

Upcoming Events

- 9/8: Young at Heart 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 9/9: OCIA at 10:00 am
- 9/16: OCIA at 6:00 pm
- 9/28: Parish Potluck Dinner after 11:30 Mass



Calendar

- 9/7: Regular Class
- 9/14: Regular Class
 - Confirmation Parent Meeting: 2pm in FLC room #4
- 9/21: Regular Class
 - First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent Meeting: 2 pm in FLC room #4
- 9/28: NO CLASS (Parish Potluck Dinner)
- 10/5: Regular Class
- 10/12: NO CLASS



September 7, 2025 is a day to remember.

Pope Leo XIV canonized two Saints:
Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati.

These two young men are the first Saints to be canonized by Pope Leo XIV.
Be sure to ask your child about Saint Carlo who we learned about in class today.

Ask away!

If you have a question for our new “Why Do We Do That at Mass” column, send it to Marcy in Remind or via Email. There is a good chance many people have the same question. No need to worry, names will never be used in the column.

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Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.

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From Miss Fessler:
Welcome back to YFF! I wrote it last year and I will write it again: I missed seeing everyone. I’m excited to be back in the groove of YFF and all that happens once we start classes.

This summer we welcomed a seminarian who will be with us for the year. Daniel LaPolla will be around a lot this year. He will be visiting classes, leading a short presentation with the the Junior High class once a month, and participating in many other ways with us. It is a blessing that we will be part of his priestly formation.

I write this every year as well and it is true this year: I am so excited for this year. We have welcomed some new catechists who are teamed up with our “seasoned” catechists. At our annual retreat in July, we shared some ideas for several unique formation experiences for our children and a great fall Junior High service project. It is going to be a very busy year.

Welcome to our new YFF familes. We are grateful you are with us!

Finally, thank you for the ongoing commitment to our program. I know it is challenging to make Sunday morning classes work for your schedule. Communicaiton is one of the most important parts of the success of YFF. It is important to keep each other “in the scoop” as I like to say. Remind and email are two of my best YFF friends. 😂

Know that you are in my prayers and together we will continue to live our Baptism for the glory of God.

God bless,
Miss Fessler



Be sure to check the YFF page on the parish website for information on saints, links to good Catholic websites and updates on YFF and Sacraments.

Big Happenings on September 28th!

Do you have your reservation in for our Parish Potluck Dinner? If not, be sure to check the bulletin for all the information.

Based on the first letter of your last name:

A-K: desserts

L-Z: side dishes

Plan for your dish to serve 12 people.

PLUS: this is the kick off for our Parish Raffle!

Get your tickets in ASAP. The first drawing of \$1000 will be done at the dinner.

Do you need tickets? Call Maxine at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) and she will get tickets out to you.



Carolyn Deer
Catechist Grade 3-4

I have two grown children, (18 and 20). I've been married to an amazing man for 21 years. I grew up in the Methodist Church but converted 3 years ago and finally feel at "home" in my faith. I love fiber arts, sewing, crochet, knit, etc.

Fun fact: My husband and I married 6 weeks after we met and I wouldn't change a thing.

Why Do We Do That at Mass?

Welcome to a new column in our monthly newsletter. The Mass is one of those parts of our Catholic faith (life really) that defines who we are as believers. It is essential to our identity. But did you ever wonder why we do things at Mass? Yes, it is what we were taught at school or CCD or GOF. However, the Mass has a long and beautiful history with a lot of thoughtful prayer in the development of how we celebrate Mass.

Let's start with: **Why is Mass on Sunday?** The main reason: Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday, the first day of the week. We celebrate (commemorate) Jesus' resurrection every Sunday at Mass. Also, the first believers were Jews who initially honored the Jewish Sabbath (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday). On Sunday these first Christians would break bread together in homes on Sundays, again to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection.

Next month: How did the Mass come into existence?

Spotlight on: New Volunteers (first group)

Let's welcome to our YFF team: Carolyn Deer Grade 3-4; Adam and Andrea Kyle, Grade 3-4; Danielle Kapalko, Grade 2.



Adam and Andrea Kyle
Catechists Grade 3

A father of two, a nurse anesthetist, and serve in the Air Force Reserves. I enjoy supporting my kids in their sports, balancing a career in healthcare and service, and spending quality time traveling with my family. Fun Fact: we will be married 15 years in Octboer and have 2 dogs: Zada and Zola.

I'm a proud mom of two and a newly appointed school nurse. I enjoy supporting my children by volunteering at their school activities and especially through their involvement in sports. Outside of work, I cherish time with my family and making memories on vacation.

Monthly Prayer

Bishop Bonnar has asked for every parish to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart the weekend of September 27-28.

We are starting our Monthly Prayer this year with:

The Sacred Heart Prayer.

O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Please pray the Sacred Heart Prayer with your children throughout the month at home.

We will be praying it during class time.

Kindergarten is working hard on the Sign of the Cross.



Danielle Kapalko
Catechist Grade 2

I am so happy to be back in 2nd grade teaching now that my son has moved up to 7th grade. I have 3 kids Kaylee 31, Daniel 25 and Logan is 13 and my grandson Teddy is 19 months old.