



# St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time September 20th, 2020

Dear friends:

The head of the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments* recently wrote a letter to bishops about the challenges to authentic worship resulting from the guidelines mandated for the society and for the Church.

After acknowledging the value of televised Mass for the sick and homebound, Cardinal Robert Sarah observed that *“no broadcast is comparable to personal participation or can replace it. On the contrary, these broadcasts alone risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God who gave himself to us not in a virtual way, but really, saying: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (Jn 6:56). This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable.”*

These observations are full of wisdom. The Lord never wrote a book with the suggestion that we have no need for the teaching office of the Church. He did not promise to appear personally to each disciple as He did to St. Paul. Instead, He established the Catholic Church as the privileged place of encounter with Him. To that end, Jesus gave us a distinct form of ritual worship to carry out together in community.

The Cardinal continued, *“As soon as circumstances permit, ... it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as ‘the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; and at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows’ (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10).”* Voluntary absence from the Mass cuts off the “power”, that is, the force of grace that flows from the celebration of the sacred mysteries. Without the Sacrifice of the Mass and the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist, we cannot live the life of Christ. *“Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” (John 6:53)* Jesus is crystal clear.

Cardinal Sarah noted that *“We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of Heaven which sustains us in the joys and labors of this earthly pilgrimage.”* Again, *“This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable.”*

*Christ our Eucharistic King, reign over us!*

*Fr. Martín Flum*

## Auction Ongoing:

### Homemade Dinner by/with Fr. Flum!



Chef Fr. Flum is ready to cook his best for the winning family, on a date to be determined!

If you wish to make a bid, please write your name, bid amount, and phone number on the sheet in the binder at the Church entrance.

**The final day of bidding will be on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, closing at 3 PM sharp.**

Bids can also be placed via our website [www.stmichaelbaden.org](http://www.stmichaelbaden.org) or by phone: call the parish office at (240) 681-3551.

*Be in it to win it!* You don't want to miss out on this dinner!

**“Seek the LORD while He may be found,  
call Him while He is near.”**

*(Isaiah 55:6)*

*You know where to find Him – on the altar at St. Michael!*  
Committed adorers are STILL needed (most urgent hours are marked in red):

**Mondays: 2-3 PM**

**Thursdays: 11 AM-12 PM, 5-6 PM**

**Fridays: 2-3 PM**

**Saturdays: 2-3 PM, 6-7 PM**

**Sundays: 4-5 PM, 8-9 PM**

Once you have signed up for a weekly holy hour, you are committed to having at least one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for the entirety of that hour. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office at (240) 681-3551. *Your guardian angel will rejoice!*

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – September 13, 2020

<b>St. Michael</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 4,111.00
<b>St. Dominic</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 773.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Clothes Closet Update

Thank you to all who have been so diligently providing the closet with your new and gently used clothing and shoes! The Clothing Closet has not been open for several months and we have an overabundance of items with no clients to visit and help reduce the inventory. We are asking if you would please continue to collect items but store them at home until we have time to sort, categorize and hang the huge inventory we currently have on hand. You have been more than generous and the mountains of clothing we are dealing with prove that!!



### Sign up to Purchase Leftover Crab Cakes

At the conclusion of the parish dinner, any leftover crab cakes will be available for purchase. Since we are not sure how many will be left (if any), we have organized a sign up for those who are interested. The leftover crab cakes will be available for the following prices:

12 Crab Cakes @ \$30

6 Crab Cakes @ \$15

1 Crab Cake @ \$2.50

If you are interested, please call the parish office to sign up: (240) 681-3551. The leftovers will be sold to those on the sign-up sheet in the order of first to sign up, first served until we run out!

### Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Clifford, Greg Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Dawn Russo, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, and Belinda Windsor. Lord, heal us!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	09/19/20	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	09/20/20	8:00 AM	Ann Proctor +
Sunday	09/20/20	10:00 AM	Deacon John H. Nguyen +
Sunday	09/20/20	11:30 AM	Dan Fluhartt +
Monday	09/21/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin +
Tuesday	09/22/20	8:00 AM	Carl Guy +
Wednesday	09/23/20	7:00 AM	Rose Burch +
Thursday	09/24/20	8:00 AM	Carol Sobnosky
Friday	09/25/20	7:00 AM	Alene Martin+
Saturday	09/26/20	8:00 AM	Thomas Flamminio

Please Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

+ **Matthew Paris**

+ **Deacon Thomas Genis**

+ **Blake Cooper**

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them;  
may they rest in Peace. Amen*

### Adult Education Classes – Sept. 29

Are you or is someone you know interested in Catholicism? RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin September 29 at 6:30pm in the church hall. Even if you are not already decided about converting/returning to Catholicism, we encourage you to come. There is no pressure on those who attend; this is simply a chance to get more information about what it truly means to "be Catholic" and what we actually believe. Call the Parish Office (240) 681-3551 to let us know you would like to participate, and/or for more information.



**We encourage you to invite others to attend, perhaps someone who has fallen away from the faith or shows interest in Catholicism. You could offer to attend with them!**

### **Parish Seafood Dinner**

**Noon – 4pm Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Adult \$30 (\$27 presale); Child \$10 (no crab cakes)**

Curbside pick-up - no dining in – you can pre-order on our website, leave an order form in the collection basket or just drive up and order! And there will be **CRAB CAKES!!!** The Bake Sale table will be outdoors and raffle tickets will also be available when you order your dinner. We are auctioning off a dinner prepared by and shared with our pastor, Fr. Flum, on a date TBD. Our raffle will include a 50/50 cash prize and a hand-painted glass window (pictured here)!



### Clothes Closet Update #2

Do you need some items to get you through the rest of the warm weather? Flipflops? T-shirts? Polo shirts? Shorts or Capris? We've got em' and will be available to offer them to you, free of charge as always. If you were not able to come on last Saturday, call Cheryl at 240-304-9351 and we'll make arrangements to meet you at the closet. Please wear a mask and we will greet you with our masks on too!