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## *Mass Schedule*

Daily Mass: 7:30<sup>AM</sup>

Saturday Vigil: 4:00<sup>PM</sup>

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00<sup>AM</sup>

August 3, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Weekly Offertory

*July 20, 2025*

Offertory Envelopes....\$5,326.00  
 Loose Collection .....\$2,230.00  
 Online Giving.....\$3,033.00  
 Total Offertory .....\$10,589.00



The Assumption of Mary **IS**  
 a Holyday of Obligation.  
 We will have a vigil Mass  
 on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at  
 6:00<sup>PM</sup> and Masses on  
 Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at  
 7:00<sup>AM</sup> and 11:00<sup>AM</sup>. All  
 Masses will be in the  
 church.

**\*\*\*Please note: NO 6:30<sup>PM</sup>  
 Confessions on Thursday,  
 August 14<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

## ***This Week***

### Monday, August 4, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Ladies Sodality..... PC 4 ..... 9:30 - 11:00 AM  
 Church Authority ..... PC 3 ..... 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 The 99 Masterclass..... FGMC ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
 K of C Membership Meeting..... PC 4 ..... 7:00 - 9:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 The Road to Emmaus ..... PC 4 ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM

### Thursday, August 7, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Bible Study..... PC 3 ..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
 The 99 Masterclass..... FGMC ..... 7:00 - 8:30 PM

### Friday, August 8, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Eucharistic Adoration ..... Chapel ..... 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 Novena to IHOM ..... PC 3 ..... 5:00 - 6:00 PM

### Saturday, August 9, 2025

Daily Mass ..... Chapel ..... 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
 Vigil Mass..... Church ..... 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
 Novena to IHOM ..... PC 3 ..... 5:00 - 6:00 PM

### Sunday, August 10, 2025

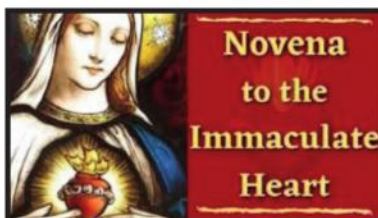
Mass ..... Church ..... 7:00 - 8:00 AM  
 Mass ..... Church ..... 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
 Faith Formation Registration..... FGMC ..... 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
 Mass ..... Church ..... 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Novena to IHOM ..... PC 3 ..... 5:00 - 6:00 PM

PC: Parish Center    FGMC: Father George Malin Center

## *— In Remembrance —*



This week, the  
 Sanctuary Candle was donated  
 in loving memory of Mike  
 Malison.



Join the IHOM Spiritual  
 Motherhood of Priests for the  
 Novena to the Immaculate  
 Heart August 8<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>  
 in room 3 of the parish center  
 from 5:00 to 6:00<sup>PM</sup>.

**Mass Intentions For This Weekend 08/02 & 08/03**

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

4:00<sup>PM</sup> ..... †Helen Kmetz & Patricia  
McKivens

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Otis & Catherine McGovern  
9:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Pauline Bifulco  
11:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖For All Parishioners

**Mass Intentions For This Week**

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Nickie Villa

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Robert Sowers & Stacy Hudgins

**Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Claus Michna

**Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Cathy Drosick

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖Ann Laffey

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Jerry Lucy  
4:00<sup>PM</sup> ..... †Walter Krawiec

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... ❖For All Parishioners  
9:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pinter  
11:00<sup>AM</sup> ..... †Laura Lauria

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*— In Remembrance —*



This week, the Altar Bread  
is donated in loving memory  
of Frank Bowler.

*— In Remembrance —*



This week, the Altar Wine is  
donated in loving memory of  
Walter Krawiec.



### *A WORD FROM FATHER JIM*

On Tuesday, August 5, the Church celebrates the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (*Santa Maria Maggiore*). It is the oldest Marian sanctuary and it is the resting place of Pope Francis and several other popes. According to tradition, Our Lady appeared in a dream to a wealthy, childless couple who wanted to honor her. In the dream, Mary requested that a church be built for her on a site where snow would fall during the summer. The couple reported Mary's request to Pope Liberius, who had a similar dream. On August 5, in the year 358, snow miraculously fell on Esquiline Hill, the highest of Rome's hills. The snow provided a layout of the perimeter of what is now the basilica. Each year, the miraculous snowfall is remembered with the release of white rose petals from the ceiling of the basilica during the feast day Mass. This tradition gives a special nobility to Saint Mary Major's – marking it out as a kind of Marian relic, a place that was desired and planned by the Mother of God herself.

For a while, the basilica was known as Saint Mary of the Crib after it obtained a relic of the Holy Crib, believed to be the one in which Jesus was laid at his nativity. This relic was carried to Rome by Christian refugees from the Holy Land fleeing the Muslim invasion of the seventh century. The basilica still hosts a procession of the Holy Crib every year on Christmas Day. The relic of the holy crib, which is under the papal altar, recalls the importance of the basilica as the 'Bethlehem of the West'. Since Saint Mary Major is a patriarchal basilica, it contains a papal altar used only by the pope himself or a priest to whom he has given special permission. Customarily, the pope celebrates Mass at the basilica each year on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (*August 15*).

The Basilica is home to the most important of all Marian icons, the *Salus Populi Romani* (*Our Lady Saviour of the Roman People*). Tradition attributes the artwork to Saint Luke the Evangelist, who is patron of painters. This name comes from a miracle in which the icon helped shield the city from the approach of the plague. Pope Francis placed all his apostolic journeys under the protection of Our Lady, *Salus Populi Romani*, stopping off to pray at the icon before his departure from Rome and again on his return. In his final testament, Pope Francis confirmed his request to be buried at Saint Mary Major writing, *"I wish my last earthly journey to end at this very ancient Marian shrine where I would go to pray at the beginning and end of each apostolic journey to confidently entrust my intentions to the Immaculate Mother and to thank her for the docile and maternal care."* Pope Francis wished that his tomb *"be prepared in the niche in the side aisle between the Pauline Chapel — the Chapel of the Salus Populi Romani — and the Sforza Chapel"* and *"be in the earth; simple, without special decoration and with the only inscription: Franciscus."*

Among the other important relics contained within the basilica are the mortal remains of Saint Matthew and Saint Jerome. Some relics of the true cross are preserved in this basilica, housed in a 14th-century cross-shaped reliquary. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, Saint Mary Major is one of the basilicas which has opened its Holy Doors for pilgrims to walk through in order to receive special graces.

Honoring the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major is one way in which the Church celebrates the great gift of Mary, Mother of God. May the Blessed Mother pray and intercede for you, especially during this Jubilee Year of Hope.

God bless,  
Fr. Jim Ruhlin

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection Weekend

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church and chapel collecting monetary donations on the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> after all of the Masses for our neighbors in need. All donations are appreciated. If you are not able to donate at this time, there are envelopes located at all of the doors. **They must be marked SVdP for us to receive your donation.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless you.

### **Parish Rosary Program Update**

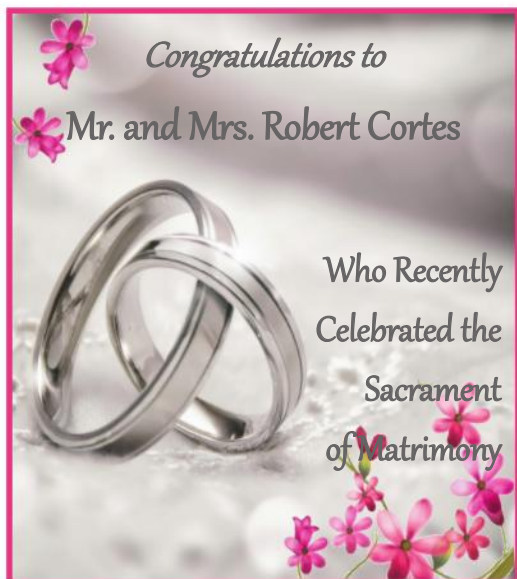
Total Rosaries this week:

362

Total Rosaries Year to Date: 16,029

Total Weeks Reporting

37



OCIA is intended for non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic and for Catholics who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. If you or someone you know fit that description, please contact Andy Gotsch at (727) 379-1558 or [agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org](mailto:agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org)

Classes are Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm in the Malin Center and start August 19th.

### Church Authority with Luke Lancaster

Join us on Mondays in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:00<sup>PM</sup>.

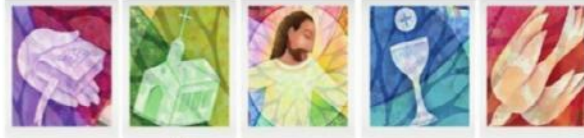
- August 4 ~ Apostolic Succession
- August 11 ~ The Magisterium
- August 18 ~ Papacy, Part 1
- August 25 ~ Papacy, Part 2



### Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church is to worship God in prayer through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel while teaching others to do so, and to serve those in need.





## Faith Formation



It's time to register for Faith Formation. **Our first class is Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>! Classes are on Sunday from 10:15 to 11:30<sup>AM</sup>.** Please update your calendar. Thank you.

Go to: <https://www.saintmichaelchurch.org/religious-education> or use this QR code to register:

\*\*\*There will be in-person registration opportunities on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Malin Center from 10:00 to 11:00<sup>AM</sup>. \*\*\*

For any questions, please contact Andy Gotsch at 727-379-1558 or [agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org](mailto:agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org)



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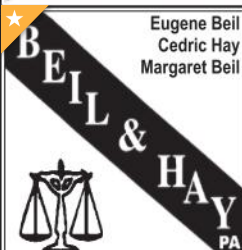
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