

Schedule of Weekly Devotions and Events

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

The St. Michael's Lost and Found is located on the shelf in the vestibule underneath the bulletins. Please check for your missing belongings!

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St. Michael's Church

“This I’ll defend.”

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 30, 2023



Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments

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**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30, 2023  
Schedule for the Coming Week**

<u>Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup></u>	Confessions	8:15 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	High Mass	9:00 a.m.
<u>Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Confessions	4:15 p.m.
Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows (First Saturday)	Low Mass	5:00 p.m.
<u>Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup></u>	Confessions	8:15 a.m.
Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ	High Mass	9:00 a.m.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$2,492.00

*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. Anderson**

St. Michael's Church is pleased to welcome Fr. Todd Anderson this weekend.

**Eucharistic Crusade**

The monthly Eucharistic Crusade meeting will be next Sunday. Remember to bring your Treasure Sheets!

**Mass Change**

Please note that there will be **no confessions or Mass** on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Extra Mass**

On Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Mass will be offered at 8am (no confessions before).

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holy day of obligation. Mass will be offered at St. Michael's Church at 9:00 am with confessions before at 8:15 am.

**Lost and Found**

Please check the Lost and Found (under the bulletins) for any items you may have left. These items are accumulating, and we will remove them in a few weeks. Worthy items will be sold at the next St. Joseph's Table.

**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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*EPISTLE (I Cor. X. 6-13.) Brethren, let us not covet evil things, as they also coveted. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them: as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed fornication, and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted, and perished by the serpents. Neither do you murmur, as some of them murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore he that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall. Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human: and God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able but will make also with temptation issue that you may be able to bear it.*

*Can we sin by thought and desire?*

Yes, if we desire evil and forbidden things, or voluntarily think of them with pleasure, for God prohibits not only evil deeds but evil thoughts and desires in regard to our neighbor's wife or goods. (Exod. XX. 17.) Christ says (Matt. V. 28.) that he who looks upon a woman with evil desire has already committed adultery. But wicked thoughts and imagination are sinful only when a person consents to or entertains them deliberately. They become, however, an occasion of gaining merit if we earnestly strive against them. For this reason, God sometimes permits even the just to be tempted by them.

*What is meant by tempting God?*

Demanding presumptuously a mark or sign of divine omnipotence, goodness, or justice. This sin is committed when without cause we desire that articles of faith should be demonstrated and confirmed by a new miracle; when we throw ourselves needlessly into danger of body or soul expecting God to deliver us; when in dangerous illness the ordinary and natural remedies are rejected and God's immediate assistance expected.

*Is it a great sin to murmur against God?*

That it is such may be learned from the punishment which God inflicted on the murmuring Israelites; for besides Kore, Dathan, and Abiron whom the earth devoured, many thousands of them were consumed by fire; and yet these had not murmured against God directly, but only against Moses and Aaron whom God had placed over them as their leaders. From this it is seen that God looks upon murmuring against spiritual and civil authority, instituted by Him, as murmuring against Himself. Hence Moses said to the Israelites: Your murmuring is not against us, but against the Lord. (Exod. XVI. 8.)

ASPIRATION Purify my heart, I beseech Thee; O Lord, from all evil thoughts and desires. Let it never enter my mind to tempt Thee, or to be dissatisfied with Thy fatherly dispensations. Suffer me not to be tempted beyond my strength, but grant me so much fortitude, that I may overcome all temptations, and even derive benefit from them for my soul's salvation.

*Fr. Goffine, The Church's Year*