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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024



**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**  
12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

**Basilica Open For Visitation**  
Sat.—10:00 am– 1:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**  
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am  
See usher for directions.

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION**  
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon.—Wed., Fri.  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

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## SOCIAL MEDIA



*Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of August 18, 2024*

8/18 Sun.	<b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9am For the People of the Basilica 11am Patricia Ehrsam (+)
8/19 Mon.	John Myrick (+) <i>St. John Eudes</i>
8/20 Tue.	Carolyn Hinton (+) <i>St. Bernard</i>
8/21 Wed.	Pixie Palmer (+) <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>
8/22 Thur.	Jeraldine Brock Cutchens (+) <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8/23 Fri.	Frank & Millie Burk (+) <i>St. Rose of Lima</i>

**This Week at the Basilica**

8/18 Sun.	◇ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
8/19 Mon.	◇ A.W.C Pack Lunches, 8 a.m.
8/21 Wed.	◇ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
8/23 Fri.	◇ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.



**St. Michael Film Premiere**  
Sunday, September 8, 3 p.m.

**Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel**  
([stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com))

Visit the Basilica's new website for enhanced content, short films and more about our parish.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

8/22—Leann Purdy, Julie Stewart; 8/23—Lynn Prickett; 8/24—Autumn Eubanks, Richard Longhurst; Michael Matthews.

**CSA 2024**

**Updated as of August 9, 2024**

<b>Benchmark</b> .....	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Amount Given</b> .....	<b>\$98,207</b>
<b>Households Participating</b> .....	<b>144</b>

**Stewardship of Treasure for August 11, 2024**

In-Church Offering.....	\$4,202.45
Online Offering.....	\$2,493.25
<b>Total Offertory</b> .....	<b>\$6,695.70</b>

“The Lord will not be outdone in generosity.”

**FROM FR. JOE**

My dear friends, Jesus invites us to the banquet of His Body and Blood with the following words: “Whoever eats this bread will live forever!” Eternal life! It can be so difficult to believe in such a reality when we are faced with the daily and seemingly constant challenges of surviving our earthly life. Illness, disease, aging, frailty, aches, and pains all remind us of our mortality. Yet, Jesus invites us to look forward to a living of life without any of those woes.

It is the statement above coupled with the invitation that we drink His Blood, that gave credence to the notion of the Holy Grail... as if the chalice were the important part! How ironic that people would venture forth on pointless quests to uncover the cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper thinking that the cup was the entity that had the power to preserve life forever. Though the quest for the Grail finds its most significant origins in the legends of King Arthur, it serves as a metaphor for our desire to preserve our earthly life.

The irony is that the true reality that grants eternal life was immediately accessible to them in every Catholic church at every altar, in every tabernacle. What a loss to spend so much time and effort searching for something that was to be found so near! We cannot fall into the same trap. We may not be on a quest for the Holy Grail, but we can still run away from God and His plan for us.

Sadly, their hope was to preserve their earthly life, but what then of life in heaven? We are nourished by the Eucharist for eternal life. This heavenly food brings us life, even now. Though it may not take away our pains and sufferings, the Eucharist is the gift of Jesus to each one of us that sustains us along the way. Do we recognize the strength that comes to us from this Great Sacrament? Do we truly rely upon it?

How do we receive Jesus in the Eucharist? Imagine a world in which normal food and drink provided no nourishment and failed to quench our thirst or ease our hunger. If we, as a result, were effectively starving, desperate for food that would relieve our appetite. Then Jesus comes and offers us such a food. Imagine the lines and, sadly, even the fights that would likely ensue as people fought to obtain the food that would satisfy. Scheming and conniving, many would likely do anything possible to eat and be satisfied.

Compare that to our reception of Holy Communion. No other food can nourish us as the Eucharist does. It satiates our spiritual hunger as no other food can. How can we receive the Heavenly Bread casually or with complacency? We cannot. As we gather together once again for this Great Feast that is the Mass, I encourage you to look deep within to discover the spiritual hunger that only Jesus can satisfy and to recognize in the gift of the Eucharist, the amazing food upon which we feast!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor





Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic Faith? Most people join the Catholic Church as a result of an invitation from a member of the Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Wulf by email [deacon@stmichael.ptdiocese.org](mailto:deacon@stmichael.ptdiocese.org)

RCIA is designed for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and perhaps thinking of joining the Church. It is a process that helps individuals discern whether they are going to be called to full membership. If you were baptized in another Christian denomination, or are a non-baptized adult, this is for you!

### **Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild**

#### **Bereavement Team**

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, September 20, at 12:10 p.m.

#### **Honoring Life Team**

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

#### **Military Outreach Team**

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

#### **Outreach to the Poor Team**

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

#### **Parishioners at Home Team**

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi ([mkb2375@gmail.com](mailto:mkb2375@gmail.com)).

#### **Prison Ministry Team**

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie ([robertbeargie@yahoo.com](mailto:robertbeargie@yahoo.com)).

### **Veronica Guild's Outreach to the Poor Team Meeting**

The Outreach to the Poor Team is having a meeting on August 26, 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory. All team members and anyone interested in participating are invited. Contact Greg Stone ([gcwstone1@gmail.com](mailto:gcwstone1@gmail.com)) for additional information or any questions.

#### **IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Karen Jasper, Matthew Johnson, Jim Lee, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Charlotte McKinney, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, Virginia Russo, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

*Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.*

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August 2024**

#### **FOR POLITICAL LEADERS**

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



The flowers on the altar are given by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous; The roses in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary are given by Our Lady's Sodality; The flowers in front of St. Michael are given for protection and peace in our country.

#### **BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The dates available are Oct. 13, 20 & 27 and Nov. 3 & 17, 2024. Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement. Contact Louise Seitz [lseitz@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:lseitz@panhandle.rr.com) or call 850-780-0410 (No texts, please) to reserve flowers.



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