

*Whoever wishes to be first
must be the servant to all*



all” (Mark 9:35). This is a passage all about power.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST IS BEST?

“I’m first!” “No, I’m first!” “Mom, tell Ronnie that I get to be first this time!” From the earliest moments of our lives, there is something ingrained in us that is convinced that first is best. If not chosen first for the sports team, we are immediately deflated. We are coached to be “in first.” We spend hours of waiting time in order to be first in line. We are caught in a culture that makes being first the highest priority. Against this backdrop, we come to church and hear a Gospel such as the one proclaimed today from Mark: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of

BEING POWERFUL

Putting others first is one of the greatest challenges in a world that places so much emphasis on being powerful. Americans, for the most part, pride themselves on being a “super-power.” Power, in and of itself, is not the problem. What can become problematic is the way that power is used. Our example of the perfect use of power, of course, is the Lord Jesus himself. Fully human and fully divine, the Lord put all the power that had been given to him at the service of others. Unfortunately, when one hears comments such as “he is a very powerful man” or “it is a very powerful country,” one usually thinks of people or countries that use power to place themselves above apparently weaker people or places. The Gospel is a challenge to turn this notion on its head. We have each been given much power—the power flowing from Christ—in our baptism. Today we are called to use this power to place the needs of others before our own.

Today’s Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17–20; Psalm 54:3–8; James 3:16 — 4:3; Mark 9:30–37

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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 quieran 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	9/24	Mon		No Mass
St. FX	9/25	Tue		No Mass
St. M	9/26	Wed	4:30PM	Mass
St. FX	9/27	Thurs	4:30PM	Mass
St. M	9/28	Friday	12:00PM	For the People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier
St. M	9/29	Sat	5:30PM	Mike Galligan
St FX	9/30	Sun	9:00AM	Robert Masters
St. M			11:00AM	The Looney & Rash Families
St. M			12:30PM	En Español

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*

Classes

September 23- Session Seven (Catechist Sunday)

September 30-Session Six

October 7-NO CLASS Fall Break

Children's Liturgy of the word is held during the 11:00am. Mass, during the readings, gospel and homily. If your child has not yet received First Communion, they are welcome to attend. Assistants are needed each week!

We are in need of an assistant for the 7-8 Grade & High School Faith Formation Class on Sunday mornings. Please contact Juliann.

St. Michael 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 Rectory Basement Meeting 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!



ST. MICHAEL CHARLESTOWN

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

Mass Intentions

Friday Midday: The People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier

Saturday Evening: Leonard Eickholtz

Sunday 11:00 am: Bueter-Fox Families

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:

5:30pm: Carol DeVary & Kenny Goode Family

11:00am: Jim Kinder Family

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!

Faith Formation Meeting is September 27th at 6:30pm. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. USCCB

Faith Formation Commission Members Training is Monday, September 24th from 6:30pm. - 8:30pm. in the St. Mary of the Knobs Assumption Hall. Want to Carpool contact Glenda Minnick.



St. Michael's Bible Study 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 29, 5:30pm– St. Michael
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Stoner, C. DeVary
Servers: C. Ledbetter
Gift Bearers: Joe Wafford Family
Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz
Cantor: Tim & Ky Baltz
Lector: Mary Pat Beach

Sun. September 30, 11:00 am – St. Michael
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Kinder, J. Worley, C. Dunn
Servers: Volunteer
Gift Bearers: Ed Mader Family
Musician: Nancy Kinder
Cantors: Bridget Meyer
Lector: Cathy Peek

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Henryville



Eucharist
Sunday 9:00am

Mass Intention:
Sunday Mass: Kenneth Yost

Gift Bearers for this week's
Mass: Jack & Kathy Cleveland Family

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. September 30, 9:00am
Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Furnish, Ann Harbeson & Mike Harbeson
Servers: Aric Lyons, Amora Lyons & Aaron Banet
Ushers: Buddy Barrett & Butch Furnish
Gift Bearers: Troy & Charolette Coomes Family
Lectors: Emily Horine

St. Francis Faith Formation
September 23-Class
September 30-Class
October 7- NO CLASS Fall Break

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

The Twenty-Fifth 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: We are called to carry our crosses.

Step 1: Listen to the Word.

Step 2: Look into your life.

Children: Name ways you can serve others like a friendly smile, a hand up the steps, a prayer, what does it mean to you?

Youth & Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

Picnics & Festivals

St. Michael Bradford
Sunday, September 23rd.
Annual Ham & Chicken Dinner with Homemade Dumplings from 10:30am.-4:00pm.
Raffles, quilts, booths, bingo and more
Silent Auction

St. John Paul II
Turkey Shoot, Fall Festival & Chicken Dinner
At St. Joe Campus Sunday, October 7th (11am)
Chicken Dinner with Homemade Dumplings
Fun for the family!
Booths, raffles, quilts, and kids games!
Firing Range!

St. Mary New Albany
Saturday, October 6th 11am-1pm
Stop by the corner of Spring & Eighth Streets
for a bite to eat during the Harvest Homecoming Parade
American & Mexican Food

Special Information: The 5th Sunday Collection Envelope donations are to support the North Clark Outreach Center in Charlestown and the Community Care Project in Henryville. Our communities need your support. Thank you for your support.

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. Thanks you!

Pro-Life thought for the week!

"Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never acceptable and must always be opposed."

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

Encounter! College students age 18 -22 every Thursday. Come out to Mount St. Francis to Catholic Youth Ministries for a dynamic community seeking the face of Christ in the life of the Church...Oh, yeah and the food is delicious! 7-9 pm. Contact Philip 812-923-8355 or philip@nadyouth.org.

Theology on Tap October 2nd 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

March for Life – Attention High School Students! 2018 Deanery March for Life Pilgrimage is Jan. 17-20th to Washington, D.C. Any high school student is encouraged to join us for this incredible opportunity to stand up for the gift of life. Email Chris Rodgers, chris@nadyouth.org, for more information and for registration materials. Call Chris at 812-923-8355 with questions or see your Youth Minister. Registrations and final payment are due Dec 14, 2018.

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.

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, Robin Bishop, Heather Bruning, Wyatt Burke, Marie Cantrell, Mike Cantrell, Mike & Norma Carl, Lyn Carter, Glen Cole, 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

Special Thanks to all who worked so hard at the Septemberfest! This is our biggest fundraiser and it was a GREAT SUCCESS! We will be sending out a report soon to let everyone know how we did.