

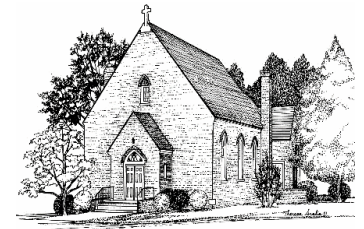


St. Michael Catholic Church

Mission of St. Dominic

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

Maintaining our purity of faith and heart

When we examine our consciences, especially prior to a good Confession, we are encouraged to explore moments when we have failed in the areas of faith and morals. This includes both the intellectual virtues (such as confidence and trust in God) and the moral virtues (prayer, temperance, fortitude, justice, and prudence). In today's second reading from St. James, we are reminded about what true religion is: "Religion that is pure and undefiled ... is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

Having the correct definition of religion, what can we do to maintain our purity of heart, that is, to remain undefiled? Listed below are some classic ways to maintain our purity of heart both in the intellectual and moral life:

- 1) Prayer – prayer is continual conversation and worship of God, who loves us and saves us from our sins by giving us grace
- 2) Mortification – denial of sensible pleasures in order to master one's bad tendencies; e.g. sacrificing a sweet treat after lunch; turning off worldly music; exercising modesty in speech; limiting use of internet and computer games
- 3) Works of charity – providing for another's needs out of your resources (e.g., to care for orphans and widows)
- 4) Confession – receiving the Lord's forgiveness from a priest when we fail to live out our faith as we should
- 5) Humility – the virtue that will advance all your other virtues; humility is the absence of selfishness, pride, arrogance, unforgiveness, anger, and many other vices

After experiencing God's life-giving forgiveness in confession, what happens next? Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

God bless you,
Fr. Cusick

Liturgical Schedule Changes

Going into effect Monday, Sept. 6th

Daily Mass

8 AM Mass, Tuesday – Saturday

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass Schedule remains the same.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday, Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday: 10 AM – 8:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9 AM – 11:30 AM,
1 PM – 4 PM

Each day, Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction. After Benediction, the church will remain open until 8:30 PM daily, **except on Sundays**, when it will be locked after 4 PM Benediction.

If your Holy Hour is effected by these changes, the parish office will be reaching out to you soon to reschedule your hour(s). Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate through these changes. May God bless you!



There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday, September 5th for Catholic University

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

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>.





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

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.

FORMED Movie Recommendation

The Search: Finding the Meaning of Life



What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to

some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too. This series consists of 7 life-changing episodes. In Episode 1, we open hearts with a look at the question “what do you seek?” What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We’re all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

Fr. Cusick especially likes episode 4! 😊

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, 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 & Lainie 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 22, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 2841.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 1215.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	08/28/21	5 PM	Sr Agnes Marie
Sunday	08/29/21	8 AM	George & Bobby Farmer
Sunday	08/29/21	10 AM	Garland Proctor +
Sunday	08/29/21	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday	08/30/21	-- *NPM	Karen Kilner
Tuesday	08/31/21	8 AM	James P. Swink
Wednesday	09/01/21	7 AM	Frances Garland Proctor, Jr +
Thursday	09/02/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Friday	09/03/21	8 AM	Robert T. Veshosky
Friday	09/03/21	7:30 PM	Kenneth Sanderfoot +
Saturday	09/04/21	8 AM	Garland Proctor +

**NPM – No Public Mass*

*****Friday Sept. 3rd Daily Mass will be at 8am**

First Friday and Saturday – Sept. 3rd and 4th

First Friday and Saturday are this weekend, Sept. 3rd and 4th! First Friday Mass is at 7:30 PM, followed by the usual adoration, confessions, rosary, and Prayers of reparation to the Sacred Heart.

First Saturday Mass is at 8 AM, followed by rosary, fatima prayers, and a reflection by Fr. Cusick on a mystery of the Holy Rosary.

The Blue Army will meet afterwards in the hall. Contact the parish office for more information.

