



ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Are Welcome, All Belong

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 AM - Chapel
Tuesday 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM - Church
Wednesday 8:00 AM - Chapel
Thursday 8:00 AM - Chapel
Friday 8:00 AM - Chapel

Confession

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 11:50 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM
Saturday 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM
Sunday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Other | By Appointment

Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesday after Daily Masses



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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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OUR MISSION

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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Who Is Jesus?

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do the people say that I am?" This was a very important question for the disciples to answer because not all the people saw Jesus the same way. The disciples answered Jesus by saying that he was John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the prophets. In other words, they did not see him as the Messiah who was to come, only the precursor of the Messiah, the one to announce that the Messiah was coming and to prepare the way. They saw Jesus as a prophet, as a miracle worker, a messenger of God, and a holy man just not the Messiah. And because they did not see him as the Messiah, the people did not have to follow his teaching.

Then Jesus turned the question to his disciples and Peter answers for the disciples that he is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." He sees Jesus as the anointed one of God and the Son of God. It seems that they finally understand. They had been following Jesus for almost three years and it began to sink in. Of course, it did not last because they still had their own ideas of what the Messiah should do. The idea that he should go to Jerusalem and die was out of the question. They knew that he was the Messiah, but they did not realize what that would mean for Jesus or for themselves.

Taking that question on ourselves, we need to ask who Jesus is for each of us individually. The way we answer that question will determine how we see Jesus acting in our lives, how we act toward him, and what we are expecting from him now and in the future. Do we see him around us every day or only on Sunday? Do we see him as the Savior who died to save us and assure our place in heaven but does not do much for us now? Do you answer his love by loving your neighbors or only your family and friends? We can't just answer, as Peter did, that he is our savior. We need to look at what our answer really means and how it will affect our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Larry



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Wedding Banns

III – August 28, 2026

Olyvia Gryzik and John Flaherty

III – August 29, 2026

Morgan Lukert and Tomas Geoly

II – September 3, 2026

Alexis Moody and Timothy Shaw

II – September 3, 2026

Danielle Greene and Oliver Eisenbeis

II – September 4, 2026

Carly Rascia and Benjamin Khoury

II – September 4, 2026

Anna M. Abrahamson and Sean M. Furman

II – September 5, 2026

Suzanne Hudson and Robert Aikens

I – September 11, 2026

Jenna Hanson and Grant Walsh

I – September 12, 2026

Jane Fox and Kipp Lykins

I – September 12, 2026

Abigail Bartolome and Eric Boumil

I – September 12, 2026

Kallin Hermann and Nicholas Iovino

JOIN US SUNDAY EVENINGS

EUCCHARIST ADORATION Benediction Mass

CONFESSIONS: 6 PM – 7 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 6 PM – 6:45 PM

BENEDICTION: 6:45 PM

MASS: 7 PM



THE CHURCH WELCOMES THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Louis Kenneth Linehan

Son of Sean J. and Cara L. Linehan

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.

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions

PRAYERS • 04

AUGUST 22– 30, 2026

Saturday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 AM — Church

Princess Montpelier

5 PM — Church — Sunday Vigil Mass

† Jeffrey Iovenelli

Sunday, August 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 AM — Church

† Otto William Olwig

The People of the Parish

11:00 AM — Church

† Jon Dunning and † Bob Caston

7 PM — Church

† Emmett Steele

Monday, August 24

St. Bartholomew Apostle

8 AM — Chapel

† Pete Sabo

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 AM — Church

† Mary Jane Reyes

12:00 PM — Church

† Justine Price

Wednesday, August 26

8 AM — Chapel

Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, August 27

St. Monica

8 AM — Chapel

† Barbara Leiting

Friday, August 28

St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop

8 AM — Chapel

† Patricia Orzano

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9 AM — Church

Mark Mann

5 PM — Church — Sunday Vigil Mass

† Jason Michael Brennen

Sunday, August 30

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 AM — Church

Frances Belmonte

The People of the Parish

11:00 AM — Church

† Gedas M. Grinis, MD

7 PM — Church

† Joseph Leiting



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Parishioners

Margaret Braschos

Kellar Harris

Debora Tesauero and Family

Catherine Cengel

Carol Sarli

Tony Sarli

Angelica Salazar

Joe Farago

Mary Rose

Carol Christiansen

Jack McGrury

Dino Mark

Angela Luby

Jerry Leatham

Maria Rodriguez

Barbara Ricco

Deacon Timothy and Linda McCormick

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 who 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.

Those Who Have Died

† Eugene Svagera

† Patricia Orzano

† Fred Bartlit, Jr.

† Wilfredo Vargas Carrillo



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GROW IN FAITH



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is for everyone.*



St. Michael
IN OLD TOWN

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass – and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

Faith and Friendship

Great new friends. Grow in faith.

7 PM | Parish Center, 2nd Floor. Every other Monday

New Meeting: August 24th

Board games, card games,
group discussions,
and more!

Topic: The Year of St. Francis

When hearts believe together, no distance is too far. - Anonymous.



INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
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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.

FAITH  AFLAME
Spiritual Growth through Scriptural Understanding

HOW DOES
GOD
SPEAK TO US?



SAVE THE DATES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22
6:15pm | St. Michael's Parish Center

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
6:15pm | St. Michael's Parish Center

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10
6:15pm | St. Michael's Parish Center

Next date: September 24th



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at St. Michael's



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ALL ARE RADICALLY WELCOME HERE, LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS, EVERY RACE, EVERY STORY. SO COME AS YOU ARE. LET'S WALK THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.



JOIN HEARTH



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First Saturday of Each Month
Next Brunch on Saturday,
September 5th, after the 9 AM Mass

Pay your own way

At the Table

with the Redemptorists

In our **monthly email newsletter**, the Redemptorists invite you to gather around the table for scripture reflections, stories from our confreres and seminarians, mission updates and more.



***St. Alphonsus Liguori is the founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of the Church.
His feast day is celebrated each year on August 1.***

Celebrating St. Alphonsus

Before he was a bishop or a Doctor of the Church, Alphonsus Liguori was a young priest walking along the street, looking for dirty, unwanted children. Alphonsus was a successful, brilliant lawyer, and his family commanded respect and power. But he gave it all up and spent his first years as a priest among the poorest and the homeless of the city. He went looking for them. He sat with them. He talked with them like they mattered, because they did. And slowly, he drew them into something more, something deeper; and that first walk along the streets of Naples became the Evening Chapels.



Fr. Michael Hoang,
C.Ss.R.

What I find so amazing is that Alphonsus and his fellow priests and brothers didn't run these evening chapels. The young people did. Alphonsus taught them, trained them, formed them, and then he stepped back and let them lead it. Each chapel grew into its own small world of prayer, teaching, community, and service to the poorest of the poor. And by the time Alphonsus died, there were seventy-two of these chapels. Over ten thousand active participants, concretely and visibly living their faith, all because the Redemptorists trusted the Spirit enough to hand over the reins.

This history is worth praying and reflecting on as we discern our ministry with and for young people. Alphonsus led with presence, meeting people where they were instead of where he thought they should be. And this was how everything started. The Redemptorist heart for the poor and the most abandoned was forged on the streets of Naples, among the young people everyone else had discarded. Maybe that's still the work in front of us. To show up. To walk with and to trust in the movement of the Spirit and watch even the smallest of seeds grow into grace upon grace.

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