

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 04, 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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October 4, 2026 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANKS!

To everyone who helped setup, brought food and cleaned up for our St Michael celebration.

For the week of 09/27 to 10/03:

- Church cleaner was: **Felipe & Maria Jose**
- Money counter was: **Jeanie**

For the week of 10/04 to 10/10:

- Church cleaners are: **Juan y Juana Lopez**
- Money counter is: **Kim**

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, 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 Whitledge

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

www.smsebee.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

Today, the Gospel presents us with a dramatic parable that has a sad ending (cf. Mt 21:33-43). A landowner planted a vineyard and took good care of it. Then, needing to go away, he entrusted it to some tenants. When harvest time drew near, he sent his servants to collect his crop. But the tenants maltreated and killed them. So, the owner sent his son, and those tenants killed him too. How come? What went wrong? (...)

With this parable, Jesus reminds us what happens when people deceive themselves into thinking that they are self-made, and they forget to be grateful, they forget the real basis of life: that good comes from the grace of God, that good comes from his free gift. When one forgets this gratitude to God, one ends up facing one's situation and limitations no longer with the joy of feeling loved and saved, but rather with the sad illusion of needing neither love nor salvation. These people stop letting themselves be loved and find that they are prisoners of their own greed, prisoners of the need to have more than others, of wanting to stand out over others. This process is ugly, and it often happens to us. Let us think about this seriously. Many dissatis-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 10/03	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 10/04	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Shawn Blanford
Lector	Cathy Robertson
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 10/10	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 10/11	<u>Sacristan:</u> Mary Jane
EM	Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 3 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 (460)
- 4 SUN TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 (139) Pss III
- 5 Mon Weekday green/white/white [Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest] Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)
- 6 Tue Weekday green/white/white [Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin] Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 (462)
- 7 Wed Our Lady of the Rosary white Memorial Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 (463) Pss Prop
- 8 Thu Weekday green Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 (464)
- 9 Fri Weekday green/red/white/white [Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest; Saint John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 (465)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 09/20/2026	\$ 1693.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 13 of 52 Sundays	\$ 27,057.18
Budget YTD	\$ 28,200.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ 3,492.82

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).

factions and recriminations, many misunderstandings and many feelings of envy arise from this. And, driven by resentment, one can fall headlong into a spiral of violence. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, ungratefulness generates violence, it takes peace away, and makes us feel and yell when we speak, without peace, while a simple "thank you" can restore peace!

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 October 2023)



XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GOD: PATIENT, GENEROUS AND JUST

The readings for this Sunday make us reflect on the infinite mercy of God for the sinner. In the Gospel today we hear, specifically in the figure of the landowner, a reflection of God the Father: generous and trusting, patient and just. Generous because he “planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower,” (Mt 21: 33a) in other words he made everything in the vineyard that the tenants would need. Trusting because “he leased it to tenants and went on a journey,” (Mt 21: 33b) thinking that they would do their part. Patient because not just one time, but many times he forgave them, but they took advantage of his patience. In the end, justice prevailed.

I will tell a story that caught my attention without sharing a time or place because I know that more than one family could be identified. There is a couple that has been married for many years that now has adult children. Each of their sons and even the daughter likes the happy life: alcohol, dancing and a comfortable life. The couple contacted me wanting spiritual direction and someone had given them my cell number, so by phone, because of the distance, I accompanied them. At the beginning of their marriage they had many problems just as many marriages do. He was very chauvinistic; he would leave for work and not return until very late and half drunk. Many times they would fight and he even hit his wife. Over time, her social circle became the family and she found herself without friends and subjected to her husband. Praise God they were able to make progress economically and their finances are stable. He changed and has become a good father and is a pretty good husband – only he is jealous – but he provides his wife with everything she asks for or wants. After many years of living a tranquil life, from one day to the next, now she is the one that doesn’t want to continue; she got tired. Now the husband is the one trying, with patience, to win the love of his wife. I know that sometimes he loses hope because he sees that she doesn’t pay attention to him or their children, preferring to be with her friends. One day I visited with them and I sadly heard how she treats him as a servant: Bring me that! Go get that! Reach up there and get me that! Etc. And from one moment to the next, she can go from being content to being desperate to end their marriage. The children, despite being young adults, suffer seeing their mom without any desire to attend to them or their father. Now it seems that their separation is imminent. What is the hope for this family? That the husband loves his wife and respects her the way she deserves (changing completely). That the wife forgives her husband and goes back to valuing her family. That their children, seeing the situation of their parents, behave responsibly with their lives. That both the spouses learn to be patient with each other and with their children and help them to grow into the responsibilities of life.

Now let us compare our lives to the Word of God. God is generous with human beings because he gives not only what we need, rather more than what we need. Trusting, because in his great wisdom he makes man free, in other words he gives us the freedom to choose the life we want, good or bad, and respects our choice. Patient, because many

times the human race has erred, and we too have chosen the wrong path and we have turned our backs on God. Many times he has forgiven us and he hasn’t told us: enough! No more! Instead he invites us to return and he in return gives us his forgiveness. But remember brother, the call to conversion is for now, because tomorrow may not come.

Jesus foretold of his death and his triumphant end. He knew he would be rejected by his own people and killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After the rejection would come the glory. He entrusts each of us with his gifts and grace and he gives each of us a mission to complete in his vineyard. He promises that everything we do for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith until the end. We can expect trials and difficulties for working in the Lord’s work, including persecution of those who oppose the Kingdom of God. But in the end we will see triumph because Christ is the cornerstone and his promise is true. Do you work for the Lord with joyful hope and with confidence in his victory?

May God grant us the grace of conversion, with love and mercy and perseverance in his Kingdom, trusting that God will always sustain us during the trials and difficulties. With our hope in the Lord may we change our mentality and our hearts, and in that way change our families, toward the love of God.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’S READINGS:

Reading I: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20](#)

Reading II: [Philippians 4:6-9](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

THIS WEEK’S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today's readings

Questions:

- I. Where/how have you experienced God in the beauty of the earth?
- II. What does St. Paul mean when he asks the Philippians to keep on doing what they have learned and received and heard and seen in him so that the God of peace will be with them? What words or examples have you seen from others that have helped you to love God above all else, and to love your neighbor as yourself? How could our responsibility as good stewards of the earth help or hinder our relationship with God, others, and ourselves?
- G. How can being a good steward of creation show our thankfulness and respect to God and our neighbor? How does caring for creation help us to offer a fruitful harvest to our Creator? What one thing can you do to be a better steward of creation?

Task: Make one change in your life to become a better steward of God’s creation.

NEXT WEEK’S READING

Reading I: [Isaiah 25:6-10a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

Reading II: [Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10am:** Bible Study group
- **Tuesday:** No Youth Group meeting this week, Webster county schools fall break

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/3 David Glenn, Victor Lopez,
 10/4 Dylan Blanford
 10/5 Jessica Marisol Ramirez, Priscica Juan
 10/6 Alex Aguliar, Fernando Miguel Miguel
 10/8 Maria Francisco, Zacarias Neri,
 Luz Y. De Ialuz C
 10/9 Ruben Francisco Juan, Rosa Juan



Religious Education

If you were unable to attend the parent information meeting, please pickup a registration document. The information must be completed before your child can begin attending classes.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Pope Leo prays that the Church may be an “open house” where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope. Holding an image of Saint Dymphna, patroness of people suffering from mental disorders and of mental health professionals, he addresses the “God of life”, who knows the innermost depths of our hearts and “the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees.”

“Today we bring before you our brothers and sisters who struggle with challenges to their mental health, who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or any other mental illness,” he prays. Pope Leo asks forgiveness for the times when Christians have looked the other way, contributing to stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses. He prays that the Church may become “a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear.”

The Pope also remembers those who provide care, including professionals, family members and volunteers, asking God to give them strength and compassion.

“Send your Spirit upon us, that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church,” he concludes, “and thus become a living sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores.”

According to the press release accompanying the Pope's intention, more than a billion people worldwide live with a mental disorder, while public spending on mental health accounts for barely two percent of health budgets. Fr. Cristóbal Fones, International Director of the



Mass Intentions

Sat 10/03	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Angelina Gaspar Francisco
Sun 10/04	English	10 am	Violet Cassidy
	Spanish	12pm	+Jovani G. Martinez Barco
Mon 10/05	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 10/06	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed 10/07	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu 10/08	Spanish	7pm	No Daily Mass
Sat 10/10	English	5pm	George Himes
	Akateco	7:30pm	Communion Service
Sun 10/11	English	10 am	Kaydence Marie Helfert
	Spanish	12pm	Ramirez Lopez

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LISTEN	HARVEST	FRUIT	VINEYARD
WATCHTOWER	BUILT	REJECTED	SERVANTS
LANDOWNER	SENT	SON	COLLECT
PARABLE	LAST	KILLED	FARMERS
WALL	DUG	TIME	JOURNEY

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, notes that many people experiencing mental illness have felt unable to speak about it, or have encountered judgement and misunderstanding. “That is why, as a Church, we come together to open our hearts to this reality and to pray together, throughout this entire month, for all of them and also for those who accompany them,” he says.

To watch the video go to:

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope>