

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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External Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 18, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. June 18th	External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I Class
8:00 a.m.	John M. Skuba - <i>His Parents</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. June 19th	St. Julia of Falconieri, <i>Virgin, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Alfredo Zepeda - <i>John Wassmer</i>
Tues. June 20th	St. Silverius, <i>Pope & Martyr, IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Thomas P. Quinn - <i>Robert S. McHale</i>
Wed. June 21st	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Raymond Stralka - <i>Jack & Trish McGovern</i>
Thu. June 22nd	St. Paulinus of Nola, <i>Bishop & Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mary Woods - <i>James Mellon</i>
Fri. June 23rd	Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Class
6:00 p.m.	† Jack Czaja -
Sat. June 24th	Nativity of St. John the Baptist, <i>I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Loretta Quinn - <i>Jennifer Cilia</i>
Sun. June 25th	Third Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Sr. Marie Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i>
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

External Solemnity of Corpus Christi

INTROIT

Ps. 80, 17

He fed them with the fat of wheat, *alleluia*; and filled them with honey out of the rock, *alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*. *Ps. 80, 2*. Rejoice to God our helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob. *V.* "He fed..."

COLLECT

O God, Who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood that we may constantly experience in ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 11, 23-29

Brethren, I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and giving thanks, broke, and said, Take ye and eat; this is My body which shall be delivered for you; this do for the commemoration of Me. In like manner also the chalice, after He had supped, saying, This chalice is the new testament in My blood; this do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of Me. For as often as you shall eat this bread, and drink this chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord until He come. Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink of the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself; and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 144, 15, 16

The eyes of all hope in Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them meat in due season. *V.* Thou openest Thy hand, and fillest every living creature with Thy blessing.

ALLELUIA

John 6, 56, 57

Alleluia, alleluia. My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed: he that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, abideth in Me, and I in him.

GOSPEL

John 6, 56-59

At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, abideth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, the same also shall live by Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead. He that eateth this bread shall live for ever.

OFFERTORY

Lev. 21, 6

The priests of the Lord offer incense and loaves to God, and therefore they shall be holy to their God, and shall not defile His name. *Alleluia*.

SECRET

Of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, grant to Thy Church the gifts of unity and peace which are mystically represented under the gifts we offer. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Cor. 11, 26, 27

As often as you shall eat this bread, and drink the chalice of the Lord, until He come; therefore whosoever shall eat this bread or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. *Alleluia*.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to be filled with the everlasting enjoyment of Thy divinity, which the temporal partaking of Thy precious body and blood doth foreshow. Who livest.



The Same Subject Continued

Part III, Chapter 2

Saint Augustine says very admirably, that beginners in devotion are wont to commit certain faults which, while they are blamable according to the strict laws of perfection, are yet praiseworthy by reason of the promise they hold forth of a future excellent goodness, to which they actually tend. For instance, that common shrinking fear which gives rise to an excessive scrupulosity in the souls of some who are but just set free from a course of sin, is commendable at that early stage, and is the almost certain forerunner of future purity of conscience. But this same fear would be blamable in those who are farther advanced, because love should reign in their hearts, and love is sure to drive away all such servile fear by degrees.

In his early days, Saint Bernard was very severe and harsh towards those whom he directed, telling them, to begin with, that they must put aside the body, and come to him with their minds only. In confession, he treated all faults, however small, with extreme severity, and his poor apprentices in the study of perfection were so urged onwards, that by dint of pressing he kept them back, for they lost heart and breath when they found themselves thus driven up so steep and high an ascent. Therein, my child, you can see that, although it was his ardent zeal for the most perfect purity which led that great Saint so to act, and although such zeal is a great virtue, still it was a virtue which required checking. And so God Himself checked it in a vision, by which He filled Saint Bernard with so gentle, tender, and loving a spirit, that he was altogether changed, blaming himself heavily for having been so strict and so severe, and becoming so kindly and indulgent, that he made himself all things to all men in order to win all.

Saint Jerome tells us that his beloved daughter, Saint Paula, was not only extreme, but obstinate in practicing bodily mortifications, and refusing to yield to the advice given her upon that head by her Bishop, Saint Epiphanius; and furthermore, she gave way so excessively to her grief at the death of those she loved as to peril her own life. Whereupon Saint Jerome says: "It will be said that I am accusing this saintly woman rather than praising her, but I affirm before Jesus, Whom she served, and Whom I seek to serve, that I am not saying what is untrue on one side or the other, but simply describing her as one Christian another; that is to say, I am writing her history, not her panegyric, and her faults are the virtues of others." He means to say that the defects and faults of Saint Paula would have been looked upon as virtues in a less perfect soul; and indeed there are actions which we must count as imperfections in the perfect, which yet would be highly esteemed in the imperfect. When at the end of a sickness the invalid's legs swell, it is a good sign, indicating that natural strength is returning, and throwing off foul humours; but it would be a bad sign in one not avowedly sick, as showing that nature was too feeble to disperse or absorb those humours.

So, my child, we must think well of those whom we see practicing virtues, although imperfectly, since the Saints have done the like; but as to ourselves we must give heed to practice them, not only diligently, but discreetly, and to this end we shall do well strictly to follow the Wise Man's counsel, and not trust in our own wisdom, but lean on those whom God has given as our guides. And here I must say a few words concerning certain things which some reckon as virtues, although they are nothing of the sort--I mean ecstasies, trances, rhapsodies, extraordinary transformations, and the like, which are dwelt on in some books, and which promise to raise the soul to a purely intellectual contemplation, an altogether supernatural mental altitude, and a life of pre-eminent excellence. But I would have you see, my child, that these perfections are not virtues, they are rather rewards which God gives to virtues, or perhaps, more correctly speaking, tokens of the joys of everlasting life, occasionally granted to men in order to kindle in them a desire for the fullness of joy which is only to be found in Paradise. But we must not aspire to such graces, which are in nowise necessary to us in order to love and serve God, our only lawful ambition. Indeed, for the most part, these graces are not to be acquired by labour or industry, and that because they are rather passions than actions, which we may receive, but cannot create. Moreover, our business only is to become good, devout people, pious men and women; and all our efforts must be to that end. If it should please God further to endow us with angelic perfection, we should then be prepared to become good angels; but meanwhile let us practice, in all simplicity, humility and devotion, those lowly virtues to the attainment of which our Lord has bidden us labour,--I mean patience, cheerfulness, self-mortification, humility, obedience, poverty, chastity, kindness to our neighbour, forbearance towards his failings, diligence, and a holy fervour. Let us willingly resign the higher eminences to lofty souls. We are not worthy to take so high a rank in God's service; let us be content to be as scullions, porters, insignificant attendants in His household, leaving it to Him if He should hereafter see fit to call us to His own council chamber. Of a truth, my child, the King of Glory does not reward His servants according to the dignity of their office, but according to the humility and love with which they have exercised it. While Saul was seeking his father's asses, he found the kingdom of Israel: Rebecca watering Abraham's camels, became his son's wife: Ruth gleaning after Boaz' reapers, and lying down at his feet, was raised up to become his bride. Those who pretend to such great and extraordinary graces are very liable to delusions and mistakes, so that sometimes it turns out that people who aspire to be angels are not ordinarily good men, and that their goodness lies more in high-flown words than in heart and deed. But we must beware of despising or presumptuously condemning anything. Only, while thanking God for the pre-eminence of others, let us abide contentedly in our own lower but safer path,--a path of less distinction, but more suitable to our lowliness, resting satisfied that if we walk steadily and faithfully therein, God will lift us up to greater things.

St. Francis de Sales

Happy Father's Day!

Congratulations to all the fathers in our parish for the many sacrifices they make for their families.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: There is a second collection on today for the Pontifical Mission Society in the U.S. This year your contributions will assist the **United States Catholic Mission Association.** Additional information may be found in the vestibule of the church.

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI: Today is the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi. A Eucharistic Procession will follow the 10:15 a.m. Mass and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: Friday, June 23rd is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A plenary indulgence may be granted by saying the *Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* publicly in front of the blessed Sacrament today.

On Sunday, July 2nd following the 10:15 mass Joshua and his siblings will put on a piano and puppet show in thanksgiving for the success of his campaign.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection on Sunday, June 25 in support of Peter's Pence. Everyone is encouraged to help support Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world.

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.

Altar Boy Schedule

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 18th
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 Peter Sica

WEEK ONE

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

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday Joseph Skuba
9: a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Brian 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