

September 15, 2019

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 15:1-32

“While his son was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.”

We can imagine the chuckles and snickers among the crowd when Jesus told the story of the Jewish father who gave half his property to his younger son. Jesus and all who heard him knew the improbability of a Jewish father, then or now, giving his younger son half of his property, then welcoming him back with love. Jesus used this story to teach important lessons. First, God loves us unconditionally. Nothing we can do or fail to do will stop God from loving us. God does not abandon us. Second, it is very difficult for us to love unconditionally. We place conditions on our love in the form of expectations, even if it is to be loved in return. When people we love disappoint us we may love them less or not at all. But Jesus challenged the people of his day, and us, to love unconditionally. Such love is hard for us, and can be hard on those we love. Sometimes we must correct or discipline those we love for their benefit and the benefit of others. How do we love? Do we love unconditionally? If no, will we try harder?

**** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED**
**** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or to be in the classrooms after CCD Classes.**

There are blue boxes in the back of the church for different items we are collecting for charities in our community. Please consider donating these items:

Flip tops from soda cans, Cancelled postage stamps, plastic bottle tops from soda bottles, used Christmas cards, and old eyeglasses and cases.

5 cent Fellowship bingo will now take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month (rather than the 4th). Bingo begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 12:00 PM

Next scheduled meeting of Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council is September 16, 2019 at 6:45 PM in the parish hall.

Next scheduled meeting of Martha’s Ministry is 12:30—2:30 PM Saturday September 21, 2019.

Next Parish Council Meeting is September 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The Parish Picnic is on Sunday September 29, 2019 on the lawn in front of the rectory from 1-4 PM

Silver Angels will meet at Logan’s Roadhouse in Clarksville at 1pm on October 4, 2019

Next scheduled meeting of Father Gerald Calhoun assembly is October 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Madisonville KY.

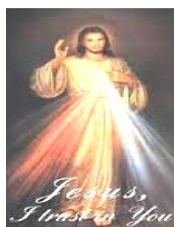
Anyone interested in helping to plan a fall festival please contact Roger Richey at 270-887-5716.

Martha's Ministry is offering an opportunity to win a beautiful handmade quilt made by Marie Welter, a founding parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel. The quilt is being displayed in the Parish Hall after all weekend masses. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Proceeds benefit Martha's Ministry and in turn will help with needs of the church. Tickets are available after Saturday evening mass at the entrance of the church through Mary Johnson & after Sunday masses at the Blessed Mother Gift Shop located at the back of the Parish Hall on Sunday's from 9:30 - 11:30 am & 12:30-1:00 pm. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Picnic on September 29. The winning ticket will be selected on Sunday, September 29 - the day of our Parish Picnic - at the end of the day. You do not need to be present to win. Point of Contact: Betty Elder 931-647-9416

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R. C. I. A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for adults. Wed. 7:00 PM Sep-May

Weekend Mass Schedule :

Sat 5:00PM Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekdays

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM Wed. 6:00 PM Tues. No Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

St. Michael the Archangel CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack or Tom for any Marriage and Annulment need.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup: 1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name, phone and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

**Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaeloakgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

Reading for this week 09/16-09/22

Monday:	1 TIM	2:1-8
	PS	28:2, 7-9
	LK	7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 TIM	3:1-13
	PS	101:1B-3B, 5-6
	LK	7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 TIM	3:14-16
	PS	111:1-6
	LK	7:31-35
Thursday:	1 TIM	4:12-16
	PS	111:7-10
	LK	7:36-50
Friday:	1 TIM	6:2C-12
	PS	49:6-10, 17-20
	LK	8:1-3
Saturday:	EPH	4:1-7, 11-13
	PS	19:2-5
	MT	9:9-13
Sunday:	EZR	1:1-6
	PS	126:1B-6
	LK	8:16-18

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time YRC

In today's readings we hear beautiful stories about God and God's mercy. The first reading (Exodus 33:7-11, 13-14) tells how God forgave His people for worshipping a Canaanite god right after they promised to worship only the God of Israel, the Living God.



In the second reading (1 Timothy 1:12-17), in his forgiveness and conversion, St Paul becomes a witness to the Gospel he was persecuting to the fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

In the Gospel reading (Luke 15:2) we hear three parables from Jesus, each one illustrating God's mercy.

Reflection Theme: The Merciful Father Who Loves His Children

In the Gospel reading today, the Pharisees and scribes are complaining that Jesus is a companion of tax collectors and sinners. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:2) Jesus responds to the criticism in three parables. In the first two parables, a Shepard's finding a lost sheep and a woman's finding a lost coin are compared to the joy of God upon finding a lost sinner. In the third parable, Jesus reveals that God is like a father who welcomes back a prodigal son who had left home and foolishly squandered his share of the property. Furthermore, the father continues to love an older, resentful son who refuses to join in welcoming back his younger brother.

In the time of Jesus, sinners and those in dishonorable occupations, as well as those who associated with them, were judged to be excluded from friendship with God. In the parables Jesus justifies his companionship with social and religious outcasts by implying that what He is doing reflects His knowledge of God's nature and God's will. Jesus makes the claim of acting with divine authority explicit thus: "No man knows who the Son is except the Father or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him." (Luke 10:22)

Life Implications: In the three parables of today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the joyful news that God loves us. There could be no deeper source of awareness of our worth than to trust Jesus and to believe that we human beings are truly precious in the eyes of God.

After life implications may come to light when we identify with the Pharisees and scribes to whom the parables are addressed and also with the two sons of the third parable.

Friends in Christ, we succumb to the self-righteous illusion of the Pharisees and scribes when we judge that some of our fellow human beings are excluded from God's love and therefore may be excluded from our love. We become like the foolish younger son when we fall victim to the illusion that our happiness and freedom lie in autonomy from God. We become like the older son when we remain in our father's house, but do not experience the joy of being at home. The older brother did not live as a child of a loving father, but as an employee who keeps track of what the boss owes him and to other employees as well. In his resentment of unfair compensation, he can no longer recognize his brother as a brother.

In this third parable, the parable of the prodigal son, only the younger son comes to his senses and returns to his father; who forgetting his own dignity runs to welcome him home as a beloved child. My dear brothers and sisters, if today we receive the grace to be freed from our own illusions, we can also come to identify with the attitude if Jesus and allow God's love to be present in the world through our actions. This is the most effective way of proclaiming to the world that God truly does love all of us as His own children.

May God, the merciful Father, who loves us and forgives our sins grant us His love and mercy so that we may "be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Amen!"

Father Julian Ibemere

Pastor St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

****We will purge our sick list at the end of September. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Al Acuna
Jean Banasiak
Scott Borelle
Hans Braun
Judy Brown
Shirley Brown
Ann & Ken Carroll
Nia Crisostomo
Margret Eck
Maria Gibson
Ron & Janis Gill
Billy Hancock

Please Pray for our Sick:

Emma Hockaday
Isabel Gonzalez
John Jackson
Steve Kiser
Walter Klinecwich
Jessica Locklear
Sue Long
Alex B. Lucas Jr.
Mac & Sue McElroy
Sue Montoya
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Regular Collection:	\$2577.69
Mass Intentions	\$29.00
Votive Candle	\$5.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$245.00
CCD Registration	\$
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$
Breccia University	\$
In Memory of Fred Welter	\$
Help the Poor Ministry	\$
Total	\$2831.69

Second collection Sept 1:

September 7-8 2019

Total Attendance - 372

If you are moving or have PCS orders this summer, please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

4th Saturday of the Month Activities

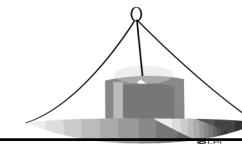
5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon

Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)

12:30PM until 2:30pm

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Sanctuary Candle Intention
September 15, 2019
Molly Canby†



Intentions this Week:

Saturday, 09/14	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	
Jean & Walter Klinecwich	
Sunday, 09/15	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Fred Welter†
CCD Class	10:00AM
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	
Parishioners of St. Michaels	
Monday, 09/16	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Molly Canby†
Tuesday, 09/17	NO MASS
Wednesday, 09/18	
MASS	6:00PM
Mass Intention:	
RCIA	7:00PM
Choir Practice	7:00PM
Thursday, 09/19	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	
Bob Whelan on his birthday	
Friday, 09/20	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	
The Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday, 09/14	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	Sunni Robbins†
Sunday, 09/15	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Fred Welter†

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel! It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass. If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.