



MARY, MOTHER OF MANKIND PARISH

ST. MICHAELS MISSION

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Clergy

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Staff Members

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Weekend Masses

Saturday at 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

Sunday at 10 am

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday at 5:30 pm (in Convent Chapel)

Confession

Saturday, 3-4 pm or by appointment

Baptisms

Contact Parish Office 1 month in advance

Marriage

Contact Office at least 9 months in advance

Religious Education

Begins in September

RCIA & RCIC

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Preparing the Soil of Our Souls

Today the Gospel brings us one of the most well-known of Jesus' parables: that of the Sower and the field. It is also one of the few parables that Jesus Himself explains to us, and so we do not have to comment too much on its meaning. What is left for us, then, is to apply its meaning to our lives. Jesus gives four different examples of how the Word can be received by the soul, three of which do not allow for it to germinate or grow properly. Only the soul with deep, rich "soil" will receive the Word and allow it to bear fruit in us. It is not likely that we fall into any one of these examples perfectly, but we are likely a mix of a couple of them. Each one of us should examine to see what might be obstacles in our life to accepting the Word of God more fruitfully. Each might think how we can cultivate a soul that is more receptive to the Word we receive. Perhaps giving more time to prayer, eliminating, or reducing large distractions, such as the internet, perhaps giving more time to service to others, etc.... Notice, too, that what is up to us to do is not give the fruit or growth to the Word, (that belongs to God alone), but how to remove obstacles in our life – always with the help of God's grace - to its reception and bearing fruit. There may be, however, things we can do to increase the fruit of God's grace.

As I child I remember reading a story in which Native Americans helped some first settlers plant corn by placing the seed in the hole in the earth together with a dead fish, which would give it more nutrients to better grow. (I even tried it myself to good effect). In the context of the parable today, what can I add to my spiritual life that might help the Word of God take root and bear better fruit in my life? *Fr. Peter*

Rosary and Legion of Mary:

Tuesday at 6 pm at St. Michaels Parish Center

AA Meeting

Tuesdays 6 pm at Parish Hall/Gym Annex

Kateri Circle:

Every Third Wednesday of each month

Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting: TBA

Parish Finance Council

Next Meeting: TBA

Mass Intentions:

July 15 -for the health of Caroline Townsend

July 16- For the Parish

July 17 - for the health of Caroline Townsend

July 18 - for the health of Caroline Townsend

July 19 - + Greg Woods RIP

July 20 - open intention

July 21 - open intention

Last Sunday Collection

\$1159.14

Your support maintains our parish, thank you.

Parish Announcements



Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at the Parish Center at 6 pm. Come Join us! We also invite you to join us 30 minutes before Saturday or Sunday Mass to pray the rosary in the church. You may choose to be an active member. Active members go out an about in a hands on effort to bring hope and encouragement to those who often have not been in a church for many years. We share the faith and remind the fallen that all are welcome at God's table. You may opt to be an auxiliary member, praying daily for the needs of those suffering, isolated, and most in need of Jesus.

Eucharistic Revival: Year of the Parish

A living faith doesn't stay in the pew, it mobilizes you to act. An invitation of the Year of Parish Revival is a call to send missionaries to go out and share the goodness of Our Lord. This is accomplished in two primary ways: Evangelization and Recommitment to the poor.

This year, the Revival begins to take on a more external focus that will culminate in the Year of Mission. In the Parish Year, all engaged Catholics are invited to do something simple: reach just one person with the message of Jesus' Eucharistic love. Such a small act of love, if multiplied across the country many millions of times can surely be powerful in this year of Revival!

A Eucharistic life naturally pours outward. As we receive Christ's gift of his very self, we are moved to give of ourselves in imitation of Christ. In this Year of Parish Revival, take the time to discern some new and unique ways you can bless those on the margins.

Looking for ways to live your faith out in the world? The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are a beautiful model for how we can respond to the needs of humanity as disciples of Christ.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 15, 16 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
SATURDAY	SR. JEAN	
SUNDAY	VEE SPENCER	FANNIE DAVID

JULY 22, 23 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY	RON DUNCAN	
SUNDAY	BRENDA ANDERSON	RUTHIE COLE