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Heirs of God

Whosoever fears God and keeps His commandments, is the servant of God. And in this service is not perfection, but the righteousness which leads to adoption. For this cause the prophets also and the apostles, the holy band whom God chose, entrusting to them the apostolic preaching, by the goodness of God the Father became prisoners in Christ Jesus. For Paul says, "Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle" (Eph 3: 1; Rom 1: 1): so that the written law works with us in a good servitude, until we are able to master every passion, and to become perfect in the good ministry of virtue through this apostolic state.

For if a man draws near to grace, then Jesus will say to him, "I will no longer call you servants, but I will call you my friends and my brothers: for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (Jn 15: 15). For those who have drawn near, and have been taught by the Holy Spirit, have known themselves according to their intellectual substance. And in their

knowledge of themselves they have cried out and said, "For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom 8: 15): that we may know what God has given us - "If we are sons, then are we heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with the saints" (Rom 8: 17).

My dear brothers and sisters, and joint heirs with the saints, not foreign to you are all the virtues, but they are yours, if you are not under guilt from this fleshly life, but are manifest before God. For the Spirit enters not the soul of one whose heart is defiled, nor the body that sins; a holy power it is, removed from all deceit.

Truly, my beloved, I write to you as to reasonable people, who have been able to know yourselves. For he who knows himself, knows God: and he who knows God, is worthy to worship Him as is right.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Napkin

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



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SAT., AUG 15

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Andrew Tablack
(remembrance of birthday 8.19)

requested by: Granddaughters

SUN., AUG 16

**The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – within the
Dormition Feast – OUTDOOR DIVINE LITURGY**
Blessing of Teachers & Students

11:00 a.m.

+Agnes M. Kinnick
(25th anniversary of passing 7.10)

requested by: Joe Kinnick

12:15 p.m.

Parish Picnic

**Mon., Aug 17 -
Fri., Aug 21**

No services scheduled this week



SAT., AUG 22

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Betty Talley

requested by: Colleague: Denise Kotasek

SUN., AUG 23

**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Final
day of the Dormition Feast**

11:00 a.m.

+George R. Swantek
(remembrance of wedding anniversary 8.22)

requested by: Wife & Children

+Vera Marie Orosz
(1st anniversary of passing today)

requested by: Husband: Gary



August 16 – Marge Ford
August 18 – Linda Stanko, Gizmo
August 19 – Madyn Brown

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/8 – **55** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 8/9 – **46** (11:00 am)

Friday 8/14 – **35** (4:00 pm)

Pray for the Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & in Recovery updated: August 14, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Andy Arendas, Bonnie Cohn, Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Michael Katula,
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.

Church offerings from August 8 & 9, 2026

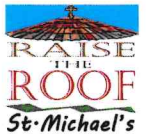
Sunday Offering....\$2,871.00

Loose Currency....\$85.00

Candles....\$113.00

Holyday (Aug. 6)....\$370.00

TOTAL: \$3,439.00



August 9th TOTAL:

\$25.00

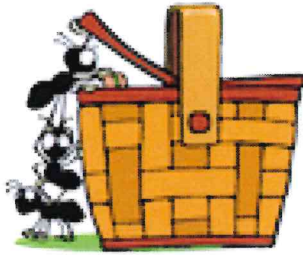
Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Aug. 9	\$3,439	\$2,950	\$489
YTD	\$87,206	\$94,400	(\$7,194)



Quote of the Week

“The beginning is always today.”

— Mary Wollstonecraft



PICNIC

Word Hunt Challenge: Find each vocabulary word in the grid!
They could be hiding in any direction even backwards or diagonally.

Ants
Basket
Basket Handle
Blanket
Breeze
Checkered Cloth
Chips
Cookies
Cooler
Cups
Fruit
Ice Pack
Juice Box
Lemonade
Napkins
Outdoor Fun
Park
Picnic Mat
Picnic Spot
Picnic Table
Plates
Salad
Sandwich
Shade
Snack



Sunshine
Thermos
Trash Bag
Utensils
Water Bottle



Continuing to honor the Dormition of the Theotokos



Today, we continue to celebrate the feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God. As we celebrate today, let us think about the Mother of God and her life. She served the Lord, unbegrudgingly and unreservedly, and she did not truly understand. Her response to Archangel Gabriel and to the Lord was "let it be done to me as you please," and she continued her life in faith, blindly in human terms; truthfully and loyally in terms of her divine Son. She set off in uncharted territory and did so for love of her God. How many times are we called to do the same? How many times in our own world are we called upon to defend our faith and easily relinquish it because of peer pressure and attempting to fit in with those around us?

The Mother of God gave up her entire life from a young girl to her death for our Lord while being human like us--she rejoiced in our Savior's birth; she lamented at His death on the Cross. Her example shows us that faith should be a living, breathing faith, a faith of love, a faith of testament, a faith of endurance unto death. We pray that we can live by the Theotokos' example and allow our love of our faith to shine forth and to help guide those that are lost on the path of life, those that are despondent, those that are hateful and vengeful, those that proclaim to be faithful, yet seek to undermine the teachings of our faith. As we commemorate our 104th year as a St. Michael faith community, let us pray to the Theotokos so that we continue to live a life of faith, not nominally, but through everything that we do and all of the lives that we touch.

Let us rejoice in thanksgiving and celebration today! Let us remember our forefathers and foremothers and the sacrifices they endured to leave us our legacy of faith. Let us support one another and be brave and strong enough to share our faith with those around us, inviting them to our Lord's house to share in His mercy and splendor. May we continue to be a beacon on the hill of an empty town, a source of refuge for those seeking to know God.



Our Parish Picnic TODAY



- 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Divine Liturgy with blessing of students & teachers
12:30 p.m. Food will be served
(Fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, corn, salad
Fruit & desserts brought by parishioners)
Afternoon Music by DJ Medu
Games for kids
bounce house/volleyball/cornhole/trivia/family scavenger hunt
2:30 p.m. Performance by Jacob Latessa

Blessing of Teachers & Students at today's Sunday Liturgy

In preparation for the new upcoming school year, which for several already will begin very shortly, our pastor will bestow God's blessings upon all students and teachers TODAY at the **Outdoor Sunday Divine Liturgy**. Students and teachers are asked to be present to receive this special blessing and to dedicate the upcoming academic school year for the glory of God.

Celebrating 104 Years

Our St. Michael Parish is celebrating our **104th Parish Anniversary!** It was on August 21, 1922 that our St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church was incorporated and acquired a charter from the state of Ohio. Congratulations and Happy 104th Anniversary to parishioners, families, and friends!



Pirohi making begins this week

Volunteers to make dough and pinch pirohi are asked to be at the Hall kitchen on **Tuesdays, August 18th & 25th and Thursday, August 20th**. Start time will be 10:00 a.m.

Requesting bottles for Reverse Raffle

Once again at this year's Reverse Raffle, you will have a new chance to win a prize – a wine/liquor bottle. The PAC, who heads the Reverse Raffle event, is seeking donations of wine or liquor. Donations of wine or liquor should be of better quality, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. Please place donations in the back of the church in the marked bin. For questions or info, you may see Atty. Brian Macala.

Reverse Raffle - get your number now

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.

Did you purposely miss attending church for the Dormition holyday of obligation?



Bore the Savior of the World
Saw her only child crucified
Was transferred bodily into heaven
Yeah, I'd say she was worth coming to church for her Holyday

Kitchen sales to start in September - Come, help

It is only about a month away before our parish food sales start up again for September through April. The food sales are not only delicious, but the profit provides big help in maintaining our parish financially. As a new season begins, EVERYONE is invited to help with as much or as little time you can give. The kitchen crew is not a clique, and there is no boss! Simply, just parishioners who want to work together, have fun, and do this for the church. Consider volunteering with kitchen food sales and helping in anyway!

Friday, September 11 – Halushki Sale, \$10 quart (Drive Thru) 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20 – Stuffed Cabbage Dinner, \$15 (eat-in or take out). 12:00-2:00 p.m.

WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO
TREAT OUR BIBLES THE
WAY WE TREATED OUR
CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us
everywhere?

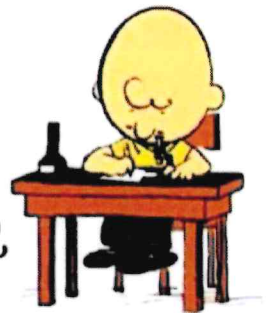
...turn back to get it if
we forgot it?

...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of
emergencies?

...spend an hour or more
each day using it?

What would our lives look like?



Dear GOD,

I already have everything I
could possibly wish for this
year. Got my family, good
friends and LOVE. Please
take care of those who need
you. THANK YOU!! XX