

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. July 20th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Aaron Melgoza - <i>His Mother</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. July 21st 7:45 a.m.	St. Laurence of Brindisi, <i>Conf. & Doctor, III Class</i> Daniel Mitchell - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mitchell</i>
Tues. July 22nd 7:45 a.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, <i>Penitent, III Class</i> † Stephen Serio - <i>Irene & Jerry Walsh</i>
Wed. July 23rd 7:45 p.m.	St. Apollinaris, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i> † Mr./Mrs. Joseph Geffert - <i>Mr./Mrs. Thomas Geffert</i>
Thu. July 24th 7:45 a.m.	St. Christina, <i>Virgin & Martyr, IV Class</i> Mr. Stephen Pendrak - <i>LaFata Family</i>
Fri. July 25th 6:00 p.m.	St. James the Greater, <i>Apostle, II Class</i> Eugene Jerauld
Sat. July 26th 9:00 a.m.	St. Anne, <i>Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</i> Dominic Josefek - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Sun. July 27th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> FSSP Intentions - <i>Sica Family</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

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INTROIT

Ps. 27: 8,9,1

The Lord is the strength of His people, and the protector of the salvation of His anointed: save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, and rule them for ever. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord: O my God, be not Thou silent to me, lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Glory be.

COLLECT

O God of hosts, to Whom all that is best doth belong, graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, and grant us an increase of religion: that Thou mayest foster what is good, and with tender zeal guard what Thou hast fostered. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Romans 6: 3-11

Brethren: All we who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized in His death. For we are buried together with Him by Baptism unto death; that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His Resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, and that we may serve sin no longer. For he that is dead is justified from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall live also together with Christ. Knowing that Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more, death shall no more have dominion over Him. For in that He died to sin, He died once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. So do you also reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 89: 13, 1

Return, O Lord, a little: and be entreated in favor of Thy servants. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 30:2-3

Alleluia, alleluia. In Thee, O Lord, I have hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and release me: bow down Thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Mark 8: 1-9

At that time, when there was a great multitude with Jesus, and they had nothing to eat, calling His disciples together, He saith to them: I have compassion on the multitude, for behold they have now been with Me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I shall send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way: for some of them came from afar off. And His disciples answered Him: From whence can any one fill them here with bread in the wilderness? And He asked them: How many loaves have ye? Who said: Seven. And He commanded the people to sit down on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples to set before the people. And they had a few little fishes, and He blessed them, and commanded them to set before them. And they did eat, and were filled; and they took up that which was left of the fragments, seven baskets: and they that had eaten were about four thousand: and He sent them away.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 16: 5-7

Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved; incline Thine ear, and hear my words: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou Who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

Be appeased, O Lord, by our humble prayers, and favorably receive the offerings of Thy people: and that the prayers of none be vain, no one petition void, grant that what we hopefully ask, we may effectually obtain. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 26: 6

I will go round, and offer up in His tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation; I will sing, and recite a psalm to the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

We have been filled, O Lord, with Thy gifts: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be cleansed by their effect and defended by their aid. Through our Lord.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

One thought emerges from today's liturgy in a special way and dominates all: God is a merciful Father who takes pity on us and nourishes our souls. Our souls are always famished, we are always in need of nourishment to sustain our supernatural life.

God alone can give us the proper nourishment as the Church tells us in the beautiful prayer of the day: "O God of all power and might, the giver of all good things; implant in our hearts a deep love of Your name; increase in us true religion and sincere virtue; nourish us with all goodness and... keep us in Your loving care" (Collect). The heavenly Father graciously hears our plea and answers by directing us to His divine, only-begotten Son whom He sent into the world that we might have life in Him. In the Epistle (*Rom 6, 3-11*), St. Paul reminds us that as "we are baptized in Christ Jesus... in His death... so we also may walk in newness of life," that in Him we may "live unto God." It is in Jesus and in His Redemption that we find everything we need for the nourishment and life of our souls; it is in Him that we shall find the grace, love, faith, and the encouragement to virtue which we have petitioned in the Collect. It is a great joy for us to hear again that we are reborn in Christ to "newness of life"; it is a great comfort for our weakness. One point, however, remains obscure. How does it happen that we are always falling? Why are we always so miserable? A more attentive reading of the Epistle will reveal the reason; because we are not yet wholly "dead" with Christ, because the "old man" in us has not yet been "crucified" to the point of our no longer being "slaves of sin." In a word, if we wish to live fully the life that Christ acquired for us by His death, we must first die with Him. As this does not mean material death of the body but spiritual death to our faults and passions, this death must be continually renewed: "*Quotidie morior, I die daily. (I Cor 15,31)*. The weakness of our spiritual life is caused by the insufficiency of this death to self.

In the Gospel (*Mk 8,1-9*) we hear the words of Jesus, so full of kindness: "I have compassion on the multitude."

Jesus has compassion on us, our weakness, our cowardice, our unstable wills. He sees that our souls are weary, hungry, in need of help, and as He spoke to the crowds who gathered to hear Him, so He repeats to us: "I have compassion!" Jesus pities first of all our spiritual needs. Although His Passion and death have abundantly provided for them, He still continues to take care of us every day in the most direct and personal way—by offering Himself as food for our souls. The Gospel speaks to us about the second multiplication of the loaves. However, we are more fortunate than the people of Palestine; Jesus has reserved for us a bread infinitely more nourishing and precious: the Eucharist.

Fascinated by the words of Jesus, the crowd had followed Him, forgetting even their necessities; three days they remained with Him and had nothing to eat. What a lesson for us who are often much more solicitous for our material food than for our spiritual nourishment! And Jesus, after having provided abundantly for the needs of their souls, thought also of their bodily needs. His disciples, however, were astonished: "From whence can anyone fill them with bread here in the wilderness?" They had already assisted at the first multiplication of the loaves, but here they seemed to have no remembrance of it and remained distrustful. How many times have we too seen miracles of grace and the wonders of divine Providence! And yet, when we are placed in new, bewildering, or difficult circumstances, how often we remain hesitant; it seems as if we doubted God's almighty power. Let us think, for example, of our spiritual life: there are still things to be overcome or surmounted... we have tried so many times, and perhaps we no longer have the courage to begin again. Oh! if our faith were only greater, if we would only cast ourselves upon God with more confidence! One good act of total abandonment might be all we need to win the victory! Jesus is looking at us and saying, "I have compassion on the multitude" and His compassion is not sterile, but is vital action, help, and actual grace for our soul: why, then, do we not have more confidence in Him?

(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 at FSSP's Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska. 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.

DAY AT CARMEL: The day at Carmel is open to girls of all ages. It's not a retreat, but a chance for young girls to see a clothing ceremony and visit the nuns. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Saturday July 26th: Feast of St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 10 am Clothing ceremony and Mass
 11:30 Greet New Novice Ana Teresa of St. Joseph
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 General meeting with Carmelite Community
 For more information, please contact Mr. Joseph Gardner.

ANNUAL KNEOBEL'S DAY is Monday, August 4th! We have pavilion B. 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 16th** 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!

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

COLLECTION: July 13th - \$2,464.00

Altar Boy Schedule

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
 AC2 Patrick Schneider

10:15 a.m. Mass

AC1 Timothy Emig
 AC2 Justin LaFata

WEEK ONE

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

Tuesday Colin Chidester
7:45 a.m. Andrew Chidester

Wednesday
7:45 a.m.

Thursday William Skuba
7:45 a.m. John Skuba

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI John Skuba
 AC2 Joseph Skuba

10:15 a.m. Mass

AC1 John Gillenkirk
 AC2 Matt Gillenkirk