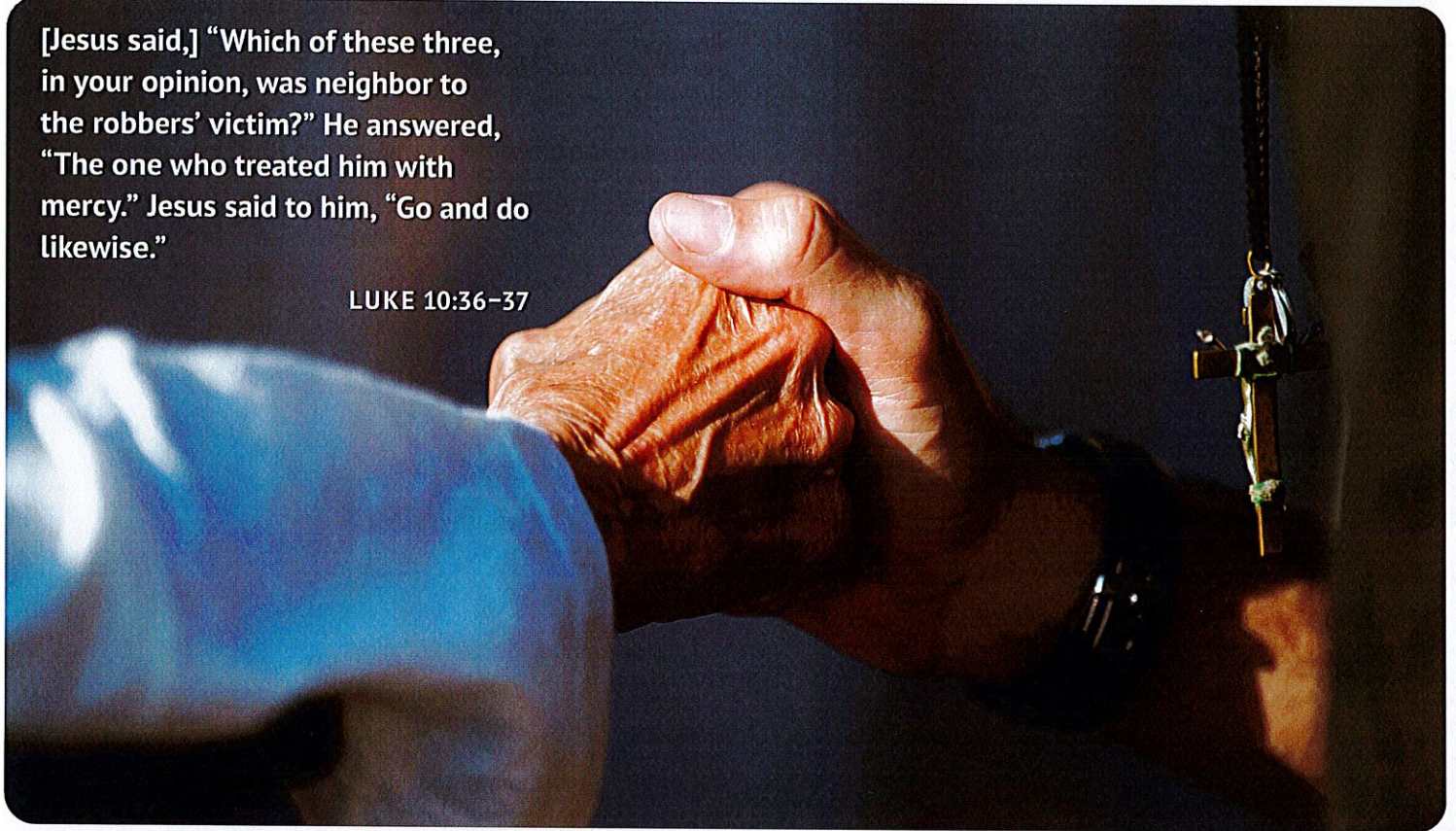




[Jesus said,] "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

LUKE 10:36-37



## The Passion of Compassion

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e tend to hear the parable of the Good Samaritan and place ourselves in the role of the Samaritan, thereby expected to be compassionate, as was the Samaritan. Those who heard Jesus tell the parable, however, would never have identified with the Samaritan. To them, the Samaritans were religious heretics who worshipped not in Jerusalem but at their own temple. Thus, the people of Jesus' day would have seen themselves as the victim, the one on the side of the road. Who, then, would be the Samaritan, the surprising caregiver, the compassionate one? Because parables are about God and how God works, it would be God who is and has always been the one who heals and feeds and nurtures us back to life. The parable then surprises the hearer of Jesus' day—God as a compassionate Samaritan!

It is God's compassion that we bring to those seeking forgiveness as well as to those who, for whatever reason, have not yet reached the point of asking for forgiveness. It is God's compassion that we bring to the unborn, the immigrant, the homeless, the sick in need of healing, the jobless who have lost hope. It is God's compassion that a nation brings to anyone who has lost his or her way, as it has been noted that the greatness of a nation is in how that nation deals with and cares for the weakest among them. ●

### Reflect

***When have I needed a compassionate response?  
When could I have been more compassionate?***



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## Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday  
**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday  
**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.:** Saturday  
**Confession 3:00 p.m.:** 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.  
**\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary\***  
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

## Sacraments

### ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

**The Sacrament of reconciliation** is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



## Mass Intentions

Saturday / July 12th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass: All staff at St. Michael's  
by People of the Parish

Sunday / July 13th– Fifteenth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Garry and Cathy Raikes  
by the Raikes family

Knights Big Breakfast after Mass

Monday/ July 14th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Robert Belec †

by People of the Parish

KC meeting 6 p.m The Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday /July 15th – St. Bonaventure, Bishop/ Doctor of  
the of the Church

11:00 a.m. Memorial Holy Mass for Dorothy Mikolajek

10:30 a.m. The Rosary

Wednesday /July 16th – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6 p.m. Holy Mass : SI Eric Brandenburg

by Bernie and Rose Brandenburg

Altar Society Card party at noon

Thursday /July 17th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Cathy Duncan

by Dean Beardslee

Bingo starts at 6 pm - doors open at 4:30 pm

Friday /July 18th – St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Walter Rigden, James Travline

By Amy Moriarty

Saturday / July 19th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass: Persephone Kootz

by Buddy and Anne Kootz

Sunday / July 20<sup>th</sup> – Sixteenth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Jerry Hawbaker †

by Barbara Hawbaker

**BINGO** is every Thursday starting at 6 pm  
doors open at 4:30 pm and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every  
month starts at 1:30 pm and doors open at noon  
Thank you- Bingo team for all you do !

## Thought for the Week



🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



*Collection Report*

**July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Main Collection - \$3622.46**

**Maintenance Fund -\$ 676.00**

*Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!*

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



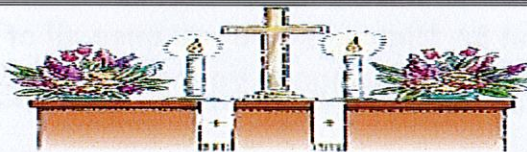
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## Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

## Memorial Holy Mass

The Memorial Holy Mass for **Dorothy Mikolajek** will be on **Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 11 a.m. with The Rosary at 10:30 a.m.** She passed away on May 17, 2025 at Eaglecrest Nursing Home. She was a long-time parishioner here at St. Michael's. May she rest in peace.

## Food Pantry Collections

275 food items were collected for the Food Pantry last weekend. Thank you for blessing those in need.

## Thank you

The Epperson family will be moving from this area on July 16<sup>th</sup>; we want to take this time to thank them for all they did while here at St. Michael's. We will miss all of you. Many blessings in your new home.

## Christmas Shoebox

Now is the time to start gathering items for the Christmas Showboxes. School supplies, summer flip flops and clothes will soon be going on sale for back to school. Look at the bulletin board to see a complete list of items allowed and not allowed. Also, there are ideas of gift items for boys and girls. Boxes will be available later this year. Please, contact Lori Templet at phone number 225-717-0238 or ltemplet2507@yahoo.com



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Expectant Mothers: Samantha Eichhorn, Olivia Moore, Jamisen Laire and Kristene Bates.

- 🕯 July 12<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Conrad
- 🕯 July 12<sup>th</sup> – Jean-Marie Hendricks
- 🕯 July 13<sup>th</sup> – Connie Conrad
- 🕯 July 13<sup>th</sup> – John Paul Ishmael
- 🕯 July 14<sup>th</sup> – Rick Esquivel
- 🕯 July 14<sup>th</sup> – Chloe Pospisil
- 🕯 July 17<sup>th</sup> – Maryann Barber
- 🕯 July 17<sup>th</sup> – Mikenzie Epperson
- 🕯 July 20<sup>th</sup> – Michael DeCoster
- 🕯 July 20<sup>th</sup> – Shelly Yingling

*We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!*



*We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!*

🕯 July 18 BJ and CJ Simon  
45 Years



# Dear Padre,

*I have a question about the prayer the priest says after the Our Father. Someone told me it's called an "embolism." Why don't we just end with "Amen" like when we say it at home?*

You have correctly identified the "embolism" or "interpretation" that has been added to the Lord's Prayer during the sacred liturgy. It reads, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This addition, ancient in its use during the eucharistic liturgy, is a further explanation of the content and the intercessory nature of the prayer. It develops the last petition of the Lord's Prayer and asks for deliverance from the power of evil for the whole community of the faithful. It is an appropriate insertion, reflecting the purpose of the eucharistic gathering as spiritual but also as a celebration of the Lord's words and directions to us. In private prayer, the embolism would be out of place.

The sacred liturgy is filled with intercessory prayers, acclamations, and bits and pieces of ancient eucharistic prayers and blessings. Everything has been carefully chosen and placed within the celebration of the sacred liturgy to assist the faithful who gather to lift their minds and hearts to the Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
St. Kateri	St. Bonaventure,	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday
Tekakwitha,	Bishop and	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Ex 3:13-20	Ex 11:10-12:14	Ex 12:37-42	in Ordinary Time
Virgin	Doctor of the	Mt 11:25-27	Mt 11:28-30	Mt 12:1-8	Mt 12:14-21	Gn 18:1-10a
Ex 1:8-14, 22	Church					Col 1:24-28
Mt 10:34-11:1	Ex 2:1-15a					Lk 10:38-42
	Mt 11:20-24					



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*This is the prayer that I suggest to you today.*

*"Lord, that I might see and have compassion just like you see me and have compassion on me"—that we might have compassion on those whom we encounter along the way, above all on those who suffer and are in need....*

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