

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:38-48

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

In the game of Poker “Up the ante” means the cost to play a hand is going higher. When Jesus was asked how to gain eternal life he consistently responded by recalling what God told Moses to tell the Israelites, “Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.” For the people of his day, loving God was a matter of following the minutia of the law and offering sacrifice. But Jesus “Ups the ante” by telling his disciples, and us, “Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” and “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It is not sufficient that we love those who love us, or even those that we perceive do not love us. To truly imitate Jesus we must love those we believe to be our enemies. We do not have to love what they do. In the words of St. Augustine, we “hate the sin but not the sinner.” Difficult, yes! But the military has an expression, “The difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a little longer.” That is the challenge of Jesus to us when he “Ups the ante.”



Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.

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

- Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday Feb 26th . The Knights of Columbus will be conducting an annual fish fry on the following dates: Feb 26, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, & Apr 3. The cost is \$8.00 per plate.
- Ash Wednesday Mass times are 9 AM and 6 PM February 26, 2020
- The voice students of Dr. Jeffrey Williams at Austin Peay State University will perform sacred solo works in one of Clarksville's loveliest sacred spaces. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 1st at 5 PM at Madison Street United Methodist Church. It will feature the works of Bach, Vaughan Williams, Fauré, Mendelssohn, Gounod, Franck, Dvorák, and others. The students will perform in collaboration with Jared Wilson, Jan Corrothers, Lydia Schoonover, and Dr. David Goldblatt. The performance is free and open to the public. Thank you for your support of the APSU Music Department and these excellent young singers.
- The Silver Angels will meet for lunch on Mar 6th at 1 PM at Red Lobster in Clarksville.
- Father Gerald Calhoun Assembly will meet Mar 8th at 5:00 PM in Princeton KY.
- Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council will meet Mar 16th at 6:45 PM.
- Fellowship Bingo is Saturday Mar 21 at 10 AM.
- Martha's Ministry Mar 21st 12:30—2:30 PM. Retreat @ Holy Cross Catholic Church Paris TN on Mar 2, 2020 10 AM to 4 PM (Doors open at 9 AM). There will be a Mass at 4 PM. There is a \$20.00 registration fee and a registration deadline of Feb 24th. POC is Lori Snodgrass @ 931-919-2794 or 724-552-7189
- There is a signup sheet on the table in the church foyer. Please sign up and print legibly if you want a copy of 2019 charitable contributions for income taxes or any other purposes. Please sign up ONLY if You want a statement.
- Parish council meets on March 26, 2020 at 6PM in the parish hall.
- February's special collection is Feb 26 (Ash Wednesday) for the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica.
- The clothing ministry will stop accepting winter clothes at the end of March. They will then be collecting summer clothing.
- There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer for meals after a funeral

Diocesan Announcements

- Joy Camp | April 18, 2020
The Diocese is pleased to announce a one-day camp experience for 5-12th graders with intellectual or mild physical disabilities at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM till 4:00. The event is co-sponsored by the Gasper River Retreat Center and the Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee The cost of the camp is \$30, however scholarships are available. Every child needs to be accompanied for the whole day by a responsible adult, 18 years or older, preferably a parent, guardian or dedicated caregiver for the child. Because it is a first time experience for the sponsors, they have set a limit on registrations at 20. Registration deadline is March 31, 2020. Online registration will be available soon at gasperriverretreatcenter.org.

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Weekend Mass Schedule :

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

Weekday Mass Schedule:

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

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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.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

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

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 WITH 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 and phone number 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.

Readings for this week 02/24-03/1

Mon	JAS	3:13-18
	PS	19:8-10, 15
	MK	9:14-29
Tue	JAS	4:1-10
	PS	55:7-11, 23
	MK	9:30-37
Wed	JL	2:12-18
	PS	51:3-6B, 12-14, 17
	2COR	5:20-6:2
	MT	6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	DT	30:15-20
	PS	1:1-4, 6
	LK	9:22-25
Fri	IS	58:1-9A
	PS	51:3-6B, 18-19
	MT	9:14-15
Sat	IS	58:9B-14
	PS	86:1-6
	LK	5:27-32
Sun	GN	2:7-9
	PS	51:3-6, 12-13, 17
	ROM	5:12-19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YRA



First reading (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18) Our first reading is from Leviticus the third book of the bible. It contains many laws about Old Testament priesthood and temple sacrifices, but it's central message is a call to holiness for all the people of God.

Second reading (1 Corinthians 3:16-23) Do not deceive yourself if you think you are wise in this age. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written of God "He catches the wise in their craftiness, and again, the Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are futile".

Gospel reading (Matthew 5:38-48) Jesus said "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".

Reflection Theme: I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

In today's Gospel Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be the children of your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:38-48)

Why does Jesus say this? The answer is clear. When people hate their enemies and resent them, they end up hurting themselves far more than they hurt their enemies.

One author explains it this way: "When we hate our enemies we give them power over us—power over our sleep...power over our blood pressure, power over our health and happiness."

"Our enemies would dance for joy if they knew how our hatred tears us apart. Our hatred is not hurting them at all. It only turns our own days and nights into a hellish turmoil."

On the other hand, a response of kindness toward one who wrongs us helps not only us but also the other person. When we respond with love we release love where it is needed most. We stop the chain reaction of evil and put in its place a chain reaction of love.

Friends in Christ, let us sum up the teaching of today's scripture readings with these words from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. "Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Let us conclude by asking the Father for the grace and the courage to live out these words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you...Be merciful just as your Father is merciful... Do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others and God will forgive you." (Lk 6:27, 36-37)

Fr. Julian Ibemere
Pastor
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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

Teresa Arevalo
Jean Banasiak
Hans Braun
Judy Brown
Shirley Brown
Ann & Ken Carroll
Nia Crisostomo
Marriah Day
Margret Eck
Mark & Mike Frasca
Ron & Janis Gill
Jeff Gorski
Billy Hancock
John Jackson

Please Pray for our Sick:

Isabel Gonzalez
Nay Hutcheson
Pat Jurisin
Steve Kiser
Walter Klinecwich
Jessica Locklear
Sue Long
Alex B. Lucas Jr.
Frank J Luciani
Ruby Macias
David McCuiston
Mac & Sue McElroy
Sue Montoya
George & IL O'Connor
Peter Robbins
Edward Robbins
Debbie Robbins
Isaac Philips
Al Stein
Linda Stagdale
Frances Thomas
John & Mae Raymond
Andrew Reyes
Rudy Sherriff
Kim Weimer
Marie Welter
Jesse Villagomez

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$ 2228.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Votive Candles	\$68.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Can Recycle	\$
Ministry Help The Poor	\$
Blessed Mother Gift Shop	\$
Special Offering:	\$
Opportunity for Life	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$
Donation: Mr. Tom Peeler	\$
Total	\$ 2276.00

Attendance FEB 22/23, 2020 - 341
Special Collection
Feb 26 Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica

If you are moving 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

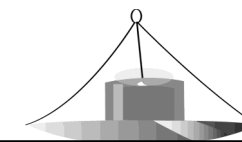
3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

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
February 23, 2020
Jerry Roberge†



Intentions this Week:

Sat 2/22
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention: Luz & Luisa Rueda†

Sun 2/23
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention: Antonio B Crisostomo†

Faith Form (Sep-May) 10:00-11:00 AM
MASS 11:30AM
Mass Intention: Al Acuna†

Mon 2/24
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Holy souls in purgatory

Tues 2/25 NO MASS

Wed 2/26
MASS 9:00AM
MASS 6:00PM
Mass Intention: Rudy Sherriff

RCIA (Sep-May) 7:00PM
Choir Practice 7:00PM

Thurs. 2/27
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Parishioners of St Michaels

Fri 2/28
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Sister Barbara Hawkens†

Sat 2/29
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention: Suni Robbins†

Sun 3/1
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention: Xavier Crisostomo Birthday

Faith Form (Sep-May) 10:00-11:00 AM
MASS 11:30AM
Mass Intention: Frank Medina

FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

FEB 23 - CLASS 10AM TO 11AM
MAR 01 -CLASS 10AM TO 11AM
MAR 08-CLASS 10AM TO 11AM

***Students must be picked up by 11:00 AM by a parent or guardian**

We are in need of volunteers, Please see Ms. Bernadette for forms.

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.