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They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord’s departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him “Son of David” and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler’s daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John’s disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

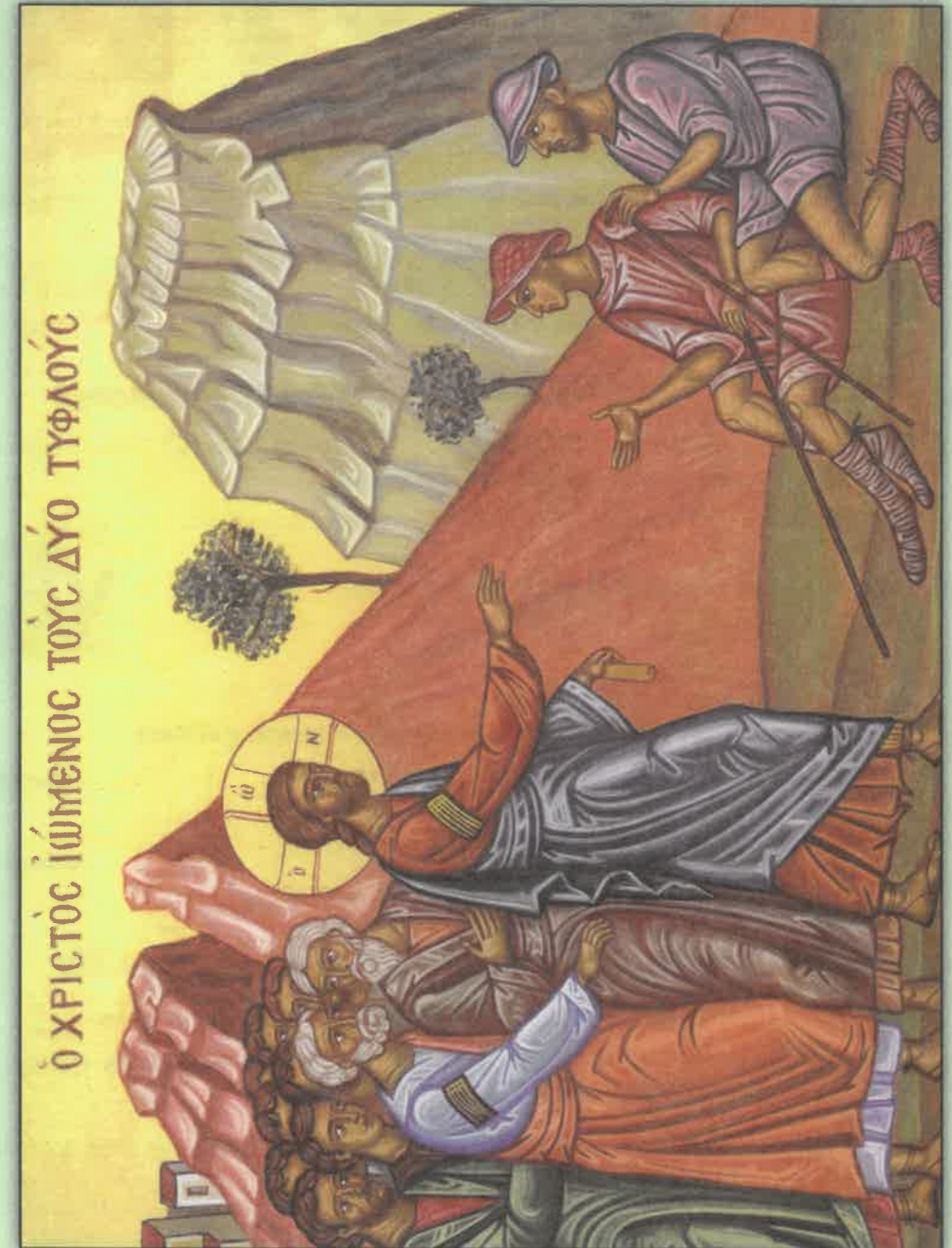
To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!



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SAT., JULY 11
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Mary Lucas requested by: Family
(29th anniversary of passing 7.6)

Health & God's Blessings requested by: Brother: David & Sandra VanSuch
Upon: Denise Cutrone (birthday July 9)

SUN., JULY 12
11:00 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

+William C. Marks Sr. requested by: Sister: Monica & Mike Zipay
(remembrance of 85th birthday today)



Mon., July 13 -
Fri., July 17

Vacation Bible School at Hall



SAT., JULY 18
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Blessing of Cars

+Theresa “Babcia” Vrabel requested by: Family
(20th anniversary of passing 7.10)

+Edward Andrew Tirpack requested by: Family
(remembrance of 96th birthday 7.19)

SUN., JULY 19

11:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils – Blessing of Cars

+Carmen J. McGarry requested by: Wife: Liz & daughters
(remembrance of 73rd birthday 7.16)

+Francis “Babe” Lazorcak requested by: Dave & Annette Hospodar
(23rd anniversary of passing 6.27)



July 13 – Mary Ann Trexler
July 14 – Joan Fuller
July 16 – Wayne Zetts

Church Attendance

Saturday 7/4 – **36** (11:00 am)
Sunday 7/5 – **37** (11:00 am)

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: July 10, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Ted Fesz,
Kathi Klimis, Paul Kotch, Greta Marks, Patty Orenic, Frank Phillips, Martha Swantek.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

Hampton Woods (1517 E Western Reserve Rd., Poland, OH 44514) – Michael Katula.

Church offerings from July 4 & 5, 2026

Sunday Offering....\$2,255.00

Loose Currency....\$95.00

Candles....\$73.00

Holydays....\$445.00

TOTAL: \$2,868.00



July 5th TOTAL:
\$337.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
July 5	\$2,868	\$2,950	(\$82)
YTD	\$74,354	\$79,650	(\$5,296)



Quote of the Week

“The summer night is like
a perfection of thought.”

— Wallace Stevens

Some powerful words from the Bible have been scattered across this puzzle! They're hidden in all directions—can you search through the grid to find each one and reflect on their meaning as you go?

Bible Word Search

ABRAHAM
ANGEL
APOSTLE
BAPTISM
BETHLEHEM



MOSES
PARABLE
PRAYER
PSALM



SAVIOR
SIN
TEMPLE
TRUTH

BIBLE	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	M	T
CHRIST	P	N	H	T	A	I	L	O	G	K	F	G	Q	R	S	M	B
COMMANDMENTS	L	S	A	V	I	O	R	H	Y	F	P	X	D	B	S	G	E
CREATION	Y	S	T	N	E	M	D	N	A	M	M	O	C	K	O	E	T
CROSS	B	S	N	L	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	F	R	N	H
DISCIPLES	J	A	I	O	K	R	L	G	N	G	M	N	S	Y	C	E	L
ELIJAH	O	R	P	N	I	E	E	H	W	O	J	U	E	X	M	S	E
EXODUS	S	P	K	T	G	T	A	Y	S	M	D	K	E	V	B	I	H
FAITH	E	P	J	N	I	J	A	E	A	O	Z	L	M	V	A	S	E
GENESIS	P	M	A	Q	I	S	S	E	X	R	B	T	P	R	H	E	M
GOLIATH	H	T	G	L	N	M	M	E	R	A	P	O	S	T	L	E	H
GRACE	Z	E	E	M	H	A	L	G	R	C	J	R	K	B	L	B	Q
HEAVEN	L	M	Y	C	G	H	R	A	M	F	M	O	I	L	T	N	R
HOLY	T	P	L	C	T	A	P	N	L	K	A	B	N	R	Z	Y	B
JERUSALEM	Y	L	O	B	C	R	G	L	A	P	L	I	U	A	V	M	W
JONAH	V	E	H	E	Y	B	H	P	S	E	L	T	T	T	H	P	L
JOSEPH	K	T	L	M	P	A	J	K	P	M	H	G	F	H	R	K	K

Reflection on today's gospel

In today's Gospel, we become witnesses to the healing of two blind men. Through this life-changing encounter with Christ, we grow in our understanding of healing and salvation, for, in responding to the men's plea for mercy, our Lord receives the two blind men into His presence and heals them. This is the importance of hearing these Gospel lessons: out faith is alive and active. WE are those blind men in today's Gospel; however, it is important to note that Jesus does not perform this great miracle randomly.

The two blind men seek out Jesus; they follow Him, crying out to Him, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" These two men know that God alone can give such a mercy and such a miraculous healing. To test their faith, Jesus asks them even after such a demonstration of faith, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" And they say to Him, "Yes, Lord." But note what Christ says in response, "According to your faith, let it be to you."

Do you see the involvement of their souls here, the relationship which Christ God develops between them and Him? Their will, was to be healed of their physical infirmity, their blindness, but it demanded a great faith from them; it demanded the 'eyes' of faith and the strength of soul. From this, we can observe and understand that Jesus does not heal everyone in our world today; not everyone receives physical healing. It remains a mystery. To some, like St. Paul, who petitioned God to remove the "thorn in his flesh," God's response was, "My grace is sufficient for you for My power is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12). In other words, there was something about that 'thorn' that St. Paul 'needed' if he was to trust in God for his strength, to be humble before Him, to serve God as he did, converting whole nations to the truth of God and His salvation.

While our physical healing involves our will and our souls, the spiritual healing of our souls involves our bodies, our will, and our participation. When it comes to healing our eternal souls, we know that God calls us to salvation from sin-sickness, spiritual sickness, and God gives us a sure and prescribed path toward our healing, our growth, and salvation through His Church. He teaches us how to pray through the Church. He feeds us with the Mystery of the Eucharist through the Church. He teaches us the disciplines of life—fasting and prayer—through the Church. He gives us Confession through the Church to be purified so that we may continue to learn and entrust more of ourselves to Him who is the Great Physician.

Through these 'tools' we progress in the knowledge and love of God. This progress in the knowledge and love of God is meant to be ever active, never 'static.' To become like God, to put on Christ as our Baptismal vows remind us, we cannot fall into the ways of the world or society around us or be 'couch potato' or 'arm chair' Christians. Sure, it is easy to fall into a rut, preferring our own opinions and ways to those of the Church, listening to the culture instead of Christ, but that simply is not Christianity, and it definitely will not bring us the healing that we need.

Our ongoing willingness to be healed, to progress in our healing, is an integral part of our faith and, ultimately, our salvation. We are saved through our faith that manifests itself though our words, actions, and deeds, the living out of that faith. Faith and works go hand in hand. We cannot afford to lay aside our struggle with sin and our obedience to what Christ teaches us through His Church. Christ asks the blind men, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" Through this lesson, and the many other Gospel lessons we observe, we should readily be able to say 'Yes,' for we have been shown the way if we would make use of it.

As we grow, individually and as a Church in our reflection of Christ and His Kingdom, others will find their healing and salvation in Christ as well through our own example. May we each cultivate the attitude of soul and the cooperation of body to follow Christ with all that we have, all that we are, crying out to Him as did the blind men, "Lord, have mercy on us," knowing that He is the Lord who loves us and indeed has mercy on our souls.



Vacation Bible School week is here

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow and will go through Friday. There are 22 kiddo participants and 3 crew leaders who registered. Everyone's excited for a great faith filled, fun and awesome week. Be sure to check our facebook page for highlights of VBS.

2026 VBS Staff

Coordinator - Keri Vokish

Group teachers – Lucy Allen, Sarah Circelli, Elizabeth Dowell, Emily Vasilcheck, & Pam Vasilchek

Crew Leaders – Noah Hicks, Aubrey Vokish, Christopher Vokish

Kitchen – Marcia Turocy, Grace Papini.

A special Thanks to Terry Tirpack, David Penwell, Michael Stanko, Keri Vokish, Phil Ford, and Fr. Kevin for help in setting up tables & items & things needed at the Hall for the program.

VBS donations still be accepted

Many supplies and food will be part of this Vacation Bible School Week. If you would like to make a donation to help with supplies or food, you may do so with the special envelope marked VBS donations in the narthex. Checks can be made out to St. Michael Church. Include your name if you would like credit towards your yearly contribution statement. **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ALREADY MADE DONATIONS TO VBS.**

Blessing of cars / bikes next weekend



In our Holy Church, it has been a nice tradition to bless vehicles in commemoration of the prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. He is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. This year the blessing of vehicles (cars, bicycles, etc.) will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 18th & 19th, following Divine Liturgy. Just as we have our homes blessed each year, everyone is encouraged to bring their vehicles for this Blessing. Remember that this is the ideal time to invite friends and family, who might also wish to have their vehicles blessed.

Faith & Fun Day for Altar Servers – deadline TODAY

The Vocations Office of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a Faith & Day for parish altar servers on **Monday, July 27th** in Pittsburgh. Altar servers who would like to attend, please let Father know by TODAY. The day will include the Divine Liturgy with Archbishop William, visit to the Seminary, Museum of Illusions, Puttshack, and a Pirates Game at PNC Park.

Last call for wedding jubilarians; anniversaries in multiples of 5; submit your names to our pastor by TODAY.

Reverse Raffle tickets now available

Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 5:00 p.m. apps; 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. drawing begins.

200 tickets will be drawn with the grand prize of \$2,500.00. Other cash prizes and games, including liquor bottle card game, bingo, and 50/50. Tickets are \$100.00 & includes dinner, bar, and your number to enter drawing. Tickets are available in the narthex, or by email to stmikesbyzkids@gmail.com Get your lucky number(s) now! Don't wait.



Hall Summer Calendar (events booked)

July 13-17 – Vacation Bible School
21 – Bar room rental

August
Parish Picnic – to be announced

'Harvest Moon Bingo Mania' in Hermitage

St. Michael Church in Hermitage is having a Bingo Mania Night for both the Girls and the Guys on **Saturday, September 26th!** Full Harvest Moon Night! Doors open 5:00 p.m. and Bingo begins 6:00 p.m.; Admission is \$30 (Ages 18 & up); includes 13 Game Bingo Packet + Dauber! Fabulous Harvest Moon Basket Raffle! 50/50 Raffle! Winner receives Half the Cash! Delicious Homemade Concessions. BYOB! We reserve for large groups! Make your reservation today! Phone or Text: Megan 724-699-0613, Renee 724-813-0830, Rozanne 724-854-0868 or Donna 724-877-6736.

St. Mary's Church on Belle Vista to host Virgin Statue

Saturday, August 1st 3:30-4:15 p.m. The statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will be at St. Mary Church (in the church). Guest speaker Catherine Moran. The Forgotten and abandoned Request - the 5 first Saturdays of reparation - One hundredth anniversary.



Always bring your little ones to church. You might have a vocation in the making. 🙏