

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sunday after the Ascension

May 17, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. May 17th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday after the Ascension, <i>II Class</i> † William Moran - Ken & Susan Skuba <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 18th 7:30 a.m.	St. Venantius, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> Donna Marie Felzke - Eileen Hanisch
Tues. May 19th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Celestine, <i>Pope & Confessor, III Class</i> Justin Peter LaFata - His Parents
Wed. May 20th 7:45 a.m.	St. Bernadine of Siena, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Intentions of Irene Weber - Frank Leo
Thu. May 21st 7:45 a.m.	Feria after Ascension, <i>IV Class</i> † Rose Marie McGovern - Trish & Jack McGovern
Fri. May 22nd 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Passion of our Lord, <i>IV Class</i> John & Rosita Bellington
Sat. May 23rd 9:00 a.m.	Vigil of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i> Stephen Gerard Williams - Eileen Hanisch
Sun. May 24th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Mary Patricia LaFata - Her Parents <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

Sunday after the Ascension

INTROIT

Ps. 26: 7, 8, 9

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee, alleluia: my heart hath said to Thee: I have sought Thy face, Thy face, O Lord, I will seek: turn not away Thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 26:1* The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? {V} Glory be to the Father ... Hear, O Lord ...

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, grant that our service of Thy divine majesty may ever be that of a devoted will and of a pure heart. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4: 7-11

Dearly beloved, be prudent and watch in prayers. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves; for charity covers a multitude of sins. Using hospitality one towards another without murmuring. As every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the words of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the power which God administers; that in all things God may be honored through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 46: 9

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned over all the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia. *John 14: 18* I will not leave you orphans; I go and I come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15: 26-27; 16: 1-4

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me: and you shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever kills you will think that he does a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the

Father, nor Me. But these things I have told you, that, when the hour shall come, you may remember that I told you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 46: 6

God is ascended with jubilee, and the Lord with the sound of trumpet, alleluia.

SECRET

May this spotless sacrifice, O Lord, purify our souls, and endue us with the strength of grace from on high. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 17:12-13

Father, while I was with them, I kept them whom Thou gavest Me, alleluia; but now I come to Thee; I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Filled, O Lord, with Thy heavenly gifts: may we, by Thy grace, ever abide in thanksgiving for the same. Through our Lord.



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

Grant Lord, that my heart may ever be turned toward heaven where You await me.

This Sunday is like a prolongation of the Feast of the Ascension. The Introit reflects the feelings which the Apostles must have experienced during the time between the departure of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit: "Hear, O Lord, my voice calling to You... I seek Your face, O Lord, do not hide Your face from me." As on the day of the Ascension, the eyes of the Apostles are turned toward heaven, where they saw their Master disappear, and their hearts sigh after Him. As long as we are on our earthly pilgrimage, far from God, He must be the constant yearning of our souls. But we should not remain idle while we are waiting to go to our fatherland. In the Epistle of the day, Peter teaches us what we must do to make our life on earth a real preparation for our meeting with God: "Watch in prayers. But before all things, have a constant mutual charity among yourselves." This is exactly what the Apostles did as they waited for the Holy Spirit: together in the Cenacle they were persevering in prayer in the unity of fraternal love. God does not look with favor on the prayers and sacrifices of one who does not love his neighbor—no matter who he may be—with sincere benevolence. Jesus has expressly said: "If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee; leave there thy offering... and go first to be reconciled to thy brother" (Mt 5:23:24). Prayer alone will not suffice to draw down divine graces, nor will it acquire eternal life for us. Fraternal charity, the surest pledge of the sincerity of our love for God, is an absolute requisite. The Holy Spirit, who is the spirit of charity, who is substantial love, cannot enter a heart which is narrow and mean in its relations with its neighbor; lack of charity is one of the greatest obstacles to His action, because it is directly opposed to His essence. Just as water paralyzes the action of fire, so does lack of charity paralyze the action of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, as long as we live on earth, we are all

liable to fall; all of us, therefore, need pardon; "charity," says the Epistle, "covers a multitude of sins."

In today's Gospel Jesus reiterates His promise concerning the descent of the Holy Spirit: "When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father you shall give testimony [of Me]." As on the day of His Ascension, He connects the coming of the Holy Spirit with the mission of the Apostles, that mission which will consist essentially in giving testimony of Christ. "You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit... and you shall be witnesses unto Me... even to the uttermost part of the earth." Today's Gospel explains the scope of this testimony which the Apostles, as well as all future Christians, will be called upon to give. "They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God." Jesus died on the Cross to give testimony to the Father; His disciples will have to suffer, undergo persecution, and even death itself, to give testimony to Him. We cannot follow a road different from the one which Jesus has trodden: "If any man will come after Me, let him...take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt 16:24), He repeats to us. A calm, tranquil testimony, which is made without facing danger—still less of risking life—will always have only relative value and ordinarily gives no guarantee of its genuineness or its strength; on the contrary, the more it costs, the greater its value in proving the fidelity of him who renders it. To witness to Christ, without regarding the difficulties, sufferings or struggles that may be encountered, is the program of the true Christian. But who will give us courage? To us as to the Apostles, courage will come from the Holy Spirit, from His gift of fortitude; it will come from assiduous meditation on the example which Christ has given us; it will also come from His own words, spoken of coming persecutions: "I have told you these things, that you may not be scandalized in Me."

WELCOME: St. Michael's wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

APPRECIATION: St. Michael's wishes to express sincere gratitude to Mrs. Erika Drain for preparing this years confirmation class. Special thanks also to the ladies who helped to make the Confirmation reception such a beautiful success.

CONGRATULATIONS: To all the Confirmati and their parents. God bless you.

SUPPORT FSSP PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: The 2015 priestly vocation campaign is underway. This is an annual campaign which supports the formation of our priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton Nebraska. Please use the envelopes attached to the poster, which is located in the church vestibule and respond with your usual generosity to this appeal. Your donations will be used 100% for priestly formation, and are fully tax deductible.

THE 2015 KNIGHT AT THE RACES will be held by our Knights of Columbus on May 30th. This event is a family event, and proceeds will go to help local seminarians. Please support us by purchasing a horse for \$10. Each winner receives \$50 and there is a 1 in 10 chance of winning. Horses will be sold after each Sunday Mass from April 26th to May 24th.

ORDINATIONS: FSSP priestly ordinations will take place on Saturday, May 30th. Please pray for the six men being ordained to the sacred priesthood.

Camp Saint Isaac Jogues 2015: Now Accepting Applications until June 1st. Camp St. Isaac Jogues is a boys summer camp hosted by priests and seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. The camp will run from **July 7th—July 17th.** For more information, please visit our web-site. <http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>

Fr. Stinson will be away on Fraternity business from May 23rd until June 4th.

SECOND COLLECTION: On Sunday May 24, there will be a second collection for the support of St. Francis Ministry in Endicott, NY. Thank you for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 24th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- June 7th - External Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- August 15th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: May 10th - \$1,902.00

NEPAL COLLECTION: \$774.00

Altar Boy Schedule

**SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION**

**May 17th
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 Ian McGuirk
S4

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.

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

**May 24th
8:00 a.m. Mass**

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Timothy Emig
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Francis LaFata
C
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata