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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel

11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Confession

(*Portuguese/ Brazilian*)

First Fridays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adoration Only

Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration

*Confession also available after most Masses
by appointment.*

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send ideas, talent, expertise or feedback to

PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org.

Note: this email is checked weekly and the PPC meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

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For Hudson neighbors in need of assistance.



Greetings, brothers and sisters. I'm often in awe of folks who have a way of saying hard things that need to be said without worrying about it too much – although even for them, I'm certain it's not always easy. Our daughter Jacqui is a nurse educator on an ICU unit at one of the major Boston hospitals. She's pretty smart when it comes to understanding complex medical issues. Sometimes she has to deal with medical staff who have competitive egos and may not be completely well-versed with all of the factors that can bear on a difficult patient's care. I've heard her stories about specialists 'waltzing in' and writing orders without completely studying a case. If left unchallenged, those orders can potentially have unhelpful side effects. Although some conversations can get a little heated, she's figured out how to calmly and effectively challenge poor directives and generate better outcomes. It's all about doing what's right for her patients. In an ICU, they can have no better ally than her. Over time, she's earned the great admiration of her coworkers, the gratitude of her patients, and the trusted respect of the other healthcare professionals with whom she works.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck

Jeremiah struggled as well in his mission to follow and lead others to God. He was one of the OT's major prophets, and like many of them, was often at odds with the Jewish authorities. The late 7th / early 6th centuries BC was a time of great turmoil for the Jews. They had abandoned the covenant and laws with God, were embracing other religious ideologies and practices, and ignoring God's commands. Instead of trusting in God, they were looking for political and military solutions to their problems. Just prior to the events in our passage reading this weekend, Jeremiah had smashed clay pots before the priests and elders, and declared that God would break them as well because of their idolatry. In anger, Pashhur, a priest, had Jeremiah beaten and placed in restraints because of his prophecies. In the end, the Jews fell to the Babylonian conquest, Jerusalem was destroyed, and they were driven into exile. Jeremiah was right all along.

Today, it's not always easy being a Catholic, or even part of the larger collective Christian community. We are on the opposite sides of many social issues where the popular trend is contrary to our faith and the teachings of our Church. Like Jeremiah, we also may feel that we have targets on our backs. But rather than surrender to the waves of injustice, Jeremiah was compelled to remain faithful. God's name 'becomes like a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.' May the love of Christ burn so powerfully in all of our hearts that we cannot contain it within us. It must burst forth! There is always true freedom in doing right – by God – and man! Lessons like those I learn from my daughter translate perfectly to my faith. Love grows without fear when it's in service to God and our neighbor. Lord – help us to be bold in our faith, faithful without fear of the consequences, and courageous in leading others to trust in You!

**A Special Thank you to our Brazilian and Portuguese
Community!
~Fr. Bert**

The Brazilian-Portuguese Festival held on August 22 was a **great success**, raising \$39,015.59 for our parish! This amount includes the \$16,226 generously donated by the Trindade Holy Ghost Society Micaelense. On behalf of our parish, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. I thank those who fundraised, set up and cleaned up at the event, and cooked delicious Portuguese and Brazilian foods. I also thank those who attended the event and purchased raffle tickets. All of this supports St. Michael Parish.

**Dear Parish Community - Thank You!
~Fr. Bert**

My thanks to each member of our community for receiving the information we're sharing about the important work happening at our Parish Center. We acknowledge the financial challenge this represents for our community. As I shared with you last week, we are taking necessary steps to address significant environmental concerns and making our Center more welcoming and effective for the work we undertake for our parish growth. We met with our parish leadership councils this past week to seek their advice on our plans. We will continue to update you on our project expenses as we determine the most cost-effective solutions possible. We are so grateful to all of our parish communities here at St. Michael's for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug 29	9am	Ron Pavlovich (Living)
Sat. Aug. 29	4pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Aug. 30	8am	Private Intention
Sun. Aug. 30	10am	Angela Gigliotti
		Thanksgiving Mass for a Living
		Intention Miguel and Nancy Pareja
		Francis Walsh & Francis Walsh Jr.
Wed. Sept. 2	9am	Private Living Intention
Thurs. Sept. 3	9am	John Smillie (Living)
Fri. Sept. 4	9am	Aurelidio Remigio (Living)
Sat. Sept. 5	9am	Rose and Alfred Thoman
Sat. Sept. 5	4pm	Barbara Ann Vezeau
Sun. Sept. 6	8am	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Sept. 6	10am	Private Intention

August Sponsors

*Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Mary & Lawrence Leary and family
Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Mary Bernedette O'Connor Cordeiro
Flowers are offered in Memory of Eugenia Matos*

*For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know
that the families of the deceased are invited to bring up the gifts of
bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.*

*Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the Mass and speak to
Father Bert and the head usher about your request.*



FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

In addition to accepting Memorial Offerings for Bread and Wine **we will now be accepting Monthly offerings for flowers for the church** Each month we will accept **2 donations from 2 different families \$100/each donation** to help defray the cost of flowers for the Upper and Lower church throughout the year.

Please note the Parish Altar Guild will choose the flowers based on the liturgical season and the church's interior temperature (especially during the hot summer months). So the donor will not have the ability to offer any requests for type of flower but will surrender this choice to the discretion of the Altar Guild. Thank you for your continued generosity!



ALTAR CANDLES::BREAD & WINE

If you would like to reserve a Mass, sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office.

Suggested stipends: Altar Candles \$50 | Bread & Wine \$75.



MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy **at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.**

Financial Blessings

August 18—24, 2026

Thank you for your generosity!!

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
	8/23
In-Pew/Mailed	\$8384
Online Giving	\$2200
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,584

On-Line Giving Helps us

During the Summer



Please consider On-Line giving as it greatly benefits the Parish, particularly during the summer months when folks are traveling on vacation and Mass attendance drops.

Please use the QR code above to set up your on-line giving. If you need help, please contact Marcy at the Parish Center and she can assist.

Current and Upcoming 2nd Collections

Aug 30- No Second Collection

Sept 6—Maintenance & Development

Sept 13—No second Collection

Bulletin cover art

James Tissot

“Get Behind Me, Satan”



Registration for Religious Education 2026/2027

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*Due to Parish Center Closure
please note the following
schedule change:*

Family Welcome and Orientation:

Sunday, Oct. 4

Grades 1-4 at 9:10AM

Grades 5-8 at 11:10AM

New Start Date for Classes:

Sunday, Oct. 18

Grades 1-4 at 9:10AM

Grades 5-8 at 11:10AM

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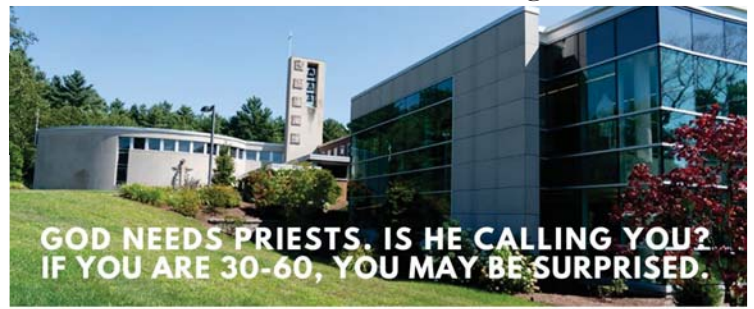
Christian Anthropology - Children will find their true identity in Christ.

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To register and for more information go to www.stmikes.org/religious-education or scan the QR Code.



With any questions, please contact Helen Marie Choiniere at helenmarie@stmikes.org.



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FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 2026

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

5:00 PM EST

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Adult Confirmation Classes

October 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2026

OCIA 2026-27

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You into a Deeper Relationship with Him?

If you are an adult **who has** received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion but were never Confirmed, **please consider signing up for the fall session of our Adult Confirmation Program**, which will run on the first four Thursday evenings in October, from 7 to 8:15pm.

If you are an adult **who has not** received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, **we invite you to register for our OCIA program.**

-Preregistration is required. To register, please call Lori at the parish center at 978-562-2552 x-6.

Please spread the word about these wonderful opportunities!



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NOTICE

There will be limited access to the Parish Center (PC) through the remaining weeks of August and it will be closed completely through most of the month of September. So, please take note:

****There will be no coffee and donuts after the weekend Masses until October.**

****Parish meetings should be cancelled until October. Due to lack of meeting space.**

Please call Hannah at the office regarding booking spaces in the PC for the beginning of October to ensure the work has been completed.

weekly faith facts

Did you know?

a little wonder for your week

REVERENCE

in the Church

A Sacred Quiet: Preparing Our Hearts Before Mass

Have you noticed how easy it is to fill the moments before Mass with conversation—catching up with a neighbor, checking in on the week, greeting old friends? It's a natural, good instinct. But the Church invites us into something even more valuable in those minutes: silence.

"Sacred silence, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times... Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner."

— General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 45

This isn't about being unfriendly. Pope Francis has spoken about this directly, noting that when we arrive at Mass and immediately start to chitchat, we miss "a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue" with God. Prayer, he reminds us, is a "personal relationship with God," and like any relationship, it needs quiet moments to listen as well as to speak.

Silence before Mass gives us space to recall God's blessings, to bring our worries and hopes before Him, and to prepare our hearts to receive Him in the Eucharist. Reading over the day's Scripture readings, or simply sitting quietly in the pew, can transform the way we enter into the liturgy. The same holds true after Mass: the moments after Communion and the final blessing are precious time to sit with Christ in thanksgiving before returning to the noise of daily life.

None of this means fellowship has no place in parish life—far from it! Catching up with friends, welcoming newcomers, and building community are wonderful and important parts of who we are as a parish family. We simply ask that this happen outside the church itself: in the narthex, the parking lot, or over coffee in the parish hall. That way, those who wish to greet one another have the freedom to do so, and those who long for quiet prayer can find it undisturbed.

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Saudações, irmãos e irmãs. Muitas vezes fico admirado com pessoas que conseguem dizer coisas difíceis — mas necessárias — sem se preocupar excessivamente com isso; embora eu tenha certeza de que, mesmo para elas, nem sempre é fácil. Nossa filha Jacqui é enfermeira educadora em uma UTI de um dos principais hospitais de Boston. Ela é muito competente quando se trata de compreender questões médicas complexas. Às vezes, ela precisa lidar com profissionais de saúde que têm egos competitivos e que talvez não dominem todos os fatores envolvidos no tratamento de um paciente cujo quadro é desafiador. Já ouvi relatos dela sobre especialistas que chegam com uma postura de superioridade e prescrevem condutas sem analisar o caso a fundo. Se não forem questionadas, essas ordens podem gerar consequências indesejadas. Embora algumas conversas possam ficar um pouco tensas, ela aprendeu a contestar orientações inadequadas de forma calma e eficaz, promovendo melhores resultados. O que importa, acima de tudo, é fazer o que é certo para seus pacientes. Em uma UTI, eles não poderiam ter uma aliada melhor do que ela. Com o tempo, ela conquistou a grande admiração de seus colegas, a gratidão dos pacientes e o respeito e a confiança dos demais profissionais de saúde com quem trabalha.

Uma Mensagem do Nosso Clero

Deacon Chuck

Jeremias também enfrentou dificuldades em sua missão de seguir a Deus e conduzir outros a Ele. Ele foi um dos grandes profetas do Antigo Testamento e, como muitos deles, frequentemente entrava em conflito com as autoridades judaicas. O final do século VII e o início do século VI a.C. foram um período de grande turbulência para os judeus. Eles haviam abandonado a aliança e as leis de Deus, adotando outras ideologias e práticas religiosas e ignorando os mandamentos divinos. Em vez de confiar em Deus, buscavam soluções políticas e militares para seus problemas. Pouco antes dos eventos narrados na passagem que lemos neste fim de semana, Jeremias havia quebrado um vaso de barro diante dos sacerdotes e anciãos, declarando que Deus também os quebraria por causa de sua idolatria. Enfurecido, o sacerdote Pasur mandou açoitar Jeremias e colocá-lo sob custódia devido às suas profecias. Por fim, os judeus sucumbiram à conquista babilônica, Jerusalém foi destruída e o povo foi levado ao exílio. Jeremias tinha razão o tempo todo.

Hoje, nem sempre é fácil ser católico, ou mesmo fazer parte da comunidade cristã mais ampla. Encontramo-nos em lados opostos de muitas questões sociais, nas quais a tendência predominante contraria a nossa fé e os ensinamentos da nossa Igreja. Assim como Jeremias, podemos sentir que somos alvos. Mas, em vez de nos rendermos às ondas da injustiça, Jeremias sentiu-se impelido a permanecer fiel. O nome de Deus "torna-se como um fogo ardente em meu coração, aprisionado em meus ossos; canso-me de contê-lo, não o posso suportar". Que o amor de Cristo arda tão poderosamente em todos os nossos corações que não possamos contê-lo dentro de nós. Ele precisa transbordar! Há sempre verdadeira liberdade em fazer o que é certo — diante de Deus e dos homens! Lições como as que aprendo com minha filha aplicam-se perfeitamente à minha fé. O amor cresce sem medo quando está a serviço de Deus e do próximo. Senhor, ajuda-nos a ser ousados na fé, fiéis sem medo das consequências e corajosos ao conduzir os outros a confiar em Ti!

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

22 Domingo do Tempo Comum:

Seguir Jesus implica carregar a Cruz diária e não buscar o reconhecimento ou o poder do mundo. A lógica de Deus é diferente da lógica do mundo. Sigamos à Cristo com fidelidade, renunciando ao egoísmo, tomando a Cruz de cada dia e transformando nossas escolhas segundo a vontade de Deus! (Missals: Diocese de Apucarana e Arquidiocese de São Sebastião)

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4:00 p.m. English	\$2067
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Total coletado nos bancos	\$7335

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Info sobre o Boletim: *Regina-7743605856

Um Agradecimento Especial do Pe. Bert!

O Festival Brasileiro-Português realizado em 22 de agosto foi um **grande sucesso**, arrecadando \$39,015.59 para a nossa paróquia! Esse valor inclui os \$16,226 generosamente doados pela Sociedade Espírito Santo de Trindade Micaelense. Em nome da nossa paróquia, quero agradecer a todos que trabalharam arduamente para tornar o evento possível. Agradeço àqueles que arrecadaram fundos, cuidaram da montagem e da limpeza, e prepararam deliciosos pratos da culinária portuguesa e brasileira. Agradeço também a todos que compareceram ao evento e compraram bilhetes para a rifa. Tudo isso apoia a Paróquia de São Miguel.



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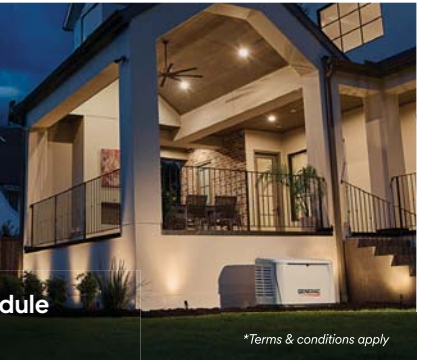
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