

Date/Time	Euch. Ministers	Lector/Cantors	Ushers B - Balcony	Gift Bearers	Greeters	Altar Servers	Nursery
SEPTEMBER 9 6PM	Judy Grady Venus McCarthy Harriet Albright	Lector - Debbie Brewer Cantor - Dan Penny	John McCarthy Don Melville Vicky Czermak (B)	Don/Pat Melville	John/Venus McCarthy	Andrew Eckl Tristen Vandiver	
SEPTEMBER 10 7:30AM	Billy Brink Bill Connolly Carolyn Eck	Lector - Joyce Fedeczko Cantors - D. Simbeck, F.Holder, M.Passarella	John Lee Craig Connolly Bill Connolly (B)	Craig/Rose Connolly	Bud/Pat Ward	Maryana Rivera Andres Rivera	
SEPTEMBER 10 10AM	Matt Connolly Brenda Kirkpatrick	Lector - Steve Kirkpartick Cantors - Deona Berrens, Amy Tidwell	Adrian Eckl Anthony Eckl Matt Connolly Tony Eckl Tim McCluskey (B)	Tony Eckl Family	Peter/Mary Ann Curtice	Katie Connolly Will Gullett Sarah Gullett Dan Eckl	Jennifer Halen Kathy Williams
SEPTEMBER 16 6PM	Lesia Albright Madeline Albright Lew McCravy	Lector - Katherine Crow Cantor - Dan Penny	John Charles Crow Regan Ragland Janet Ragland (B)	George/Vicki Farina	Cissie Meyer Janet Ragland	Benjamin McGee Kalli Kress	
SEPTEMBER 17 7:30AM	Tim Connolly Bud Ward Pat Ward	Lector - David Locker Cantors - D. Simbeck, F.Holder, M.Passarella	Bud Ward John Connolly Chris Jones (B)	Chris/Anita Jones Family	Tony Passarella Carolyn Eck	Joseph Jones Kaylee Hopkins	
SEPTEMBER 17 10AM	Theresa Wood Kelley Dewberry Jacqueline Pettus Monique Belcher Matt Connolly	Lector - Dave Kennebeck Cantors - Deona Berrens, Amy Tidwell	Ron Eckl Michael Leckenby Henry King Charles Krieger Matt Connolly (B)	Mary Nell Krieger Children's Church Mary Alice Meyer	Charlie Meyer Mary Alice Meyer	Joseph Wood Cooper Wood Alex Lewis	Courtney Warden Maggie Belcher Andrea Montealegre

**Pray for Parishioners in the hospital or other health care institutions :** Jay Bernauer (ECM), Houston Woods (Well Stone Housing), Betty Wright (Florence Rehab), 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, 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, Carol 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:** 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, Gwen Allen (Vicki Farina), 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), 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, 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.**

Parish Information Form (or call Parish Office at 256-764-1885)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Mail a New Parishioner Registration Form Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please make the following changes to my census information. Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_



## St. Michael Catholic Church Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2017

### Pastor's Message:

Lord,

Help us speak out against evil. Give us the wisdom to say what is right and to say it in the right way.

Give us the courage to realize that what we say may not bear fruit until years after we say it.

Finally, Lord, when we are tempted to remain silent and not speak out against evil, remind us of your promise that whoever acknowledges you before others --- you will acknowledge before your Father in heaven.

God Bless You,

Fr. John

### HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

### PATIENCE

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

—Chinese proverb

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9:30am-3:30pm

#### 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:

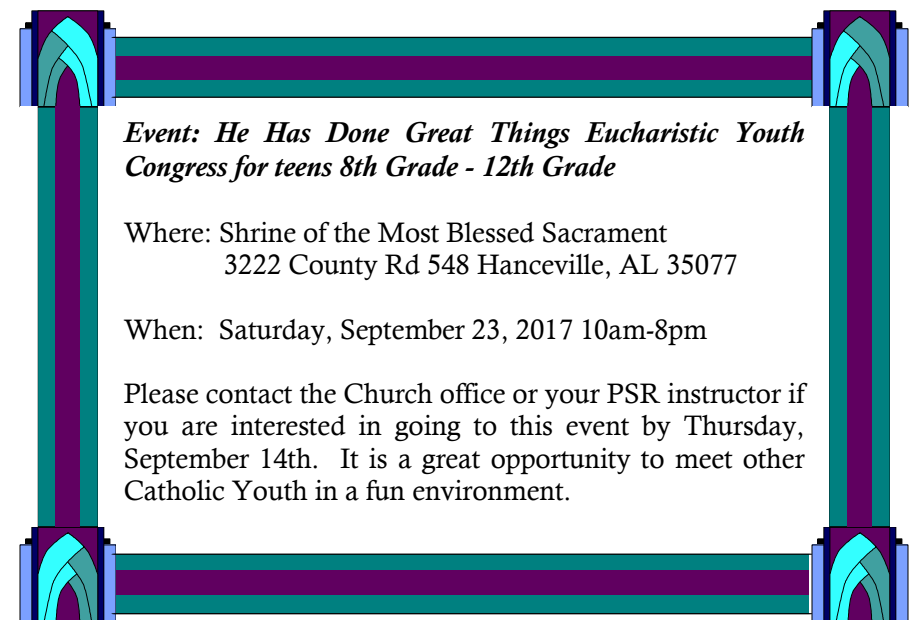
By appointment

#### 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 3, 2017  
Offertory \$ 6705.50  
Offertory thru the Office - \$100  
Hurricane Harvey Second Collection - \$3676  
Gift Cards to send to Rockport - \$1735



**Event: He Has Done Great Things Eucharistic Youth Congress for teens 8th Grade - 12th Grade**

Where: Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
3222 County Rd 548 Hanceville, AL 35077

When: Saturday, September 23, 2017 10am-8pm

Please contact the Church office or your PSR instructor if you are interested in going to this event by Thursday, September 14th. It is a great opportunity to meet other Catholic Youth in a fun environment.



Sat, Sept. 9, 6pm + Raymond/Catherine Stumpe (Hall/Vest Family)  
 Sunday, September 10, 7:30am For the People of the Parish  
 Sunday, Sept 10, 10am + Rudolph/Ruth Langer, Sr. (C/M Meyer)  
 Tues, September 12, 7:30am + Angel Alonso (Family)  
 Wed, September 13, 6pm, + Lawrence Locker (Lawrence Locker)  
 Thursday, September 14, 7:30am + Pam Townsend (Cathy Johnson)  
 Fri, September 15, 7:30am +Bernie Mettenberger III(Joe Lamprecht)  
 Sat, September 16, 8am + Emma Marie Myrick (Kevin Connolly)  
 Saturday, September 16, 6pm + Delores Rook (Bill/Neena Connolly)  
 Sunday, September 17, 7:30am + Lisa K. Newman (Family)  
 Sunday, September 17, 10am For the People of the Parish

### LITURGY



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



To Deacon Rick Chenault! He will be here at 6pm mass this Saturday, September 9th.



Is next Sunday, September 17. The 2017 theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

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

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 in October 17, 20, 24 and 27 at the rectory at 7PM.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AGAIN THIS WEEKEND, for Hurricane Harvey victims in Rockport, TX. Please make checks to St. Michael's and if you want them converted to gift cards please include in the comments, and we will do so through the office. If you would like credit for the donation of gift cards, please place in an envelope with your name or envelope number included.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Toni and Shaun Dooley on the passing of husband and father, Don Dooley. May the angels fly his soul to eternal rest with our risen Lord.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in memory of John Mecke, Sr and Kenny Mecke by Family.



Father John and I would like to thank all of the volunteers that turned out to make the Labor Day Picnic such a success this year. It was a very successful fundraiser for the parish. More importantly it is a time of fellowship amongst parishioners. It is a joy to see everyone come together and enjoy each others company while doing a service to their Church community. - Steve Kirkpatrick



Carolyn Eck would like to thank all workers on the First Meat Shift on Labor Day especially Chris Lewis and George and Mary Lou Wilson who were "first time" workers. The first gallon of chicken stew was sold to Jim Kasmeier.

### MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 24! We will have our St. Michael Archangel luncheon around 11:30AM in the gym. Meat, drinks, and bread will be provided. Please bring a side dish such as salad, vegetable, and dessert to share.



The Knights of Columbus blood drive is Sunday, September 10th from 7:30AM-12:30PM here at St. Michael's in the parking lot of the Gymnasium.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will have a executive meeting on Monday, September, 11 at 7pm in the Parish House.



ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING is this Tuesday, September 12 at 10AM in the Parish House. Would love to see new faces at our meetings!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PSR is hosting a Special Event Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm. We will be learning about St. Michael and the Armor of God with an activity for all ages to enjoy. So bring your children to join in the fun!

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

### OTHER

ST. FLORIAN OKTOBERFEST BAKE SALE - As most of you know, the 15th Annual St. Florian Oktoberfest is coming up October 7-8. The St. Florian community is sponsoring a bake sale and all proceeds go the St. Florian Senior Center and Park. We are asking for volunteers to make baked goods, and including a small message from your church on each baked good. This is also a good opportunity for youth groups to get their community hours by volunteering to work the booth. Hoping your Church will join us in this event! For more information, please contact Pam Stumpe at 256-762-3934. Sign up sheets can be found in the vestibule of the Church or can be picked up at the Church office here at St. Michael.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL RENOVATION FUND - You can still contribute to this renovation fund which will pay for needed improvements in the regional school serving our area. Please make any checks out to St. Michael's.

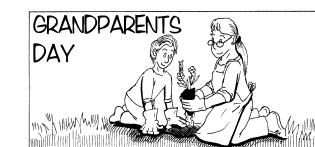
### ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- ◆ Enrollment for the 2017 ~ 2018-school year continues. A NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$150.00 per child is required when registering (New Student). Please visit the school website at catholicill.com or contact the school office at 256-766-1923 for more information.
- ◆ Our Fresh Café lunch program needs your help! We appreciate any donation you may be able to give. May God Bless you all!
- ◆ Would you like to become an athletic sponsor?! Great advertising opportunity! You can have your business/family name posted on your own banner, which hangs in the gym for one year for just \$150.00. Please contact the office at secretary@catholicill.com if you are interested.
- ◆ Our Cherrydale fundraiser is up and running! Purchasing options include wrapping paper, candles, Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough and several items more. If you would like to purchase please contact the office at 256 766 1923.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?



National Grandparents Day falls each year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's not a holiday invented to sell cards and flowers. It was

initiated at the grassroots level by West Virginian Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, with the behind-the-scenes support of her husband Joseph L. McQuade. They had 15 children, 43 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. After being married for over 60 years, Mr. McQuade passed away in 2001. Mrs. McQuade passed away in 2008.

The purpose of grandparents day is:

1. To honor grandparents.
2. To give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children.
3. To help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Mrs. McQuade wanted Grandparents Day to be a family day. She envisioned families enjoying small, private gatherings, perhaps even a family reunion, or participating in community events. On a societal level, National Grandparents Day gives us a chance to publicly affirm the identity and importance of grandparents, that they do play a vital role in families. It is also a day of giving – giving of self; sharing hopes, dreams, and values; and setting an example and advocating for future generations.