

Schedule of Weekly Devotions and Events

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| Thursday:  | Prayer Group for Priestly Vocations (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs.)                               | Noon              |
| Saturdays: | Altar Boy Practice (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)                         | 3:30 p.m.         |
|            | Devotions to Our Lady (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday)                                           | 4:40 p.m.         |
|            | Benediction (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday)                                                     | after Mass        |
| Sundays:   | Eucharistic Crusade (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)                                               | after Mass        |
|            | St. Stephen's Guild (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)                                               | after Mass        |
|            | Blessing of Religious Articles (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)                                    | after Mass        |
|            | Children's Catechism (Sep-May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays) | 15 min after Mass |
|            | Blessing of Expectant Mothers (upon request)                                               | after Mass        |

Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that all communicants must be Catholic, in the state of grace, and fasting.

Dress and Decorum in Church

Out of respect for Our Divine Lord in the tabernacle, please try to keep silence in the church as much as possible.

Also, out of respect for Our Lord and for the edification of our neighbor, we ask all to appear in church modestly dressed. For example, slacks, skirts that do not keep the knees covered, sleeveless and low-cut dresses do not meet the norm of Christian modesty for women and girls. Gentlemen also, no less than ladies, are encouraged to be generous in expressing their respect for Our Lord by dressing suitably for Holy Mass. Your cooperation is evidence of your love for the Blessed Sacrament and your respect for the House of God.

Contacting Father

During the week, Fr. Kopec can be reached at Saint Mary's Academy and College: (785)437-2471 x469. For sacramental emergencies you may request to speak to any of the priests stationed in Saint Mary's. Outside of normal working hours follow the instructions on the recorded message to reach the priest on call.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found missals and prayer books are located on the shelf in the vestibule underneath the bulletins. Clothing and miscellaneous items are in the rectory main hallway.

Chapel Coordinator: Tommy Emig (405)367-1351

St. Michael's Church

“This I’ll defend.”

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024



Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments

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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 7, 2024  
Schedule for the Coming Week**

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| <u>Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup></u>  | Confessions | 8:15 a.m. |
| Seventh Sunday after Pentecost      | High Mass   | 9:00 a.m. |
| <u>Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup></u> | Confessions | 8:15 a.m. |
| Eighth Sunday after Pentecost       | High Mass   | 9:00 a.m. |

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,827.52  
District Education Collection: \$424.00

*Please make all checks out to 'SSPX' or 'St. Michael's Church' for them to be properly deposited in the chapel's account. For second collections, the specific purpose may be noted in the memo line.*

**Announcements**

Building Fund Collection

The second collection today is for the Building Fund.

Saturday Mass Cancellation

Please note that Mass and confessions are canceled this Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Men's Reading Group

The next meeting of the St. Michael's Men's Reading Group will be on Saturday, August 3, 2024, after Mass. This meeting -- our farewell meeting with Fr. Kopec -- will be to discuss Fr. Alvaro Calderon's book Prometheus: The Religion of Man (Angelus Press, English ed. 2021). This very significant book will serve as a sequel to our last reading, the booklet Time Bombs of Vatican II.

Farewell Reception

A Farewell Reception is scheduled for Father Kopec on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please pick up your invitation from the entryway table in the vestibule for further details. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Wiggins or Joan Rice.

Welcome to Visitors

St. Michael's Church wishes to welcome any visitors who are attending Mass this Sunday. Please join us after Mass in the rectory for coffee and refreshments.

**INSTRUCTION ON THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

GOSPEL (Matt. 7:15-21) *At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves: by their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one that saith to me: Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

*Who are the false Prophets?*

Those seducers who under an appearance of virtue and honesty lure innocent, simple souls from the right path, and lead them to vice and shame; who by sweet words, such as: "God is full of love, and will not be severe on sin, He does not require so very much of us, He knows we are weak, and if a person sins, he can be converted," seek to steal from souls all modesty and fear of God. Guard against such hypocrites, for they have the poison of vipers on their tongues. By the false prophets are also understood those who propagate error, who by superficial words fade the true faith, who speak always of love and liberty, and who under the pretense of making people free and happy bring many a soul to doubt and error, depriving it of true faith and peace of heart.

*How can we know the false prophets?*

By their works, for evil, corrupted men can produce only bad fruit. If we look into their life, we will find that at heart they are immoral hypocrites who observe external propriety only that they may the more easily spread their poison. The false teachers and messengers of error may be known by their lives, but especially by their intentions, which are to subvert all divine order, and to put the unrestrained lust of the flesh and tyranny in its place.

*Who else are understood by the false prophets?*

Those who under pretense of making men happy and rich, induce the credulous to make use of superstition, of wicked arts, deceit, and injustice; especially those who under the deceiving appearance of liberty and equality, independence and public good, incite them to open or secret revolt against civil and ecclesiastical authority. Be not deceived by these so-called public benefactors who look always to their own advantage, but trust in God, support yourself honestly, live like a Christian, and you will find true liberty and happiness here and hereafter.

*Why does Christ say: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire?"*

He warns us that faith without good works is not sufficient for salvation; and he therefore adds; Not everyone that saith: Lord, Lord (who outwardly professes himself my servant, but is not really such) shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who, (by the fulfilment of the duties of his state of life and by the practice of good works), does the will of my Father, merits heaven. Strive then, Christian soul, to fulfil God's will in all things, perform your daily duties with a good intention, and you will certainly obtain the kingdom of heaven

*Fr. Goffine, The Church's Year*