

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 16th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Frank Hydoc - Robert S. McHale <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Nov. 17th 7:45 a.m.	St. Gregory the Wonderworker, Bp. / Conf., III Class Andrew Smith - Evelyn Tereshko
Tues. Nov. 18th 7:45 a.m.	Dedication of Basilicas of SS. Peter/Paul, III Class Leonard and Mary Tabone
Wed. Nov. 19th 7:45 a.m.	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow, III Class † Antoni Mamcarz - Maria A. Iacobacci
Thu. Nov. 20th 6:15 a.m.	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor, III Class † Souls in Purgatory - Evelyn Tereshko
Fri. Nov. 21st 6:00 p.m.	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III Class Adrian Melgoza - His Mother
Sat. Nov. 22nd 9:00 a.m.	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, III Class Dec'd Keifer Family Members - Joyce & Chris Keifer
Sun. Nov. 23rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Andrew Toth - Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis <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

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

INTROIT

Jer. xxix. 11,12,14

The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: you shall call upon Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. Ps. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be. . .

COLLECT

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sins of Thy people; that we may be delivered by Thy goodness, from the bonds of sin which by our frailty we have committed. Through our Lord...

EPISTLE

Phil. iii. 17-21; iv. 1-3

Brethren, be followers of me, and observe them who walk so as you have our model. For many walk, of whom I have told you often (and now tell you weeping) that they are enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame; who mind earthly things. But our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, who will reform the body of our lowliness, made like to the body of His glory, according to the operation whereby also He is able to subdue all things unto Himself. Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved, and most desired, my joy and my crown: so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved; I beg of Evodia, and I beseech Syntyche to be of one mind in the Lord: and I entreat thee also, my sincere companion; help those women who have labored with me in the Gospel, with Clement and the rest of my fellow-labourers, whose names are in the book of life.

GRADUAL

Ps. xliiii. 8-9

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. V. In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. ix. 18-26

At that time, as Jesus was speaking to the multitudes, behold a certain ruler came up, and adored Him, saying: Lord, my daughter is even now dead; but come lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus, rising up, followed him, with His disciples. And behold a woman, who was troubled with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself: If I shall touch only His garment, I shall be healed. But Jesus turning and seeing her, said: Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus was come into the house of the ruler, and saw the minstrels and the multitude making a tumult, He said; Give place; for the girl is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. And when the multitude was put forth, He went in, and took her by the hand. And the maid went abroad into all that country.

OFFERTORY

Ps. cxxix. 1-2

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

We offer to Thee, O Lord, this sacrifice of praise as an additional act of homage: that what Thou hast granted to us Thine unworthy servants, Thou wouldst mercifully accomplish. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Mark xi.24

Amen I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive and it shall be done to you.

POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech Thee, almighty God, that Thou wouldst not permit us to be subject to human dangers, to whom Thou givest to rejoice in the participation of divine mysteries. Through our Lord.

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

In spite of our sublime ideal, our ardent desire for sanctity, we always find ourselves full of miseries, always indebted to God. Our souls often tremble with fear in His presence, and we ask ourselves: How will He receive me? Will He turn me away? But the answer is quite different from what we would expect: "The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You shall call upon Me and I will hear you, and I will bring back your captivity from all places." These consoling words, which we read in the Introit of today's Mass, open our hearts to the sweetest hopes. God loves us in spite of all. He is always and everywhere our Father, and He desires to free us from the servitude of our passions and from our weaknesses. Then spontaneously the humble invocation of the Collect rises to our lips: "Grant, O Lord, that by Your goodness we may be delivered from the bonds of sin which by our frailty we have committed." Humility and the sincere acknowledgment of our wrongdoing is always the starting point for conversion.

In the Epistle St. Paul speaks to us of conversion: "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you weeping, that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ... who mind only the things of earth." Every time that we shun a sacrifice, that we protest against suffering, that we seek selfish pleasures, we behave, in practice, like enemies of the Cross of Christ. Thus our lives become too earthly, too much attached to creatures, too heavily burdened to rise toward heaven. We must be converted, we must practice detachment, and remember that "our conversation is in heaven"; to this end, we must willingly embrace the hardships of the return journey to our heavenly homeland. As an encouragement, St. Paul places before our eyes the glory of our eternal life: "Jesus Christ will reform the body of our lowliness, made like to the body of His glory." These are the "thoughts of peace," the great designs of love which our heavenly Father outlines for us: to free us from the bondage of sin, and conform us to His own Son, making us sharers in His glorious resurrection. They are marvelous designs but they will be realized only with our cooperation. "Therefore," the Apostle beseeches us, "my dearly beloved brethren, and most desired, my joy and my crown: so stand fast in the Lord." Stand fast, that is, persevere in your conversion, strong in humility, confidence, and love of the Cross.

Today's Gospel gives a striking example of the transformation which God desires to accomplish in us. It

also shows how He realizes His thoughts of peace in those who approach Him with a humble and trustful heart. First, let us consider the woman troubled with an issue of blood. Her malady was incurable, she had been suffering from it for twelve years, and she had found no remedy. The poor woman, ashamed and humiliated, did not dare, like the other sick persons, to present herself directly to Jesus. However, her faith was so lively that she said within herself: "If I shall touch only His garment, I shall be healed." Furtively drawing near to Him she touched the hem of His garment. Jesus noticed that light touch and turning around said: "Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole." No petition, no spoken request—but what moved the Lord was the prayer of that humble, trustful heart, so full of faith.

As Jesus healed the woman with the issue of blood, so does He wish to heal our souls, but He expects of us dispositions similar to hers. Too often we are content to pray with our lips while our hearts are cold and distant; Jesus, however, looks to the heart; He wants the prayer of the heart, a cry of humility and confidence, a cry which goes straight to His own divine Heart. On the other hand, how much more fortunate are we than that poor sick woman! She succeeded only once in touching the hem of His garment, whereas our souls in Holy Communion may be daily united with His very Body and Blood. Oh! if we only had faith like a grain of mustard seed!

The second miracle followed. The daughter of Jairus was not simply ill, she was dead; but it was no more difficult for Jesus to restore a dead person to life than to heal one who was sick. He, the true Lord of life and death, "took her by the hand and the maid arose." Jesus is our Resurrection not only for our eternal life when, at a signal from Him, our body will rise glorious and be reunited to our soul; but He is our Resurrection even in this life: our Resurrection from the death of sin to the life of grace, our Resurrection from a lukewarm life to a fervent and holy life.

Let us draw near to Jesus with the humility and confidence of the woman cured of the issue of blood. Let us beg Him with all our hearts to realize in us His designs of love, by drawing us away from the sluggish mediocrity of a spiritual life still entangled in the snares of egoism, and by giving us a strong, determined impetus toward sanctity.

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

FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the vestibule. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary **operating expenses** in Denton, Nebraska. May God reward you.

2015 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Are available in the church vestibule. A donation of \$12 is appreciated. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked 'calendar' and deposited in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Just a reminder to please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to those who have already pledged to the 2014 Diocesan Appeal. Every gift truly matters.

VACATION: Fr. Stinson will be away on Vacation from Tuesday November 18 through Tuesday December 16.

Congratulations to the November 50/50 winner, Philomena LaFata! 50/50 tickets are available for sale in the basement after each Sunday Mass. Please see Todd Drain or whichever Knight is manning the cash box. Tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket, \$2 for 3, or \$5 for 10, and all proceeds go to support Knights of Columbus activities in the parish. The next drawing will be on Sunday, December 7th.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday November 20th, morning mass will be at 6:15 am instead of 7:45 am.

COLLECTION: November 9th - \$1,798.00

Altar Boy Schedule

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 16th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

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

WEEK ONE

Monday
7:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 23rd
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