Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (all):



Text: Psalm 90, Isaac Watts. Melody: ST. ANNE, 8.6.8.6 (C.M.); Attr. William Croft.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	. Missal, p. 478
SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING	Missal, p. 1
PENITENITAL ACT (Form A)	Missal, p. 2
KYRIE ELEISON <i>(all)</i> "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
GLORIA (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
COLLECT	Missal, n. 478

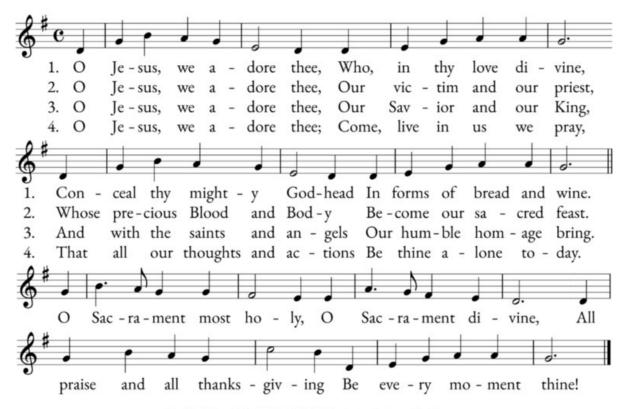
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 Missal, p. 478
RESPONSORIAL PSALM <i>(all)</i> Ps 40 (39): 14b
SECOND READING: Heb 12: 1-4
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all) In 10: 27
GOSPEL: Lk 12: 49-53
HOMILY
NICENE CREED (all)
UNIVERSAL PRAYER
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
PREFACE DIALOGUE
SANCTUS (all) "Missa Primitiva"
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
I (The Roman Canon) "To you, therefore, most merciful Father"
LORD'S PRAYER (all)
AGNUS DEI (all) "Missa Primitiva"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION		Missal,	p. 2	?7
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

COMMUNION HYMN: (all) "O Jesus, We Adore Thee" Fulda Melody



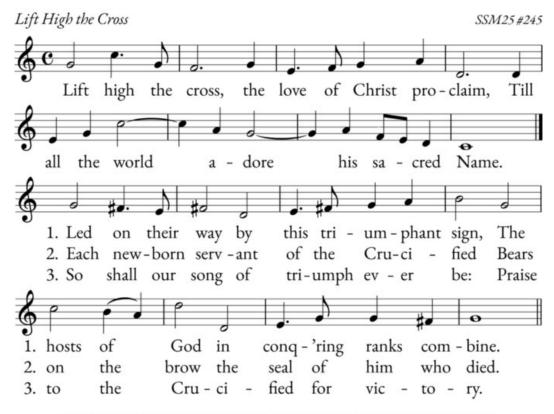
Text: John Rodgers. Melody: FULDA MELODY, 7.6.7.6 with refrain; 19th c. German.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIO	V	Missal,	p. 4	48	1
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CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING	Missal, p. 29
DISMISSAL	Missal, p. 30
PRAVER TO SAINT MICHAEI	Miccal back cover

RECESSIONAL HYMN (all):



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Greetings, brothers and sisters. Our readings this weekend help us to reflect on those occasions when speaking what's necessary isn't always popular. Perhaps we've encountered this in our family life. I can remember at least a few times when Joyce and I had to hand down some proper discipline and consequences to our kids for pushing the limits in problematic ways. I can certainly remember not liking it myself as a kid, and it's peculiarly reassuring to know our next generation experiences it exactly the same way! In the end, these moments demonstrate that we love our kids, that actions have consequences, and that our kids can learn from their mistakes in the safety of our own home. Now in their mid-thirties and beginning to raise children of their own, I am grateful to say they learned well and are well-prepared to pass along the same lessons!

In our first reading, Jeremiah finds he's quite unpopular himself and is being lowered into a muddy well to die. Jerusalem wants to do away with him because he was encouraging the weak King Zedekiah to surrender to the Babylonians, poised to conquer the city. This was seen as demoralizing the army and the people. Unbeknownst

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

to the king and his leaders, God was using Babylon as an instrument of justice against Judah and surrounding nations for having violated God's covenant with them in numerous ways, including idolatry, oppression of the poor, false prophecy, reliance on political alliances instead of God, and rejection of God's messengers. Jeremiah is having done to him what was done to many other prophets of God before him: mockery, imprisonment, and death. Nonetheless, Jeremiah remains faithful to the message he was inspired to speak from God, and God provides for his rescue.

Like Jeremiah, we experience the same kind of gratitude for God's rescue of us when we have fallen into our own 'pits of destruction'. God never abandons us, even when things appear most bleak. He hears the cry of His faithful and delivers us from trouble.

In our second reading, the author is encouraging our perseverance in faith, drawing courage from Jesus' own endurance with the cross. Our lives as Christians often pit us against popular culture and worldly ideals. Our faith requires steadfastness, and acceptance that struggles are part of Christian discipleship. It's in this context that our gospel from Luke describes Jesus saying that His mission will cause division, even within families. This can be really tough, and the road hard.

Like faithful, responsible parents, we commit ourselves to raising our children the best way we can. We try to reflect that same commitment to all we meet everywhere. We can often find ourselves in conflict with those who reject God. It is certain we will find ourselves being unpopular from time to time. But – we need not be afraid! The fire of God's

unconditional love and truth purifies and transforms. Consistently following Him nourishes faithfulness and perseverance and will ultimately bring us to our heavenly home!

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

Wishing you great peace,

— Dcn Chuck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. August 16, 9 a.m. Alfred Thoman
Sat. August 16, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. August 17, 8 a.m.

St. Michael Parishioners

Sun. August 17, 10 a.m.

Elise Rossignol (Living)

Linda Nassar (Living)

Bruce Feeney (Living)

Renee Lau

Wed. August 20, 9 a.m. Thomas Beirne

Thu. August 21, 9 a.m. Consolation of the Beirne Family (Living)

Fri. August 22, 9 a.m. Gedimirias Dulskis

Sat. August 23, 9 a.m. Bernard Joseph Callahan Jr.

Sat. August 23, 4 p.m. Francis Harrity

Francis Walsh and Francis Walsh Jr.

Angelo Gigliotti Leonard Pauplis

Sun. August 24, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. August 24 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

Please let us know if you would like to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.

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.

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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

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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 2025

SPECIAL AUGUST EVENTS

ST. MICHAEL PARISH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

St. Monica Novena begins. Mother of St. Augustine. Please see next page for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Agustino Festival, Portuguese Club–13 Port Street, Hudson. All proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Religious Education registration opens on August 25 – sign up your child for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Program– open to children grades 1 through 8. Please see the website for more details www.stmikes.org/religious-education

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Altar Server Program Training—girls and boys grades 3-12 (Upper Church)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 6:30 p.m.

St. Monica Feast Day - Novena concludes. Join us as we pray the last day of the novena for those who have turned away from Christ and the Church (Upper Church).

EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sunday Coffee Social—immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. (Parish Center, ground floor)
All are welcome!

AUGUST—Registration is open for the 2025-2026 Walking with Purpose (WWP) Women's Bible Study. Please see the website for more details:

www.stmikes.org/ministries

ALTAR SERVER PROGRAM

Our altar server program training will be held on Tuesday, August 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Upper Church. All students between grades 3 - 12 who have completed First Holy Communion are invited to join this ministry! If interested or for more information, please contact Dcn Chuck or Jackie: deacon_chuck@stmikes.org | jjohannes1215@gmail.com

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

August 5 - 11, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
In-Pew	\$6558
Online Giving	\$1248
GRAND TOTAL	\$7806

Thank you for your generosity!



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Upcoming 2nd Collections

August 17—No Second Collection August 24—Texas Flood Relief

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

As we approach the end of summer and a new school year, we will be having a blessing of the backpacks on Sunday, August 24 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

A backpack blessing is often held at the beginning of the school year where students bring their backpacks to be



blessed. It is a way to offer encouragement, support, and prayers for students as they embark on a new academic year!

* PARISH DRIVEWAY PARKING REMINDER *

Please remember that parking at the Parish Center and upper parking lot is reserved for handicap vehicles with placards displayed, clergy and staff. Recent observations have other parishioners using these upper parking lot spaces. Please respect those who need these handicap access spots and utilize the available spaces in our larger lower parking lot. Please also note that overflow parking is allowed at Hudson Animal Hospital, 30 High Street. Thank you sincerely for your cooperation and support!

WHO IS SAINT MONICA?

Next week the Catholic Church honors St. Monica as a powerful witness to a mother's love in wanting what is best for her child. Throughout her life she prayed for the conversion of her son, and one day all of her prayers were answered. Her son, St. Augustine, had a powerful conversion and went on to become the Bishop of Hippos and a Doctor of the Church, impacting how people learn theology and how they too can develop a spiritual life with God. The Church will celebrate St. Monica's Feast Day on Wednesday, August 27th and she is the patron saint of mothers, difficult marriages, victims of abuse and conversion of relatives.



St. Michael's Parish invites you to join in praying a novena to St. Monica. The novena will start on August 19 and we will gather in the Upper Church 6:30 p.m. for the conclusion on St. Monica's feast day, August 27.

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA

OPENING PRAYER Lord our God, ever merciful to all who hope in you, you adorned your servant Monica with the priceless gift of reconciling her husband and children to you; you listened to her fervent and continuous prayers calling her son, Saint Augustine, from the ways of error to serve you in holiness making of him a sign in the world of the power of the grace of Christ and of the intercession of the saints on our behalf; renew, O Lord, in your Church and in our hearts the spirit you gave to Saint Monica; grant that in our thirst for true wisdom we and our loved ones may never cease to search for you, and may our hearts rest united in you, the living fountain of unending love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF PETITION Blessed Saint Monica, please add your prayers to all those concerned and worried about their family members and friends, especially those who have turned away from Christ and His Church. Take them under your protection and give them the courage to walk in the ways of the Lord despite the temptation and false values they find in today's world. Please also, take my personal request to God for my loved ones with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son. Amen.

FINAL PRAYER O God, you alone are good, and you never cease doing good; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us on fire with your love, so that we may serve you more faithfully day by day, using the same gifts you have given us for the glory of your name. Amen.

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.

COVER ARTWORK

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated as a memorial on August 22. This feast day was established by Pope Pius XII in 1954. It is observed eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, which is on August 15. The purpose of the feast is to honor Mary's role as Queen of Heaven and Earth, recognizing her close association with Jesus and her powerful intercession on behalf of humanity.

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WHAT IS A FEAST DAY?

A feast day is a day to remember and celebrate important figures or events related to the faith. These days can be dedicated to saints, or to events in the life of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, or the apostles. Feast days are a way for the church to honor these figures and events, and for Catholics to deepen their understanding of their faith. Feast days can be solemnities, feasts, or memorials, each with varying levels of liturgical importance. A solemnity the highest rank of liturgical celebration, commemorating a significant mystery of faith or an important event in the life of Jesus, Mary, or a saint. On August 15 we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.



FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 2025

September 5th October 3rd November 7th December 5th

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 781-899-5500 ext. 134 firstfriday@psjs.edu



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Please encourage men that you know to avail themselves of this opportunity. Join us:

Friday, September 5, 2025 Friday, October 3, 2025 Friday, November 7, 2025 Friday, December 5, 2025

If you know of a man interested in pursuing a possible vocation or who may benefit from a visit to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, please have him reach out to Msgr. William Fay.

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