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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 8, 2015

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

WORD AND COMMUNION SERVICE
Monday 8:00AM Chapel

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 6:30PM Chapel
Wednesday-Friday 8:00AM Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 7, 4:30PM
Deb Brennan
Sunday, Nov. 8:00AM
Rita Cook
Saturday, Nov. 14, 4:30PM
Peter & Norma Gianotti
Sunday, Nov. 15, 8:00AM
Jarad Dubay

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Friday 7:00-7:45AM, Saturday 9:00-10:00AM and 3:15-4:15PM in the Confessional Chapel.

Baptisms: Celebrated the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 NOON. Baptism may also be celebrated at weekend Mass with prior approval. Call the office to schedule.

Marriages: Your wedding needs to be scheduled with the Parish Office at least six months prior to the celebration date so all necessary preparations for the sacrament can be completed. Please contact the parish office.

In order to receive the Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism the individual or a parent of the individual must be a registered parishioner.

MINISTRY REFLECTION

Small gifts sometimes reap unexpected rewards. When has some small service of mine had unexpectedly good results?

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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Readings for the Week of November 8, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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From the Pastor

A TRUE GEM...

I'd like to share with everyone this wonderful text of Pope Francis. It is an introduction he penned for an edition of a German youth bible. It is meant for the encouragement of young people to read and pray with the Scriptures, but it really can apply to all of us, for we are all children in God's eyes. Enjoy!

My dear young friends:

If you could see my Bible, you would not be particularly impressed. What—that's the Pope's Bible? Such an old, worn-out book!

You could buy me a new one for \$1,000, but I would not want it. I love my old Bible, which has accompanied me half my life. It has been with me in my times of joy and times of tears. It is my most precious treasure. I live out of it, and I wouldn't give anything in the world for it.

I really like this new Youth Bible. It's so colorful, so rich in testimonies: testimonies of the saints, testimonies of young people. It is so inviting that when you start to read at the beginning, you can't stop until the last page. And then ...? And then it disappears on a shelf, collecting dust. Your children find it one day and bring it to the flea market.

It must not come to that.

I'll tell you something: There are more persecuted Christians in the world today than in the early days of the Church. And why are they persecuted? They are persecuted because they wear a cross and bear witness to Jesus. They are convicted because they own a Bible. The Bible is therefore a highly dangerous book—so dangerous that you are treated in some countries as if you were hiding hand grenades in your closet.

It was a non-Christian, Mahatma Gandhi, who once said: "You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down, and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature."

So what do you have in your hands? A piece of literature? Some nice old stories? Then you would have to say to the many Christians who go to prison or are tortured because they own a Bible: "How foolish you are; it's just a piece of literature!"

*No. By the word of God has Light come into the world, and it will never go out. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (175) I said, "**We do not blindly seek God, or wait for him to speak to us first, for 'God has already spoken, and there is nothing further that we need to know, which has not been revealed to us.'** Let us receive the sublime treasure of the revealed word."*

So you have something divine in your hands: a book like fire! A book through which God speaks. So notice: The Bible is not meant to be placed on a shelf, but to be in your hands, to read

often—every day, both on your own and together with others. You do sports together or go shopping together. Why not read the Bible together as well—two, three, or four of you? In nature, in the woods, on the beach, at night in the glow of a few candles ... you will have a great experience!

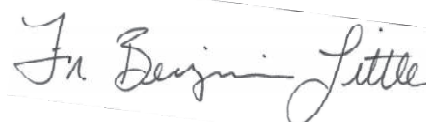
Or are you afraid of making a fool of yourself in front of others?

Read with attention! Do not stay on the surface as if reading a comic book! Never just skim the Word of God! Ask yourself: "What does this say to my heart? Does God speak through these words to me? Has he touched me in the depths of my longing? What should I do?" Only in this way can the force of the Word of God unfold. Only in this way can it change our lives, making them great and beautiful.

I want to tell you how I read my old Bible. Often I read a little and then put it away and contemplate the Lord. Not that I see the Lord, but he looks at me. He's there. I let myself look at him. And I feel—this is not sentimentality—I feel deeply the things that the Lord tells me. Sometimes he does not speak. I then feel nothing, only emptiness, emptiness, emptiness.... But I remain patiently, and so I wait, reading and praying. I pray sitting, because it hurts me to kneel. Sometimes I even fall asleep while praying. But it does not matter. I'm like a son with the father, and that is what's important.

Would you like to make me happy? Read the Bible!

Pope Francis



Faith Formation

Reconciliation Preparation

If your child is in 2nd grade or older and is not currently attending Faith Formation classes, it is not too late to join in the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Faith Formation classes are offered from 9:15-10:15AM on Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM on Sundays and on Mondays from 6:00-7:00PM. For more information, please contact Laura Shupe at 651-463-5237.

Training for Confirmed High School Teens

Fr. Little will be training any interested Confirmed teens and family members to serve as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 8. Contact Kathy with any questions at kruhland@stmichael-farmington.org, or call 651-463-6868.

Faith Formation (continued)

Movie Night

Saturday, November 14. 5:30-7:30PM

All are invited to watch the DreamWorks movie, *Home*. An alien on the run from his own people makes friends with a girl. He tries to help her on her quest, but can be an interference. Snacks, beverages and hot dogs will be available for a freewill offering. Hope you can join us!



Save the Date! Luke Spehar in Concert.

Saturday. December 5, 7:00PM

“Luke Spehar is using music in a powerful way to inspire the people of our times.”-Matthew Kelly. We are asking for a free will offering.

Do You Know?!

Approximately how many students attend Catholic schools in the US?

Last week: How many arch/dioceses are there in the US? 195

Thank You to FF Students

Faith Formation students in grades 3, 4 and 5 made decorations and placemats for the Veterans’ Dinner held at the parish. Thank you for putting your faith into action!

Parish Life

Remembering Those Who Have Died

November is the month set aside to remember those who have gone before us in death. Throughout the month of November, there will be a table in the Church near the votive candles to honor and remember those who have died. You are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones and place them on the table. Photos should be labeled on the back with a contact name and phone number. There is also the “Book of Names of the Dead” that will be displayed in the same area. You are invited to write the names of recently deceased loved ones in this book as well.

Marriage Mentor Gathering

There will be a gathering for St. Michael’s Marriage Mentors on Sunday, November 8 at 5:00PM in the Living Well Conference Room. This meeting is for both current marriage mentors and all those who may want to learn more about this rewarding ministry. Marriage mentors are couples who are willing to share both their faith and marriage experience with a couple that is preparing for the sacrament of marriage. Training is provided. If you would like to learn more about becoming a marriage mentor, you are invited to this event. A light meal will be served. Please RSVP to Dottie Knutson at dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org or 651-463-5224.

Parish Life (continued)

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesday, November 17, 12:30-3:00PM

All are welcome to attend the upcoming movie matinee on Tuesday, November 17. Our featured film this month is the enchanting romance, “The Age of Adaline” starring Blake Lively.

Farmington Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Farmington Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00PM. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Social Hall. All are welcome.

Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to a “Mass of Remembrance” on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00PM in the Chapel. This Mass is an opportunity to remember all those who have died in the past year. All who have experienced such a loss are invited to attend. You are invited to bring a photo or other memento to honor your loved one. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please contact Dottie Knutson at dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org or 651-463-5224.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Farmington Food Shelf, October 25-November 21

Hunger is a heartbreaking reality for far too many people—including those living in our own community. Can you help us make a difference this holiday season? Items for the food shelf can be dropped off at any time in the bins located in the Gathering Space. Donations of Scrip Gift Cards or monetary donations (the Food Shelf uses such donations to purchase perishable items such as meat and dairy products) may be dropped off in the parish office.

How can I learn more about ending hunger in our community? Join us for our November “Super Saturday” on Saturday, November 21 when we will transport all food and other donated items to the Farmington Food Shelf. While at the food shelf we will help process the intake of items, learn more about operation of the food shelf, and the needs they face.

Christmas Clothing Drive

November 28—December 13

All are invited to donate coats and other gently used **clean** clothing for our annual clothing drive. Items may be dropped off in the coat room located between the Gathering Space and the Social Hall. Items from the clothing drive will assist the inner city poor of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Music

"St. Cecilia...pray for us."

We could use a few more singers in Choir

November 22 marks the feast day for St. Cecilia, patroness of music. She is often the subject of beautiful stained glass church windows, singing her praise to God, often seated at a small pipe organ. We have this beautiful window in the Chapel, here at the Church of St. Michael.

With the importance the Church places on music in worship, perhaps you have considered singing in the Adult Choir. Or, even to serve as a Cantor. The Choir members will tell you, it is *fun* to sing in Choir; but, more importantly, it gives a new meaning and a sense of fulfillment while singing praise at Mass. As St. Cecilia Day approaches, pray for the discernment to serve in our Music Ministry. Welcome. The only requirement is your enjoyment of music in our faith!

Pope Francis: In His Own Words

Let Us Say "Yes"...

The Living God sets us free! Let us say "yes" to love and not selfishness. Let us say "yes" to life and not death. Let us say "yes" to freedom and not enslavement to the many idols of our time. In a word, let us say "yes" to the God who is love, life and freedom, and who never disappoints. (Homily, June 16, 2013)

Reflection: How can you reject selfishness, idols and death and say "yes" to God today? What do you have to say "no" to today to make this "yes" possible?

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Nov. 14-Nov. 15

Saturday, November 14, 4:30PM

Altar Servers	David Johnson Chris Johnson
Lectors	Vicki Pepera Robert Italiano

Sunday, November 15, 8:00AM

Altar Servers	Ryan Sullivan Tyler Sullivan
Lector	Eugene Brand Nancy Feltes

Sunday, November 15, 10:30AM

Altar Servers	Riley Miller Jake Grundman
Lectors	Joe Hajduk Pat Thurmes

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Nov. 7-

9:00AM	Reconciliation
3:15PM	Reconciliation
4:30PM	Mass

Sunday, Nov. 8

7:30AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Mass
8:30AM	RCIA
9:00AM	KC Pancake Breakfast
9:15AM	Elementary & Middle School Faith Formation
10:30AM	Mass
12:00PM	Baptisms
4:00PM	Elementary & Middle School Faith Formation
6:00PM	Encounter Discipleship

Monday, Nov. 9

7:40AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Word and Communion

Tuesday, Nov 10

5:00PM	Eucharist Adoration
6:10PM	Rosary
6:30PM	Mass
7:00PM	Adult Bible Study
7:15PM	Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, Nov.11—(Building opens 7:15AM)

7:40AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Mass
6:15PM	Choir Practice
7:00PM	Middle School Faith Formation
7:00PM	Confirmation 1 & 2

Thursday, Nov 12—(Building opens 7:15AM)

7:40AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Mass
5:00PM	Caregiver Support Group
7:00PM	Mass of Remembrance

Friday, Nov. 13—(Building opens 6:45AM)

7:00AM	Reconciliation
7:40AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Mass

Saturday, Nov. 14-

9:00AM	Reconciliation
3:15PM	Reconciliation
4:30PM	Mass
5:30PM	Family Movie Night <i>-Home</i>

Sunday, Nov. 15-

7:30AM	Rosary
8:00AM	Mass
8:30AM	RCIA
9:15AM	Elementary & Middle School Faith Formation
10:30AM	Mass
4:00PM	Elementary & Middle School Faith Formation
6:00PM	Amicus Prison Ministry Speaker

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Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

Request registration information

New Address _____

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Financial Update

	Sept. 2015	Sept 2014
Contributions	\$43,157	\$46,617
Expectations	\$46,500	\$50,310
Maintenance Fund	\$3,194	\$3,230
YTD Balance	\$8,384	\$7,218
Capital Campaign	\$12,813	\$10,659
Loan Balance	\$1,010,510	\$1,184,395

Mark Wood, Finance Council Chair, presented St. Michael's 2015 Annual Financial Report at the October 24-25, 2015 Masses. If you would like a copy of the financial report, please contact the church office.



Wondering how you can help? Do you have time during the day to spare? We are currently looking for office volunteers to assist with answering phones, greeting guests, stuffing bulletins and sometimes more. You do not need any computer skills, only a willingness to help. We are in specific need of a volunteer on Mondays and Tuesdays for a few hours. If you cannot offer a consistent day per week, consider being available for last minute fill ins or small projects. Contact Alison Pye at 651-463-3360 or apye@stmichael-farmington.org if you are interested.

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