

September 22, 2019

Luke 16:1-13

Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

Jesus tells of a steward who is caught squandering his master’s property. The master gives him time to prepare to loose his position. He decides to make deals with the master’s debtors so they who will owe him a favor when he is no longer steward. In the time of Jesus a steward had the power to make such deals, even if they did not benefit his master. In our own time it is not unusual for people to make deals to curry favor with others and have them behold to them, even if such deals do not benefit, or even defraud, their employer. Jesus acknowledges that some may consider that to be shrewd. But it is probably dishonest and illegal in an effort to avoid the consequences of failure to be responsible or to take advantage of others. Jesus is not approving the actions of the worldly and dishonest wealth. He is challenging the people of his day, and us, to be trustworthy and responsible in all things. We cannot serve two masters. We can either imitate Jesus or be like shrewd and dishonest in the world. Which do we choose?

** 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 October 19, 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 the parish hall.

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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Sundays 10-11AM Sep-May

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-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 22, 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.stmichaelokgrove.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 09/23-09/29

Monday:	EZR	1:1-6
	PS	126:1B-6
	LK	8:16-18
Tuesday:	EZR	6:7-8, 12B, 14-20
	PS	122:1-5
	LK	8:19-21
Wednesday:	EZR	9:5-9
	PS	TB13:2-4
	LK	9:1-6
Thursday:	HG	1:1-8
	PS	149:1B-6A, 9B
	LK	9:7-9
Friday:	HG	2:1-9
	PS	43:1-4
	LK	9:18-22
Saturday:	ZEC	2:5-9, 14-15A
	PS	JER31:10-13
	LK	9:43B-45
Sunday:	AM	6:1A, 4-7
	PS	146:7-10
	1 TIM	6:11-16

Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time YRC

In the first reading (Amos 8:4-7), the prophet Amos condemns the exploitation of the poor
In the second reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8), Paul says since God wants everyone to be saved we should pray for everyone, but especially for those who bear the responsibility of public office.
In the Gospel reading (Luke 16:1-13), Jesus shows how greed for money can ruin a person, and insists that we can't serve both God and money.



Reflection Theme: Exploitation And The Social Justice System

Let us reflect on the first reading taken from the prophet Amos.

Amos was a shepard in the kingdom of Judah, who was called by God to go to Israel, the northern kingdom. There he was to speak in God's name to the people. This was in the eighth century BC. The country enjoyed material prosperity but idolatry and injustice were rife among the people, especially the upper class.

Amos was known as the prophet of social justice. He savagely assailed the oppression of the poor, as well as the judicial system which denied them any hope of obtaining justice. Today's reading deals with the injustices practiced against the poor and helpless.

Thus he says "You who trample upon the needy" and bring the poor of the land to an end (Amos 8:4).

The prophet is speaking to those who are out to increase their wealth at the expense of the poor. They can find slaves to produce their wealth at the minimum cost, and without a thought for the needs or the personal dignity of these poor people whom their injustices reduced to poverty.

Friends in Christ, the words of Amos could be addressed to the entire Christian world today. For injustice between nations have caused wars. The oppression of the poor is one of the sins crying out to heaven for vengeance. God has heard that cry in the past. He will hear it again.

We Christians offend against justice in many ways, even if on a smaller scale. The smaller storekeeper, if guilty of injustice in his dealings, is sinning against justice and against God.

Business dealings apart, there are many other ways in which injustice is committed, in our dealings with the state, with insurance companies, and with local authorities. In the question of employment there are two ways of offending. The employer can be unjust if he does not pay a living wage. The other side to this injustice, which is generally forgotten by the employee, and against which the employer often has no redress, is dishonesty on an employee's part who fails to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

The employee, whether employed by the state or by a private citizen, who draws a wage which he or she does not earn, is guilty of injustice and will some day have to render an account of his ill gotten gains.

Dear brothers and sisters, it would be well for all of us to listen to the words of the prophet Amos today, and to examine our consciences carefully on this virtue of justice. Do we deserve any of the censures which he passed on to the Israelites? Are we just fair and honest in our dealings with our neighbors? If not, we still have time to put out affairs in order before God calls us to render an account of our stewardship.

Remember, in your supplications, intercessions, prayers and thanksgivings, to pray for everyone, especially those who bear the responsibility of public office and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1).

Let us join the psalmist and pray, may the words of my mouth always find favor, and the whispering of my heart, in your presence, God, my rock, my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14). Amen!

Father Julian Ibemere

Pastor St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

****We will purge our sick list at the end of December. 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.

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| Al Acuna | Emma Hockaday | IL O'Connor |
| Jean Banasiak | Isabel Gonzalez | Isaac Philips |
| Scott Borelle | John Jackson | Joe Sette & Family |
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Please Pray for our Sick:

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$???
Mass Intentions	\$
Votive Candle	\$44.25
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$20.00
CCD Registration	\$
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$
Breccia University	\$
In Memory of Fred Welter	\$
Help the Poor Ministry	\$
Total	\$???

Second collection Sept 1:

September 14-15 2019
 Total Attendance - 381

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

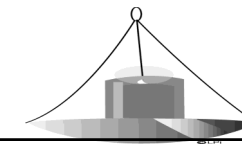
5 Cent Bingo
 10:00am-Noon

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 22, 2019
 Jim Doyle†



Intentions this Week:

Saturday, 09/21	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	
Ralph & Todd Jurisin	
Sunday, 09/22	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Fred Welter†
CCD Class	10:00AM
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	
Parishioners of St. Michaels	
Monday, 09/23	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Rafaella Melendez†
Tuesday, 09/24	NO MASS
Wednesday, 09/25	
MASS	6:00PM
Mass Intention:	David Watson†
RCIA	7:00PM
Choir Practice	7:00PM
Thursday, 09/26	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	
Parishioners of St Michaels	
Friday, 09/27	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Donald Anthony Suiter†
Saturday, 09/28	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	
Ralph & Todd Jurisin	
Sunday, 09/29	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Fred Welter†
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	
Richard & Patricia Lahood	

Faith Formation Registration:

Registration Fee: \$20 per child

Register Grades Pre-K thru 12th

First Day of Class - Sunday, August 25th

Class Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Contact: Deacon Wayne, Bernadette Crisostomo, or Lisa Reed.

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.