness, and other things that cause us to look away from God and feel sorry for ourselves cause us to stop using the faith that God gave us. Trust, love, caring for others, and doing things that help us reach out of ourselves, cause us to use the faith that we have and it will grow.

Faith is one of those things that if you don't use it, you lose it. Let's ask God to help us use our faith and help it grow.

Peace,

Fr. Larry

Gospel

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Mt 14:31)

**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of August 8 – 16, 2026**

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

Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 AM – Chapel

† Esther Palamone

Tuesday, August 11

St. Clair, Virgin

8:00 AM – Church

Fathers Mass League

12:00 PM – Church

† Milce Nowak

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 AM – Chapel

Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, August 13

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 AM – Chapel

† Jo Leiting

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 AM – Chapel

Megan Dino

Saturday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM—Church

† Sophia D'Antoine

5 PM – Church—Sunday Vigil Mass

† Robert Caston

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Church

Carolina Rose-Avila

The People of the Parish

11:00 AM – Church

† Consuelo Diez

7:00 PM – Church

† Emmett Steele

Wedding Banns

III - August 14, 2026

Kelly Fornarelli and John George

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Amy Altenberger and Charles McElvain

III– August 15, 206

Molly Thornton and Logan Sander

II - August 20, 2026

Caroline Bergonia and Christopher Swade

II - August 22, 2026

Monica Schusler and Phillip Bogusz

I – August 28, 2026

Olyvia Gryzik and John Flaherty

I - August 29, 2026

Morgan Lukert and Tomas Geoly



What is a Mass Intention? Remembering Loved Ones

Have you noticed that every Mass said here at St. Michael is offered for a special intention? The entire congregation prays for that intention during the petitions (Prayers of the Faithful) when we say, “For those whom have died, and for the intention of this Mass: (name of who the intention is for).”

Masses are often offered for family, friends, and relatives that have died. Praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Offering a Mass for someone who has died is an especially comforting gesture to the family. Mass can also be offered to commemorate joyful occasions and to give thanks to God for blessings received.

The suggested offering for a Mass is \$10 per intention. However, any amount that you would like to offer is acceptable. You may request a Mass intention by visiting the parish office during office hours or by calling 312-642-2498.

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.

Important Clarification from Fr. Ed Vella, C.Ss.R.

As the Superior of the local Redemptorist Community residing at St. Michael's, I wish to make an important clarification regarding the recent excommunication of a group that calls itself the "Transalpine Redemptorists" because the name can easily be confused with the legitimate Redemptorist Congregation to which we belong.

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.), commonly known as "The Redemptorists", founded by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori in 1732, is a worldwide religious congregation of Redemptorist priests and brothers and deacons. We have a General Government in Rome and provinces throughout the world. Our members profess the Redemptorist Constitutions and live the mission of proclaiming plentiful redemption.

The group now commonly called the "Transalpine Redemptorists" has as an official title the "Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer (F.SS.R.)". They originated in 1988 as a community separate from the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and were initially associated with the traditionalist movement connected with the Society of St. Pius X. They reconciled with the Holy See for a short time but were never part of the canonical structure of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.), nor under the authority of the Redemptorist Superior General.

Their monastery is located on Papa Stronsay, one of the Orkney Islands in Scotland, where they established the monastery known as Golgotha Monastery. They share devotion to the same Redemptorist saints, especially St. Alphonsus, and draw from Redemptorist spirituality. They use imagery, traditions, devotional practices, and symbols associated with the Redemptorist heritage.

On July 25, 2026, the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer (Transalpine Redemptorists) consecrated as bishop one of their own, Fr. Michael Mary, at their monastery on Papa Stronsay, Scotland, without a papal mandate. This act was performed by bishops who reject the legitimacy of the modern papacy since Vatican Council II and in May 2026, officially denied the validity of Pope Leo XIV. The consecration was condemned as an act of schism by Catholic Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen, Scotland. The Vatican had already been investigating the group for canonical violations. In short, the unauthorized bishop consecration took place on July 25, 2026, marking a formal break (excommunication) from the Catholic Church in the eyes of Rome and the Diocese of Aberdeen.

The important point is: The recent excommunication does not involve the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.), commonly known as "The Redemptorists". The worldwide Redemptorist Congregation remains a separate institute in communion with the Holy See. Our Redemptorist Congregation, founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori in 1732, arrived in the USA in 1832 and has staffed St. Michael's in Old Town since 1860. Feel free to divulge this clarification.

Thank you !



Redemptorist Local Superior
St. Michael, Chicago



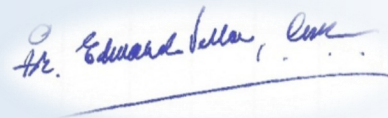
Thank You to Seminarian William Pasold, C.Ss.R.

Dear Saint Michael Family,

Since mid-June Redemptorist seminarian William Pasold has been living with the Redemptorist community. He will soon begin his third year of theological studies at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. He lives with his fellow seminarians at the Redemptorist formation community at St. Gerard Parish in San Antonio. William has been a joy at St. Michael's. He's been very involved and helpful in our parish since he arrived. He participates in daily Mass, most of the weekend Masses and assists as a greeter, server, and Eucharistic minister and has given some reflections at devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. He has also worked with Jonathan Zeng on some outdoor projects, such as the sprucing up of our landscaping and gardens. In the Redemptorist residence he has been most helpful in general cleaning and grocery shopping for the community. He is the first one to jump at the opportunity to wash dishes after our evening meals.

For two weeks now he has been enrolled in advanced English classes at UNAM on Erie Street in Chicago. On August 20th William will be returning to San Antonio to continue his last two years of theology studies. He will not be present at St Michael's on the weekend of August 15th and 16th because he will be participating in the Perpetual vows ceremony of seminarian Scott Partin in Minneapolis. So this weekend of August 8th and 9th, we wish to thank him for his blessed presence. If you have a chance before or after Masses this weekend let him know how much we appreciate him. William is a native Brazilian and being away from his family has not been easy but he belongs to the Redemptorist family which includes not only the priests at St. Michael's, but you as well!

Thank you, William, and go with God.





TRIUMPH *of the* HEART

Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

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Serenity

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.



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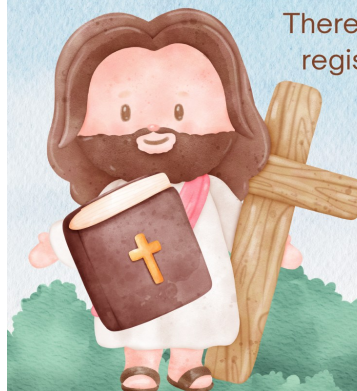
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Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or hear
Your voice, sustain me.

When I don't see the path ahead, guide me.
When I don't know the next step, support me.
In every day and in every moment,
be my strength.
Amen.

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Our Mission Co-op 2026 Appeal at St. Michael's Parish - August 8th & 9th

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.

Thank you for
your generosity!

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.



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

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Dogs on the Lawn

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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

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Tuesday after Daily Masses

Confessions

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Sunday 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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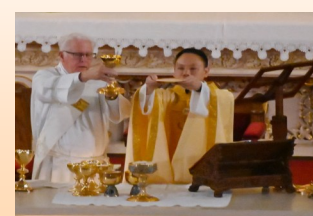
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