

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2014

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. July 6th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. July 7th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Cyril & Methodius, <i>Bps. &amp; Confessors, III Class</i> Mrs. Carol Lee Shanley - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Tues. July 8th 7:45 a.m.	St. Elizabeth of Portugal, <i>Queen &amp; Widow, III Class</i> Claire Mitchell - <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Dennis Mitchell</i>
Wed. July 9th 7:45 p.m.	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, <i>IV Class</i> † Kenneth F. Channon, Jr. - <i>Irene &amp; Jerry Walsh</i>
Thu. July 10th 7:45 a.m.	Seven Holy Brothers, <i>Martyrs,</i> SS. Rufina & Secunda, <i>Virgins &amp; Martyrs, III Class</i> Mrs. Joan Gerrity
Fri. July 11th 6:00 p.m.	St. Pius I, <i>Pope &amp; Martyr, IV Class</i> † Patrick F. Gerrity - <i>Robert S. McHale</i>
Sat. July 12th 9:00 a.m.	St. John Gualbert, <i>Abbot, III Class</i> Thomas/Lauren Emig Family - <i>Mike &amp; Nancy Emig</i>
Sun. July 13th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Mary Dorothy Walsh - <i>Irene &amp; Jerry Walsh</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

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday — After Mass

Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### INTROIT

*Ps. 26, 1, 2*

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? My enemies that trouble me have themselves been weakened and have fallen. *Ps. 26, 3.* If armies in camp should stand together against me, my heart shall not fear. *V.* Glory. "The Lord is my light...."

### COLLECT

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the course of the world may be directed for us, and that Thy Church may rejoice in peace. Through Our Lord.

### EPISTLE

*Rom. 8, 18-23*

Brethren, I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us. For the expectation of the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God, for the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject in hope; because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that every creature groaneth, and travaileth in pain, even till now; and not only it, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### GRADUAL

*Ps. 78, 9, 10*

Forgive us our sins, O Lord, lest the gentiles should at any time say, Where is their God? *V.* Help us, O God our Saviour; and for the honor of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us.

### ALLELUIA

*Ps. 9, 5, 10*

*Alleluia, alleluia.* O God, Who sittest upon the throne, and judgest justice, be Thou the refuge of the poor in tribulation. *Alleluia.*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 5, 1-11*

At that time, when the multitude pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of

Genesareth. And He saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets; and going up into one of the ships that was Simon's, He desired him to draw back a little from the land: and sitting He taught the multitudes out of the ship. Now when He had ceased to speak, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon, answering, said to Him, Master, we have labored all the night, and have taken nothing, but at Thy word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a very great multitude of fishes; and their net broke: and they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, that they should come and help them; and they came, and filled both the ships, so that they were almost sinking. Which when Simon Peter saw, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was wholly astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken: and so were also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. And Jesus saith to Simon, Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And having brought their ships to land, leaving all things they followed Him.

### OFFERTORY

*Ps. 12, 4, 5*

Enlighten my eyes, that I never sleep in death; lest at any time my enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

### SECRET

Receiving our oblations, be appeased, we pray Thee, O Lord, and in Thy kindness constrain our wills toward Thee, even when resisting. Through our Lord.

### COMMUNION

*Ps. 17, 3*

The Lord is my firmament, and my refuge, and my deliverer, my God is my helper.

### POSTCOMMUNION

May the mysteries we have received purify us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by their virtue protect us. Through our Lord.

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Two ideas dominate the liturgy of today's Mass: great confidence in God and an acute awareness of human misery and insufficiency. These two ideas are closely connected, for it is the consciousness of our nothingness which leads us to put all our confidence in God, and the greater this confidence becomes in us, the more convinced we are of our nothingness.

The Mass begins with a cry of unshakable hope "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" The Lord is with me in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, the Lord comes to me in Holy Communion. What can separate me from Him? What can make me fear?

Yet I know my weakness; I have ever before my eyes the remembrance of my failures and infidelities. How great, then, is my need to humbly repeat the beautiful prayer of the Gradual: "Save us, O Lord, and pardon our sins... Help us, O God, our Savior, for the glory of Your Name." Yes, in spite of the continual help of divine grace, in spite of so many confessions and communions, I have to acknowledge new failures every day; daily, I must begin anew. The struggle is arduous and painful, but in today's Epistle, St. Paul reminds us that "the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us." This thought is one of consolation, hope and confidence; it does not, however, prevent us from longing for freedom and complete redemption. This is what the Apostle experienced when he said: "We also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body in Christ Jesus." The more we suffer because of our wretchedness, the more we should run to Jesus, with full confidence in the power of His Redemption.

Today's Gospel is a practical demonstration of the words of Jesus: "Without Me, you can do nothing." Simon and his companions had been fishing all night and had caught nothing; that is all they had been able to do by themselves. If we have

had some little experience in the spiritual life, we will recognize that this is often our situation too. How many efforts we have made to rid ourself of this or that attachment, to forget injuries, to adapt ourself to our neighbor's way of doing things, to subject our will to another's! And yet, after all these attempts, we find our hands empty, like Peter's nets. Let us not be discouraged; if we can humbly acknowledge our failure instead of feeling annoyance because of it, the failure itself will turn into victory. So it happened to Peter after he had admitted publicly that he had "taken nothing." St. Therese of the Child Jesus comments: "Had the Apostle caught some small fish, perhaps our divine Master would not have worked a miracle; but he had caught nothing, and so through the power and goodness of God his nets were soon filled with great fishes. Such is Our Lord's way. He gives as God, with divine generosity, but He insists on humility of heart."

In spite of our good will to advance in virtue, our Lord will not permit us to have any success until He sees that we are thoroughly convinced of our own weakness and inability; to give us this conviction, He lets us, as He let Peter, "work all night without catching anything." But afterwards, as He sees our growing awareness of our poverty and our willingness to admit it openly, He will come to our aid. We must, then, have great faith in Him, never allowing ourselves to give up through lack of success. Every day, relying "on His word," we must begin anew. If we have learned not to trust in our own strength, we must also learn to have complete confidence in the divine aid. If we have caught nothing until now, perhaps it is our lack of unshakable confidence that is the cause, and this deficiency, besides being displeasing to Jesus, paralyzes our spiritual life. Then let us repeat with Peter in a similar cry of confidence: "*in verbo tuo laxabo rete,*" Lord, at Thy word, I will let down the net. And let us repeat it every day, every moment, without ever growing weary.

(Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*)

**SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN:** St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for two seminarians from our parish, James Gillenkirk and David McWhirter, currently t FSSP's Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska. The Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. The campaign goal is \$2,000 in donations. 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. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Envelopes are in the vestibule of church. Thank you!

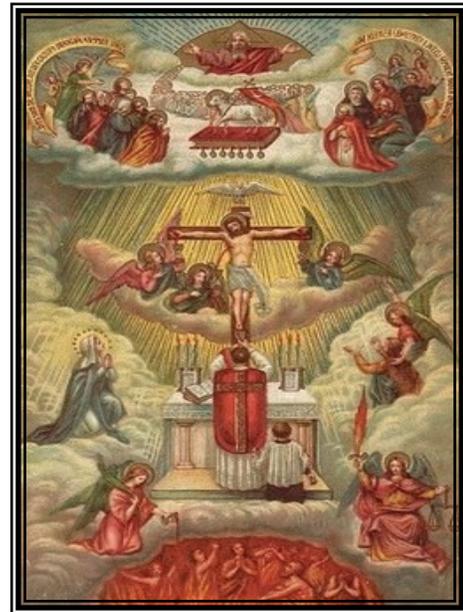
**APPRECIATION:** The choir adds much beauty to the Holy Mass and St. Michael's thanks them profoundly for their talents and generosity of time to make the Mass more beautiful for the honor and glory of God. May He truly reward you.

**COLLECTION:** June 29th - \$3,701.00

**PETER'S PENCE:** \$308.00

**Camp St. Isaac Jogues** is having their annual family day on Sunday, July 13th, 1pm. Families attending are asked to bring a dish for the potluck.

**Please Welcome** Mr. Matthew Vierno, FSSP. He will be with us through the month of July.



## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**July 6th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Joshua Sica  
**AC2** Timothy Sica

#### **TEAM A**

**MC** James McWhirter  
**TH** John Gillenkirk  
**AC1** Joseph McWhirter  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Robert Seeley  
**S1** John Pheasant  
**S2** Andrew Pheasant  
**S3** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**S4** Timothy Emig

### WEEK TWO

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** James McWhirter  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph McWhirter

**Wednesday** John Mitchell  
**7:45 a.m.** Anthony Mitchell

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

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**July 13th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

#### **TEAM B**

**MC** Anthony Mitchell  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Stephen LaFata  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Brian LaFata  
**S3**  
**S4**