

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

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>
Mon. July 27th 7:45 a.m.	St. Pantaleon, <i>Martyr, IV Class</i> Ints of the Potteiger Family - <i>Eileen Emig</i>
Tues. July 28th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Nazarius & Celsus, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> Special Intention - <i>Maria Mitchell</i>
Wed. July 29th 7:45 a.m.	St. Martha, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> Contaldi Children - <i>Their Parents</i>
Thu. July 30th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Adon & Sennen, <i>Martyrs, IV Class</i> † Betty Ward - <i>Ken &amp; Susan Skuba</i>
Fri. July 31st 6:00 p.m.	St. Ignatius Loyola, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Bea Morasky - <i>Elaine Guzek</i>
Sat. Aug. 1st 9:00 a.m.	FSSP St. Peter in Chains, <i>III Class</i> Christopher Emig - <i>His Parents</i>
Sun. Aug. 2nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> FSSP Clergy & Seminarians - <i>Frank Leo</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. 53, 6,7*

Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the protector of my soul: turn back the evils upon my enemies, and cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord, my protector. *Ps 53, 3.* Save me, O God, by Thy Name, and deliver me in Thy strength. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... Behold, God ...

## COLLECT

Let the ears of Thy mercy, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy suppliants, and, that Thou may grant their desires to them that seek, make them to ask only for those things that please Thee. Through Our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*1 Cor. 10, 6-13*

Brethren, let us not covet evil things, as they also coveted. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them: as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and perished by the serpents. Neither do you murmur, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore he that thinks himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall. Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human; and God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able; but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 8, 2*

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth. *V.* For Thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens.

## ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, alleluia. Vs. Ps. 58, 2.* Deliver me from my enemies, O my God: and defend me from them that rise up against me. *Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 19, 41-47*

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, seeing the city, He wept over it saying, If thou also had known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace: but now they are hidden from thy eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side, and beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee; and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone, because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation. And entering into the temple, He began to cast out them that sold therein, and they that bought, saying to them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And He was teaching daily in the temple.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps 18, 9, 10, 11, 12*

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keeps them.

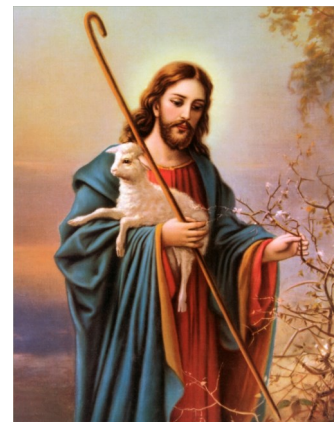
## SECRET

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, worthily to frequent these mysteries, for as often as the commemoration of this victim is celebrated, the work of our redemption is performed. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*John 6, 57*

He that eats My Flesh, and drinks My Blood, abides in Me, and I in him; saith the Lord.



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

O Lord, grant that Your grace in me may not be void.

Today the liturgy invites us to consider the grave problem of our correspondence with grace. It does this by showing us the sad picture of the sufferings of Israel, the chosen people, upon whom God had showered His benefits, whom He had surrounded with graces, protected with jealous care, and who, in spite of all this, were lost through their own infidelity. In the Epistle, St. Paul, after mentioning certain points about Israel's unfaithfulness, concludes: "Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction... Wherefore, he that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall." This is a strong call to vigilance and humility. If God has gone before us with His graces, if He has called us to a more intense interior life and to closer intimacy with Himself, all this, far from making us presumptuous, should deepen our humility of heart. God's gifts are preserved beneath the ashes of humble mistrust of self. Woe to us if we consider ourselves henceforth free from the weaknesses which we meet and, perhaps, condemn in others! Rather let us humbly say: "Lord, help me, or I shall do worse." At the same time that he exhorts us to be humble, St. Paul also urges us to have confidence, because "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it." The Apostle is telling us that the knowledge of our weakness should not discourage us, because God is always ready to sustain us with His grace. God knows our weaknesses, the struggles we have to undergo, and the temptations that assail us; and for each of them He gives us the measure of grace we need in order to triumph over them. It is very true that when the storm is raging we can feel only the impact of the struggle, and the grace that God is giving to help us remains completely hidden; nevertheless, this grace is there and we should be certain of it, because "God is faithful." "God has always helped me..." St. Therese of the Child Jesus said, "I count on His aid. My sufferings may reach even greater heights, but I am sure He will not abandon me."

The Gospel continues the same subject of the Epistle and shows us Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. The

Creator, the Lord, the Redeemer weeps over the ruin of His creatures, the people whom He has loved with predilection, even choosing them as the companions of His earthly life, and whom He had desired to save at any price.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem... how often would I have gathered together thy children as the hen doth gather her chickens under her wings, and thou wouldst not!" (*Mt 23,37*). This was the constant attitude of Jesus toward the holy city, but it always remained blind to every light, deaf to every invitation, and the Savior, shortly before going to His Passion, broke forth into His last sorrowful admonition: "If thou also hadst known and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace!" But again the city resists, and Jesus, after having loved it so much, and after having wept over it as a mother weeps over her son who has gone astray, predicts its ruin: "Thy enemies... shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone, because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation."

Do you know how to recognize the moments in which Our Lord visits your soul? A word read or heard, perhaps even by chance, an edifying example, an interior inspiration, a new light which makes you see your faults more clearly and opens new horizons of virtue and of good—all are visits from Jesus. And you, how do you correspond? Is your soul sensitive to these lights, to these admonitions? Do you not sometimes turn your gaze away, fearing that the light you have glimpsed may ask you for sacrifices which are too painful for your self-love?

Oh! if you had always recognized the moment in which the Lord visited you! If you had always been open to His action! Try then to begin again today, resolve to commence anew each time that you happen to give in to nature. "The things that are to your peace," your good, your sanctification, are precisely here, in this continual adherence to the impulses of grace.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is August 1st: Pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We are now taking mass intentions for the 2016 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request.

**REMINDER:** Saturday, August 15th, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of obligation. We will have a Sunday schedule on this day. **TEAM C will serve the High Mass.**

**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!

**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!

**COLLECTION:** July 19th - \$3,110.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

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

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

John Skuba  
Joseph Skuba

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

Andrew Pheasant  
Sean Michelin

**WEEK ONE**

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

**Tuesday**      Collin Chidester  
**7:45 a.m.**      Andrew Chidester

**Wednesday**      Andrew Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.**      Sean Michelin

**Thursday**      John Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.**      Joseph Skuba

**TENTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**Aug. 2nd**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

Timothy Sica  
Michael Sica

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

Stephen LaFata  
Francis LaFata