

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. July 7th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Destano</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. July 8th 7:45 a.m.	St. Elizabeth of Portugal, <i>Queen & Widow, III Class</i> † Elizabeth Pendrak - <i>Christian & Joyce Keifer</i>
Tues. July 9th 7:45 a.m.	Mass of the Holy Angels, <i>IV Class</i> † Joseph Kaniecki - <i>Mary Kaniecki</i>
Wed. July 10th 7:45 a.m.	Seven Holy Brothers, <i>Martyrs, and</i> SS. Rufina & Secunda, <i>Virgins & Martyrs, III Class</i> Sara Nikiforov - <i>Skuba Family</i>
Thur. July 11th 7:45 a.m.	Pope Pius I, <i>Pope & Martyr, IV Class</i> Schuler Family - <i>Steve Pendrak</i>
Fri. July 12th 6:00 p.m.	St. John Gualbert, <i>Abbot, III Class</i> † Joseph Monzeleski - <i>Mary Kaniecki</i>
Sat. July 13th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i> † Mary Kaniecki
Sun. July 14th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † John McGovern - <i>Jack & Trish McGovern</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

Confessions

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-5 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

INTROIT

Ps. 46, 2

O Clap your hands, all ye nations: shout unto God with the voice of joy. *Ps. 46, 3.* For the Lord is most high, He is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth. *V. Glory.* "O clap your hands....."

COLLECT

O God, Whose providence faileth not in setting things in order, we, Thy suppliants, beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst remove from us all tings harmful and grant us all that makes for our welfare. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE

Rom. 6, 19-23

Brethren, I speak a human thing, because of the infirmity of your flesh; for as you have yielded your members to serve uncleanness and iniquity unto iniquity, so now yield your members to serve justice, unto sanctification. For when you were the servants of sin, you were free from justice. What fruit therefore had you then in those things, of which you are now ashamed? For the end of them is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death. But the grace of God, life everlasting; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 33, 12, 6

Come, children, harken to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. *V.* Come, ye to Him and be enlightened; and your faces shall not be confounded.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Ps. 46, 2. O clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Matt. 7, 15-21

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so, every

good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one that saith to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of My Father Who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY

Dan. 3, 40

As in holocausts of rams and bullocks, and as in thousands of fat lambs; so let our sacrifice be made in Thy sight this day, that it may please Thee: For there is no confusion to them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

O God, Who hast sanctioned the diversity of offerings by the perfection of one sacrifice, receive the sacrifice offered Thee by Thy devoted servants, and sanctify it as Thou didst sanctify the gifts of Abel, that what each one hath offered to the glory of Thy majesty may profit for the salvation of all. Through our Lord.

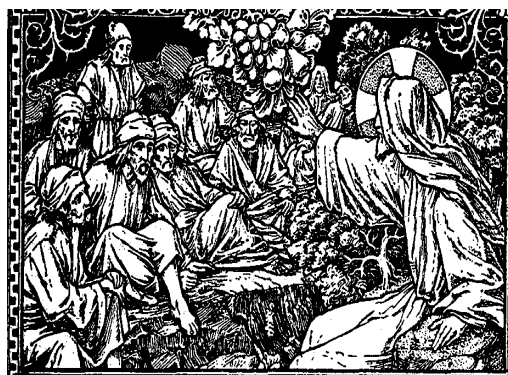
COMMUNION

Ps. 30, 3

Bow down Thy ear, make haste to deliver me.

POSTCOMMUNION

May Thy health-giving operation, O Lord, mercifully rid us of our evil inclinations and unto rightful ways strongly lead us. Through our Lord.



By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (Matthew 7:16) Do men gather, not the false prophets, but men in general, e.g., farmers. The question, therefore, means, "Are grapes gathered . . . ?" As grapes are not usually produced by or gathered off thorns, nor figs off thistles, so in like manner, no good or sweet fruit can be collected from heresy or heretics, but only bad, harsh and thorny fruit. This fruit is of two kinds: 1. Of false and impious doctrine; 2. Of bad morals and wickedness, which follow from the first. Luther and Calvin have given examples in this age. For Luther teaches that vows are not binding upon the religious; that man does not possess free will, that he is the slave of necessity, that he must sin; that faith alone justifies; that good works have no merit before God. Calvin teaches that God is the author of evils; that Christ despaired on the cross, that He felt the pains of hell, etc.; which things are downright blasphemy, and contrary to the natural law and to reason. Calvin also maintained that the Faith, by which he meant his own perversion of it, should be defended and propagated by force of arms, even by deposing and slaughtering lawful princes and kings, bishops, priests and Catholics who opposed it. Hence we have heard of, and almost seen with our eyes in France, England, and Germany, so many murders, robberies, exiles of priests and Catholics, and a vast deluge of iniquity, and as it were a universal conflagration of goodness. We have seen the holy sacraments profaned, the most holy sacrifice abolished, the saints condemned, vows broken, churches burnt, the sacred canons nullified, virgins violated, honest men eliminated, the dishonest exalted and governing, etc. For, as St. John Fisher, bishop of Rochester, who, with St. Thomas More, was a glorious martyr in England under Henry VIII, truly says, "Lust is at once the mother and the daughter of heresy."

Even so every good tree, bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit. (Matthew 7:17) "For a good tree is not distinguished from an evil one by its leaves or flowers, but by its fruit," says St. Bernard (epist. 107). Tree, meaning a fruit-bearing plant; for others produce leaves and branches without fruit. Understand "fruit-bearing plants" to mean all kinds, such as thorns and thistles, which were mentioned previously. Christ continues the argument here, as is plain from the expression even so, which has the following force. "Just as you do not gather grapes from thorns, but rather thorns; nor figs from thistles, but rather thistles (a

thistle is a sort of thorny plant, from a seed which is triangular, strictly speaking, or which has three points, whence it is called in Latin tri-bulatio); thus from every good (fruit-bearing) plant spring good fruits, from bad plants, bad fruits. This is plainly the state of things. We see this to be true everywhere. Thus the Interlinear Gloss.

Note: 1. By good tree in this place, we are not to understand a good will, or charity, or by a corrupt tree an evil will, as St. Augustine, St. Chrysostom, Theophylact and Lyranus think, but rather a good or bad teacher (i.e., one who is true or false), for about these the words immediately preceding are spoken. This passage deals only with faith and doctrine. St. Luke, nevertheless (6:43), interprets the bad tree to mean hypocrites, because false teachers are the greatest hypocrites, and then because this saying is also true of all hypocrites.

2. By the fruit of the tree, i.e., "of a doctor", must be understood, [first,] his doctrine, (as Luke says at 6:45), which comes forth true from a true teacher, false from a false one; then his works, as SS. Jerome, Chrysostom, and Augustine read the passage. Even though false teachers and heretics sometimes make a show of holiness in good works, nevertheless, in itself and by nature, a crooked faith born in a crooked teacher tends to engender crooked morals and deeds, and in most cases it does so engender; and this is just what Christ wishes to teach us here. He means to give a common and easily noted sign of a false doctor and false doctrine, which can scarcely be done, since the wolf has long been lurking under the sheep's clothing, unless he betrays himself by his deeds. Conversely, good faith born in a good teacher by nature tends to produce a holy life and holy morals and deeds, and it does produce these things in many souls, even if the contrary often happens by accident. For example, a heretic may be generous in giving alms from a natural kindness and compassion; the almsgiving is, then, the fruit, not of his heresy or error, but of his kindness; it is produced by a kind heart, but not by the heresy. Now, otherwise, it follows from this one principle of the heretics, sola fides justificat [faith alone justifies], that a person would devote himself in vain and without merit to penitence, mortification, almsgiving and difficult virtuous acts. Let us eat, drink, and give in to all sorts of unbridled pleasure, then, because tomorrow we shall die and will enter heaven drunk. (*The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide*)

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support of the essential work of the Holy Father and his charitable acts through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brethren around the world to help the Holy Father reach out to those in need. May God reward your charity.

CAMP ST. ISAAC JOGUES: You are invited to a Family Fun Day at FSSP Head Quarters in Elmhurst. On Sunday, July 21st from 1-4 p. m. the seminarians will host a cookout (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). There will be sports and activities for boys and girls of all ages. The day will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome.

St. Michael's welcomes **Mr. Jesus Valenzuela, FSSP**, who will be with us for his Summer Apostolate until the end of July. Mr. Valenzuela is in his third year at OLG Seminary in Denton Nebraska.

UPDATING DATABASE: St. Michael's is updating the parish directory. If you have any changes (address, phone number, etc.) you may put your updated information in a sealed envelope and drop it in the collection basket. All information is held in strict confidence and is not given out.

6:30 am MASS: Monday through Saturday this week.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: The parish picnic is Saturday, August 31st at LaCoe's Grove following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. More information to follow.

SPIRITUAL HELP:

"Evil thoughts are best destroyed by good thoughts that crowd them. Saint Paul says, 'Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.' Evil is not to be fought, head-on, by mere brute willpower; it is better for us to flank it, drive it from the field by a greater intensity of goodness, a greater love of God. A mind filled with ideas of love and beauty has little room for evil notions" (*Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen*)

COLLECTION: June 30th - \$3,749.00

PETER'S PENCE: \$385.00

Altar Boys Schedule

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 7th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI	William Skuba
AC2	John Skuba
TEAM E	
MC	
TH	Robert Seeley
AC1	Dominic Gardner
AC2	Chris Shanahan
C	Joseph Seeley
S1	Timothy Emig
S2	Patrick Seeley
S3	Brendan Seeley
S4	Jack Gardner

WEEK TWO

Monday	
7:45 a.m.	
Tuesday	James McWhirter
7:45 a.m.	Joseph McWhirter
Wednesday	Andrew Mitchell
7:45 a.m.	Anthony Mitchell
Thursday	Chris Shanahan
7:45 a.m.	

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

July 14th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI	Daniel Keifer
AC2	Matthew Davidson
TEAM A	
MC/TH	John Gillenkirk
TH/MC	James McWhirter
AC1	Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2	Joseph McWhirter
C	Francis LaFata
S1	Robert Seeley
S2	Joseph Schneider
S3	Patrick Seeley
S4	Patrick Schneider