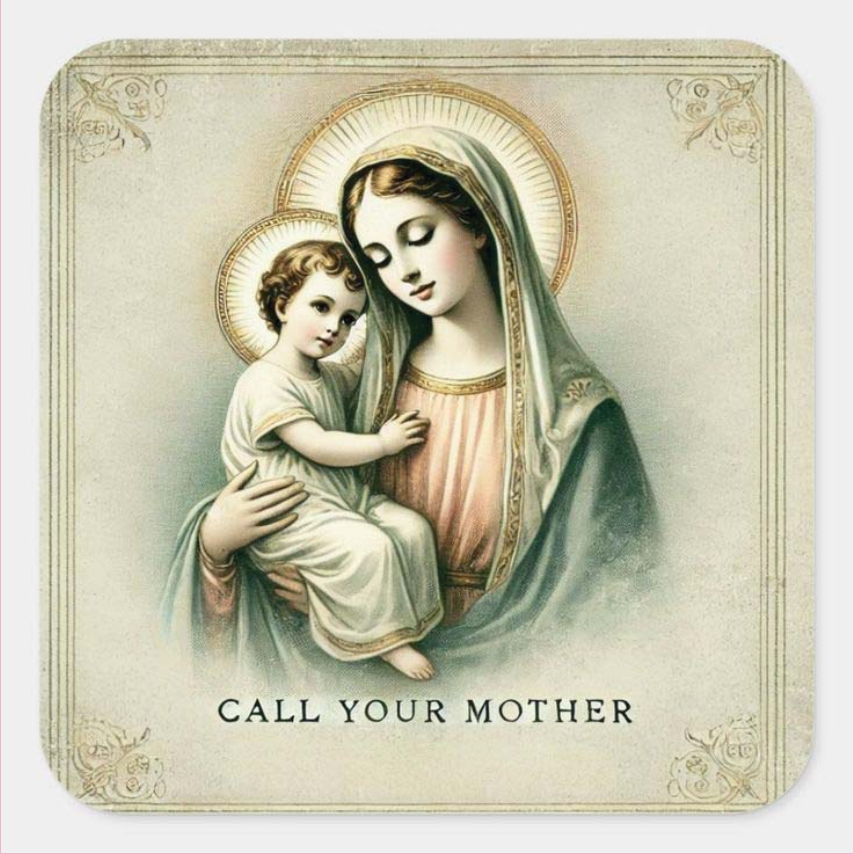
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Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time

October 25, 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
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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.**
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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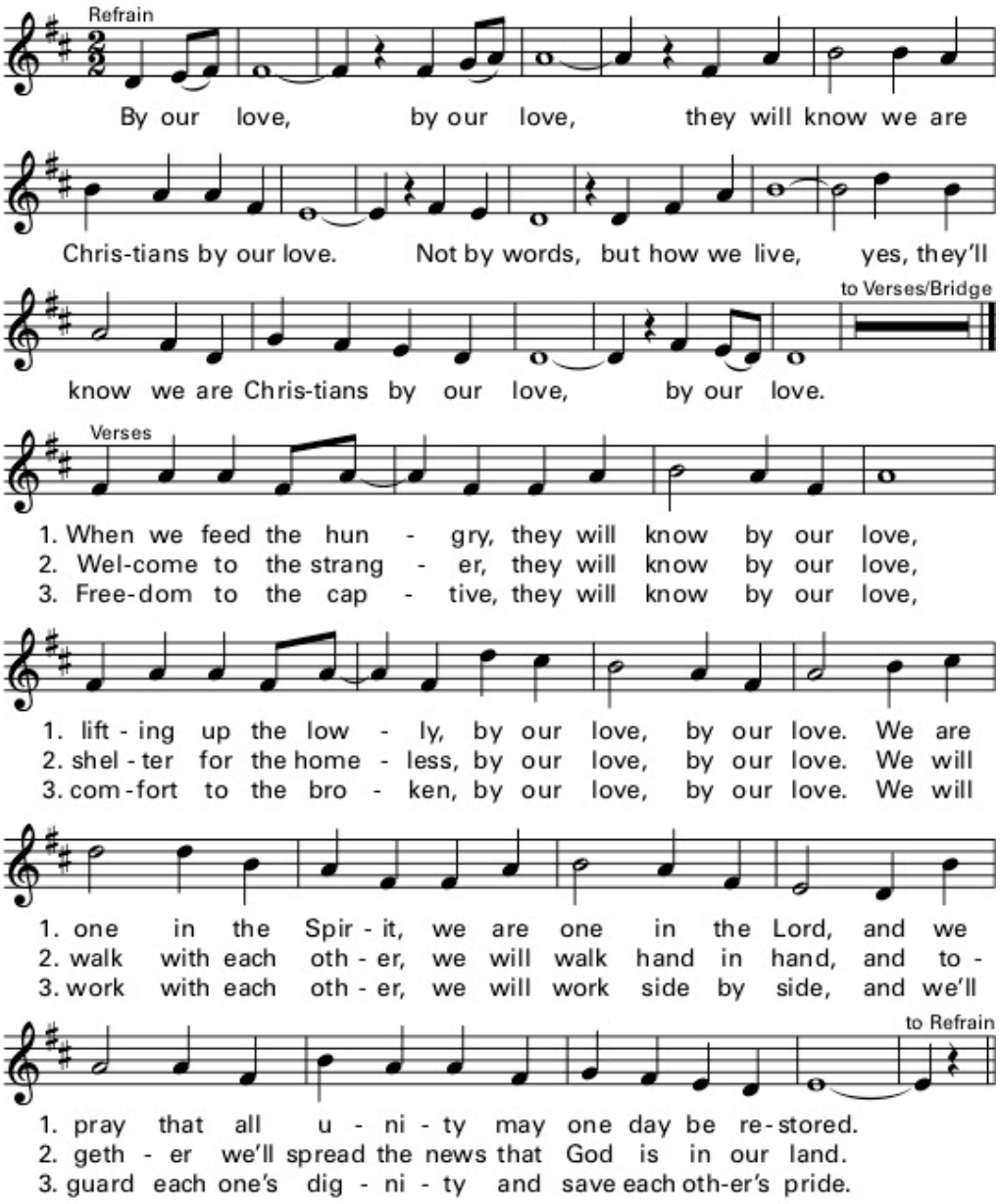
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Processional Hymn: Missal #196 God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him

Offertory Hymn:

By Our Love

Tom Kendzia



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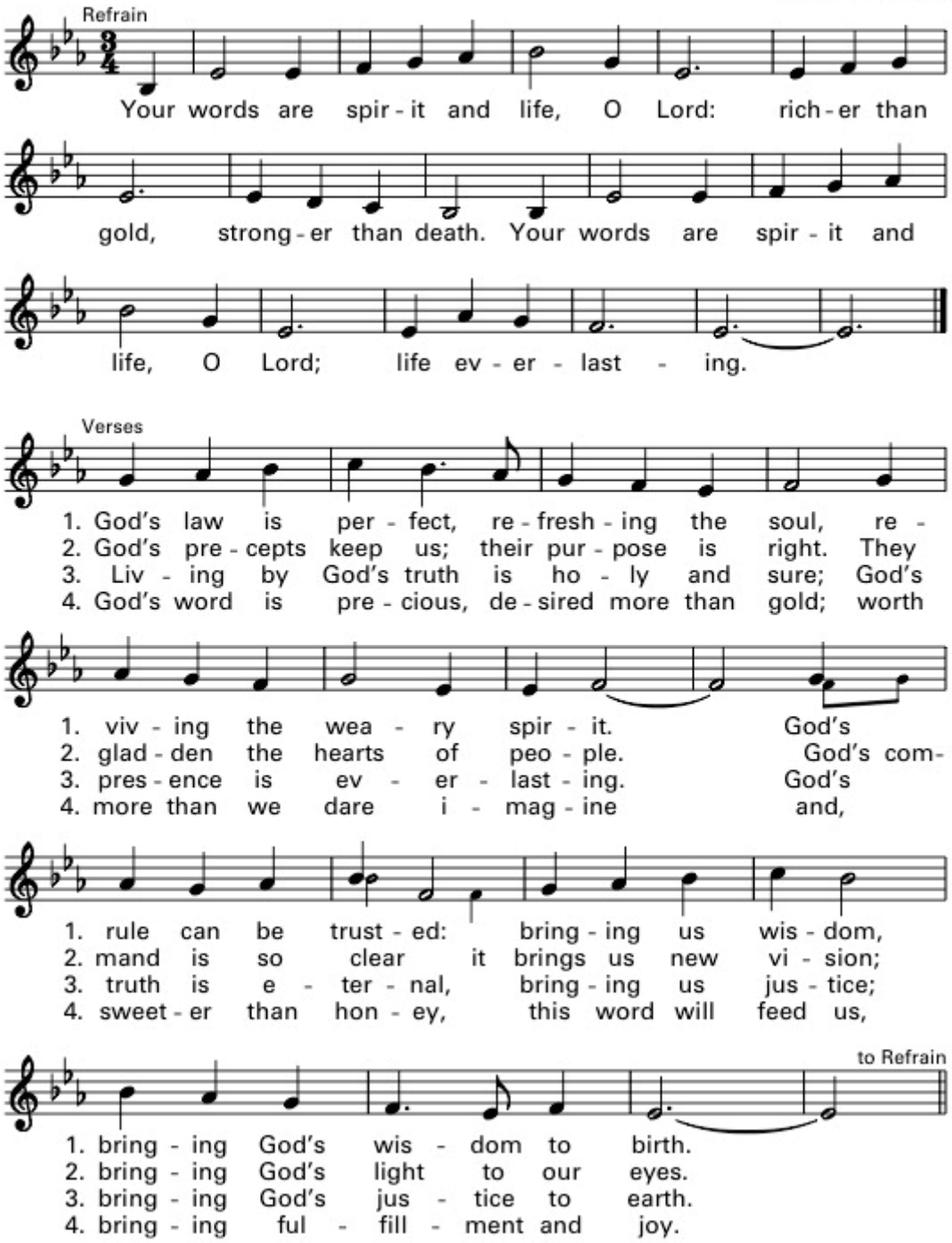
We sing praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
they will know we are Christians by our love. **(to Refrain)**

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Communion Hymn:

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)

Bernadette Farrell



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Hymn of Praise: I Love the Lord (by Paul Inwood)

Recessional Hymn: Missal #218 How Can I Keep From Singing

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Greetings brothers and sisters. Our readings this weekend ask us to consider what love really means. It's always easy to love when others love us back – and the world just generally seems like a happy place. It gets a bit more challenging when others don't love us back the same way, or concerns in our heads preoccupy our minds and make us absent to the needs of others. We have an opportunity to explore those ideas more deeply as we dive into our readings.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck

In our first reading from Exodus, we hear God's command to not molest or oppress the alien, or wrong the widow or orphan. If we harm them, He warns us that His wrath will flare up, and justice will be exacted. This is obviously not a pleasant thing. God hears the cry of the poor. God has what is often referred to as the "Preferential Option of the Poor". All of the Scriptures, and teaching of the Magisterium (all of our bishops in communion with the Holy Father) support this special orientation and focus of the Church. The reading goes further. We should not extort. If we take our neighbor's cloak as a pledge, it must be returned before sunset to provide him with the covering – protection and warmth – that he needs. If we think of the cloak as a metaphor, we can easily explore the ways in which our behaviors or omissions may adversely impact the critical needs of others. It is easy enough to find those among us living on the edge of major financial challenges, perhaps without enough food to eat, heat to warm themselves, adequate clothing, or the inability to afford expensive medicines to maintain good health. For those of us with sufficient resources, are we using our excess to help address the less fortunate? Are we sharing the bounty of our wealth to help others who go without? How we treat others who are most vulnerable has everything to do with the essence of our relationship with God. Are we demonstrating our love for Him by how we love the poor around us?

Our gospel this weekend from Matthew zeroes in on what is essential. The questions of the Pharisees seek to merely 'organize' their religious priorities into what's most important, and what is less so. Jesus cuts the clutter away and states that loving God with our entire heart, soul and mind is first. Following that is love of our neighbor as ourselves. Everything is embodied in this. We've often heard that the Pharisees and Sadducees are focused on the minutia, granular details of practice, but the matter of the heart is entirely absent – making them the 'whitewashed tombs' we've often heard. God invites us this weekend to practice a way of living that encourages us to be present – physically and spiritually, in our service to others, and most importantly in our relationship with God. It's hard not to be fragmented in our society which pulls us in so many directions, creates overwhelming noise, and encourages us to focus on ourselves individually. Our love of God and neighbor may sometimes miss our radar completely!

Lord – help us to see You more deeply in our hearts and our neighbors. Help us to develop our love for You and them, and in doing so – grow to serve and love You better.

Thank You



Thank you to the 142 families who contributed and for the proceeds from the Portuguese/Brazilian Dinner Dance Fundraiser.
All together we exceeded our $95K Goal for the Parish Center Clean Up Project!!

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who volunteered for the Portuguese and Brazilian Dinner Dance on October 10th. It was a fun evening of great food and dancing! $6300 was raised for the parish which will be applied to the PC Cleanup Project.



PROJECT PC CLEAN UP

TASKS TO COMPLETE

- [ ] Painting interiors
- [ ] Clean out and fix underground water drainage system
- [ ] Install new gutters
- [ ] Install new doors to boiler rooms

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Oct. 24	9am	Maureen Kelly
Sat. Oct 24	4pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Oct. 25	8am	Private Intention
Sun. Oct. 25	10am	Charles Darsh Cecily Dunn Ben Akillian (12 Year Anniversary)
Wed. Oct. 28	9am	Jeanne Maria Valborge
Thurs. Oct. 29	9am	Maria Figuiredo
Friday Oct. 30	9am	Fr. Goulet
Sat. Oct. 31	9am	Pedro Janeiro & deceased relatives
Sat. Oct 31	4pm	St. Michael Parishioners (Living & Deceased)
Sun. Nov. 1	8am	St. Michael Parishioners (Living & Deceased)
Sun. Nov 1	10am	St. Michael Parishioners (Living & Deceased)

October Sponsors

Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Kevin Sallese

Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Armand & Doris Houle

Flowers are offered in Memory of Irene & Louis Gotz and Sheila Mahoney

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

Oct. 13-19, 2026

Thank you for your generosity!

Collection Summary	Offertory 10/18	World Mission Sunday
In Pew/ Mailed	$8,304	$3465
Online Giving	$3,113	$0
GRAND TOTAL	$11,417	$3465

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Please Consider On-line Giving

It greatly benefits the Parish for the following reasons:

- **Cuts down on Administrative Costs.**
- **Allows us to manage expenses month to month.**

If you need help setting this up, contact Marcy at the Parish Center to assist.

Thank you for Supporting St. Michael's!!

Current and Upcoming 2nd Collections

Oct 25—No Second Collection

Nov 1—Maint. & Dev.

Nov 8 — No Second Collection

Bulletin Cover Art:
Our Lady of the Rosary:
October is the month of Our Lady

ALL SOULS DAY OFFERINGS

Since All Souls Day falls on a Monday this year, a Mass for the souls whose names were written on this year's envelopes will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov 14 at 9am



We also encourage you to add the names of your loved ones to our Book of the Dead, which will be placed on a podium in the upper church during the month of November.



FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

November 6

5:00 PM EST
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
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firstfriday@psjs.edu

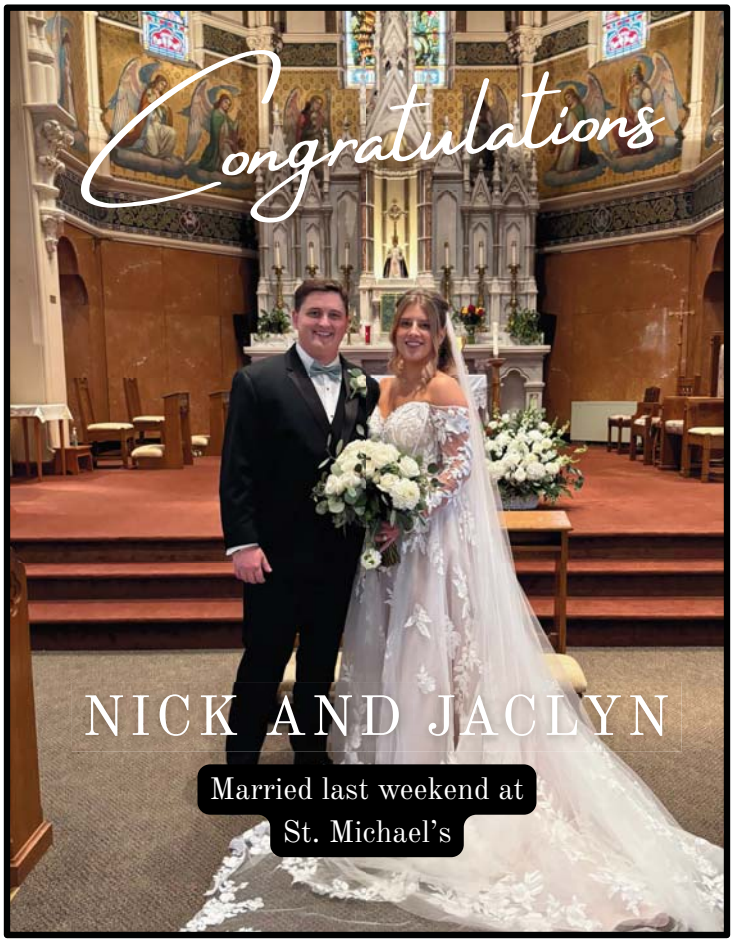
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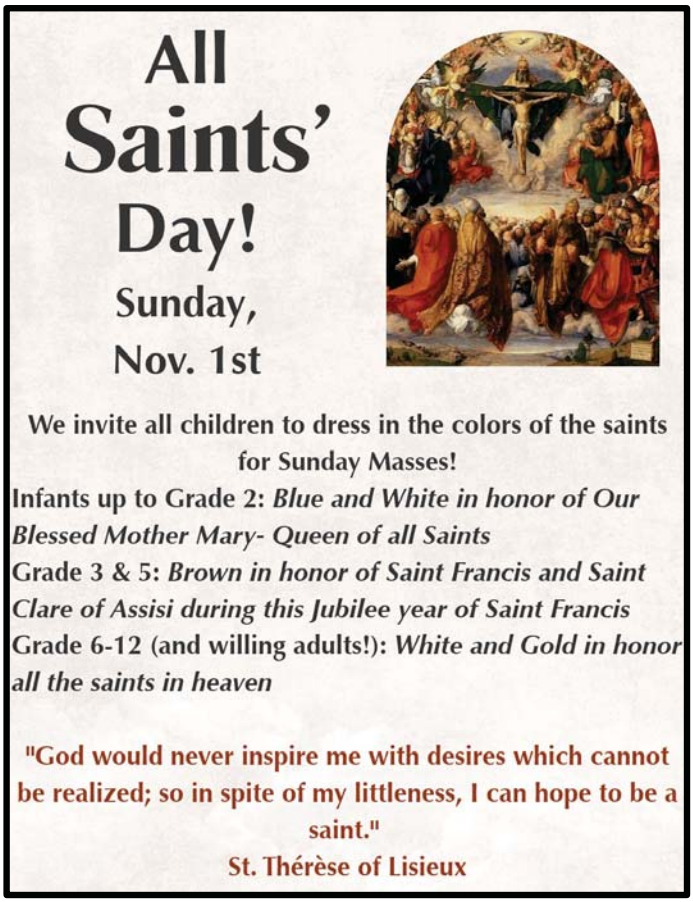
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THANK YOU TO OUR PETITION SIGNERS

A great word of thanks to all of you who were able to sign the petition to reverse the Chapter 188 abortion bill signed by Governor Healy last August. Because of you, our parish is submitting petition sheets totaling almost 400 signatures from nine different communities. 76% of the signers were from Hudson. We are so grateful for your help in protecting the unborn, and are hopeful to reverse this horrific legislation. God Bless You!





Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2026

Upcoming Events at St. Michael's

Oct. 25: Religious Education Parent Seminar (during your child's class time; choose 1 session if enrolled in both sessions)

Oct. 25: Coffee and Donuts resume

Oct. 30-Nov. 1: Stuff a Truck Event

Nov. 1: All Saints Day!

Nov. 2: Eucharistic Adoration - 6pm

Nov. 5: Mass of Remembrance - 7pm

Nov. 13: Ignatian Prayer Series 7-8:30pm and select Fridays to follow.

Nov. 14-15: Book Drive for Fr. Tony

Nov. 19: Booking opens for Mass intentions, Bread & Wine, Candles, and Altar Flowers for January-June 2027

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Mass - 9am

Halloween is Catholic!

Did you know Halloween was established by the Church?

Watch Brother Francis on FORMED to learn more!

FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Congress made available a Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program which, if approved by the governor, would offer eligible families of children in both public and private schools, tutoring, after school care, transportation, books, tuition, technology, hearing equipment, speech services, and much more. The funds would be administered by several approved Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) of the tax donors choosing.



The Catholic Schools Office wants to ensure families are aware of this program and to encourage your support for letting the state know this is important for all students and families, regardless of where they attend school.

Please urge Governor Healey to opt into the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program! Leave Governor Maura Healey a message by calling (617) 725-4005.

Stuff-a-Truck!

St. Vincent de Paul members have scheduled a "Stuff a Truck" event the weekend of October 31 and November 1. We will be accepting gently used clothing, coats, shoes and books. Drive up to the truck located in the St. Michael parking lot and members will take your bags from your car and put them into the truck. Tax forms will be provided. SVdP volunteers will be available at the truck from 9:00 a.m. to 4::00 pm on Saturday October 31, and 9:00 am to 3:00pm on Sunday November 1st.



Found:

Flip Phone in Parking Lot

Please contact Hannah to inquire.

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Saudações, irmãos e irmãs. As leituras deste fim de semana nos convidam a refletir sobre o verdadeiro significado do amor. É sempre fácil amar quando somos amados de volta – e o mundo, em geral, parece um lugar feliz. A situação se complica quando não somos amados da mesma forma, ou quando preocupações nos consomem e nos tornam alheios às necessidades dos outros. Temos a oportunidade de explorar essas ideias mais profundamente ao mergulharmos em nossas leituras.

Em nossa primeira leitura, do livro de Êxodo, ouvimos a ordem de Deus para não molestar ou oprimir o estrangeiro, nem prejudicar a viúva ou o órfão. Se os prejudicarmos, Ele nos adverte que Sua ira se inflamará e a justiça será feita. Obviamente, isso não é algo agradável. Deus ouve o clamor dos pobres. Deus tem o que muitas vezes é chamado de "Opção Preferencial dos Pobres". Todas as Escrituras e os ensinamentos do Magistério (todos os nossos bispos em comunhão com o Santo Padre) apoiam esta orientação e foco especiais da Igreja. A leitura vai além. Não devemos extorquir. Se tomarmos o manto do nosso próximo como penhor, ele deve ser devolvido antes do pôr do sol para lhe proporcionar a cobertura – proteção e calor – de que ele precisa. Se pensarmos no manto como uma metáfora, podemos facilmente explorar as maneiras pelas quais nossos comportamentos ou omissões podem impactar negativamente as necessidades essenciais dos outros. É fácil encontrar entre nós pessoas que vivem à beira de grandes dificuldades financeiras, talvez sem comida suficiente para comer, aquecimento para se aquecerem, roupas adequadas ou sem condições de comprar medicamentos caros para manter uma boa saúde. Para aqueles de nós com recursos suficientes, estamos usando nosso excedente para ajudar os menos afortunados? Estamos compartilhando a abundância de nossa riqueza para ajudar outros que não têm o necessário? A forma como tratamos os mais vulneráveis tem tudo a ver com a essência do nosso relacionamento com Deus. Estamos demonstrando nosso amor por Ele pela maneira como amamos os pobres ao nosso redor?

Uma Mensagem do Nosso Clero
Deacon Chuck

O Evangelho deste fim de semana, extraído de Mateus, concentra-se no que é essencial. As perguntas dos fariseus buscam apenas "organizar" suas prioridades religiosas, definindo o que é mais importante e o que é menos. Jesus elimina o supérfluo e afirma que amar a Deus com todo o nosso coração, alma e mente é o primeiro mandamento. Em seguida, vem o amor ao próximo como a nós mesmos. Tudo se resume a isso. Frequentemente ouvimos dizer que os fariseus e saduceus se concentravam em minúcias — detalhes minuciosos da prática religiosa —, mas a dimensão do coração estava totalmente ausente; isso os tornava semelhantes aos "sepulcros caiados" de que tanto ouvimos falar. Neste fim de semana, Deus nos convida a adotar um modo de vida que nos incentive a estar presentes — física e espiritualmente — no serviço ao próximo e, acima de tudo, em nosso relacionamento com Deus. É difícil não nos sentirmos fragmentados em uma sociedade que nos puxa para tantas direções, gera um ruído avassalador e nos estimula a focar apenas em nós mesmos. Por vezes, o amor a Deus e ao próximo pode acabar passando completamente despercebido! Senhor, ajuda-nos a Te enxergar mais profundamente em nossos corações e em nosso próximo. Ajuda-nos a cultivar o amor por Ti e pelos outros e, assim, a crescer na capacidade de Te servir e Te amar cada vez melhor.

Amém!

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

XXX Domingo do tempo Comum.

Hoje no Evangelho de Mt 22, 34-40,Jesus nos apresenta o maior Mandamento da Lei de Deus e o segundo semelhante à este: "Amarás o Senhor teu Deus de todo o teu coração,de toda a tua alma e de todo teu entendimento" e "Amarás ao teu próximo como a ti mesmo".(Revista Arautos do Evangelho) Irmãos sejamos obedientes em Deus;que Ele seja sempre o centro de nossas vidas e que nosso amor por Ele seja incondicional e que nosso amor por nosso semelhante seja o mesmo que temos por nós mesmo!







Obrigado

Agradecemos às 142 famílias que contribuíram e também pelos recursos arrecadados no Jantar Dançante Português/Brasileiro para angariar fundos.

Juntos, superamos nossa meta de US$ 95 mil para o Projeto de Limpeza do Centro Paroquial!!



Obrigado!

Obrigado a todos os que se voluntariaram para o Jantar Dançante Português e Brasileiro no dia 10 de outubro. Foi uma noite divertida, com boa comida e muita dança! Foram angariados $6300 para a paróquia, que serão destinados ao Projeto de Limpeza do PC.



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