

Schedule of Weekly Devotions and Events

Thursday:	Prayer Group for Priestly Vocations (1 st Thurs.)	Noon
Saturdays:	Altar Boy Practice (1 st and 3 rd Saturdays)	3:30 p.m.
	Devotions to Our Lady (1 st Saturday)	4:40 p.m.
	Benediction (1 st Saturday)	after Mass
Sundays:	Eucharistic Crusade (1 st Sunday)	after Mass
	St. Stephen's Guild (2 nd Sunday)	after Mass
	Blessing of Religious Articles (2 nd Sunday)	after Mass
	Children's Catechism (Sep-May 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Sundays)	15 min after Mass
	Blessing of Expectant Mothers (upon request)	after Mass

Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that all communicants must be Catholic, in the state of grace, and fasting.

Dress and Decorum in Church

Out of respect for Our Divine Lord in the tabernacle, please try to keep silence in the church as much as possible.

Also, out of respect for Our Lord and for the edification of our neighbor, we ask all to appear in church modestly dressed. For example, slacks, skirts that do not keep the knees covered, sleeveless and low-cut dresses do not meet the norm of Christian modesty for women and girls. Gentlemen also, no less than ladies, are encouraged to be generous in expressing their respect for Our Lord by dressing suitably for Holy Mass. Your cooperation is evidence of your love for the Blessed Sacrament and your respect for the House of God.

Contacting Father

During the week, Fr. Brauner can be reached at Saint Mary's Academy and College: (785)437-2471 x469. For sacramental emergencies you may request to speak to any of the priests stationed in Saint Mary's. Outside of normal working hours follow the instructions on the recorded message to reach the priest on call.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found missals and prayer books are located on the shelf in the vestibule underneath the bulletins. Clothing and miscellaneous items are in the rectory main hallway.

St. Michael's Church

“This I’ll defend.”

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025



Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 19, 2025
Schedule for the Coming Week**

<u>Sunday, January 19th</u> Second Sunday after Epiphany	Confessions High Mass	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
<u>Saturday, January 25th</u> Conversion of St. Paul	Confessions Low Mass	4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
<u>Sunday, January 26th</u> Third Sunday after Epiphany	Confessions High Mass	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,100.00
Building Fund Collection: \$483.00

Please make all checks out to 'SSPX' or 'St. Michael's Church' for them to be properly deposited in the chapel's account. For second collections, the specific purpose may be noted in the memo line.

Announcements

Welcome to Fr. Peek

St. Michael's Church is pleased to welcome Fr. James Peek this weekend.

Priory Collection

A second collection will be taken today in support of the St. Mary's Priory.

Blessed Chalk

Chalk, blessed on Epiphany, is available in the vestibule for the faithful so that the lintel over the principal door of their dwelling may be marked with the year and the initials of Saints Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, the three Magi. For the year 1962, for example, the marking would be: 19+C+M+B+62. There is a handout next to the chalk with more detailed instructions.

Convert Class

The next Adult Convert Class will meet this Saturday, January 25th at 6pm (following the evening Mass) in the rectory.

Christmas Decorations

We will be taking down Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 26th after Mass. We need many volunteers to help the process go as quickly and smoothly as possible. Please bring a sack lunch and stay to help.

Welcome to Visitors

St. Michael's Church wishes to welcome any visitors who are attending Mass this Sunday. Please join us after Mass in the rectory for coffee and refreshments.

INSTRUCTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Why was Christ and His mother present at this marriage?

In order to honor this humble and God-fearing couple who, with faithful hearts, had invited Him and His mother to their wedding; to give us an example of humility; to assist them in their poverty, and save their good name by changing water into wine; to reveal His dignity as the Messiah to His disciples by this miracle; and to sanctify by His presence the marriages that are contracted in the spirit of the Church.

Alas! how few marriages of our time could Jesus honor with His presence because He is invited neither by fervent prayer, nor by the chaste life of the couple: He is excluded rather, by the frequent immorality of the married couple and their guests.

Why was Mary interested in this married couple?

Because she is merciful, and the Mother of Mercy, and willingly assists all the poor and afflicted who fear God. From this incident, St. Bonaventure judges of the many graces which we can hope for through Mary, now that she reigns in heaven; "For," says he, "if Mary while yet on earth was so compassionate, how much more so is she now, reigning in heaven!" He gives the reason by adding: "Mary now that she sees the face of God, knows our necessities far better than when she was on earth, and in proportion to the increase of her compassion, her power to aid us has been augmented." Ah! why do we not take refuge in all our necessities to this merciful mother, who although unasked assists the needy?

Why did Christ say to Mary: Woman, what is it to me and to thee?

This seemingly harsh reply of Christ was no reproach, for Mary had made her request only through love and mercy, and Christ calls those blessed who are merciful, but he wished to show that in the performance of divine work, the will of His heavenly Father alone should be consulted. He meant to remind her that He had not received the gift of miracles from her as the son of woman, but from His eternal Father, in accordance with whose will He would do that which she asked when the hour designed by God would come. Though the hour had not come, yet He granted the wish of His mother, who knew that her divine Son refused none of her requests, and so she said to the servants: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." Behold the great power of Mary's intercession! Neglect not, therefore, to take refuge in this most powerful mother!

What are we taught by the words: My hour is not yet come?

These words teach us that we should in all things await God's appointed time, and in things belonging to God and His honor, act only by divine direction, without any human motives.

What does the scarcity of wine signify?

In a spiritual sense the want of wine may be understood to signify the lack of love between married people, which is principally the case with those who enter this state through worldly motives, for the sake of riches, beauty of person, or who have before marriage kept up sinful intercourse. These should ask God for the forgiveness of their sins, bear the hardships of married life in the spirit of penance, and change the wrong motives they had before marriage; by doing so God will supply the scarcity of wine, that is the lack of true love, and change the waters of misery into the wine of patient affection.

Why did Christ command them to take the wine to the steward?

That the steward, whose office required him to be attentive to the conduct of the guests, and to know the quality of the wine, should give his judgment in regard to the excellence of this, and be able to testify to the miracle before all the guests.

ASPIRATION O my most merciful Jesus! I would rather drink in this world the sour wine of misery than the sweet wine of pleasure, that in heaven I may taste the perfect wine of eternal joy.

Fr. Goffine, The Church's Year