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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send ideas, talent, expertise or feedback to
PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org.
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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 & Adoration
 (*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.



This week's Gospel gives us the Parable of the Weeds, or the Wheat and the Weeds, one of several parables Jesus tells in Matthew's Gospel. What sets this one apart is that Jesus doesn't simply deliver the parable; He goes on to explain it. At its core, it teaches us that good and evil coexist in this world, and that we must leave the ultimate judgment to God.

Why, then, does God let the weeds grow right alongside the wheat? Our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, points us toward an answer. It describes a God whose "might is the source of justice," yet whose "mastery over all things makes you lenient to all", a God who judges "with clemency" and gives His children "good ground for hope" that He will "permit repentance for their sins. As the Responsorial Psalm echoes, "Lord, you are good and forgiving". The weeds are permitted to grow not because God is indifferent to evil, but because He is patient and merciful, giving us time to turn back to Him.

So, what spiritual lessons might we draw from this parable? It reminds us that the spiritual battle is real, and that it rages all around us. We need only turn to the Prayer of Saint Michael, which we pray at the end of Mass: "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen." As the parable attests, there is another kingdom at work in the world, a kingdom of darkness that will do everything in its power to drag us away from God.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared

I can tell you from experience that this struggle is real. The closer we draw to God, the more the evil one seems to be at work in our lives. Speaking for myself, even as a deacon, I wrestle with the fight between good and evil, between God and the Devil. Saint Augustine observed that the weeds are found not only among the laity, but among priests and bishops as well, none of us is exempt. And I'll be honest with you: over the last several months, perhaps even a year, I've been feeling particularly burnt out, and I've felt the pull of the evil one. In times like that, even prayer itself can feel like a struggle. This is exactly where Saint Paul meets us in the second reading, writing, "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings". What a consolation, when we are too weary or too weak to find the words, the Holy Spirit is praying within us.

So what do we do in times like that? We stay the course. A few simple habits keep me grounded, and I offer them to you: Pray every day, even if only for a few minutes, and especially when it feels dry, trusting that the Spirit is interceding for you. Go to Mass, and let the Eucharist strengthen you. If you have a spiritual director, lean on them; if you don't, consider finding one. And go to Confession. We aren't perfect, and we have to give ourselves grace, that is precisely why the sacrament of Confession exists!

As we reflect on this week's Gospel, I encourage you to recognize the weeds in your own heart. Reflect honestly on your life, and resist the reckless confidence that says, "I know I'm among the wheat, because I attend Mass regularly, because I have a good prayer life, because I'm a good person." We shouldn't live in perpetual anxiety, but neither can we grow complacent. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is a striking example: only after her death did we learn that even she, in the midst of her holiness, often felt a great distance from God, and yet she never gave up. A balanced approach means we actively pull the weeds of sin and let the wheat take root in our hearts. As I said, that is far easier said than done, but it is what we strive for.

Take solace. The same Lord who allows the weeds to grow is the God of patience and mercy who gives us "good ground for hope." Our faith is a journey, and how we respond matters most on the day of the harvest, on Judgment Day. This week, name just one weed in your life (e.g., a habit, a grudge, a fear) and bring it to God: in prayer, in the Eucharist, and/or in Confession. Pull it up, and let Christ plant something good in its place. Let us stay the course together, encourage each other, trusting that the One who sowed the good seed will, in His time, gather a rich harvest into His barn.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. July 18	9am	Elizabeth Oliver
Sat. July 18	4 pm	James Stronach, Sr. Pauline O'Connell & Ellen (O'Connell) Wright Dominic Buonopane Paul Francis Curley
Sun. July 19	8 am	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. July 19	10 am	Private Intention
Wed. July 22	9 am	Ron Wisti (2nd Anniversary)
Thur. July 23	9 am	Charlie Goulet (Living)
Fri. July 24	9 am	Jeanette Pauplis (Living)
Sat. July 25	9 am	Geri Chimera (Living)
Sat. July 25	4 pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. July 26	8 am	Private Intention
Sun. July 26	10 am	Maria Rosa Braga Jeanne, Jean, and Chalmers Valborge

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**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.**

MASS WHILE AWAY ON VACATION

Friendly reminder to all that going to Mass every Sunday, even while on vacation is our obligation as Catholics. Jesus tells us: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." Going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days is obeying the 3rd Commandment to keep Holy the Sabbath, even while your family is out of town.

To find Mass times wherever you are vacationing, go to www.masstimes.org, enter your vacation town/zip code and you will see a list of nearby Catholic parishes.

When your family is not out of town, we look forward to seeing you here at your home parish.

Have a restful summer !

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The donations from July 7—July 13, 2026
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**Current and Upcoming
2nd Collections**

Jul 19 Victims of the Venezuela
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Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16



This past week the Church honored Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whose devotion traces back to hermits who settled on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land in the 12th century and dedicated a chapel there to Mary as "Lady of the place." Mary appeared to the English Carmelite St. Simon Stock in the 13th century and gave him the Brown Scapular as a sign of her protection, a devotional practice that has since spread to Catholics worldwide.

The Carmelites came to be known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel," seeing Mary not only as mother but as sister — a reminder that she is close to us and helps us live as true daughters and sons of God. Many great Carmelite saints, including Teresa of Ávila, John of the Cross, and Thérèse of Lisieux, drew deeply on this Marian devotion.

Our Lady's Promise - According to Carmelite tradition, Our Lady told St. Simon Stock that whoever dies wearing the scapular will be preserved from eternal fire, calling it a badge of salvation and a pledge of peace and protection. Wearing the scapular is meant to be a lived expression of devotion rather than a private good-luck charm: according to the Sisters of Carmel, it is a devotion by which we venerate Mary, love her, and trust in her protection, telling her these things every moment of the day simply by

wearing it. Alongside this promise is the Sabbatine Privilege, the belief — confirmed over the centuries by multiple popes — that those who die wearing the scapular will also be released from Purgatory soon after death.

Requirements to Receive the Promise - Tradition holds that three things are needed to receive Our Lady's promise: the scapular must be genuine — 100% brown wool in a rectangular shape; the wearer must be enrolled by a priest; and it must be worn continually. No extra prayers or special good works are required beyond this — the scapular itself serves as a kind of silent, ongoing prayer of consecration to Mary.

Beyond this baseline, enrollment in the Confraternity invites a fuller devotional life. Members are encouraged to observe chastity according to their state in life and to pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary daily — though a priest may commute this to five decades of the Rosary instead. These commitments deepen one's life within the Carmelite family, though they are additional to, not conditions of, the promise itself. If a scapular wears out, it can simply be replaced; the original blessing carries over to the new one.

How to Be Enrolled - Enrollment is simple and open to every Catholic. Any priest can perform the brief rite of investiture, and children are traditionally enrolled around the time of their First Holy Communion, though even infants may be invested. Once invested, a person automatically becomes part of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel — no separate paperwork or registration is needed, since, as EWTN puts it, no registration or notification of anyone is needed — Our Lady knows who you are.

If you'd like to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular, speak with one of our priests — enrollment can take place any time and is often offered around this feast day.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

Volunteer Teachers for Faith Formation

The ***St. Michael Faith Formation Team*** joyfully invites you to discern joining our mission as a volunteer teacher, substitute teacher or assistant. Our mission reflects the truth, beauty and goodness of our holy Catholic church:

St. Michael's religious education program is a sanctuary of Catholic learning where children and adults grow in virtue, wisdom and the joy of encountering Jesus Christ in their own lives. Through true devotion to Mother Mary we dedicate ourselves to answering the call of sainthood.

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love helping children encounter Jesus Christ and His Immaculate Mother Mary

St. Michael Faith Formation volunteers will receive supportive classroom and curriculum training and grow in their faith through participation in mini-spiritual retreats, including an optional pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, in Stockbridge MA. Classes will be held **three Sundays per month**, after the Masses.

****Teen volunteers are invited to participate as Teacher Assistants****

Feel free to email helenmarie@stmikes.org with questions or to answer the call.

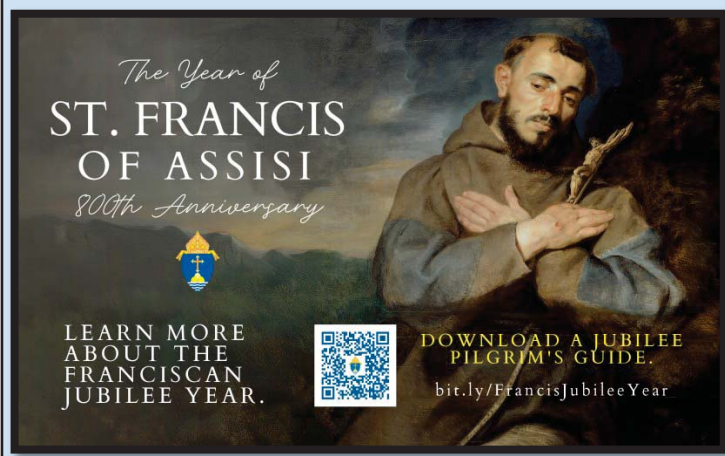
“The angel said to her, “For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:37-38

Upcoming Events at St. Michael's

FRIDAY, JULY 24 — Join us for the Hillbilly Thomists in concert! 6pm, McVinney Auditorium, Providence, Rhode Island! The Hillbilly Thomists are a group of talented Dominican Friars, who began playing bluegrass together while in Seminary in Washington, DC. Their delightful, reverent, and funny music is inspired by Scripture and the Holy Spirit! There will be a group of staff and volunteers attending the concert. Tickets are not provided. Tickets may be purchased at hillbillythomists.com/tour

Jubilee Year Honors St. Francis' 800th Anniversary

Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's passage into eternal life, running January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. A plenary indulgence is available to the faithful who devoutly visit a chapel, parish, or shrine connected to St. Francis, pray for the pope's intentions, and reflect on his example of peace and charity — after fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, detachment from sin).



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Celebrating 25 Years of Faith & Community!



On Sunday, June 21st, our parish came together to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Brazilian Community! We began with a beautiful Mass giving thanks for a quarter-century of faith, fellowship, and cultural richness, followed by a joyful Barbecue celebration. Thank you to everyone who joined us, cooked, organized, and celebrated this wonderful milestone — your presence made this anniversary truly special. Here's to many more years of community and blessings together! Thank you, everyone!



Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

O Evangelho desta semana nos apresenta a Parábola do Joio, ou do Trigo e do Joio, uma das várias parábolas que Jesus conta no Evangelho de Mateus. O que a diferencia é que Jesus não apenas profere a parábola; Ele passa a explicá-la. Em sua essência, ela nos ensina que o bem e o mal coexistem neste mundo e que devemos deixar o julgamento final para Deus.

Por que, então, Deus permite que o joio cresça justamente ao lado do trigo? Nossa primeira leitura, do Livro da Sabedoria, aponta-nos uma resposta. Ela descreve um Deus cujo "poder é a fonte da justiça", mas cujo "domínio sobre todas as coisas O torna indulgente para com todos"; um Deus que julga "com clemência" e dá aos Seus filhos "bom motivo de esperança" de que Ele "permitirá o arrependimento de seus pecados". Como ecoa o Salmo Responsorial: "Senhor, Tu és bom e perdoador". Permite-se que o joio cresça não porque Deus seja indiferente ao mal, mas porque Ele é paciente e misericordioso, dando-nos tempo para voltar a Ele.

Então, que lições espirituais podemos tirar desta parábola? Ela nos lembra que a batalha espiritual é real e que ela se desenrola ao nosso redor. Basta recorrermos à Oração a São Miguel, que rezamos ao final da Missa: "São Miguel Arcanjo, defendei-nos no combate. Sede nosso refúgio contra a maldade e as ciladas do demônio. Ordene-lhe Deus,

humildemente vos pedimos, e vós, Príncipe da milícia celeste, pelo poder de Deus, precipitai no inferno Satanás e todos os espíritos malignos que vagueiam pelo mundo para a perdição das almas. Amém." Como a parábola atesta, há outro reino em ação no mundo, um reino de trevas que fará tudo ao seu alcance para nos afastar de Deus.

Posso afirmar, por experiência própria, que essa luta é real. Quanto mais nos aproximamos de Deus, mais o Maligno parece atuar em nossas vidas. Falando por mim mesmo: mesmo sendo diácono, enfrento o combate entre o bem e o mal, entre Deus e o Diabo. Santo Agostinho observou que o joio não se encontra apenas entre os leigos, mas também entre padres e bispos; ninguém está isento disso. E serei sincero com vocês: nos últimos meses — talvez até no último ano —, tenho me sentido particularmente esgotado e senti a investida do Maligno. Em momentos assim, até a própria oração pode parecer uma luta. É exatamente nesse ponto que São Paulo vem ao nosso encontro na segunda leitura, escrevendo: "O Espírito vem em auxílio da nossa fraqueza; pois não sabemos como rezar como convém, mas o próprio Espírito intercede por nós com gemidos inefáveis". Que consolo saber que, quando estamos cansados ou fracos demais para encontrar as palavras, o Espírito Santo está rezando em nós.

Então, o que fazer nesses momentos? Devemos perseverar. Alguns hábitos simples me mantêm firme, e eu os compartilho com vocês: rezem todos os dias, nem que seja por alguns minutos — especialmente quando sentirem aridez espiritual —, confiando que o Espírito intercede por vocês. Participem da Missa e deixem que a Eucaristia os fortaleça. Se tiverem um diretor espiritual, recorram a ele; se não tiverem, considerem procurar um. E confessem-se. Não somos perfeitos e precisamos ser misericordiosos conosco mesmos; é precisamente para isso que existe o sacramento da Confissão!

Ao refletirmos sobre o Evangelho desta semana, convido você a reconhecer o joio em seu próprio coração. Reflita com sinceridade sobre a sua vida e resista à confiança imprudente que diz: "Sei que estou entre o trigo porque frequento a Missa regularmente, porque tenho uma boa vida de oração, porque sou uma boa pessoa". Não devemos viver em ansiedade constante, mas também não podemos cair na acomodação. Santa Teresa de Calcutá é um exemplo marcante: somente após sua morte soubemos que até ela, em meio à sua santidade, muitas vezes sentia um grande distanciamento de Deus e, ainda assim, nunca desistiu. Uma abordagem equilibrada significa arrancar ativamente o joio do pecado e permitir que o trigo crie raízes em nossos corações. Como eu disse, isso é muito mais fácil falar do que fazer, mas é aquilo que buscamos alcançar.

Encontre conforto. O mesmo Senhor que permite que o joio cresça é o Deus de paciência e misericórdia que nos dá um "bom terreno para a esperança". Nossa fé é uma jornada, e a forma como respondemos a ela é o que mais importa no dia da colheita, no Dia do Juízo. Nesta semana, identifique apenas um joio em sua vida (por exemplo, um hábito, um ressentimento, um medo) e apresente-o a Deus: na oração, na Eucaristia e/ou na Confissão. Arranque-o e deixe que Cristo plante algo bom em seu lugar. Perseveremos juntos no caminho, encorajando uns aos outros, confiantes de que Aquele que semeou a boa semente irá, no Seu tempo, recolher uma colheita abundante em Seu celeiro.

Uma Mensagem do Nosso Clero

Deacon Jared

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Décimo Sexto Domingo Comun

Hoje somos convidados à nos aprofundar na misericórdia de Deus e aceitar que somos amados por Ele além de nossos pecados. O Reino de Deus é pra todos. Deus não escolhe só os bons; Ele acolhe à todos os que procuram por Sua misericórdia e se arrepedem de seus pecados e querem viver em seus caminhos seguindo os ensinamentos de Jesus.

"Ó Senhor Vós sois bom e clemente, sois fiel; Vós sois perdão pra quem Vos invoca". SL.85-86



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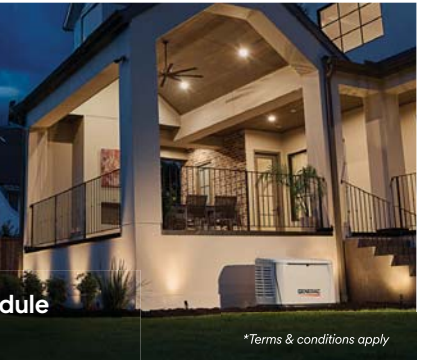
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