

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrament Emergency Number is 256-735-6858. This number is to be used for sacrament emergencies only and during non-office hours.

Mass Added - Monday morning Mass is now offered at 7:30am. Monday Mass will be offered every week forth coming at this time.

Finance Council will meet this Thursday, July 24th, at 10am in the Parish House.

PSR Registration continues this weekend after all Masses.

Father Patrick is going to start an adult catechesis class sometime in August. The date and time will be published soon.

2025 Raffle Winners: First Place, \$500.00---Audrey Newton, Second Place, Bonnie's Quilt---Cindy Varner, Third Place, Abbot Cletus' Pot of Gold ---Jackie Mauter, Fourth Place, Apple Watch---Catherine Eckl, Fifth Place, \$100.00---Ella Raney

Children's Church - Children ages 4-7 (that are not participating in First Communion preparation classes) are welcomed to follow adults to the Parish House for the duration of the readings, gospel and homily. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the church office or Melanie Connolly. Children's Church is only for the 10am Mass.

Lay Ministers Needed - Lay ministers are needed at all weekend masses to be Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Altar Servers. If you would like to help in some way please contact the office and someone will get in contact with you. Any suggestions on improving how we do our ministry scheduling are welcomed. All help is appreciated.

Ladies in charge of the altar for the month of August are Nell Bernauer, Amy Moncus, Teresa Chaney and Courtney Warden.

Diocesan Second Collection - The weekend of August 2-3rd, you are invited to prayerfully consider giving to the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal, which directly supports the 21 seminarians who are being formed to become priests serving the people of God within the Diocese. This year, a generous benefactor has pledged to match every gift to the Seminarian Education Fund up to \$1 million throughout 2025, doubling the impact of each donation. Thank you for your support!

Church Office will be closed August 15th for the Assumption.

Bernard BBQ & Blues Festival is September 6-7th at St Bernard Abbey. Make plans to come enjoy great food, arts and craft vendors and music. Visit www.bernardbluesbbq.com for more info.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR NEWS & DATES

PSR Registration is on going. See Melanie Connolly after Mass for details.

PSR Teacher Retreat with Father Patrick is July 27th at 5pm.

August 3rd - PSR Meet & Greet for parents, students, teacher and also Parent Orientation.

August 10th - First Day of Class for K-8th grade.

August 6th - First Day of Class for 9-12th grade.

Contact Melanie Connolly for more info on PSR at dre@stmichaelscatholic.org

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Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.

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ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

Thank you to all that helped at soup kitchen this past weekend and your donations. This is a great service to our community. Sept 20: Next Soup Kitchen. Contact Donna or text if you would like to help.

All Wednesdays in July: Cantor practice after 6 pm Wednesday night Mass starting Wed, July 16. We will be learning and reviewing the Mass of Pope Paul VI to be introduced to congregation in August. We will practice with the congregation before each Mass also in August.

July 28/29: Youth Retreat at St. Bernard Abbey for grades 7-12. Contact Teresa Chaney if your youth is interested. 256-710-1011.

August 9/10 Coffee and Donuts after each mass this weekend and to welcome students going back to school.

August 10: Youth Mass at 10 am mass. If you would like to participate in this mass by reading, altar server, singing, gift bearers, please contact Donna @256 577-1607.

Sept. 28: St. Michael's Archangel meal and Birthday recognition for Fr. Patrick after 10 am mass, approx 11:15 am. This meal will include smoked chicken quarters, fixins', and desserts that will be provided.

Nov. 2, All Souls Cemetery service at cemetery, 3 pm. Soup and Sandwich meal to follow in gym.

Dec. 13 Senior Appreciation Meal, 11am for seniors ages 65 and over.

Dec. 14: Christmas Parish Meal and Play, 5 pm

Nursery workers needed for our new nursery in Parish House. Our hope is to have the nursery staffed and available for coverage in August but if not, for sure in Sept. If you would like to help and have not already contacted Donna, all will have to complete youth protection class online before being able to volunteer to help. Here are few guidelines for nursery workers. Nursery will need to be staffed with two adults or one adult and one high schooler. Must arrive 15 mins before 10 am mass. Parents cannot drop off and leave children until 2 workers present. Workers will stay the entire mass in nursery in the event a parent needs to bring their child over later after mass starts. Call Donna if you would like to volunteer!

Greeters needed before each mass! This is a great service to St. Michael's by welcoming people to church. We need people who will give their name and say welcome to St. Michael's. Ask if they are visiting our parish, if this area is home to them or visiting from out of town. And thank them for being here. We need to get to know our parish family and need this service started back. Any greeters would need to arrive 20 mins before mass to greet outside, weather permitting. If not, in the vestibule. Let me know if you meet someone that would like to be active in some way with activities or in any way with church involvement after you've greeted them and find out if they are parishioners. Thanks so much St. Michael's! You make it a great parish! This is a great way for us to get to know and say hello to each other. Contact Donna if you are willing to help. 256-577-1607.

Submitted by Donna Peters, contact Donna for more info at 256-577-1607.

On July 26th - the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter. The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac." Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel. As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world." *Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com*



St. Joachim and
St. Anne's feast day,
July 26th,
is the "Feast of
Grandparents".