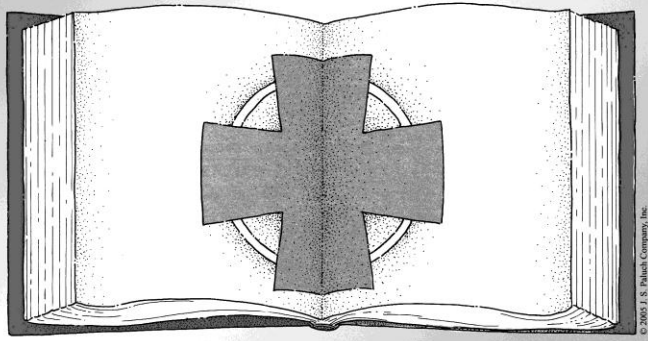


YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD . . .

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone.

Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, 69).

. . . WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

To make the choice of whom to serve, whom to believe in and trust, it is necessary sometimes to come to a moment of crisis. The concept of the Eucharist was so difficult that many who followed Jesus could not accept it. But those who had an intimate relationship with Jesus, not one based on signs and miracles but based on love, knew that their lives had been forever changed. There was no going back; there were no other "gods" to serve. There was the One, and everything depended on that fact. It is love that makes the choices clearer.

We don't completely understand this mystery, or many mysteries of life. But in the intimate relationship of faith, we believe and trust in the One who is faithful. We have been given a great gift, and we cannot possibly understand it fully. But we know we have been loved, that we love in return, and "we have come to believe." It makes all the difference.

Today's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21; Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; John 6:60-69

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Reconciliation - 5:00 pm Saturday at St. Michael or call the Rectory

Marriage - Please contact the pastor a year in advance. Advent and Lent are not times for celebrations.

Baptisms of Infants or Adults Joining the Church - Must be a practicing/registered member for three months. Please contact the DRE: St. Michael-Juliann Eickholtz, St. Francis-Father Tully

New To The Parish: Please call the office to register. Please introduce yourself to Father Tully at mass.

Parishioners Who Are Ill: Please call Fr. Tully or the rectory if a relative or friend is sick.

Bulletin Announcements: Get all bulletin announcements to the office in writing by Tuesday evening.

Los Enfermos Es muy importante comunicarse con el Padre (*debido a las leyes privadas, los hospitales no se comunican con las iglesias*).

Doctrina Cristiana: Las clases de educación religiosa para niños son cada domingo de 9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. en la escuela. Recuerden que la Arquidiócesis requiere que los que van a recibir los sacramentos estén inscritos en las clases de religión.

Monaguillos: Los niños que quieren ayudar como monaguillos en el altar tienen su ensayo el segundo domingo de cada mes después de la misa de 11:00 a.m. Estos niños y niñas tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión. Los interesados comunicarse con Pbro.

Mass Schedule**Mass Intentions**

St M	8/27	Mon		No Mass
St. FX	8/28	Tue		No Mass
St. M	8/29	Wed	4:30PM	Mass
St. FX	8/30	Thurs	4:30PM	Mass
St. M	8/31	Friday	12:00PM	Mass
St. M	9/1	Sat	5:30PM	The People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier
St FX	9/2	Sun	9:00AM	J.T. Higdon
St. M			11:00AM	Arthur Marking
St. M			12:30PM	En Español

We ask parishioners to please bring a non perishable item to be donated to the North Clark Outreach Center and for The Food Pantry in Henryville. There is a box for donations in the back of church. Thank you for your contribution.

Faith Formation News

Calendar

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings for children three years of age through high school. *Forms are available on the Church's website www.stmichaelstfrancis.com*

Classes

August 26-Session Three

September 2- NO CLASS Labor Day

September 9-Session Four, Rosary, & Music Practice

11:00 am. Mass Youth Choir, Gift Bearers (7-8 & High School)

September 16-NO CLASS (SEPTEMBERFEST)

September 23- Session Seven (Catechist Sunday)

Please welcome Father Tim Ryan who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and Their counter parts overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Collection

August 18 & 19

St. Michael \$ 2,621.00

St. Francis Xavier \$ 1,517.00

**ST. MICHAEL
CHARLESTOWN**

Eucharist

Sat – 5:30 pm

Sun – 11:00 am

La Misa en Español

Domingo – 12:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday Evening: Emma Yount

Sunday 11:00 am: The People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:

5:30pm: Jerry Lyons Family

11:00am: Mitch Newland Family

St. Michael and St. Francis Confirmation Update

Confirmation deepens our relationship with God and strengthens us to live lives of faith and mission. As a parent you will want to talk with your son or daughter about preparation for the celebration of Confirmation. If you will be a junior & senior in the next 2018-2019 school year, and have attended Faith Formation classes or a Catholic High School during 2018-2019 year, and are currently enrolled in class, you will be eligible to be confirmed. The sponsors for Confirmation are to be fully initiated Catholics in good standing in the Church. Because of the unity between Baptism & Confirmation, it is preferable that the godparent of the child serve as the sponsor for Confirmation.

Candidate, Parent & Sponsor Meeting will be Sunday, September 30th in the Multipurpose Room. There will be information at the meeting for candidates, parents, and sponsors. Please have your saint's name picked and written reason of why you have chosen this name. Registration & program fee are to be turned in that day also. Parent's are asked to watch Chris Stefanick's "Parent Invitation CD" prior to (which can be viewed at ConfirmationStudy.com/parents). It is just five minutes long. If you have questions, please contact Juliann.

Faith Formation is in need of an assistant for the 7-8 high school class on Sunday mornings. Please contact Juliann if you can help.

Our Service Project each week is to collect non perishable canned goods for the North Clark Outreach Center!



Bible Study will CLOSE DOWN for August, September & October! It will resume on Monday, November 5th at 7pm. in Rectory Meeting Room. We will begin classes studying the Acts of Apostles.

St. Michael Ministries Schedule

Sat. September 1, 5:30pm– St. Michael
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Seals & C. DeVary
Servers: C. Ledbetter
Gift Bearers: Lewis Stoner Family
Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz
Cantor: Tim & Ky Baltz
Lector: Mary Pat Beach

Sun. September 2, 11:00 am – St. Michael
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dean, S. Fouts & J. Kinder
Servers: Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Joyce McCoy Family
Musician: Bridget Meyer
Cantors: Jan Weyer
Lector: Cathy Peek

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Henryville



Eucharist
Sunday 9:00am

**Sunday Mass Intention:
Betty Jo Banet**

Gift Bearers for this week's Mass: Joe & Steve Banet Families

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. September 2, 9:00am
Eucharistic Ministers: Traci D'Angelo, Janice Furnish & Ann Harbeson
Servers: Madison Coomes, Andrew Banet & Clayton Higdon
Ushers: Anthony Harbeson & Mike Harbeson
Gift Bearers: Jon & Michelle Banet Family
Lectors: Joe Banet

St. Francis Faith Formation

August 26th-Class
September 2- NO CLASS Labor Day
September 9-Class
September 16-Class

The Rosary is said at St. Michael at 5:00pm before Saturday Evening Mass and at 10:30 before Sunday Mass.

The Rosary Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe is said at St. Michael on the 12th of each month at 7:00pm.

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
For a large part of the liturgical year, we devote ourselves to listening to the mystery of Christ in all aspects unfolded as we seek God's truth and understanding.

Theme: Jesus- the Bread of Life Eternal

Step 1: Listen to the Word.

Step 2: Look into your life.

Children: Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

Youth & Adults: Who do you know who really struggles with believing? What can you do to help them struggle through their doubt?

Picnics & Festivals

St Augustine Jeffersonville
Sunday, September 9th (11am.-2pm.)
Harvest Chicken Dinner
Quilt Raffle
Bake Sale

St Mary New-Albany
Multi-Cultural Festival
Saturday, Sept. 15
Begins with Bilingual Mass at 4:00pm.
American & Hispanic foods, Music & Dancing
Raffles & Games for all ages!

St. Michael Charlestown 'Septemberfest'
Sunday, Sept. 16
Famous fried chicken dinner and traditional Mexican food form 11am. to 4pm.
Silent Auction, Games of Chance, Quilt Raffle & Money raffle
Mexican Music & Dancing
\$500 Jay C/Kroger Gift Card Raffle
Mass Schedule: 11am. (Bilingual)

St. Michael Job Opportunities

Infant Toddler Teacher Assistant
Monday- Friday 7:30-2:30pm
Temp. Maternity Leave
Childcare Teacher
Monday – Friday 2pm-6pm K-5th grade
Contact office:
812-256-3503 to set up interview
Send resume: stmichaelcharlestown@yahoo.com
Indicate job of interest in email

Septemberfest Dumplings!

We are getting together to make dumplings on August 28th at 9 Am., in the Schools Kitchen! If anyone can help it would be greatly appreciated!

Nationwide Prayer for Human Life

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3–September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray/

Pro-Life thought for the week

"A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, or assisted suicide."

USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Youth Ministry News

New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries will be kicking off the annual fundraising campaign with a dinner on Tuesday, August 28th at Huber's Plantation Hall, 6:00pm. With special guest speaker Archbishop Charles C. Thompson. All are invited to attend!

CYM Calendar and Retreat Information

Work of Angels New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries will be kicking off the annual fundraising campaign with a dinner on Aug. 28th at Huber's Plantation Hall, 6:00 pm with special guest speaker, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson. All are welcome to attend. Please call Sandy at 812-923-8355 or email Sandy@nadyouth.org for more information

ROOTS August 29th 6 pm – 8:30 pm Catholic Youth Ministries Training for Young Adults who are interested in leading a "Root" group in their parish geared to the Young Adult community in your parish. Matt Faley, Director of Archdiocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry and Philip Wiese, Director of Catholic Youth Ministries will give you tips to be successful at recruitment for and running a Root group. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Philip@nadyouth.org.

Theology on Tap September 4th an informal gathering for young adults to explore Catholic Life! Meet up on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Wick's Pizza, 225 State St., New Albany. It's a speaker series where we enjoy drink specials, excellent conversation, exciting talks and great company! Catholic Youth Ministries 812-923-8355/nadyouth.org

3rd Annual Gathering of Disciples

Saturday, September 8th from 9am -3pm at Rocalli High School, Indianapolis. This is a day of formation for Catechists, Evangelizers, and Liturgical Ministers on God is Calling...How do we listen?

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven a time to be born a time to love a time to heal a time to die and a time of peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALTH & STRENGTH:

Kim Aquino, Donald Barker, Sandra Basham, Tina Blackwell, Donnie Bischoff, Denny Bishop, Robin Bishop, Heather Bruning, Wyatt Burke, Marie Cantrell, Mike Cantrell, Mike & Norma Carl, Lyn Carter, Janice Collier, Gary Cooper, Liz Cooper, Margie Cox, Bernice Donahue, Anna Dragoon, Gordon Dragoon, Jeanette Drury, Barbara Feige, Bettye Ferguson, Kenny Goode, Kathleen Hensley, Dawson Higdon, Maefiel James, John & Cindy Jordan, Raymond Kopp, Kay Ledbetter, Leland Lynch, Dianna Tulley Livermore, Connor Martin, Joe Mattingly, Terry Mattingly, Rhonda McGary, Kina McKinney, Herb Montgomery, Iliad Mullins, Esther Toby Nelson, Ian Newland, Mitch Newland, Cathy Peek, Katelyn Phillips, Nancy Rash, Janice Rowland, Carroll Schafer, Bob Scherer, Virginia Scherer, Dave Schlageter, Eugene Seals, Dorothy Smith, Bob Snyder, Bill Tackett, Bonnie Uptain, Lynn Vogt, Flo Wessel, Logan Westerhouse, Roger Westerhouse, Luke Wood, Lawrence & Barbara Yochum.

Names will remain on the list for 6 months unless you tell us to remove them or request that they be kept longer.

ST.MICHAEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

812-256-3503 Rita Poff Director

Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Infant & Toddler Care: starting at 6 weeks

Childcare: 6 weeks - 12 years old

Before & After Care and Summer Camp: KG - 5th grade

Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

8:15 am - 11:15 am & 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Pre-Kindergarten: Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 11:30 am & 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Sisters to host Fall Farm Day at the Woods

Bring the family and spend the afternoon at beautiful Saint Mary-of-the-Woods during Fall Farm Day at the Woods, scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m., on Sunday, September 30. Enjoy the family day filled with alpaca visits, hayrides, children's activities, fiber demonstrations, farm and 4-H demonstrations, videos and more. Learn about the history of farming at the Woods from 1840 to the present. Snacks and refreshments will be free provided by Providence Health Care. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 812-535-2802 or log on to SistersofProvidence.org.