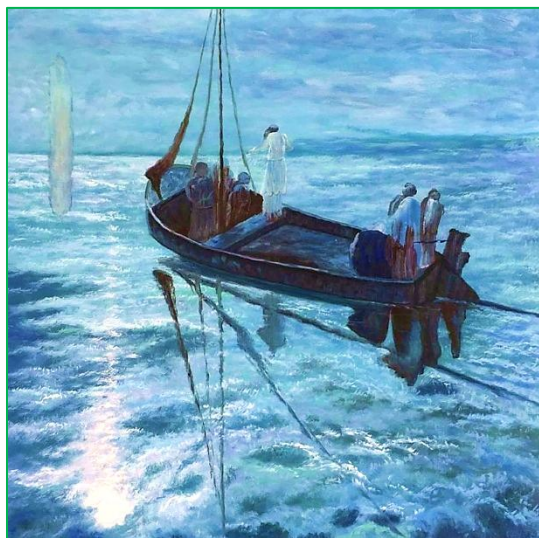


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join us for Holy Mass



**The Disciples See Christ
Walking on the Water**

Henry Ossawa Tanner
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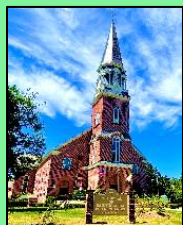
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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F:

12:10 p.m.

Saturday, Vigil Mass:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days:

As noted in the Mass Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

AUGUST 8-16, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday	August 8	4:00 p.m.	†Susan Ferranti
Sunday	August 9	8:30 a.m.	†Yolanda Daley
Sunday	August 9	10:00 a.m.	†Dan LaMontagne and †Ronald LaMontagne (91 st Birthday Memorial)
Domingo	9 de Agosto	11:45 a.m.	†Marta Sánchez
Sunday	August 9	4:00 p.m.	†Deceased Members of the Gardner-Gee Family
Monday	August 10	12:10 p.m.	†Robert Benoit
Tuesday	August 11	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Mary Ann Kuchinski
Wednesday	August 12	12:10 p.m.	†Arthur Spalding
Thursday	August 13	12:10 p.m.	Blessings for Jack LaRussa
Friday	August 14	12:10 p.m.	†Inocencia Cruz (5 th Ann.)
Saturday	August 15	4:00 p.m.	
Sunday	August 16	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	August 16	10:00 a.m.	†Florence Kaplan
Domingo	16 de Agosto	11:45 a.m.	Legión de María
Sunday	August 16	4:00 p.m.	†Horace Gardner and †Nancy Pratt

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 14:22-33, bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080926.cfm

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

AUGUST 1-2, 2026, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Masses (\$2,542.00); Fuel (\$199.00)

Mission Statement / Misión

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

One of my hero saints' feast is coming up this week on Friday, August 14th – St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe - as a young boy he had a vision of the Mother of God, her arms extended toward him, holding two crowns, one white and the other red. Which crown would he choose? He chose both – purity and martyrdom. He joined the Conventual Franciscan Order and was ordained a priest. Maximilian created an association called the Militia of Mary Immaculate,” which was dedicated to promote devotion to the Mother of God, and in doing so, bring others closer to Christ and his Church. The movement grew, and Maximilian became a arduous and outspoken figure. In another time, this might have brought him fame but the time was World War II and Maximilian lived in Poland. The Nazis arrested Maximilian in a purge of Poland's clergy and intellectuals. He was sent to the death camp Auschwitz. There he was stripped of any vestige of his former life. His Franciscan habit was taken away and Maximilian was given a prisoner's striped uniform. His prisoner number – 16670. On July 30, 1941, in retaliation for the escape of a prisoner from the camp, 10 men in his cell block were chosen at random to be executed. Maximilian, seeing that one of the prisoners had a wife and children, volunteered to take the man's place. The Nazis were more than willing to accept his generosity. Maximilian and the other men were stripped naked, locked in a basement cell and left to starve to death. Impatient that prisoners were not dying fast enough, Maximilian and the other remaining prisoners were killed by a lethal injection on August 14, 1941. In 1982, Pope John Paul II declared Maximilian a saint, acclaiming him as a “martyr for charity.” The 20th century has produced more Christian martyrs than all the other centuries combined and the 21st century may surpass that. One of the lessons we might learn from all this is that what we call civilization is a rather thin layer, and what lies beneath this surface is a terrifying heart of darkness. Christians, who are called to live in the truth, must be realists about this and cannot afford to be naive. It was in the heart of civilized Europe, among the fading remains of Christian culture, that the death camps were built and millions of innocent men, women and children were put to death for no other reason than that their very existence challenged the ideological conceits of their oppressors. In the midst of the world's darkness, we're called to be a light in the shadows of this fallen world. St. Maximilian is one such light, his life and death stands as a testimony to Christ, the eternal light, whom the darkness cannot overcome. For too many Christians, the faith is a safe routine, something meant to be comfortable and comforting. The witness of St. Maximilian stands against this illusion. Christian faith is not so much about safety as it is about risk. It's meant to take us out into the world, into the shadows, to be a light to show the way home to those who live in darkness. May St. Maximilian intercede for us. May we imitate his selfless courage. May the fire of his holy light enkindle the embers of faith that may have grown cold in our own hearts. St. Maximilian Kolbe – pray for us!

In 2025 a movie was produced entitled: *Triumph of the Heart – The Passion of St. Maximilian Kolbe*. It is now on DVD with English and Spanish subtitles. It's worth the watch.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: On Saturday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. Normally it is a Holy Day of Obligation but because it falls on a Saturday, the obligation is lifted. However, we will have a Mass for this Solemnity on Saturday, August 15th at 9am in the Cathedral Church. Come and join us to celebrate Mary's feast.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! – To all the members of the Picnic Committee who worked so hard to make our Cathedral Parish Picnic a success. A good time was had by all. To thank everyone individually would be impossible but you all know who you are. I would like to thank Chicopee Provision for the donation of hot dogs. For Fiorentina Bakery for the donation of Italian cookies. For Friendly Ice Cream for their donation of 12 dozen ice cream cups. To the parishioners and friends who prepared food and desserts for our picnic as well as the donation of raffle prizes and scratch tickets. To all those who donated money for the purchase of items needed for the picnic. To anyone I have missed we say to you and to all - **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** It appears that this has become a resurrected tradition for the Cathedral Parish. God bless you all!

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LATE TERM ABORTION BILL IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE: You will see in today's bulletin the letter issued by the Bishops of the 4 Diocese of Massachusetts with regard to Bill H.5595, a bill that would permit abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy through the birth of the baby. This bill was passed by our State House of Representatives with a vote of 119 – 33 on July 22, 2026. The chief sponsor of the legislation was **Lindsay Sabadosa** (D-Northampton). Members of the House of Representatives from our County who voted in favor of this bill were: **Carlos González** (D-Springfield); **Bud Williams** (D-Springfield); **Orlando Ramos** (D-Springfield); **Shirley Arriaga** (D-Chicopee); **Patricia Duffy** (D-Holyoke) and **Aaron Saunders** (D-Belchertown). Those who opposed this legislation from our Country were: **Brian Ashe** (D-Longmeadow); **Michael Finn** (D-West Springfield); **Kelly Pease** (R-Westfield); **Todd Smola** (R-Warren); **Nicholas Boldyga** (R-Southwick). Please pray that the Senate will not pass this devastating bill and will protect the lives of innocent children in our Commonwealth.

COWARDLY MOVE:

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has confirmed reports that in the closing hours of the 2-year legislative session, the Massachusetts State Senate passed legislation to uphold the bill presented in the House as mentioned above and this did this without any public notice on July 22. The Senate passed on a 15-4 standing vote, meaning fewer than half of the chamber's members weighed in and without a record of who voted in favor of the bill." The bill now goes to the Governor for her signature. Pray for God's mercy on our Commonwealth.

Religious Education Classes at the Cathedral (Academic Year 2026-2027)

Religious Education Classes for grades pre-k through high school (grade 12) for the 2026-2027 academic year will resume on Sunday, September 13th. All students must be registered before SEPTEMBER 13th. Please visit the Bishop Marshall Center after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and after the 11:45 a.m. Mass on the following registration dates listed below. Please register in advance on any of the Registration Sundays. Classes begin immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Registration Dates for Religious Education Classes:

August 16th, August 23rd, August 30th and September 6th.

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