

Saint Michael Parish

Hudson, Massachusetts



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*all*):

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the
2. Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so
3. Praise to the Lord, who does pros-per your
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is

1. King of cre-a-tion! O my soul,
2. glor-ious-ly reign-ing; Shel-t'ring you
3. work and de-fend you; Sure-ly his
4. in me a-dore him! All that has

1. praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-
2. un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-tain-
3. good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend
4. life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore

1. tion! All you who hear, now to his tem-ple draw
2. ing! Have you not seen all that is need-ful has
3. you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can
4. him. Let the A-men sound from his peo-ple a-

1. near; Praise him in glad ad-o-ra-tion.
2. been Sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
3. do, If with his love he be-friend you.
4. gain, Glad-ly for aye we a-dore him.

Text: *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*, Joachim Neander; Tr. Catherine Winkworth.
Melody: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14.4.7.8; 17th c. German.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Missal, p. 511*

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING *Missal, p. 1*

PENITENTIAL ACT (Form A)	<i>Missal, p. 2</i>
KYRIE ELEISON (all) “ <i>Missa Primitiva</i> ”	<i>Missal, p. 35</i>
GLORIA (all) “ <i>Missa Primitiva</i> ”	<i>Missal, p. 35</i>
COLLECT	<i>Missal, p. 511</i>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:	<i>Missal, p. 511</i>
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (all)	<i>Missal, p. 512</i>
SECOND READING:	<i>Missal, p. 512</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all)	<i>Missal, p. 512</i>
GOSPEL:	<i>Missal, p. 513</i>
HOMILY	
NICENE CREED (all)	<i>Missal, p. 7</i>
UNIVERSAL PRAYER	

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON.....	<i>Missal, p. 513</i>
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS	<i>Missal, p. 11</i>
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS	<i>Missal, p. 514</i>
PREFACE DIALOGUE	<i>Missal, p. 12</i>
SANCTUS (all) “ <i>Missa Primitiva</i> ”	<i>Missal, p. 36</i>

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- I (The Roman Canon) "To you, therefore, most merciful Father..." Missal, p. 13
II "You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness..." Missal, p. 17
III "You are indeed holy, O Lord..." Missal, p. 19
IV "We give you praise, Father most holy..." Missal, p. 22

LORD'S PRAYER (**all**) Missal, p. 25

AGNUS DEI (**all**) "Missa Primitiva" Missal, p. 37

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Missal, p. 27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

COMMUNION HYMN (**all**):

O Lord, I Am Not Worthy



1. O Lord, I am not wor - thy That
2. "O come, all you who la - bor In
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our
4. O Sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O



1. thou should'st come to me, But speak the words of
2. sor - row and in pain. Come, eat this Bread from
3. Vic - tim and our Priest, Whose pre - cious Blood and
4. Sac - ra - ment di - vine! All praise and all thanks



1. com - fort, My spir - it healed shall be.
2. heav - en; Thy peace and strength re - gain."
3. Bod - y Be - come our sa - cred Feast.
4. giv - ing Be eve - ry mo - ment thine.

Text: *O Herr ich bin nicht würdig*, 18th c. German; Tr. Anon.
Melody: NON DIGNUS, 7.6.7.6; *Catholic Youth Hymnal*, 1871.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Missal, p. 514

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING *Missal, p. 29*

DISMISSAL *Missal, p. 30*

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL *Missal, back cover*

RECESSIONAL HYMN (*all*):

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee,
 2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
 4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus,

1. God of glo - ry, Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like
 2. Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels
 3. Ev - er - bless - ing, ev - er - blest, Well - spring of the
 4. Which the morn - ing stars be - gan; Fa - ther - love is

1. flow'rs be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their Sun a - bove.
 2. sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 3. joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 4. reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er - love binds man to man.

1. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 2. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 3. Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er,
 4. Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

1. Drive the dark of doubt a - way; Giv - er of im -
 2. Flow'r - ing mead - ow, flash - ing sea, Chant - ing bird and
 3. All who live in love are thine; Teach us how to
 4. Vic - tors in the midst of strife; Joy - ful mu - sic

1. mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 2. flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
 3. love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 4. lifts us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke. Melody: HYMN TO JOY, 8.7.8.7 D; Ludwig van Beethoven.



Stewardship, Justice, and the Heart of Love

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on how stewardship, justice, and love are woven together in the life of faith. Each passage challenges us to consider not only how we use what God has entrusted to us but also how the orientation of our hearts determines the justice we practice and the love we extend to others.

The prophet Amos, in our First Reading, speaks with startling clarity against those who take advantage of the poor and manipulate systems for personal gain. "You trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land," he warns, condemning dishonesty in business practices and exploitation of the vulnerable. These words remind us that stewardship is never neutral; it involves real choices that affect real people. If we treat wealth, opportunity, or influence as tools for self-advancement without regard for others, we fail in our call to justice. True stewardship cannot be separated from the responsibility to ensure that our daily lives—our work, our decisions, even our habits—do not harm the most vulnerable but instead reflect God's care for them.

The Second Reading, from Paul's letter to Timothy, expands this vision by urging prayers "for everyone, for kings and for all in authority." Paul emphasizes

that God "wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth," and that Christ is mediator and savior for all. In this way, stewardship goes beyond material resources and touches the stewardship of our hearts in prayer. When we pray sincerely for others, even those in authority or those we may find difficult, we are exercising justice rooted in love. Prayer itself becomes an act of stewardship—aligning our hearts with God's expansive love and interceding for the well-being and salvation of all people.

In the Gospel, Jesus sharpens the focus by telling the parable of the dishonest steward. Though the steward acted shrewdly in securing his future, Jesus draws a deeper lesson: those who are trustworthy in small matters will be trustworthy in great ones, and no one can serve two masters. Here we see that stewardship ultimately comes down to the heart. Do we allow ourselves to be mastered by wealth, power, and convenience, or do we commit our hearts fully to God? Jesus reminds us that the heart cannot be divided. To live justly, we must love rightly, and to love rightly, we must serve God above all else.

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

Luke 16:10

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared Auclair

Taken together, these readings form a unified call. Stewardship is not simply about giving money or managing resources; it is about living with integrity, seeking justice in our relationships, and shaping our hearts in love. Justice ensures that the vulnerable are cared for. Prayer expands our concern to all of humanity. And love directs our hearts to serve God alone. When our stewardship is grounded in justice and shaped by love, our lives reflect the very heart of God. May this week find us striving to serve Him faithfully, to treat others with fairness and compassion, and to let our hearts be guided always by love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. September 20, 9 a.m.	No Intention
Sat. September 20, 4 p.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. September 21, 8 a.m.	Cheryl Ann Rooney Margaret & Malcom Callahan Robert Craig Abraham Lucia Rodrigues Melo Gail Robinson & Roseann Hannan
Sun. September 21, 10 a.m.	Private Intention
Wed. September 24, 9 a.m.	John Edward Ferris—25th Anniversary
Thu. September 25, 9 a.m.	No Intention
Fri. September 26, 9 a.m.	No Intention
Sat. September 27, 9 a.m.	Jeanne Maria Valborge
Sat. September 27, 4 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun. September 28, 8 a.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. September 28 10 a.m.	Manuel & Olga Batista Bernal Family

*September Bread & Wine and Altar Candles are offered in
Memory of the Janssen & Gotz Family Members.*

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 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

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

Adoration Only (returning in September)

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

Confession & Adoration
*Confession also available after most Masses by
request or by appointment*

BOOK A MASS INTENTION

If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, please contact the parish office. The suggested stipend for Masses is \$10.

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Parish Pastoral Council

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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback. *Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.*

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ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH PICNIC / BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, October 5th
(rain date Sunday, October 19th)

Join us for a free picnic lunch! We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers from 12:45—2:00 p.m. Help support this event and our parish by purchasing beer, wine or soda with lunch, water will be free.

The parish picnic/block party committee is asking for help on October 5th between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in several areas: setup (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), baking, running games, breakdown, etc. Please sign up in the church or use the following link to volunteer at this community event! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BABA623A75-51005130-stmichaels>

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

September 9– 15, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
In-Pew	\$7289
Online Giving	\$948
GRAND TOTAL	\$8237

Thank you for your generosity!



Please consider using the *WeShare QR Code* to set up Electronic Recurring Payments

Please consider St. Michael Parish when you are estate planning. We just recently received a significant gift from the estate of deceased parishioners. Thank you for your consideration.

Upcoming 2nd Collections

September 21—Clergy Health & Retirement

September 28—Subscription to Pilot—new or renewal

WALKING WITH PURPOSE Study Groups for Women

New in Fall 2025

- Make connections with other women
- Come as you are - refuel and refresh
- Learn more about God

Tuesday Evenings (2x/month) starting Sept. 30

Passionate Discipleship: As we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy, we will learn how to pass on the faith to others and live as disciples of Christ, with Him as the center of our lives.

Thursday Mornings starting September 18

The **Touching the Divine** Bible study focuses on qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws women into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.

More info here



<https://stmikeswvpfall2025.my.canva.site/www-hudson>

Questions? contact stmikeswvp@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Religious education registration remains open on St. Michael's website for children grades 1 through 8. We



will meet once per month at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Upper Church starting on September 24. To register, please scan the QR Code or see the website

for more information. <https://www.stmikes.org/religious-education>. Any student ready for

Confirmation, please register your child in Grade 8 for students to the age of 16. Students age 17 and over will register in the Adult Confirmation Classes. <https://www.stmikes.org/confirmation-classes-for-adults>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic?

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, we invite you to register with our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Program (OCIA). To learn more, contact Lori Morton in the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

SEPTEMBER 21—Catechetical Sunday. A day observed by the Catholic Church to celebrate and support those involved in teaching the faith.

SEPTEMBER 23—Ladies Sodality—1:00 p.m., Parish Center. Fresh Start will speak at the meeting.

SEPTEMBER 24—Religious Educations classes begin— 6:00 p.m., Upper Church. Deacon Jared will be speaking to the parents in the Upper Church as the children have their first lesson in the Parish Center.

SEPTEMBER 27—Worcester Catholic Women's Conference—<https://www.wcwconference.com> — check the website for more information and to register!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—9:00 a.m. Mass—Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

OCTOBER 2—Adult Confirmation Begins—7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Parish Center.

OCTOBER 4—Eucharistic Adoration— 6:00 p.m., Upper Church—Join us as we spend some quiet time with the Lord.

OCTOBER 4 through OCTOBER 14—The Heralds of the Gospel will lead a Marion Mission at St. Michael's from October 4th to October 14th. There will be extra Masses in English and Portuguese and opportunities for home visits. The Heralds of the Gospel is a Catholic international private association of Christ's faithful of Pontifical Right.

OCTOBER 5—Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes—8:00 a.m. Mass. Volunteers offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Lower Church as adults attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church. No sign up required. Suggested age range is 5 to 9 years old.

OCTOBER 5— St. Michael's Block Party/Parish Picnic— 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Blessing of the Animals at 2:00 p.m. Join us for lunch, then go home and get your pet and come back for the blessing!

MARION MISSION

HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL



It is with great joy that we announce The Heralds of the Gospel will be at St. Michael's Parish from October 4 through October 14! During these special days, families will have the opportunity to welcome the image of Our Lady into their homes, bringing blessings and graces to all.

- ♦ The English community may contact Andrea at the parish office or by email at andrea@stmikes.org to schedule a visit to their home.
- ♦ The Portuguese and Brazilian communities may contact Cibeale to schedule a visit and welcome Our Lady into their homes.

Raffle tickets are still available for the 45" Statue of Our Lady of Grace and a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe—the drawing will take place on October 12, the Feast of Our Lady Aparecida. Thank you to all who are supporting this great work of evangelization!

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS



Join us on Monday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael!

"Who is Like God?"
Defend Us, Protect Us!

LADIES SODALITY

The Ladies Sodality will meet on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center. Fresh Start, a volunteer-run charity, will join us. Please bring any household items for donation to help their cause. They are in need of everything. Please contact Martha Berry at 978-562-2705 with questions. All are welcome!



GUEST SPEAKER:

Zach Morris



OCTOBER 29, 2025—WEDNESDAY 6 PM

“On the Cultivation of Worth: A Word from St. Augustine to the contemporary heart”

In this increasingly disaffiliated world our kids are leaving God behind. Instead of seeing God as a loving creator, many choose to strike out on the effort of ‘self-creation.’ The trouble is that when we seek to create ourselves we also find ourselves in a situation where we must define our own worth. We live in a world in which our young people, far too often, base their value on passing things (grades, sports, friends, etc.) rather than the unchanging God. When those things pass away our kids are not merely faced with a bad day but their very reason for why they matter is thoroughly shaken. Teens are facing a crisis of worth and we have to respond. This talk will consider the crisis at hand, seeking an answer in the thought of St. Augustine, and discuss what we as parents, educators, coaches, and mentors can do to help our young people ground their worth in the loving God.

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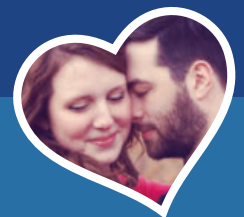
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