

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



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Welcome to the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine is pleased to welcome you. We are an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis faithful to the teachings of the Church and striving to grow as a family of faith through the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and other Sacraments.

In the First Book of *The Confessions*, the other great St. Augustine (of Hippo) wrote the following: “Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee.” Whether you are curious about the traditional Latin Mass and interested in exploring its beauty, searching for a parish community where you and your family will feel at home, or seeking rest for your heart, we hope that the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine can provide that respite for you.

Our bulletin serves to provide information about the weekly activities occurring here at the Oratory. Along with our website (www.stlouislainmass.com), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! *Oremus pro invicem!*

—The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 8:15 am

Confession

- Sunday: 7:00 -7:45 am; 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am – 8:00 am

Divine Office

- Sunday: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm; Compline @ 7 pm
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm & Compline @ 7pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 7 pm
- Wednesday: Compline @ 6:30 pm

Infant Baptism – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month beginning at 10:00 am. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience by contacting the Oratory office.

Adult Baptism – If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, please contact the Oratory office for more information about adult catechesis.

Matrimony – Please contact the Oratory office at least six months prior to the desired date for the rite of marriage. The date is reserved after consultation and confirmation from the Rector of the Oratory.

Extreme Unction/Visitation of the Sick – Contact the Oratory to arrange the sacrament either at home or in the hospital.

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FROM THE RECTOR

Today’s celebration of the Dedication of the Church of St. Michael provides the opportunity to meditate on the interaction of the God’s heavenly messengers and God’s faithful people. Through salvation history, the angels have drawn mankind into relationship with the Triune God by announcing heavenly favor, proclaiming the good news of salvation, calling us to remember the covenant into which we have entered sealed now in the Blood of Christ. Reflection on the power of St. Michael reminds us to call upon him to assist us in our travails with the temptations wrought by Satan. Given the world in which we live, it should be clear that Satan does prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Since we are engaged in a supernatural battle, we should call upon supernatural strength on a regular basis. Praying the St. Michael prayer should not only happen after the celebration of Holy Mass, but also a part of our daily lives as we arm ourselves for the world of today. Have recourse to St. Michael and all the angels to safeguard you from temptation and strengthen you in battle!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 29 September:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- LLA @ 1:00 pm (St. Joesph Room)
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 3 September:

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 1 October:

- Compline @ 7:00 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday 2 October:

- Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 3 October:

- Holy Hour @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 4 October:

- 1st Friday Schedule
- Young Adults @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, 5 October:

- Catholic Latin Study @ 7:00 am
- Knights Exemplification Ceremony @ 9:30 am

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

09/08-09/15 Turntine	09/15-09/22 Haulard
09/22-09/29 Kelly	09/29-10/06 Jones
10/06-10/13 Holman	10/13-10/20 Carapella
10/20-10/27 Cook	10/27-11/03 Hayward
11/03-11/10 Fowler	11/10-11/17 Blum

11/17-11/24 Wisniewski	11/24-12/01 Catalano
12/01-12/08 Kenney	12/08-12/15 Raymond
12/15-12/22 Hayes	12/22-12/29 Schuette
12/29-01/05 Filla	01/05-01/12 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander saalex@sbcbglobal.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 30 September – **St. Jerome**

- 6:30 am: Joseph J. Kovarik (d)
- 12:15 pm: Jacob & Stephanie Maret

Tuesday, 1 October – **St. Remigius**

- 6:30 am: Christi Reinlein
- 12:15 pm: Dennis & Julie Weber

Wednesday, 2 October – **Holy Guardian Angels**

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified
- 12:15 pm: Anthony & Gertrude Buescher (d)

Thursday, 3 October – **Ss. Terese of the Child Jesus**

- 6:30 am: Jim Griffin (d)
- 12:15 pm: Joyce Taylor (d)

Friday, 4 October – **St. Francis of Assisi**

- 6:30 am: Joseph J. Kovarik (d)
- 12:15 pm: Aimee Marks
- 6:30 pm: Anthony Kim Edgar (d)

Saturday, 5 October – **Saturday of Our Lady**

- 8:15 am: Joanna Susovica

Sunday, 6 October – **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: John Leo Inkman (d)
- 10:00 am: Chris Horan & Family

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~ 09/22/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,819.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,797.00
Total	\$ 12,616.00
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 175,467.49

VOCATIONS

In the six years the Oratory has been here at the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist, we have been blessed in so many ways: continued growth in our Oratory numbers; financial generosity; greater ownership and involvement from the Oratory community. All of these blessings have happened while we have experienced various hardships.

One of the hidden blessings has been the generosity of our young people in responding to the call of a religious vocation. Two years ago, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks) departed the Oratory to begin his new life as a Discalced Hermit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. He was followed by Br. Matthew of Jesus and Mary (Kevin Murphy). This past Christmas, Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified (Donald Mueller) joined them at this Carmelite monastery which continues to experience vibrant growth. In addition to these three young men, this past week, Cameron Toal departed the Oratory to begin his formation with the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

In recent months the Oratory has also been blessed with two young women entering consecrated religious life. This past August of 2024, Mary Hampton Hayden entered the Carmelites in Fairfield, Pennsylvania and just this month, Erin Losin entered the Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters in Fort Scott, Kansas.

In just six years, the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine has fostered six vocations and there are many more who have expressed a desire to follow them. Sadly, there are some parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis that have never produced a vocation. We are blessed to have these signs of hope in our midst and should be encouraged to continue upon this great path of Traditional Catholicism. Please pray for the grace of perseverance for our young people already committed to formation. Pray for those who are discerning now their call from the Lord. Parents are exhorted to patience, trust, and confidence in the Lord if their son or daughter expresses an interest in the priesthood or consecrated religious life. And for all of us, let us always strive to keep our eyes on the blessings bestowed upon us; to thank the Lord for those blessings; and radiate joy and hope in this world that desperately needs both.

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VOCATIONS: PART II

The faithful have been asked to pray for the six young people who have entered consecrated religious life or have begun studying for the holy priesthood. Cameron Toal, who is studying with the Institute of Christ the King, has asked for financial assistance during his time of priestly formation. A significant portion of the financial responsibility for their priestly formation rests with each individual candidate. If you are able and so inclined, Cameron would appreciate your assistance. So too, if you have questions about his needs, he will happily respond to any letters he receives. At this juncture, email communication is limited. All donations

should be made out to him. In advance, may God bless and reward your generosity.

His address: Cameron Toal, 1828 Jay Street, Detroit, MI 48207

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OSGA CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024

The Christmas Giving Tree, sponsored by The Almonry, is a way for the Oratory faithful to receive or contribute to local needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from help around the Christmas Season, please let us know by emailing almonry@oratorysga.org with the following information:

- name of person in need and their contact info for delivery
- specific needs in detail, gift cards are acceptable

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HOLY HOUR -THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER @ 7:00 pm

Please join us for a Holy Hour organized by the Oratory Knights of Columbus on Thursday, 10 October from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Oratory. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a priest will be available to hear Confessions. The Schola will chant Compline at 7:30 pm.

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LATIN COURSE

Beginning 5 October, the Cantores Sancti Ludovici and other Latin instructors will offer an 8-week course in Ecclesiastical (Catholic) Latin designed especially for laity. Meeting dates are October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00am-8:00am in the St. Joseph Room. The meetings will be largely stand-alone, so it is not necessary to attend them all. While integrating basic Latin grammar and syntax, this course is primarily intended to increase the devotion and piety of the faithful by offering glimpses of the rich theology and history contained in the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Divine Office, and other Catholic prayers in their original language.

This course is free, but RSVP registration is requested to schola@oratorysga.org. Students must be 12 years of age or older. There is no required textbook, but a list of helpful books will be provided to registrants. We encourage you to join us to learn more about our deep Roman Catholic heritage!

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FACILITIES MANAGER

Effective Friday, 6 September 2024, Joseph Balderrama completed his service here at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine as the facilities manager. Please pray for Joseph and his family as he begins this new undertaking. With his absence, the Oratory now needs to fill this position. The job is posted on the Archdiocesan website. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please follow the application process outlined on the archdiocesan website. It is our hope that this position can be filled as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience during these intervening weeks with the upkeep of the Church and Oratory grounds. This work will be accomplished by volunteers until we can fill the position.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Beginning, Tuesday, 3 September 2024, the prayers for Perpetual Help Devotion will change reflecting a more traditional format to the devotion. So too, Perpetual Help will be prayed publicly only after the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. Those who attend the 6:30 am Holy Mass are certainly encouraged to pray the devotion privately.

CCD

Attention parents! The Oratory is pleased to offer the full Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program this year. Classes will begin Wednesday, 2 October and will be held every Wednesday evening (with some exceptions) in the school building at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116. Children between the ages of 6 and 18 (as of 2/28/24) may participate. The cost is \$25 per child, \$100 maximum per family; online registration is open: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass/giving/funds/ccd-registration-fees>.

Contact Jake & Terri Fowler with any questions: ccd@oratorysga.org.

ORATORY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: BOURBON FUNDRAISER

Please purchase a bottle of bourbon to support the Knights of Columbus at the Oratory. With your \$100 donation, you receive a special edition single barrel bottle of bourbon from Nobleton's Distillery in Union, MO and a chance to become one of 10 raffle winners that will pick the barrel at the Distillery on October 5th. Each bottle will have a custom Oratory Knights of Columbus label. Fundraising has enabled the Oratory Knights of Columbus Council to purchase an AED defibrillator for the Oratory, to fund benches and the ramada on the "piazza" and has provided water, shuttles, and portable restrooms for the Feast of St. Louis. The Knights provide ushers for Masses, sponsor our barbeques and help set up our tents and several other events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Vigil Party/Bounce House.

Please help us raise funds to continue this strong support for the Oratory. Please purchase your bourbon at the following website and enter the passcode "SGSAPICK":

<https://www.nobletons.com/stgregandstaugustinepick>.

Please select "Distillery Pickup" and bottles will be brought to you for pickup at the Oratory in late October. Thank you for your generosity and please feel free to share this information. For questions or alternate arrangements, please contact Jay Petrick at: jayspetrick@gmail.com.

HOMILIES

If you would like to listen to Msgr. Morris's homilies you can find them on our website (see link below). They are usually posted the following week. If you would like to read Fr. Rennie's homilies you can find those on his website (see link below).

Msgr. Morris

<https://stlouislainmass.com/about-us/homilies>.

Fr. Rennie:

<https://michaelrennier.wordpress.com/author/michaelrennier/>

MILES CHRISTI RETREAT

Do you desire to renew your prayer life in Christ? Are you wanting to get away for a weekend to recollect yourself in Jesus truly present in the most Holy Eucharist? Join Miles Christi in Glencoe, MO for a weekend of peaceful silence, contemplation, and prayer! During these silent retreats, there will be spiritual talks, time for private meditation, the Holy Rosary, daily Mass, Adoration, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for confession and spiritual direction. Deepen your relationship with our Lord at these weekend retreats. Space is limited so register today to secure your spot!

Women's retreat: November 15-17

<https://www.mileschristi.org/event/glencoe-mo-3/>

WEEKLY COLLECTION/TITHING

Asking for money is never easy; I am grateful that the generosity of the faithful of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, have made it possible for me to limit asking for money. However, as the new budget is submitted to the Archdiocese, it is time again to encourage your continued support; to ask that everyone prayerfully consider increasing their donation; to ask those who either never give or give little, to consider increasing their donation. I want to specifically encourage those who have not given to share the responsibility of caring for the Oratory along with the other generous members of the community. While the giving of the faithful of the Oratory generally surpasses that of other parish entities, there are still a significant number of registered parishioners who fail to contribute each fiscal year. I realize that the financial situations of each person are unique, and some may not be in a position to give, but I would still ask everyone to contribute something. As I often say when raising money for Covenant Network-Catholic Radio, no amount is too small!

Each year, the needed weekly collection number has increased, and this fiscal year is no different. Beginning 7 July 2024, the targeted weekly collection amount is \$17, 869. The increase reflects the continued growth of the Oratory, more personnel for our liturgical celebrations and the on-going maintenance and improvement of the physical plant itself. Regarding the maintenance and improvement of the physical plant, part of the work on the electric system is included in this new budget. It is also anticipated that there will be some work done on the parking area near the garage. There is still work to be accomplished on the outside of the Church and Rectory as well as work to be accomplished on the whole parking lot.

I would ask everyone for their continued generosity as we continue to grow. Our fiscal responsibility indicates to the Archdiocese our ability to sustain ourselves and contributes to our longevity and stability. In advance, thank you so much and may God reward your generosity.

PARKING ON CAMPUS

The Oratory has the happy problem of more faithful than available parking spaces. It is appreciated that for the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Masses finding a spot can be difficult.

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Please, however, only park in designated areas. Regarding the middle parking lot between the Church and the school building: Park only in those spots that have a parking curb in front of them. **DO NOT** park next to the garage, **DO NOT** park in the spots on the lot east of the garage which are all reserved spots. **DO NOT** park near the trashcans. Your attention to this is appreciated.

BULLETIN DEADLINE (FRIDAYS @ 10AM)

The deadline that LPI has set for our submission of the full bulletin is Tuesdays by 12 Noon each week. Consequently, the new deadline for bulletin submissions from individuals and groups of the Oratory is the prior Friday at 10:00 am.

BLESSED ITEMS

If you wish to have items blessed, please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris or Fr. Rennie have blessed the items Donna Mueller, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). **Please drop off and pick up items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.**

NEW FAMILIES for AUGUST (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Flick Family ~ Katie, Mariella, Catherine, Bernadette, Andrew, Caeli, and David
- Sam Hardy
- The McCurren Family ~ Mitch & Emily, Clare, Paul, and Maeve
- Carson McNellie and Lauren Hearne

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Rosalind Anderson, mother of Agnes Joseph and Robert Anderson
- Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O’Gorman
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund

- Anthony “Kim” Edgar, father of Fr. Zach Edgar
- Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz
- Sharon Koenig, sister of Dottie Schwartz
- Joseph Ley, father of Teresa Holman
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette
- Donald Sunbury, uncle of Terri Fowler

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Hannah Green, daughter of Nicholas & Julie Green; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie, and Renee Weidner.

USHERS’ SCHEDULE

Sunday, 29 September

- 6:30 am** Bill Saccente* Chris Bauman
- 8:00 am** Terry Conway*, Kip Babington, Jeff Martin, Sam Ashlock
- 10:00 am** Joe Gassiraro*, Phil Henzler, Tom Gates, John Simmons

Sunday, 6 October

- 6:30 am** Ben Schubert* Bill Saccente
- 8:00 am** Kip Babington*, Jeff Martin, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer
- 10:00 am** Phil Henzler*, Tom Gates, John Simmons, Mark Scheer

Sunday, 13 October

- 6:30 am** Chris Bauman* Evan Adair
- 8:00 am** Jeff Martin*, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson
- 10:00 am** Tom Gates*, John Simmons, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan

+ Altar Server Schedule: September – October 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
29 September 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Castor Armesto			
	10:00	Simon Wisniewski	John Morgan	Paul Keys	Cabhan Ten Eyck
6 October 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Paul Thomas Blaxton	Peter Blum	Elijah Robeson	Charles Fowler
13 October 2024	6:30	Michael Norfleet		x	
	8:00	Matthew Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Michael Rheinheimer	Avery Blaxton	Matthew Emmet Roberts	Silas Buyle

First Friday / First Saturday

Friday, 4 October 2024	6:30 pm	Michael Turntine	Joseph Noble	Joseph Fowler	Silas Buyle
Saturday, 5 October 2024	8:15 am	Michael Rheinheimer	Michael Rennie	Levi Garvey	Jude Kelly

FROM THE WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: MICHAELMAS AND ITS CUSTOMS *(Excerpted from Dr. Michael Foley, New Liturgical Movement)*

Prince of the Heavenly Hosts

Along with Gabriel and Raphael, Michael is one of only three Angels mentioned by name in the canonical Scriptures, and the only one explicitly called an Archangel (see Jude 1, 9). In Greek, *archangelos* can mean “chief Angel” as well as “Archangel,” the second lowest of the nine angelic choirs. Opinions have therefore varied as to Michael’s exact rank and essence. The Church Fathers saw him as head of all heavenly spirits. Several, drawing from Jewish apocrypha, thought he was the cherub who guarded Eden “to keep the way of the tree of life” (Genesis 3, 24); they referred to him as the *Praepositus Paradisi* or Overseer of Paradise. Centuries later Saint Bonaventure would go even further and posit that Michael is the chief among the Seraphim, the highest angelic order. Saint Thomas Aquinas, on the other hand, places him among the Archangels, the order directly above the Angels but below the Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, and Principalities.

Perhaps the resolution to these diverging accounts is that Michael was an Archangel promoted by God from the lower ranks to defeat Lucifer, who is believed to have been one of the Cherubim. If so, Lucifer’s defeat at his hand would have constituted a special humiliation for the arrogant upstart; it would be like a haughty colonel getting routed by a staff sergeant who was suddenly made, as the Byzantine tradition calls Michael, *Archistrategos* or “Highest General.” Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary is Queen of the Angels by grace but not by nature (as a human being, she is inferior to the spirits above), so too may Michael be “Prince of the Heavenly Hosts” by a divinely-appointed elevation above his natural status.

Michael in the Liturgy

The sacred liturgy mentions Michael several times. In the traditional Roman rite, the incense prayer *Per intercessionem* identifies Michael as the angel who stands near the altar of the temple with a golden censer (Apocalypse 8,3). And the Epistle reading for his Mass (Apocalypse , 1-5) suggests that he is the angel who gave Saint John his vision of the Last Days. The Magnificat antiphon for First Vespers of the feast even includes a direct quote from Michael not found in the Bible, in which he pleads for forgiveness on behalf of God’s people to the Lamb of God who was found worthy of opening the book and loosening its seals (Apocalypse 5, 5-8). The importance of Michael in the Roman Rite is also attested in the Confiteor, which places him behind the Blessed Virgin and ahead of John the Baptist. Finally, the *usus antiquior* invokes Michael as a protector of the Elect not only on earth but in Purgatory. In the third antiphon for Lauds and Vespers on Saint Michael’s Day, the Church sings words that are ascribed to God: “O Archangel Michael, I have appointed thee prince over all souls to be received into eternity.” And in the Offertory Verse at every Requiem Mass, the Church prays that “Michael the standard-bearer may put them [the souls of the faithful departed] into the presence of the holy light which Thou once promised to Abraham and his seed.” He also has the office of *Seelenwäger* or “Weigher of Souls” and can be found in artistic portrayals of the Last Judgment holding a pair of scales containing the deceased. Consequently, cemetery chapels in Europe were routinely dedicated to him, and Masses offered there once a week in his honor and for the souls in Purgatory.

Patron of Defenders

Michael’s violent expulsion of Satan and his manly defense of the Church (if an angel can be called manly) also made him an ideal candidate for a different kind of patronage: protecting Christian soldiers from pagan or heretical armies. One of the reasons that “Michael” was, with the exception of 1960, the most popular boys’ name in the United States from 1954 to 1998 was because the warrior Archangel who defeated Satan and his minions had been invoked to protect our troops against the wicked legions of Hitler and Tojo during World War II. The returning GIs remembered Michael’s patronage and gratefully named their sons after him.

Michaelmas Day

As for the primary feast of Michael in the Roman Rite: in A.D. 530, Pope Boniface II consecrated a basilica in his honor on the Salarian Way about seven miles from Rome, with the ceremonies beginning on the evening of September 29 and ending the following day. Subsequent celebrations of this dedication were held first on September 30, and later on September 29.

Customs

From the Middle Ages until the eighteenth century, Michaelmas was a holy day of obligation and a much-anticipated feast. Parades, fairs, and plays in honor of Michael were common. Michaelmas became a convergence of the sacred, the astronomical, and the practical. Its proximity to the fall equinox made it a magnet for autumnal and harvest observances. Among these were “quarter days,” one of the four times of the year when freemen in England, Ireland, Wales, and Germanic nations assembled to draw up laws, settle their financial accounts, make land deals, and hire servants. To this day the more traditional universities in the U.K. and Ireland call their Fall semester “Michaelmas term,” and courts in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland call the first of their four annual seasons by that name as well.

Besides “Michaelmas,” the feast of Saint Michael had at least two other nicknames. One was “Goose Day” because of a custom of feasting on geese and holding “goose fairs” in which farmers brought their geese to market. A Michaelmas goose was an appropriate way to celebrate the end of the harvest in Ireland and England, especially when the bird in question was a “stubble-geese,” an adult goose that had grown plump on the stubble of autumn wheat fields. A large winged creature makes a fitting tribute to an angel, and a nice fat goose auspiciously evokes the financial hopes of the quarter days.

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***Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!
Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!***

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
**GREGORY &
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Catechism Classes begin soon!

Sign up now!

Classes will be held at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays
at 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116 (the
Immaculate Heart of Mary school building)



Use this code to enroll or to
let us know if you will be
home educating



Email Jake and Terri Fowler with
questions: ccd@oratorysga.org

ORATORY OF SS. GREGORY AND AUGUSTINE

BOURBON FUNDRAISER

Barrel Pick Oct 5th!



SCAN HERE

OR GO TO



<https://www.nobletons.com/stgregandstaugustinepick>

Enter passcode "SGSAPICK" Select "Distillery Pickup"

- Your Purchase of a raffle ticket (\$100) directly supports the Oratory Knights of Columbus. **Only 100 tickets left.**
- You receive a Special Edition Single Barrel Bottle of Bourbon from Nobleton's Distillery.
- You are entered to become one of 10 raffle winners that will pick the barrel at the distillery on October 5th!

Your bottle will be available to pickup at the Oratory in late October Thank you for your generosity and please feel free to share this information. For questions or alternate arrangements, please contact Jay Petrick at: jayspetrick@gmail.com.

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In Collaboration with Nobleton's Distillery





TRANSCEND
CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT


FINDING THE
Peace of Christ
IN THE MIDST OF
EARTHLY CHAOS

Make fun family memories,
seek deeper meaning, and
grow together through the
power of the Sacraments.



**Catholic Families of all
shapes and sizes welcome!**

- Age-specific talks and activities (including child care)
- Holy Mass and Adoration
- Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction available
- Family prayer and discussion
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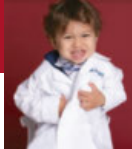
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