

Upcoming Events

10/6-10/16 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Italy
Please keep those on this trip in your prayers!



Calendar

- 10/5: Regular Class
- 10/12: NO CLASS
- 10/19: Regular Class
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM First Reconciliation Class #1
- 10/26: Regular Class
- 2:00 - 3:30 PM Confirmation Class #1
- 11/2: Regular Class



Parish office update:

While Father Lavelle, Maxine, and Audrey are on the Pilgrimage to Italy, the parish office will be open on Tuesdays (October 7 & 14) and Thursdays (October 9 & 16). Regular office hours resume on Monday October 20th.

Sacrament Prep update:

All forms from the parent meetings are on the individual sacrament pages on the parish website, including the sacrament calendars.

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:
I am wondering how many people are thinking I have lost my mind by announcing the October Monthly Prayer is NOT the Hail Mary. Rest assured, I know that October is still the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. I am not forgetting the Blessed Mother. I wanted to highlight special prayers for the beginning of YFF this year.

Prayer has been one of the main concerns voiced to me from my first month at Saint Michael in July of 2021. Since the move to a weekly formation program, that is no longer the first concern I hear from anyone! In fact, last year our kindergarten class mastered: the Sign of the Cross, the Lord’s Prayer, the Blessing Before Meals and started to learn the Hail Mary. The first graders last year blew me away by mastering all the basic prayers and memorized the Saint Michael Prayer!

While I would like to give all the credit to our catechists, we know it is because you as parents are reinforcing prayer at home. Thank you for truly partnering with us on this journey of faith formation.

Going back to the Blessed Mother, don’t worry. Mary will be honored in a month that might surprise you this year, yet fits perfectly. I am not giving any other hints.

Thank you for a great first three weeks of YFF. We are well on our way to another amazing year!

God bless,
Miss Fessler



I am a bit behind on getting information on the YFF webpage. With a little bit of luck, there will be many updates coming in October to our webpage!

The Blessed Mother

Did you know that October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary? This feast dates back to the 16th Century and was given an official date on the liturgical calendar in the early 20th Century.

The YFF page of the parish website will have a handout on how to pray the rosary and links to learn more about the Blessed Mother.



Why Do We Do That at Mass?

How did the Mass come into existence?

Jesus himself instituted the celebration of Eucharist at the Last Supper. Saint Paul writes about the celebration of Eucharist in the first letter to the Corinthians. Early Christians would meet weekly to break bread, share stories, and pray. Over many centuries the ritual was streamlined with three notable dates:

313: The Edit of Milan legalized Christianity allowing public worship without fear of persecution.

1545-1563: The Council of Trent formalized what we call the "Tridentine Mass." This is when Latin became the universal language for the celebration of Eucharist.

1962-1965: Second Vatican Council revitalized the Mass by allowing the use of local languages and called for full, conscious, and active participation by all.

Of course, these are the highlights of what has grown over the course of 2,000 years.

Next month: Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we walk into and out of Church?



Monthly Prayer

The October Montly Prayer is:

Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the eveil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please pray the Saint Michael 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.

Spotlight on: The first week of class!

We learned about Saint Carlo Acutis and continued the Jubilee celebration, including a photo booth.

