

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 21, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. May 21st	Fifth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Rose Marie McGovern - Jack & Trisha McGovern
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 22nd	Rogation Mass, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sean Michelin - His Parents
Tues. May 23rd	Rogation Mass, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mr. Jeff Gillenkirk - Mitchell Family
Wed. May 24th	Vigil of the Ascension, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Theresa McWhirter - Mitchell Family
Thu. May 25th	<i>Ascension of Our Lord, I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Tekla Lammers - Jack Lammers
Fri. May 26th	St. Philip Neri, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
	Alexandra Skuba - Her Parents
Sat. May 27h	St. Bede the Venerable, <i>Confessor & Doc., III Class</i>
	Fr. Simon Harkins FSSP- <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. May 28th	Sunday after the Ascension, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Elaine Guzek
10:15 a.m.	<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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

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

Is. 48, 20

Declare it with the voice of joy, and make it known, alleluia: declare it even unto the ends of the earth; the Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65, 1-2.* Shout with joy to God all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His Name, give glory to His praise... Glory be to the Father... Declare the voice...

COLLECT

O God, From Whom all good things come, generously grant to us who beseech Thee that we may, by Thy inspiration, think those things which are right and, that we perform them under Thy guidance. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 James 1, 22-27

Dearly beloved, Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. For he beheld himself, and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was. But he that hath looked into the perfect law of liberty and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation, and to keep one's self unspotted from this world.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

V. Christ is risen, and hath shone His light upon us whom He hath redeemed with His Blood. Alleluia. *V. John. 16, 28.* I went out from the Father and came into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 16, 23-30

At that time, Jesus saith to His disciples, Amen, amen I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My Name: ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs: the hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of

the Father. In that day, you shall ask in My Name; and I say not to you that I will ask the Father for you, for the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciple say to Him, Behold, now Thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that Thou knowest all things, and Thou needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 65, 8, 9, 26

O bless the Lord our God, ye gentiles, and make the voice of His praise to be heard: Who hath set my soul to live, and hath not suffered my feet to be moved: blessed be the Lord, Who hath not turned away my prayer, and His mercy from me, alleluia.

SECRET

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of the faithful, with offerings of sacrifices, that through these offices of pious devotion we may pass to heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 95, 2

Sing ye to the Lord, alleluia; sing ye to the Lord, and bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, unto us, who have been regaled with the virtue of the heavenly table, both to desire what is right and to obtain what we desire. Through our Lord.



Frequent Communion

Part II, Chapter 20

It is said that Mithridates, King of Pontus, who invented the poison called after him, mithridate, so thoroughly impregnated his system with it, that when eventually he tried to poison himself to avoid becoming the Romans' slave, he never could succeed. The Saviour instituted the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, really containing His Body and His Blood, in order that they who eat it might live for ever. And therefore whosoever receives it frequently and devoutly, so strengthens the health and life of his soul, that it is hardly possible for him to be poisoned by any evil desires. We cannot be fed by that Living Flesh and hold to the affections of death; and just as our first parents could not die in Paradise, because of the Tree of Life which God had placed therein, so this Sacrament of Life makes spiritual death impossible. The most fragile, easily spoilt fruits, such as cherries, apricots, and strawberries, can be kept all the year by being preserved in sugar or honey; so what wonder if our hearts, frail and weakly as they are, are kept from the corruption of sin when they are preserved in the sweetness ("sweeter than honey and the honeycomb") of the Incorruptible Body and Blood of the Son of God. O my child, those Christians who are lost will indeed have no answer to give when the Just Judge sets before them that they have voluntarily died the spiritual death, since it was so easy for them to have preserved life and health, by eating His Body which He gave them for that very end. "Miserable men!" He will say, "wherefore would ye die, with the Bread of Life itself in your hands?"

As to daily Communion, I neither commend nor condemn it; but with respect to communicating every Sunday, I counsel and exhort every one to do so, providing the mind has no attachment to sin. So says Saint Augustine, and with him I neither find fault nor unconditionally commend daily Communion, leaving that matter to the discretion of every person's own spiritual Guide; as the requisite dispositions for such frequent Communion are too delicate for one to advise it indiscriminately. On the other hand, these very special dispositions may be found in sundry devout souls, and therefore it would not be well to discourage everybody. It is a subject which must be dealt with according to each individual mind; it were imprudent to advise such frequent Communion to all, while, on the other hand, it would be presumptuous to blame any one for it, especially if he therein follows the advice of some wise director. Saint Catherine of Sienna, when blamed for her

frequent Communions, under the plea that Saint Augustine neither commended nor condemned daily Communion, replied gently, "Well, then, since Saint Augustine does not condemn it, neither, I pray you, do you condemn it, and I shall be content." But Saint Augustine earnestly exhorts all to communicate every Sunday. And as I presume, my child, that you have no attachment either to mortal or venial sins, you are in the condition which Saint Augustine requires; and if your spiritual Father approves, you may profitably communicate more frequently. Nevertheless, there are various hindrances which may arise, not so much from yourself, as from those among whom you live, which may lead a wise director to tell you not to communicate so often. For instance, if you are in a position of subjection, and those whom you are bound to obey should be so ignorant or so prejudiced, as to be uneasy at your frequent Communions, all things considered, it may be well to show consideration for their weakness, and to make your Communion fortnightly; only, of course, where there is no possible way of overcoming the difficulty otherwise. But one cannot give any general rule on such a point, each person must follow the advice of their own spiritual Guide; only this much I will say, that monthly Communions are the very fewest which any one seeking to serve God devoutly can make.

If you are discreet, neither father nor mother, husband nor wife, will ever hinder you from communicating frequently, and that because on the day of your Communion you will give good heed always to be more than usually gentle and amiable towards them, doing all you can to please them, so that they are not likely to prevent your doing a thing which in nowise inconveniences themselves, unless they were most particularly unreasonable and perverse, in which case, as I have said, your Director might advise you to yield. There is nothing in the married life to hinder frequent Communion. Most certainly the Christians of the Primitive Church communicated daily, whether married or single. Neither is any malady a necessary impediment, except, indeed, anything producing constant sickness.

Those who communicate weekly must be free from mortal sin, and also from any attachment to venial sin, and they should feel a great desire for Communion; but for daily Communion people should furthermore have conquered most of their inclinations to evil, and no one should practice it without the advice of their spiritual Guide.

St. Francis de Sales

WELCOME: St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

FATHER ZEPEDA will be away from May 25th through May 27th for the priestly ordinations at Our Lady Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska.

ASCENSION THURSDAY: Ascension Thursday, May 25th, is a holyday. In Father Zepeda's absence, Fr. Christopher Manuele will celebrate High Mass at 9:00 a.m. We will resume our regular mass schedule on Sunday, May 28th.

SUPPORT FSSP PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: The 2017 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.

MISSION TRIP: Joshua Sica will be representing St. Michael's Parish on the FSSP Mission trip to Piuri, Peru this summer. Along with other teens, young adults and with FSSP priests and seminaries he will help to build houses, teach children in the chapel school, visit the sick and dying and help to bring Tradition to Peru! The Sica family is asking for your financial support for Joshua. To join Joshua's Mission Tradition Team **checks can be made out either to Mission Tradition for a tax deduction or to Joshua Sica with Mission Tradition in the memo line.** Donation envelopes may be dropped in the collection basket marked for the 'Mission Trip'. May God bless and reward you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 25th - Ascension of our Lord (**Holy Day**)
- June 4th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- August 19th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

Altar Boy Schedule

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

May 21st
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Patrick Schneider
- AC2** Mathias Morris

TEAM C
10:15 Mass

- MC** Dominic Gardner
- TH** Patrick Seeley
- AC1** Joseph Seeley
- AC2** Brendan Seeley
- C** Jack Gardner
- S1** Michael Gardner
- S2** Sean Michelin
- S3** Timothy Seeley

WEEK THREE

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

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jack Gardner
7:45 a.m. Michael Gardner

Thursday Michelin
9: a.m. Seeley's
LaFata's

SUNDAY
AFTER THE ASCENSION

May 28th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Stephen LaFata
- AC2** Francis LaFata

TEAM D
10:15 Mass

- MC** Andrew Pheasant
- TH** Joshua Sica
- AC1** Matthew Gillenkirk
- AC2** Jack Gardner
- C** Michael Gardner
- S1** Timothy Sica
- S2** Peter Sica
- S3** Michael Sica