

Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

Parish Mission Statement

St. Michael's Catholic Church, a people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, are brought together by God through the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ through:

- Prayer and frequent celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
- Sharing our faith and educating others about the Church.
- Living a life of continual conversion.
- Providing our children a strong Catholic upbringing.
- Giving comfort to those in need.
- Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
- Acting as the living presence of Christ in our world, building community and welcoming all.
- Empowering one another to share the Gospel through our words and by our actions.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**



We're glad to have you!

If you're new,
welcome to the St. Michael's Parish Family!
If you haven't been here in awhile,
welcome back!

St. Michael's is a small, close-knit parish family, always open to new & returning members. There's no formal "registration" process; once you come here we consider you part of the family!

Check us out!

Shoot us a text, email or give us a call! Or visit us online at: www.smseebree.org, www.facebook.com/smseebree

Mass Intentions Available

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one (living or deceased) you can put an envelope with the intention and date requested. In the collection or in the mail (the *suggested* donation per mass is \$5)

Parish Council Members

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September 6, 2026 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANKS!

To the Knights for looking at the electricity in Guadeloupe center

For the week of 08/30 to 09/05:

- Church cleaner was: **Zoila & Filemon**
- Money counter was: **Jeannie**
- Mower was: **Gerardo Delgado & family**

For the week of 08/30 to 09/05:

- Church cleaners are: **Dcn. Baltazar & family**
- Money counter is: **Kim**
- Mower is: **Miguel Francisco Juan & family**



Ministry of Prayer

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blanford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, Kimberly Blanford, Teresa Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Susan Bridwell, Charles Buchanan, Daniel Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwards, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, Ray Fambrough, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Darrell Henderson, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Keith Kenney, Kevin King, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Zoey Nash, Darryl Periard, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Beth Raleigh, Dori Raleigh, Pam Raleigh, Cathy Robertson, Roger Robertson, Mackenzie Skinner, Ruby Sparks, Jack Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, James Watson, Carter Wilkerson, Buddy Wilson, Tony Whitledge

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit:

www.smseebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

If my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as “fraternal correction”: it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren. (...) And what if my brother does not listen to me? In today's Gospel Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to him again with two or three others, the better to help him realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still refuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be made to perceive that he has cut himself off (...). Each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service. Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: (...) where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt 18:19-20). Personal prayer is of course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord guarantees his presence to the community — even if it

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 09/05	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 09/06	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Janie Tanner
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 09/12	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 09/13	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
EM	Cathy Robertson
Lector	Shawn Blanford
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 5 Sat Weekday green/white/white [Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin; BVM] 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
- 6 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127) Pss III
- 7 Mon Weekday green 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)
- 8 Tue The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Feast Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) Pss Prop
- 9 Wed USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest white Memorial 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)
- 10 Thu Weekday green 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 (440)
- 11 Fri Weekday green 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 08/30/2026	\$	1,784.00
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 8 of 52 Sundays	\$	18,668.39
Budget YTD	\$	21,150.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-2,481.61

Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, contact the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by calling their Child/Adult Abuse Hotline at their toll-free number 877-KYSAFE1 (877-597-2331) or by visiting [their website](#). You may also contact your local [Commonwealth Attorney](#). To report abuse, current or past, to the diocese, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call our pastoral assistance coordinator, Scott Ingram, at 270-852-8380 (English) and Miguel Quintanilla, 270-880-8360 (Spanish).

is very small — which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect communion of love. (...) We should practice both fraternal correction — which demands deep humility and simplicity of heart — and prayer so that it may rise to God from a community truly united in Christ.

(Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 4 September 2011)



XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LOVE IN LOVING (Works not words)

I start this reflection bringing to our minds the story of Cain and Abel, from the book of Genesis: "then the LORD asked Cain, Where is your brother Abel? He answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'" (Gn 4: 9) Many times we are tempted to think our salvation is personal, and rightly I say yes and no. God will ask us to give account for our life personally, not take us to the eternal court to be tried in conjunction with others. Before the divine judgment I will be alone with God, you will be alone with God, and nobody else. At the Divine Trial, God will ask us: How much did you love? How much did you love your neighbor? How much did you show love in every task you did? How much did you love God? St. John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, affirmed: "In the evening of life we shall be judged on love." So if we will be judged on love, our judgment is based on our relationship with the others, so my salvation does not only depend on me and God but rather depends on me, others and God.

The first reading for this Sunday Mass is from the prophet Ezekiel, the meaning is similar to that of the Gospel for this Sunday too. The first reading says in the beginning: "You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." (Ez 33: 7) Every prophet tells the people everything and only what he gets from God. If God pronounces a death sentence it is not because of God's pleasure in the destruction of the person but rather he seeks their conversion and their return to his way.

Today's gospel gives us directions of how to conduct and proceed during the correction of our brothers and sisters who have lost their way and fallen into sin: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." (Mt 18: 15) If he continues in his sins, go with two or three witnesses, and if after that he still ignores you and the witnesses, tell to the community. The procedure is necessary to do as Jesus says in the Gospel, because we are looking for the conversion of the sinner. So, we are looking for him to leave his wrongdoing and seek reconciliation and logically, to seek his interior peace.

Saint John Paul II, in his message for the XXX World Day of Peace in 1997, wrote: "You young peo-

ple, who cherish great hopes in your hearts, learn to live with one another in peace, without building barriers which stop you from sharing the treasures of other cultures and traditions. Respond to violence with works of peace, in order to build a world which is reconciled and fully human." (https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/messages/peace/documents/hf_jp-ii_mes_08121996_xxx-world-day-for-peace.html)

St. Paul in the second reading says: "Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Rom 13: 8) Love is a very nice word but many times the meaning has been distorted and voided, because it has been misused. To love is: worrying about other people, accepting them as they are: with their values and mistakes. Love is to go out of our way to help, serve and encourage them. Let us share the world with others and come out of our own little worlds, and share the good things, as God has shared with us. In love we discover the meaning of our life. Love is the face of Christianity and the way we show we are Christians. Living out this love is the only way we are conformed to our Master, Jesus Christ.

I want finish with this prayer from the Roman Missal: "renew by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Romans 13:8-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:15-20](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I.** In what way do you stand watch over others?
- II.** How is love the moral guide for your daily life?
- G.** Have I ever given up on a person who has hurt me?
Do I at least offer a prayer for him or her?

Task: In response to this week's readings and in preparation for next Sunday, take some time to reflect on the prologue of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Article 25.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Sirach 27:30—28:7](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12](#)

Reading II: [Romans 14:7-9](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

EVENTS

- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **September 16 at 5:30:** Faith Formation planning meeting

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/7 Alfredo & Patricia



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/4 Alan Solorza
9/6 Francisco Manuel
9/9 Rosa Juan
9/10 Lopez Gomez, Jon Newton
9/11 Noah Edwards



Faith Formation

Wondering how you can help? There are multiple options:

- Teach or Assist in a class
- Support with help setting up/cleanup, materials, snacks
- Minibus driver

Classes will begin soon for first communion, grades K-6th, Confirmation and OCIA.

TWHICHPRTA Here is the last part of
HHEARTHSHT today's Gospel reading.
REAGAINHEO See if you can find all
ERVVMYWARG the words in CAPITALS
EEEEESGLEE in the puzzle. Use the
PINENARLNT left-over letters to fill in
RTLHOYATAH the blanks.

What is Our Lord
asking us to do?

ANYTHINGME
YYOUFATHER
GATHEREDHE
RTWOMIDSTS

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you
AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for
WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be
GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY
FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are
GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME,
THERE am I in the MIDST of them.

Mass Intentions

Sat 09/05	English	5pm	† Nellie Daugherty
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 09/06	English	10am	Donna Dacy & Family
	Spanish	12pm	† Giovanni Martinez
Mon 09/07	English	9am	† Bill Thomas
Tues 09/08	English	9am	Betty Howard
Wed 09/09	Spanish	12pm	† Giovanni Martinez
Thu 09/10	Spanish	7pm	† Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Sat 09/12	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	† Bill Thomas
Sun. 09/13	English	10am	† Ray McCully
	Spanish	12pm	† Luis Miguel Barco

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Water, the Pope says, “quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds,” as well as serving for Christians as a symbol of God’s grace and love for us and our renewal in Baptism. “Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children,” he prays. “We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity.”

Pope Leo goes on to pray that the Holy Spirit may make Christians “pilgrims of the essential,” who are able to live simply and avoid all waste or pollution.

He encourages us to defend everyone’s right to water, so that all may drink “without fear and without inequality.” “May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth’s resources,” he concludes. Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1—the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation—until October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The theme for this year’s event is “Living Water,” recalling the growing scarcity of fresh water and the inequality of access to it.

According to a press release accompanying the Pope’s intention, the Pope is inviting everyone to take personal action by fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, turning off faucets not in use, and avoiding polluting drains and rivers.

UN agencies report that around 2.1 billion people still lack access to safely managed drinking water, while 106 million rely exclusively on rivers, lakes, or other untreated surface water.

El amor invisible se hace visible con Jesús.
Retiro bilingüe sobre la Teología del Cuerpo

Retiro Diocesano de Jóvenes Adultos
18+

19-20 de Septiembre
Llegada 8:00am Sábado

Guaspar River
Centro de Retiro
2690 Jackson Bridge Rd
Bowling Green, KY 40304
Colaboración \$ 30.00

Asesorados por el obispo Santiago Muñoz de la diócesis de Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida

¿Quiénes somos y para qué fuimos creados?
Who are we and what were we created for?
Exploremos esto y más
Let's explore this and more

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