

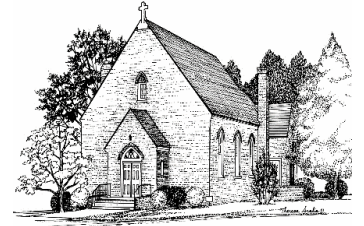


St. Michael Catholic Church

Mission of St. Dominic

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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Marriage Between Christ and His People

I recently asked a woman who has been married for 47 years, "What is the secret that has kept you happily married?" She replied, "Patience. A lot of patience!" Arguably, we are wired to want more from a spouse than this. Perhaps topping the list of "most desired traits" are friendship, romance, trust, and safety. Sadly, traits like these fade with the passage of time, sickness, and death.

Our second reading from Paul is well-known (and sometimes controversial). In it, we read that Christ is married to his people. Though this truth is underappreciated, it is ripe with meaning. Christ, the head and founder of the Church, is the bridegroom of the church. He gives up his life, and asks for his people, His spouse, to give themselves over in love and follow him. The beauty of this marriage is that Christ will never disappoint, mistreat, or abandon his beloved spouse. Let us take a moment to reflect on the abundant joy that comes from a mutual outpouring of love between Christ and his people. This unique and joyful love, which is completed only when we are united to Jesus in Heaven, begins on earth through a constant awareness of this abiding, spousal love.

God bless you,
Fr. Cusick

Fatima Mission Program – Relaunch!



We are offering you the chance to love Our Lady in a special way, by bringing her into your own home. **Our parish and mission pilgrim statues of Our Lady of Fatima are available for parish families for a period of two weeks.** While in your home, the family can gather for prayer, and honor Our Lady, asking her intercession for personal needs and the needs of our world today. Fr. Cusick will be available to schedule a house blessing while you host Our Lady's statue. Please sign-up online at St. Michael's website: stmichaelbaden.org/fatima-mission-program. If you prefer to sign up in writing, place your name on the sign-up sheet located by the holy water dispenser at the back of St. Michael's church, or at St. Dominic's, at the front of the church by St. Joseph's statue.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Pray for us!



"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

Pope Benedict XVI

Evangelization Survey

Please take a couple of minutes to fill out our new parish survey. This can be done either in writing (you can pick up a copy in the back of the church) or online at: stmichaelbaden.org/survey.

We appreciate your participation!
St. Michael and St. Dominic, pray for us!



Volunteers
For Making
Vacation Bible School
Such a Big Success!!

Faith Formation 2021-22

If you have children that have not received the sacraments or are not being instructed in the faith through Catholic school or homeschool, they should be registered for faith formation classes. Register Online at stmichaelbaden.org/ccd-registration-form or call the parish office (240) 681-3551. If you know an adult who is interested in learning about Catholicism, they can attend adult faith formation classes! These classes are also for adult Catholics who have not received all their sacraments of initiation (baptism, reconciliation, first communion, and confirmation), as well as Catholics who simply want to learn more about their faith. Register online at stmichaelbaden.org/becoming-catholic or call the parish office.

Dear parish family,

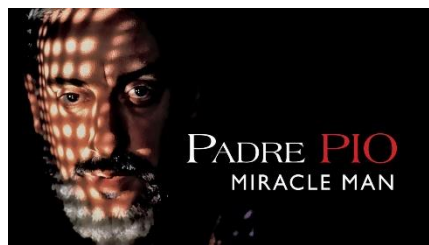


You may have heard of the humanitarian sufferings of the people of Haiti, who have recently experienced an earthquake. The Archdiocese of Washington has recommended that anyone who wants to support the relief efforts in Haiti should consider sending a donation to Catholic Relief Services. Parishioners who wish to give a monetary gift should do so online, at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>

May God bless you for your prayers and support!

Fr. Cusick

FORMED Movie Recommendation



This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his

great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed.

We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Please PRAY for our SICK

(Please notify us if you or your family member should be removed)

Joanne Butler, Kyle Kidwell, Gavin Birl, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Grayson Bowling, Madison Brady, James Brown, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Sarah & Margaret Bugbee, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Fran O'Neill, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Mary Roberts, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Elizabeth Watson, Shirley Watson, Jim Williams, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Beverly Windsor, Caroline & Peter Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young.
Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! I trust in You!

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Aug 15, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 4540.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 824.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	08/21/21	5 PM	Rev. Robert J. Nogosek +
Sunday	08/22/21	8 AM	Dolores Lause +
Sunday	08/22/21	10 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	08/22/21	11:30 AM	Angela Famer +
Monday	08/23/21	-- *NPM	Michelle Loa
Tuesday	08/24/21	8 AM	Margaret Kilner
Wednesday	08/25/21	7 AM	William E. Stewart +
Thursday	08/26/21	8 AM	Msg. Godfrey Mosley +
Friday	08/27/21	8 AM***	Garland Proctor +
Saturday	08/28/21	8 AM	Christine Bowman

**NPM – No Public Mass*

*****Friday Aug. 27th & Sept. 3rd Daily Mass will be at 8am**



Ride for Vocations in Southern Maryland on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021

RIDE FOR VOCATIONS Here we go again! It is time to get ready for the 2021 Southern

Maryland Catholic Churches Century, Ride for Vocations. Join us for 6th annual Ride for Vocations. This will be the 2nd year Sacred Heart Catholic Church, La Plata is hosting its own ride and stopping at Catholic Churches to pray, rest & refuel Once again this year we ride to sacrifice & pray in support of our diocesan seminarians. For further information, contact Julie Ferrero at 301-752-2377. To Donate please go to <https://dcpriest.org/donate>.