



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“BE OPENED”

The miracle that Jesus performs in today’s Gospel is intimately linked with the proclamation of the first reading from Isaiah. The prophetic signs of God’s coming to save the people include the rejoicing of all of nature: its dry places become gardens and its deserts pools of water. Those who are deaf will hear and the mute will sing God’s praises. For Isaiah these are messianic signs, signs that God has come among us.

Jesus heals the deaf man and enables him to hear and speak. This is not just an individual healing, but a prophetic sign that God has come to save us. The Hebrew version of Jesus’ name is *Yeshua*, “God saves.” He comes not only to heal physical

ailments, but to open the ears of those who cannot or will not hear the saving word of God. He comes to open our eyes to the saving action of God and to open our lips to proclaim praise.

“HERE IS YOUR GOD”

Nature itself will proclaim the saving power of God, and the poor are the first to hear and rejoice in God’s saving work. Those who are powerless against nature, disease, tyranny, and injustice are the ones who most welcome Jesus’ ministry. “Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?” (James 2:5).

Fear can move us to seek power and to oppress others. The first step in overcoming our fear is to recognize our weakness and our poverty before God. Instead of embracing power and oppression, we can welcome the saving work of God in our lives and in our world. Our ears will hear the good news of the gospel of peace, and our tongues will proclaim the saving power of God. In our weakness is God’s strength.

Today’s Readings: Isaiah 35:4–7a; Psalm 146:7–10; James 2:1–5; Mark 7:31–37

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Office Hours – Thursday 10:30am-1:30pm

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	9/10	Mon		No Mass
St. FX	9/11	Tue		No Mass
St. M	9/12	Wed	4:30PM	Mass
St. FX	9/13	Thurs	4:30PM	Raymond & Flora Banet
St. M	9/14	Friday	12:00PM	The People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier
St. M	9/15	Sat	5:30PM	Christopher Wafford
St FX	9/16	Sun	9:00AM	Heilbron & Viola Adams
St. M		September-fest Bilingual	11:00AM	Anthony Stewart

Calendar

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings for children three years of age through high school. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, they should be enrolled in the FF Program. *Registration Forms are available on the Church's website www.stmichaelstfrancis.com*

FF Classes will meet in Church this Sunday for the beginning of our Yearly Rosary Novena. This will start our Yearly Rosary Novena & Youth Mass. **NO CLASS** next Sunday! It's the Septemberfest. Classes will resume on September 23rd at 9:30am.

Classes

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)

September 30-Session Six

Collection

September 1 & 2

St. Michael \$ 1,970.00

St. Francis Xavier \$ 1,385.00



ST. MICHAEL CHARLESTOWN

Eucharist
 Sat – 5:30 pm
 Sun – 11:00 am
 La Misa en Español
 Domingo – 12:30 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday Evening: Rick Gossman

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

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:

5:30pm: Darrell Lyons Family

11:00am: 7th & 8th Grade FF Class

The North Clark Outreach Center has expressed a need for non perishable food items. They are running short and need our help. There is a box for donations in the back of church. Thank you for your contribution.

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

St. Michael and St. Francis Confirmation Update

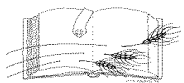
Confirmation deepens our relationship with God and strengthens us to live lives of faith and mission. As a parent you will want to talk with your son or daughter about preparation for the celebration of Confirmation. If you will be a junior & senior in the next 2018-2019 school year, and have attended 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.

Assistants are needed each week for FF Classes!

REMEMBER: Faith is a gift from God!

We encourage parents to attend Mass with their children. This enables the children to integrate what they learn in their Faith Formation classes with weekly participation in the liturgy.



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.

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

St. Michael Ministries Schedule

Sat. September 15, 5:30pm– St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Minnick & J. Schafer

Servers: J. Worley

Gift Bearers: Mike Maples Family

Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz

Cantor: Tim Baltz

Lector: Mary Pat Beach

Sun. September 16, 11:00 am – St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Kinder, J. Dean & C. Ledbetter

Servers: Volunteer

Gift Bearers: Robert Caudill Family

Musician: Nancy Kinder

Cantors: S/S Buit

Lector: Cathy Peek

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Henryville



Eucharist
Sunday 9:00am

**Sunday Mass Intention:
Emmie, Punch & JT Higdon**

Gift Bearers for this week's Mass: Calvin & Kin Brishaber Family

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. September 16, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Erin Horine, Tom Mayes & Dan Young

Servers: Samantha Smith, Kate Smith & Allison Smith

Ushers: Jack Murphy & Tom Nolot

Gift Bearers: John & Debbie Buckman Family

Lectors: Philip Carter

St. Francis Faith Formation

September 9-Class

September 16-Class

September 23-Class

September 30-Class

St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier Sacrament

Preparation: The Faith Formation Commission, the Pastor, and the Archdiocese state that a child must be enrolled and attend classes the YEAR BEFORE and YEAR of receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation. Baptism of children under school age requires the parents to meet with the pastor before the sacrament is received.

The Twenty-third 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: Your heart must be full of faith.

Step 1: Listen to the Word.

Step 2: Look into your life.

Children: How do you shun others whom you don't like?

Youth & Adults: In what way do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

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's yard sale is scheduled for October 5th, 6th, & 7th. We will start taking donated items on September 17th. You can drop gently used items at the rectory garage. See next week's flyer for more information. Thanks you!

Pro-Life thought for the week!

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

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!

CYM Calendar and Retreat Information

Young Adult Potlucks The first potluck of the fall will be on **Sept. 15th** with Brendan and Leah Kelly. Are you looking to connect with others who passionate about the Catholic life and still trying to get through career, family, friendship and faith issues? Come out and eat dinner with us! All young adults in the Deanery are welcome to attend. Contact Philip@nadyouth.org or call 812-923-8355 for more info.

PROVIDENCE ALUMNI INVITED TO PIONEER PIZZA PARTY FOR EDUCATION

Attention, Providence alumni classes from 1995 to 2005! Join us at the Pioneer Pizza Party on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at Parlour in Jeffersonville. Meet with Providence staff and faculty leaders. Learn the latest info on planning a Catholic high school education for your children. We will provide complimentary pizza and salad from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at 131 W. Chestnut St., Jeffersonville (at the foot of the Big Four walking bridge). A cash bar will be available. To RSVP or get more information, contact the Providence Advancement Office at 812-945-3350 or advancement@providencehigh.net.

St. Michael Job Opportunities

Temp. Maternity Leave Childcare Teacher
11:15am-6pm Monday- Friday 3& 4 Years old
Before & After Care Teacher: Monday – Friday 2pm-6pm K-5th grade

Bus Driver- CDL **NOT REQUIRED**

\$150 per week

8-9 am & 3-4 pm

Contact office: 812-256-3503 to set up interview

Send resume: stmichaelcharlestown@yahoo.com

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, Fr. Curran, Bernice Donahue, Anna Dragoon, Gordon Dragoon, Jeanette Drury, Fr. John Elmer, 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, Denny Poff, 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. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 812-535-2802 or log on to SistersofProvidence.org.

Please welcome our new members: If you would like to register as a new parishioner you may go to our website at www.stmichaelstfrancis.com and find the registration or call the rectory at 812-256-3200.