

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. July 19th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Jeffery Keifer - <i>Mom and Dad</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. July 20th 7:45 a.m.	St. Jerome Emiliani, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Aaron Melgoza, II - <i>His Mother</i>
Tues. July 21st 7:45 a.m.	St. Laurence of Brindisi, <i>Conf., Doctor, III Class</i> Peter Michael LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Wed. July 22nd 7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, <i>Penitent, III Class</i> † Nora Gossin - <i>Patricia &amp; Jack McGovern</i>
Thu. July 23rd 7:45 a.m.	St. Apolinaris, <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr, III Class</i> † Mr. Joseph Geffert - <i>Wilma &amp; Tom Geffert</i>
Fri. July 24th 6:00 p.m.	St. Christina, <i>Virgin &amp; Martyr, IV Class</i> Athony Allen, Jr. - <i>Megan Allen</i>
Sat. July 25th 9:00 a.m.	St. James the Greater, <i>Apostle, II Class</i> Nicholas Jude LaFata, Jr. - <i>His Parents</i>
Sun. July 26th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Dominic Josefek - <i>Tim &amp; Mary Morris</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

Low 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

#### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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## INTROIT

*Ps. 47, 10, 11*

We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple; according to Thy name O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of justice. *Ps. 47, 2.* Great is the Lord and exceedingly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... We have received ...

## COLLECT

Ever graciously bestow upon us in abundance, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the spirit of thinking and doing what things are right, that we, who cannot exist without Thee, may have the strength to live in conformity with Thee. Through Our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*Rom. 8, 12-17*

Brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh; for if you live according to the flesh, you shall die, but if by the spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live. For whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry Abba (Father). For the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God: and if sons, heirs, also; heirs indeed of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 30, 3*

Be Thou unto me a God, a protector, and a place of refuge, to save me. *Vs. Ps. 70, 1.* In Thee, O God, have I hoped: O Lord, let me never be confounded.

## ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, alleluia. V. Ps. 47, 2.* Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised; in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. *Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 16, 1-9*

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: There was a certain rich man who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods; and he called him, and said to him, How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship, for now thou canst be steward no longer. And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship? To dig I

am not able: to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do, that when I shall be put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. Therefore calling together every one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much dost thou owe my lord? But he said, A hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty. Then he said to another, And how much dost thou owe? Who said, A hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him, Take thy bill, and write eighty. And the lord commended the unjust steward, for as much as he had done wisely; for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say to you, make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity, that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 17, 28, 32*

Thou wilt save the humble people, O Lord, and wilt bring down the eyes of the proud; for Who is God but Thee, O Lord?

## SECRET

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts which out of Thine own bounty we bring to Thee, that these most holy mysteries may, by the operation of the power of Thy grace, both sanctify us in the conduct of our present lives and lead us unto everlasting joys. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Ps. 33, 9*

Taste and see that the Lord is sweet; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Let the heavenly mystery be to us, O Lord, the restoration of soul and body, that, as we perform its worship, we may experience its effect. Through our Lord.



## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

Teach me, O Lord, to be a faithful, wise administrator of Your goods.

Today again, as last Sunday, St. Paul, in the Epistle of the Mass (*Rom 8:12-17*), compares the two lives which always struggle within us: the life of the old man, a slave to sin and the passions, from which come the fruits of death, and that of the new man, the servant, or better, the child of God, producing fruits of life." If you live according to the flesh, you shall die, but if, by the spirit, you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live." Baptism has begotten us to the life of the spirit, but it has not suppressed the life of the flesh in us; the new man must always struggle against the old man, the spiritual must fight against the corporeal. Baptismal grace does not excuse us from this battle, but it gives us the power to sustain it. We must be thoroughly convinced of this so that we will not be deceived or disturbed if, after many years of living a spiritual life, certain passions, which we thought we had subdued forever, revive in us.

This is our earthly condition: "The life of man upon earth is a warfare" (*Job 7:1*), so much so that Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence" (*Matt. 2:12*). But this continual struggle should not frighten us; for grace has made us children of God, and as such, we have every right to count on His paternal help. "You have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear," says St. Paul, "but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba, Father." To increase our belief in this great truth, he adds, "The Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God." It is as though the Apostle would like to say to us: "It is not I who tell you this, but the Holy Spirit who says it and testifies to it within you." The Holy Spirit is in us; in us He supplicates the heavenly Father, and in us He arouses confidence and trust. "You are not slaves," He says to us, "but children; of what are you afraid?" This is our great treasure: to be children of God, co-heirs with Christ, temples of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel teaches us by means of a parable — which at first sight seems a little disconcerting — how to

be wise in administering the great riches of our life of grace. When Jesus spoke this parable, He certainly had no intention of praising the conduct of the "unjust" steward who, after wasting his master's goods during his whole stewardship, continued to steal even when he learned that he was to be discharged. However, Jesus did praise him for the clever way he made sure of his own future. The lesson of the parable hinges on this point: "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings." Jesus exhorts the "children of light" not to be less shrewd in providing for their eternal interests than the "children of darkness" are in assuring for themselves the goods of earth.

We also, like the steward in the parable, have received from God a patrimony to administer, that is, our natural gifts, and more particularly, our supernatural gifts, and all the graces, holy inspirations, and promptings to good which God has bestowed upon us. The hour for rendering an account will come for us too, and we shall have to admit that we have often been unfaithful in trafficking with the gifts of God, in making the treasures of grace fructify in our soul. How can we atone for our infidelities? This is the moment to put into practice the teaching of the parable by which, as St. Augustine says, "God admonishes all of us to use our earthly goods to make friends for ourselves among the poor. They, in turn, becoming the friends of their benefactors, will be the cause of their admission into heaven." In other words, we must pay our debts to God by charity toward our neighbor, for Sacred Scripture tells us, "Charity covers a multitude of sins" (*1 Peter 4:8*). This does not mean material charity alone, but also spiritual charity and not in great things only, but in little ones too—yes, even in the very least things, such as a glass of water given for the love of God. These little acts of charity, which are always within our power, are the riches by which we pay our debts and put in order "our stewardship."

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

**SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN** – St. Michael’s Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for men pursuing priestly vocations from St. Michael’s parish and attending Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska. Last year, the Council provided support for seminarians James Gillenkirk and David McWhirter. The campaign goal is \$2,500 and the Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. Please be very generous and support our future priests. Make checks payable to “KOC Council 14829” and write “vocations” in the memo section of the check. Donations may be dropped in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Thanks!

**ANNUAL KNEOBEL’S DAY** is Monday, August 3rd. This year we have pavilion G. Park hours are 10:30

a.m. until 10:00 p.m. See Knoebel’s website for any other information.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:** The parish picnic is **Saturday, August 15th** at LaCoe’s Grove in Clarks Summit. Directions will be forthcoming in the vestibule of the church, along with sign-up sheets for each family to bring their favorite dish for 12 people. The food will be blessed at 1:00 p.m. Let’s pray for NO rain!

**WE ARE NOW TAKING MASS INTENTIONS** for the 2016 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Downstairs each week after the 10:15 a.m. Mass there is a coffee hour with a breakfast menu! It’s a good way to make new friends!

**COLLECTION:** July 12th - \$1,929.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

**EIGHTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 19th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Joseph Schneider  
Patrick Schneider

**10:15 a.m. Mass**

Joseph Seeley  
Brendan Seeley

**WEEK THREE**

**Monday**      Joseph Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.**      Patrick Schneider

**Tuesday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday**      Dominic Gardner  
**7:45 a.m.**      Jack Gardner

**Thursday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**NINTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 26th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

John Skuba  
Joseph Skuba

**10:15 a.m. Mass**

Andre Pheasant  
Sean Michelin