

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 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

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo, Connie Caldwell, Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza, Randy Thompson, Dcn. Baltazar Rafael, Juana Matias.

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THANKS!

To Mary Jane for providing dinner for the catchiest meeting.
For the week of 09/13 to 09/19:

- Church cleaner was: **Felipe Domingo**
- Money counter was: **Gracia**
- Mower was: **Filemon & family**

For the week of 09/20 to 09/26:

- Church cleaners are: **Miguel Juan**
- Money counter is: **Gracia**
- 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, Judy George, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Kaydence Marie Helfert, Darrell Henderson, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Angela Kay, 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 Whitlegge

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

www.smsebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

The laborers who had remained in the marketplace had probably given up all hope. That day had come to nothing. Nevertheless, someone still believed in them. What point is there to take on laborers only for the last hour of the working day? And yet, even when it seems we are able to do little in life, it is always worthwhile. There is always the possibility to find meaning, because God loves our life. And the originality of this landowner is also seen at the end of the day, at pay time. (...) For the owner of the vineyard, that is, for God, it is just that each person has what he needs to live. He called the laborers personally, he knows their dignity, and on the basis of this, he wants to pay them, and he gives all of them one denarius. The story says that the laborers from the first hour are disappointed: they cannot see the beauty of the gesture of the landowner, who was not unjust, but simply generous; who looked not only at merit, but also at need. God wants to give his Kingdom, that is, full, eternal and happy life, to everyone.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 09/19	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 09/20	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Janie Tanner
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 09/26	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 09/27	11:00 Bilingual mass
	Sebree Elementary Gym
Sacristan:	KC
EM	KC
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Lector	KC
Altar Server	KC

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 19 Sat Weekday green/red/white [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM] 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
- 20 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133) Pss I
- 21 Mon Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist red Feast Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop
- 22 Tue Weekday green Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
- 23 Wed Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest white Memorial Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)
- 24 Thu Weekday green Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)
- 25 Fri Weekday green Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)
- 26 Sat Weekday green/red/white [Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM] Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 09/06/2026	\$	2,550.46
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 10 of 52 Sundays	\$	21,218.25
Budget YTD	\$	23,500.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-2,281.15

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).

And this is what Jesus does with us: he does not establish rankings, he gives a ll of him :self to those who open their hearts to him.

(Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, 4 June 2025)



XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUSTICE AND CHARITY

Part of this Sunday's Gospel makes us reflect on many aspects of life: justice, the call to conversion of each Christian and charity.

We hear in today's Gospel: "When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner... He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go'. (Mat. 20: 10-11. 13-14) The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, in 2004, wrote and presented a Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, to Pope John Paul II for his approval, and paragraph 270, says: "In the past, the origin of the conflict between capital and labor was found above all 'in the fact that the workers put their powers at the disposal of the entrepreneurs, and these, following the principle of maximum profit, tried to establish the lowest possible wages for the work done by the employees'". The council saw it as a conflict that has changed form but continues today, and with the advent of new technologies came high unemployment. The wage-labor relationship must be based on justice, and if the employers are believers in God, there must be charity, which would help to the workers and grateful workers would yield more in their work.

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah, says: "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving." (Is.55: 6-7) The prophets regularly sought the conversion of the sinner. Among those characterized as public sinners were tax collectors, big merchants, and landowners. Many prophets, including Isaiah denounced the injustices of those sinners but sought their conversion. Today, we could get escape conversion saying, "I'm not a public sinner", "I do not kill, I do not steal, I do not disappoint anyone," so I do not need conversion! However, every Christian needs to be in the process of conversion and be better every day. Only someone who has died is not able to change, so long as we have life, we have the opportunity to be better. While we live we can change more and more.

The third point: charity. The charity lived by Jesus Christ is the most perfect. With the laborer from dawn the owner was fair, but with the laborer who came late, the owner was charitable. So, justice and charity always go hand in hand. At the end of the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, paragraph 583, says: "Only love can completely transform the human person. Such a transformation does not mean eliminat-

ing the earthly dimension in a disembodied spirituality. Those who think they can live the supernatural virtue of love without taking into account its corresponding natural foundations, which include duties of justice, deceive themselves. Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving." No matter what time of your life God has called you, hear His voice and follow him, dare to work in his vineyard. God will not only be fair to you, but will fill you with his charity.

Let us join St. Therese of the Child Jesus, who paraphrased her teacher St. John of the Cross, in offering her life to God, by saying: "In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is blemished in your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in your own justice and to receive from your love the eternal possession of yourself". (583 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church).

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: [Isaiah 55:6-9](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18](#)
Reading II: [Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16a](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS,1" Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I. How do I work at loving God, others, and even myself?
- II. Do I have a zeal to be with God in heaven?
- G. How long have I been working in the Lord's vineyard of love and forgiveness?

NEXT WEEK'S READING

Reading I: [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)
Reading II: [Philippians 2:1-11](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

INTRODUCTION TO CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday was inspired by the Vatican document *Provido sane consilio* (On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education) published in 1913. This document asked every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

EVENTS

- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **September 20:** Disciples Response Fund Sunday
- **September 22 at 5:00:** Youth Group meeting, grades 6th to 12th
- **September 24 at 6:30:** KC meeting
- **September 26 at 6:00:** Moving items to the school gym

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/20 Candelaria Francisco, David Crisp,
Florinda Manuel Andres
9/21 Kinsley Townsend
9/23 Benjamin Otero Sanchez
9/24 Rosana Matias, Geraldine Cruz



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/24 Rita & Donnie McLean

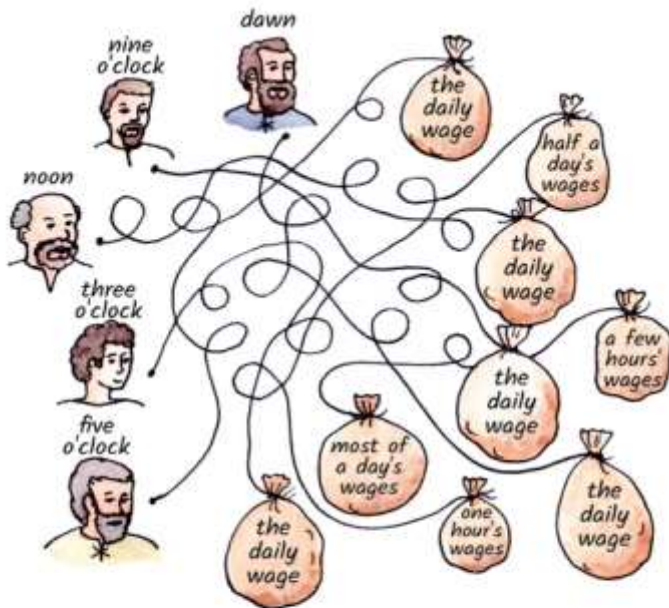


Religious Education

- **Faith Formation:** Grades: K –5th (6th grade will begin attending Youth Group).
- **1st Communion:** 2nd grade and up
- **Confirmation:** Grades 7th—12th
- **OCIA:** Adults

On Wednesday Sept 30th at 5:30 we will have an information meeting discussing the school year. There will be crafts for the children. Parents will need to attend to complete required paperwork for each child. If you need the bus to pick you up, please let us know.

First class will be on 10/14.



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Mass Intentions

Sat 09/19	English	5pm	† Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	† Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Sun. 09/20	English	10am	Charles & Carolyn Buchanan & Family
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon 09/21	English	9am	† Nellie Daugherty
Tues 09/22	English	9am	† Chester Ervin Jr.
Wed 09/23	Spanish	12pm	Brother Conrad Fleischmann
Thu 09/24	Spanish	7pm	Jovani G. Martinez Barco
Sat 09/26	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Betty Howard
Sun 09/27	Bilingual	11 am	† Nellie Daugherty

Saint Michael Feast Day Celebration Sunday September 27

Mass Schedule: No changes to the Saturday (9/26) mass times (5pm English, 7:30 Akateco).

Sunday: We will begin our celebration with a procession from the church to Sebree Elementary at 10:00.

A bilingual mass will begin at 11:00 in the school gym.

Following mass we will have a potluck meal. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

We need donations of water and soda for the potluck.

On 9/26 at 6pm, we will take tables, chairs and other supplies to the gym. Volunteers needed!

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who ...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- Was baptized into another religion, but never received any formal religious education?

Do you find yourself in any of the above or know someone who does? If so, then OCIA or Confirmation is right for you and others. For more information please reach out to: Father, Juana, Jose or Jenny.

Bible Study Group

Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 10:00am. The program will be "Jesus The way, The truth and The life. It will be 1 1/2 to 2 hours long each Tuesday from October to May. (Breaking for Thanksgiving-Christmas) If you are interested please let Jenny or Mary Jane know so we can order the books.

All are welcome to join—interesting topic, lively discussions and occasionally good food!

