

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.

Important!! Please only flush toilet paper in all of the church campus toilets. The Parish House lines were cleaned out last week and diapers, personal hygiene products and paper towels were found to have been flushed down the toilets. This is an added and unnecessary expense for the church. Dispose of all non toilet paper products in the restroom trash cans. Please kindly remind children of this. Your cooperation is most appreciated - the toilets, pipes, office staff and maintenance crew thank you!

PSR Registration continues this weekend after all Masses.

First Sunday Adoration is next Sunday following the 10am Mass and concluding at 3pm.

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

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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume class on September 16th.



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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 20-27th. NFP offers a variety of educational formats to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings that support their use in marriage. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week.

Visit www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning for more info or read the bulletin insert.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NOTES

All Wednesdays in July: Cantor practice after 6 pm Wednesday night Mass. 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 20: Soup Kitchen. Contact Donna or text if you would like to help.

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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate - Are you interested in praying for our priest? A Seven Sisters group begins with at least 7 women. One Hour, One Day: Each member commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering the week. Can be any time of the day. If unable for that day can get a substitute. Substitute need not be a woman. Ideally pray The Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. Can pray when traveling and not restricted to the church you are a member of. This commitment is for a period of one year. Call Donna if you are interested in forming at St. Michael's.

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