

Date/Time	Euch. Ministers	Lector/Cantors	Ushers B - Balcony	Gift Bearers	Greeters	Altar Servers	Nursery
SEPTEMBER 30 6PM	Lew McCravy Jennifer Halen Jay Kirby	Lector - Eric Jones Cantor - Dan Penny	David Mecke John Charles Crow Czermak Vicky Czermak (B)	Louis/Vicky Czermak	Regan/Janet Ragland	Benjamin McGee Kalli Kress Genevieve King	
OCTOBER 1 7:30AM	John Lee Andres Rivera Mary Jo Rivera	Lector - Cindy Varner Cantors- D.Simbeck, F.Holder, M.Passarella	John Lee Louis Epping Craig Connolly (B)	Craig/Rose Connolly	Donnie/Agnes Springer	Andres Rivera Maryana Rivera	
OCTOBER 1 10AM	Nini Pham LeAnna Brooks Peter Curtice Mary Ann Curtice Dianne Cutshaw	Lector - Anthony Eckl Cantor - Deona Berrens	Tom Minnelli Adrian Eckl Charles Krieger Tony Eckl Ronald Eckl (B)	Tom/Karen Minnelli	Michael Leckenby Mary Nell Krieger	Katie Connolly Sarah Gullett Will Gullett Preston Kolisek	Theresa Chaney Cameron Vandiver
OCTOBER 7 6PM	Eric Jones Lew McCravy Marlene Baker	Lector - Jay Kirby Cantor - Deona Berrens	Cissie Meyer Bill Glock Joe Berrens (B)	George/Vicki Farina	John/Venus McCarthy	Andrew Eckl Tristen Vandiver	
OCTOBER 8 7:30AM	Terry Richardson Louis Epping Robert Sloan	Lector - Joyce Fedeczko Cantors- D.Simbeck, F.Holder, M.Passarella	John Connolly Tony Passarella Robert Sloan (B)	Bud/Pat Ward	Bill Connolly Donna Albright	Tham Nguyen Kaylee Hopkins	
OCTOBER 8 10AM	Kelley Dewberry Jacqueline Pettus Daivd Locker Monique Belcher Brenda Kirkpatrick	Lector - Steve Kirkpatrick Cantor - Dan Penny	Henry King Tim McCluskey Anthony Eckl Michael Leckenby Gary Williams (B)	Henry King Family	Peter/Mary Ann Curtice	Justin Powers Tyrese Gilchrist Tai Do	Billy Brink Maggie Belcher

**Pray for Parishioners in the hospital or other health care institutions :** Jay Bernauer (The Summit Rm 30), Houston Woods (Colebeck Lodge), **Betty Wright (Brookdale)**, Connie Sledge (Columbia Cottage), Evelyn Newberry & Ann Eaton - Hilltop Assisted Living, Stephen Schaeffer - Keystone Senior, Lawrenceburg, TN

**Pray for Parishioners at Home:** Don Albright, Jim Albright, Lorraine Alonso, Bridgette Bailey, Joanne/ Joe Bailey, Judy Beale, Bonnie Bernauer, Gerry Bernauer, Jerome Bernauer, David & Jackie Berrens, Joe Berrens, Marilyn Gartman Blevins, Debbie Brewer, Mary Catherine Broadfoot, Sandy Brown, Edith Buffler, Martha Gruber Cabler, Lisa Carter, Barbara Chandler, Josephine Chandler, Abbot Victor Clark, O.S.B., Sister Mary Vincent Beckman, O.S.B., Vicky Connolly, Mary Ann Curtice, Boots Eck, Wade Eck, **Beth Eckl**, Dorothy Eckl, **Francis Eckl**, Deborah Paseur, Ray Gresham, Al and Theresa Kanka, Jim Kasmeier, Joe Kasmeier, Frances Kasmeier, Jason Kasmeier, Helene Kirby, Sandra Krieger, **Andy Joe Krieger**, Debbie Lamprecht, Lawrence Locker, Beth Mecke, Mary Alice Meyer, Melinda McKinney, Lily Grace Mitchell, Howard Murphy, Carl Parasiliti, Betty Peters, Gary Peters, Leigh Ann Peters, Carolyn Powers, Linda Price, Anthony Retzer, Billy Richardson, Frances Richardson (E.L.), Ron Smith, Margot Taschner, Carolyn Thompson, Louise Wade.

**Pray For Non-Parishioners: Francis McDaniel (Dave/Cheryl Berry)**, Cameron Skippy Long (Venus McCarthy), Steve Penny (Dan Penny), Landon Rich (Deona Berrens), Larry Young (Suzanne Kilburn), Millie Kazi (Pat Melville), Carl Beuerlein, Albert Kerstein (Tony Passarella), Frank Alfaro, Mark Yoakum (Lorraine Alonso), Leigh Seamon, Laura Roberts (Pat Bailey), Jesse Comer (Doris Barnett), Hayden Hulsey, Hunter Smith (Monique Belcher), Berkely Stutts, Linda Johnson (Beth Bernauer), Steve Graham, Ella Rose Corley (Paul/Anne Bernauer), Benedictine Sisters, Tim Sage, Danny and Glenda Schmidlkofer, Michael Schmidlkofer, Milton Sage (Jackie Berrens), Tim Whitten, (Cheryl Berry), Dru Johnson (Geri Coleman), Sherri Wright, Andy Duessel (M & M Connolly), Connor Duncan (Lisa Duncan), Sara Smith (P. Curtice), Iris Gross (David deWolfe), Albert/Betty Jerome (Ann Eaton), Wanda Richardson (Boots Eck), Mary Kathryn Herman, Carolyn Murphy (Joyce Fedeczko), Clint Brannon (Tom Green), Don Johnson (Jennifer Halen), Bonita Hamilton (Joan Hancock), Cheri Held Strojny (Lowell Held), Kane Rogers (Mary Ann Horton), Joe Clemmons, Tabitha Siegel, (Joe Kasmeier), Eileen Phelan McGowan (Cullen Kehoe), Hal Lier (Suzanne Kilburn, brother), Dale Runge (Steve Kirkpatrick), Lynn Anderson (Mary Nell Krieger), Carolyn Lewis, Jim Murphy, Makenzie Perkins (Joe Lamprecht), Don Morison (John/Carol Lee), Denise Robbins (Carrie McNair), Harriet Linhoss (Pat Melville), Anna Marie Meyer (Cissie Meyer), Amy Wampler (Amy Moncus), Joseph Huddleston (Dinky/Jane Nesbitt, son), Kassidy (Gary & Ana Maria Padgett), Dorothy McDonald (Suzannah Parasiliti's Mother), Laura Lopez, Doris Rhodes, Becky Quintin, Fr. Kevin McGrath, O.S.B., Jerry Barkley, Ronald Creasy, Amiyah Hastings, Cole Wallace, Clara Lambert (Tony Passarella), Gene Peters (Betty Peters), Maddie Atkins, Judy Barnett, Sally Slagle, (Donna Peters), Sister Marina Gibbons, O.P. (Mary Jo Pitts), Mildred Purser (Wayne Purser, mother), Madison Ward and Family (Billy Richardson), Billie Ragland (Janet Ragland), Paul Holt, Marc McCreary, Gracie Stutts (David Taschner), Courtney Turner (Pat Ward), Lexi Sailer, Joan Yarber (Carolyn Woods), Mary Mufide Rende

**Please remember in prayer those in the military service and their families:** Chad Breedwell, Caleb Albright, Chris Albright, Corey Albright, Joe Albright, Freddie Adams, Joseph Burkhart, Thomas Burkhart, Chris Cavin, Bryan Coburn, Barry Crosby, Andy Faul, Justin Graham, Rob Griner, Greg Halen, Robbie Herlong, Julia McKinney, Eric Napier, Michael/Mary Perry, Scott Noss, Scott Scidel, Joel Scott, Andy Watson, Brandon Wilcutt.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please Mail a New Parishioner Registration Form Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_



## **St. Michael Catholic Church** **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **October 1, 2017**

**Pastor's Message: Mt. 21: 28-32**

**God does not want the death of a sinner, but rather the conversion of a sinner.**

**St. Augustine was born in Africa in the year 354. His young adulthood was a stormy period. It included fathering a child out of wedlock.**

**In his twenties, Augustine moved to Milan, Italy, where he became a professor of English. His personal life, however, continued to be stormy. While in Milan, two things happened to him.**

**First, he became increasingly unhappy with his personal life.**

**Second, he became attracted to Christianity.**

**It was in this frame of mind that he sat down one day and began to ponder his life. Suddenly, he broke into tears and began to cry out to God:**

**“And you, Lord! How long will you be angry with me? Forever? Why not at this very hour put an end to my evil life?”**

**Augustine said later:**

**“I was crying out like this when, suddenly, I heard the voice of a child. It seemed to say, “Take and read! Take and read!**

**I stood up, for now the voice seemed like a command to read the Bible. I got a Bible and opened it. The first words my eyes fell upon were from the letter of Paul to the Romans.”**

**They read:**

**“Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness...not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.”**

**When Augustine read this, he stopped. There was no need to go on. He says:**

**“My Heart was suddenly flooded with a light that erased all my doubts. And my soul was filled with a deep peace.”**

**That episode triggered Augustine's conversion to Christianity. The remarkable change of heart that Augustine experienced is the same kind of change of heart that Jesus talks about in today's Gospel.**

**It's also the same kind of change of heart that Ezekiel talks about in today's first reading. What causes a person to undergo a change of heart? Conversion**

**The First Step in the process of conversion is the dissatisfaction with the selfishness of one's personal life. Augustine sat down and cried. The Second Step is the one that lights a fire under us. St. Augustine opened the Bible and read from St. Paul. Moments of new hope happen in many ways.**

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Masses  
Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday: 7:30am and 10am  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 7:30am  
Wednesday: 6pm Saturday: 8am  
Confessions:  
Wednesday: 5:30pm, Saturday 5:20pm,  
And by appointment  
Baptisms:  
By appointment  
Marriages:  
Diocesan regulations require at least six  
months advance notice

Restrooms - in the Parish House  
Nursery - during 10am Mass in Parish House  
Automated External Defibrillator - in east  
vestibule of the Church  
Emergency Exits through sacristies

COLLECTIONS  
September 24, 2017  
Offertory \$4851.50  
Offertory thru the Office - \$1130  
Hurricane Harvey Second Collection - \$1837  
Gift Cards to send to Rockport - \$255

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30, 6pm + Diane Kasmeier (John/Mary McGee)  
Sunday, October 1, 7:30am For the People of the Parish  
Sunday, Oct. 1, 10am + Vincent Grosso, Sr. & Theresa Suflay (Family)  
Tuesday, October 3, 7:30am + Angie Czermak (Hall/Vest Family)  
Wednesday, October 4, 6pm + Clarissa Epping (R/D Albright)  
Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30am + Therman & Caroline Butts (Woods Family)  
Friday, October 6, 7:30am + For the Unborn  
Saturday, October 7, 8am + Helen Ultsch (Paul/Cindy Varner)  
Saturday, October 7, 6pm + Ray Stumpe, Jr. (Hall/Vest Family)  
Sunday, October 8, 7:30am + Deceased of the Meyer Family  
Sunday, October 8, 10am For the People of the Parish

**The Third Step is doing something practical and concrete to strengthen the new ways. If the gap is not filled with new activities, the good intention quickly is given up. It takes heroic courage and energy to go through conversion. This brings us to an application of today's readings to our own personal life.**

**One approach might be to ask ourselves this question: How content are we with our present life?**

**For example, are we dissatisfied with our present relationship with God?**

**Do we wish we had a closer relationship with Jesus?**

**Do we wish we were more loving toward others, especially the needy in our midst?**

**If our answer to these questions is yes, then today's Scripture readings could be the spark that prompts us to do something about these things.**

**And if it is, what all-important first step might we take to do something about these things?**

**Maybe that step is simply to present ourselves for special healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Maybe it's to begin tonight to spend a few minutes in prayer before retiring.**

**Maybe, it's to sit down, take a look at the needy around us, and ask ourselves:**

**What is one concrete thing I can do to show these unfortunate people that I really care?**

**I close with this prayer:**

**Voice of Jesus, call out to us when we stray from you.**

**Hand of Jesus, anoint us when we grow weak and weary.**

**Arms of Jesus, lift us up when we stumble and fall.**

**Heart of Jesus, teach us to love one another as you love us.**

**God Bless You,  
Fr. John**

## LITURGY



**HOLY HOUR - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Rosary Group meets Thursdays at 10AM for rosary in the parish house.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;


**FIRST SUNDAY ADORATION is this Sunday, October 1.** Adoration will begin at 11:15am and conclude at 3:00pm. Please join us to adore and praise Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.


FR. JOEL MARTIN O.S.B. will be speaking at Mass on the Rule of St. Benedict in connection with the Gospels this weekend September 30 to October 1, 2017.

FR. JOSE FROM CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY will be here this weekend as well to talk about Adoration.

FR. JOHN WADESON will be here on October 14-15, 2017. At the Mass, he will explain what he will be teaching in October. Fr. John will have class on October 17, 20, 24 and 27 at the Church at 7PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Our condolences to Rhonda and Robert Sloan and family, and Lisa and Paul Carter on the passing of Rhonda and Lisa's father, Ronnie Ingram. May the angels fly his soul to eternal rest with our risen Lord.

 Our Lady of the Shoals Women's Society will be sponsoring a Ladies Bingo Luncheon on November 8 from 10 - 2 as a fundraiser for St. Joseph School. Admission of \$15 will include lunch (Chicken salad, croissant, deviled egg, fruit, dessert and drink), 10 games of Bingo, door prizes. We will also have a 50/50 and a special Bingo (extra cost). We hope to see you there. Bring a friend. Reservations are requested, please contact Phyllis Brocato at 256-366-3323 or tommybro@comcast.net

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING THE RELIEF EFFORT at St. Peter's Parish in Rockport, TX, there will be a meeting at the Rectory on Thursday, October 5th at 5:30pm to discuss details. Fr. John and Steve will be leaving around 2pm on Sunday, October 8 and returning on Friday, October 13. Please contact Donna Peters (256) 577-1607 or Steve Kirkpatrick (256) 509-3005 if you would like to attend.

THERE WILL BE A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING this Monday, October 2 at 7pm in the Parish House.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Elizabeth Vandiver at [256-](tel:256-766-1885)

[764-1885](tel:256-766-1885) or by email, [stmichaelcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelcatholic@gmail.com). Your receipt for these flowers can be turned into the church office, and the amount will be marked as a contribution in your name. Also, the Ladies Altar Society needs volunteers to help with the weekly altar care. Volunteers sign up for only one week a year! If you are interested, please contact Mary Beth Passarella at [256-766-0353](tel:256-766-0353) for more information.

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES



THE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY'S NEXT MEETING will be Monday, October 9th at 10 a.m. in the parish house. If you haven't attended a meeting before, please come and see what we are all about. We can always use new ideas to improve our ministry to our Church!

LADIES CARING FOR THE ALTAR FOR OCTOBER are Fran Murphy (256-366-3908), Judy Parasiliti, Stasia Pitman, and Cheryl Berry.



TROWBRIDGE'S SUNDAY SUNDAY HAS BEEN MOVED TO OCTOBER 22ND FROM 12:30-2:30PM as to not conflict with the St. Joseph Fall Festival activities.



SUNDAY FALL TREAT, OCTOBER 29TH from 5-7pm in the gym. Bring your little ones to the gym for treats, new games, and lots of fun! If you would like to donate candy please see Donna Peters.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR classes continue this Sunday, October 1. Classes start at 8:45am.

This month's PSR activity is on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30pm in the Parish House. Our focus for this activity is the Rosary.

BIBLE STUDY continues every Monday night at 6:30pm in the rectory.

## YOUTH NEWS



The CYO will have a cook out is this Sunday, October 1st at the Connolly's Lake lot. We will meet at the Gym here at St. Michael's at noon and chaperones will carpool the kids to the lake lot. Please contact Suzanne McGee (256-412-0881) if you have any questions about this event.

## ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

◆ **SAVE THE DATE! Our annual Fall Festival date is scheduled for Sunday, October 15.** This is one of the

biggest, most fun events in our school year in addition to being one of our school's major fundraising events; it is also an opportunity to have a great time with our family and friends. There will be games, food, bingo, balloon art, face painting, pony rides, and lots of fun.

### ◆ **Annual Chili Cook-off**

The cook-off will be held in conjunction with the SJS fall Festival. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Please contact Mrs. Laurie Tant to enter the contest at [laurenftant@bellsouth.net](mailto:laurenftant@bellsouth.net).

### ◆ **Halloween costume and wagon parade contest!**

Please join in on the fun and walk in our fall festival parade for a chance to win prizes from yogurt mountain! Entry fee is \$5. Registration begins at 12pm, and parade begins at 12:30pm in front of St. Joseph School marquee. Prizes will be given for the best overall wagon and top three costumes in two separate age groups: Prek-2nd grade, 3rd grade-8th grade.

### ◆ **Raffle Tickets!**

There will be a representative after each mass this weekend selling raffle tickets. Tickets are \$2 and the prizes are: 1st place: \$500, 2nd place: \$300, 3rd place: \$200 The winning ticket will be drawn at SJS fall Festival on October 15th at 4:15. Remember the winning ticketholder does not have to be present to win. Please email at [pto@catholicill.com](mailto:pto@catholicill.com) with any questions!

## OTHER

**Fr. John will be having guest in the parish for one month to teach religion.**

**Volunteers are needed to provide meals for Fr. John and his guests from October 11 through November 9. Breakfasts will be prepared and delivered for three to the rectory. Evening meals and light lunches will be prepared for four and delivered to the rectory. Fr. John and guest would enjoy dining out at homes twice each week. It will not be necessary for you to clean up after the meal. Occasionally they will enjoy a delicious meal of leftovers! This will require many volunteers so please do offer your help. If you are able to provide a meal please contact Janet Ragland at 256-710-1310 or 256-767-1004.**

The Activity Calendar for October will be in next week's bulletin. It should be available on the website by Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd. My apologies for any inconvenience.