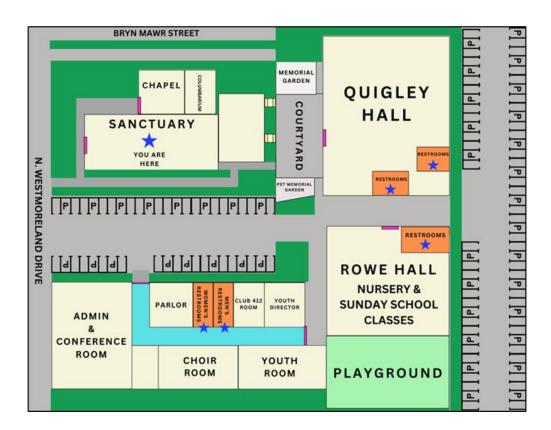
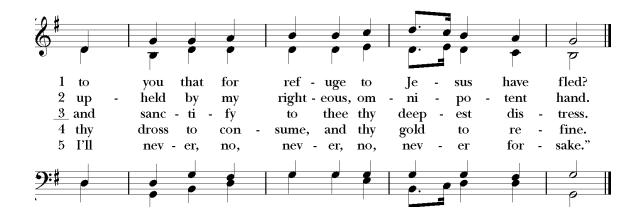


WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us. Welcome home.







LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

Acclamation

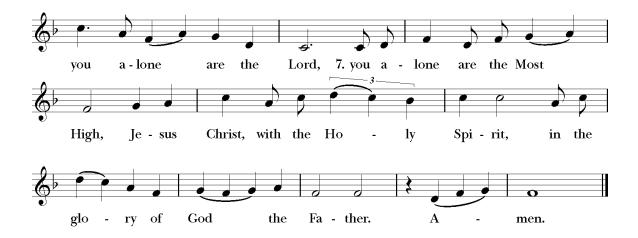
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

All sit.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 (to be read responsively, by half-verse)

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
 he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN

If thou but trust in God to guide thee



Words: Goore Naumark (1691-1681); tr. Catharina Winkworth (1897-1878), alt. Music: War nur lishen Gatt. Goore Naumark (1691-1681).

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 12: 32-40

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

All Stand We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." With confidence in God's unfailing love, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

For the Church: That we may live with open hands and lit hearts, always ready to love, to serve, and to welcome your kingdom breaking in

Lord, make us ready and keep our lamps burning.

For the world and its leaders: That power may yield to justice, greed give way to generosity, and fear be replaced with courage. Awaken in all leaders a longing for truth, peace, and human dignity.

Lord, make us ready, and keep our lamps burning.

For those in need: For the anxious, the grieving, the sick, and the suffering—especially {LIST} and those we name now {PAUSE}: May your healing presence be their treasure, and your love their light in the dark.

Lord, make us ready. Keep our lamps burning.

For those we have loved and lost {PAUSE}: That they may rest in your eternal peace, and that we may live each day with hearts set on eternity.

Lord, make us ready. Keep our lamps burning.

For St. Michael's: That we may continue to grow as a church of watchful faith, generous action, and Kingdom hope. Bless our ministries, our children and youth, our elders and newcomers, and all who seek deeper life in Christ among us.

Lord, make us ready. Keep our lamps burning.

Priest: Gracious and generous God, you call us to stay awake and to live lives of trust and anticipation. Help us to unclench our hands, open our hearts, and prepare our lives for the joy of your coming Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Remain kneeling.
The Deacon then says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(you may sit)

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING ANNOUNCEMENTS CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

THE OFFERTORY What does the Lord require

TEXT: can be found in the blue hymnal in the pews - #605.

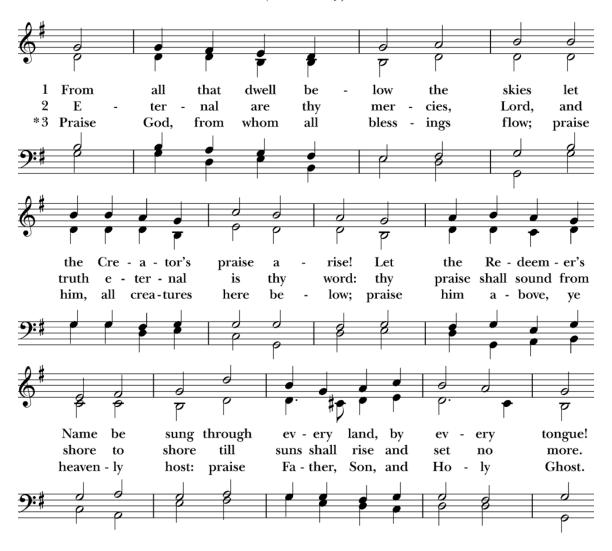
HYMN NOTE: we've only recently, in the past 2-3 years started to sing this hymn – please join in with the choir if you would like! What attracted me was the use of the scripture from Micah 6: "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" – sung at the end of every verse. The complete verse is: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" – which encapsulates our motto: Love God, Love Others, Serve the World.

THE DOXOLOGY

(you may stand)

Praise to God

(Verse 3 Only)



(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

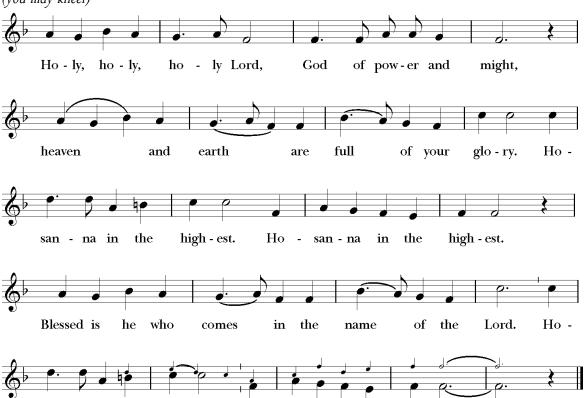
SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

san - na in the

high-est.

(you may kneel)



Ho - san-na in the

high-est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then continues

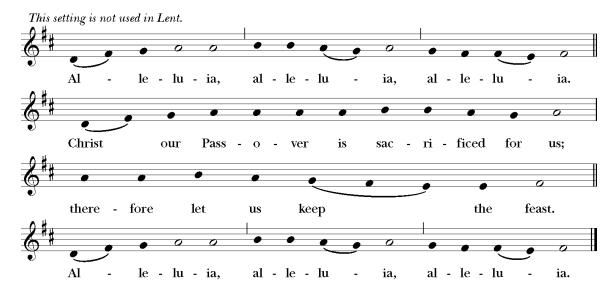
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.



MUSIC NOTE: this music is sung in a style called plainsong (often called Gregorian chant — even though Pope Gregory did not invent it), and also known as plainchant. In it's original form, it would be unaccompanied vocal music used in much of the liturgies of the early Western Church, and continues to be used up to the present day. The unaccompanied use of plainsong continues to be used in Monasteries and Convents. It is characterized by a single line of melody (monophony), free "speech" rhythm, and the use of modes rather than major or minor scales. Plainsong was the primary form of Christian church music until the 800's, when polyphony (two or more sounds happening at once) began to develop.

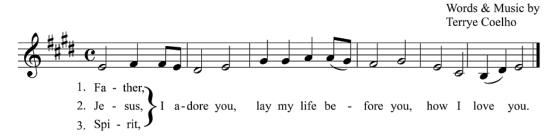
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

Father, I adore you

(Communion Hymn Note: even though there is a fair amount of action going on as people go to receive communion, everyone is encouraged to sing this hymn with the choir)



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LEV SENDING PRAYER

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent out, the following words are said:

The Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. (you may kneel)

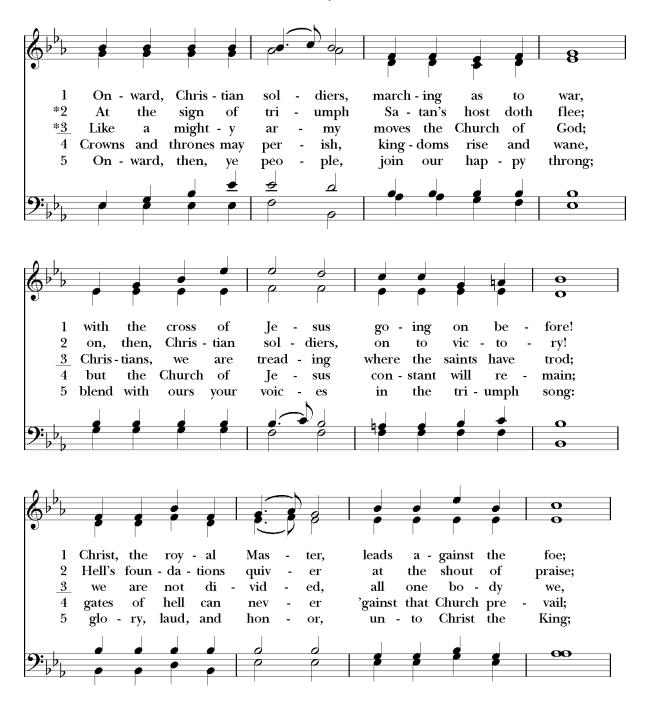
Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Onward, Christian soldiers





DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A minor

J. S. Bach



The flowers are given to the Glory of God

In honor of Colonel and Susan Airth, in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary and 52 years at St. Michael's Church.

Would you also like to sponsor flowers?

These upcoming dates need flower sponsors: September 14, 28, October 12, or you can choose <u>any</u> date in memory, or celebration of a special person, occasion, or thanksgiving.

Ways to sponsor:

- Email <u>ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com</u> or Katrena @ <u>designomight1@gmail.com</u>
- Fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate, and someone will call you.
- Pay online @ https://stmichaelschurch.com on the menu, click give, then on the drop-down menu select flower guild.

The current average cost of Sunday flowers is \$70 to \$100. However, any amount is fine.

"In joy and sadness, flowers are our constant friends." - Unknown.





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have lots of opportunities for you to bless our neighbors as they visit our campus on August 22nd.

Click on this graphic or scan the QR code to sign upl





EYC Beach Day & Lock-in

August 16-17, 2025 2:30pm-9:30am

Attention all 6th to 12th graders! Plunge into the 3rd Annual lock-in extravaganza! Join us for part, or all of the epic excitement—it's going to be LEGENDARY!!! Don't forget to RSVP by August 8th!



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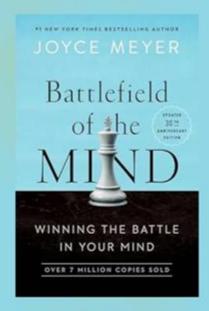
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Bible Babes and Broads August Book Club



Battlefield of the Mind

Winning the Battle in Your Mind

MONDAY, SEP. 8, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

Meet for dinner and discussion. In Battlefield of the Mind, Joyce teaches us how to focus our mind on the way God thinks.

Reach out by July 29th to join the August book club. Bring a friend and purchase the study guide here with the QR code below.

For questions contact Karen Hartner: mondaynightbiblestudy17@gmail.com

Calling All Teen Girls!

Real Girls, Real Faith, Real Fun

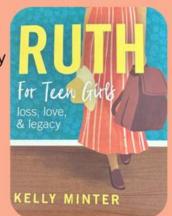
You're invited to an unforgettable journey through the story of Ruth — a girl just like you, navigating life, friendship, loss, loyalty, and discovering God's surprising plans in the most unexpected places.

Join us for a fun, real, and meaningful Bible study based on Kelly Minter's RUTH: Loss, Love & Legacy. This is more than just a study — it's a space to connect, ask questions, laugh, grow, and discover how God is at work in your own story.

When: Starting Thursday, August 28th and continuing every Thursday for 7 weeks from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Where: 1506 Williams Dr. Winter Park, FL 32789

Who: Teen girls



Sometimes the biggest changes start with a simple "yes." So, please contact Kathy Cox at 407-797-6903 or ckjgo1@gmail.com to express your interest.

Pool Party & Meet-and-Greet on August 28th
Bring your towel & swimsuit





St. Michael's Children's Ministry

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Sept 7 • Playground

Bring the family for donuts on the playground at 9:45am







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An Altar Guild Invitation

Would you like to feel the calming presence of our Lord in the busyness of your life?

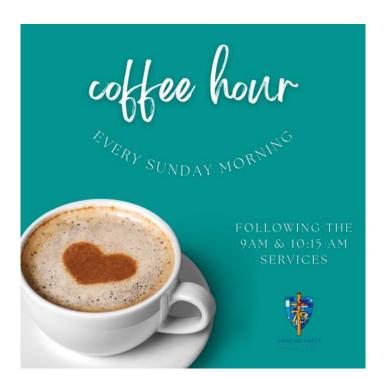
The four rotating teams of Altar Guild have the honor and privilege of this every month.

We have husbands, wives, and moms, dads and kids, and grandmoms, grandpops, and grandkids that participate



We encourage all ages of women, men, and children to join our loving and dedicated members as we prepare and clean up for the various services of St Michael's.

If interested in experiencing the joy of serving the Lord in a behind-the-scenes capacity, please contact the office at 407-843-8448 or Suzanne Thomas, Directress at 407-579-9113 for more information.





Troop 200's most recent Eagle Scout, Hunter Hildebrand, recognized in Central Florida Council Tomorrow's Leaders email.

Eagle Scout Project Revitalizes Garden at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School



A once-neglected garden at the entrance of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School has been beautifully transformed, thanks to the successful completion of an Eagle Scout project led by a dedicated Scout from the Central Florida Council, Scouting America.

The garden, previously overrun with dead bougainvillea, moldy fountains, and weathered benches, has been brought back to life. The project included the removal of dead plants, a thorough cleaning of the area, and the repainting of the fountain and benches—restoring the space into a vibrant and welcoming environment for students, staff, and visitors.

This revitalization effort exemplifies the Scouting values of leadership, service, and community impact. It not only enhanced the school's campus

but also demonstrated the power of youth-led service in action.

The project was made possible through the generosity of the community, raising over \$1,800 through GoFundMe, cash donations, and the Dr. Phillips Matching Eagle Grant.

Now complete, the garden stands as a lasting symbol of growth, pride, and the positive influence of Scouting in our local communities.

Troop 200 Reaches Milestone!





Troop 200's 225th Eagle Scout is Hunter Hildebrand.

Hunter's Eagle Scout project was refurbishing a prayer garden @ St Charles School.

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers:

Barry L., Chris M., Cynthia L., Ella, Erin, Gladys, George T., Isabella, James, Jimmie, Joe, Joey K., John M., Lorelie, Matt P., Paula, Pauline, Polly, Rebecca, Russ R., Tim, Vaughn, Will.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Alexa C., Alyssa R., Andrew, Angie, Ashley T., Austin S., Benny W., Betsy C., Beth, Brigid, Brittney R., Cannon, Carolyn, Caryl, Charlotte, Chris P., Claire B., Colton, Connor R., Cynthia L., Darrell, David B., Deirdre E., Elijah, Erika, Emma, Emily, Eva Q., Eugenia, Felicia, Gary B., Graham, Gylla, Helen, Henry R., Jacob B., Jan, Jason, Jeffrey, Joyce B., Joanne O., Joe H., Justin, Karen C., Karen E., Karen H., Karen M., Kathy G., Kristel, Kris R., Kyle, Lavelle B., Linda, Linda A., Linda T., Lisa L., Lola, Macauly D., Marci A., Margie S., Marion S., Mary, Mary C., Mary Lu, Meredith and Family, Martin, Oliver, Pam S., Paul, Phil, Robert, Ryan, Sarah, Shaun B., Sony, Sonia, Steve, Susan A., Susie D., The Allen Family, Tim, Tracy, Tripp, Virginia C., Wayne, William.

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way:

Aaron D., Bradley H., Carolyn H., Chad S., Christopher E., Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Ben V., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Birthdays:

10: Jan McPherson, 11: AnnMarie Hamilton, George Stiell, Ken Hazouri, 12: Brooke Pope, 13: Jack Berry, 14: Hillary Brightman, Georgia Chapman, Marie Cole, 16: Lolly Murphy

Anniversaries:

14: Roger and Peggy Trubey

Upcoming Funeral Service:

A Funeral Service for Richard "Dick" Peter Basden will be held on September 6, at 10 am in the Church. A reception will follow in Quigley Hall.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N*. as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen*.

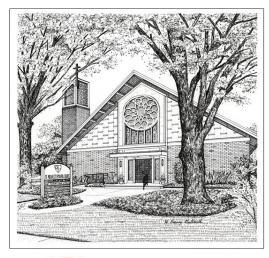
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