





Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Sunday, May 25, 2025

MASS TIMES

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

Saturday, 4:30pm (*Saint Michael*) **Sunday,** 8:00am (*Saint Margaret*) **Sunday,** 11:00am (*Saint Michael*)

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STEWARDSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

\$ 10,725.43

Good Shepherd Collection \$1479.50

CSA 2025

Pledged: \$120,140 Paid: \$72,515

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

If you have not yet pledged to this year's CSA, please consider what you may be able to offer.

CEMETERY FLOWERS

Thank you to the men who turned out to place the flags on the approximately 600 graves. If your loved one is missing a flag, please call the office, there are extra. The flag markers are not always obvious as you are walking down a row.

If there is a missing marker, a replacement will be requested from the County Commissioners.

FORTY CLUB DINNER

The final drawing for the 2024-2025 ticket holders will be held on Sunday, May 25 at 6 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Clarksville Street. All 40 Club ticket holders are invited to the dinner to be followed by the drawings for the final prizes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day

Saint Philip Neri Joseph C. Bonaquist (Mary Rose Marks)

Tuesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury Norb & Mary Mechenbier (Family)

Wednesday, May 28

Mike Allen (Ron, Sandy, & Daniel Weaver)

Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord Wednesday, May 28

Saint Margaret Mission 6:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Thursday, May 29

Saint Michael Church 9:00am Howard & Argena Mossman (Michael Allen)

Friday, May 30

Jack Kalchthaler (Dan & Susan Wallace)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 31

4:30pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 1

8:00am George, Ed, John, & Paul Ceremuga (John Ceremuga Family)

11:00am Teresa Murrin (Tom & Family)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Yahner and Juanita Curtain. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

May 16-31 (Saint Michael)

Pope Leo XIV Fr. Christopher Barnes (Friends)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 26: Memorial Day, Office is closed. Church is closed after Morning

Mass.

May 27: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm.

May 29: Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord. Holy Day of Obligation.

May 31: Confessions 3pm-4pm

SANCTUARY CANDLES

There are openings for Candles in the upcoming weeks. Candles are \$10 for the half month period. Call the office at extension 133 if you have questions.

40 CLUB WINNERS

May 14 \$100-Gil McGarvey; \$100- A. J. Kearney; \$50-Natalie Roe.

PARISH APPRECIATION PICNIC

Monday, June 2 at Noon

St. Michael Lawn (Site of Parish Picnic)

All are invited to come out to a special lunch with picnic food and entertainment provided by St. Michael School children and staff. The students want to show their appreciation for the support of the parish towards the school.

The event is free, no reservations necessary. Enjoy lunch and student entertainment.



A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

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This past week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 9th grade Candidates down at Beloved Disciple. Confirmations are always a delight to participate in and as a pastor to see young people finishing their Christian Initiation and participating in their own 'personal' Pentecost! With the timing of Confirmation so far apart from Baptism, there is a loss of perception of what is actually going on here. This was even more so when Confirmation was way off in the 11th grade - I think mine was the Fall of my 12th grade year. Bishop Persico has desired to close that gap between Confirmation and Baptism. Confirmation does not mean you are now an adult in the Church or that you are done with Sacraments; this graduation mentality crept into Confirmation programs and Candidates' minds over the years...it's just wrong and sort of lame if that is all Confirmation is. The Biblical roots of Confirmation is Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the heads of the Apostles and their subsequent exit from the Upper Room and into the heights and recesses of the Empire and beyond! As Pentecost was the reception of the fullness of the Holy Trinity and their Initiation into the Christian life to go forth and make the world holy and Christian, so is it with Confirmation for us- and our 9th graders! They, and all of us who are Confirmed, are Confirmed to be conformed to the image of the Apostles, and ultimately Christ! Taking on the name of a saint drives home that our old self has gone away; we are no more. Rather, what remains is Christ and His Saints who live through us and whom we seek to mirror in our lives. May we encourage all young people who are Confirmed to continue to conform to Christ and be like the Apostles: driven to preach and proclaim the Word so all may have life!

Amid the discernment over the past year or so about what to do with our school, one of the questions that plagued my heart was, "what do we do as a parish if that is gone?". Each parish takes on a personality, a charism, a ministry that is sort of their own, or their 'bread and butter'. Having grown up in one and now having served in three parishes, it's remarkable just how unique or unlike the others each are. It's a vague thing that is hard to put into intelligible language, but I hope that is being conveyed and, from your own lived experiences, know what I mean. I don't have navigational maps and coordinates of where to go or how to reinvent and redefine our charisms from here. I really don't! I am going to need to rely upon you to counsel and advise me and prayerfully discern with me how we build something new. This is honestly an exciting time because we get to be true missionaries and pioneers in building something new and bringing the Gospel of Christ to our community in a way that it needs to now be. The how and the what of that will not be Fr Brandon's job alone! It can't be, and for your sake, you don't want it to be! To help in this new mission territory, I will be having Parish Council Elections in June. I would like to offer the opportunity to bring new people on board that have a passion for and vision of and sensitivity to The Holy Spirit and the mind of the Church who would like to be part of a team that helps in this new missionary venture!

A Parish Council is not a banal hour of quarterly committee reports, but rather a prayerful body of parishioners who love this parish, who love the Gospel, who love the Church, and who love this community and wants to see a new wedding of all of those by being manifested into new initiatives and ministries! To show it's not just lip service, I have included a line item in the budget for Parish Council where they will have a budget to help me in this work. I am serious about and going to be wholly fighting against the enemy's temptation to become witheringly stagnant and only exist for dispensing Sacraments to a diminishing number of people. Honestly, many parishes fall into this post school closure- I have seen it, lived it, and will work with you to not let that happen here!

Procedure: Until **Tuesday June 10** submit nominations to me via a handwritten note, or, preferably, emailed to me with the subject line "Parish Council Nomination" so I don't miss it. The weekend of June 14/15 I will publish the names in the bulletin, and then we will hold the election the weekend of **June 21/22.**

Love, Father Brandon