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# Funeral Mass for Matthew J. Michaels, Sr.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

August 6, 2025

11:00am



“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”



# Matthew James Michaels, Sr.

**June 3, 1967 - July 30, 2025**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Matthew “Matt” Michaels, Sr., age 58, who departed this life peacefully surrounded by family.

A devoted father, Matt is survived by his beloved children: Matthew (Heather), Mark, Chad (Elissa), Megan (the late Alex Dhillon), and Johnathan (Camryn). He was preceded in death by his cherished son, Kyle. Matt’s legacy continues through

his many grandchildren: Kyle, Anna, Sophia, Matthew III, Dirk, Violet, Kash, Rosalie, Phoenix, Bear, Santino, Walker, Weston, Luka James Dhillon, and Lillian DiLuzio—each of whom he adored and who brought immense joy to his life. He was a loving brother to Shasta Doak and Billy Poppe, and was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Poppe.

Matt had a deep love for music and was always happiest at a live concert or with a great song playing. A passionate fan of sports, especially Cleveland teams, he never missed a chance to cheer on the Browns, Guardians, or Cavaliers—win or lose. But

more than anything, Matt loved being with his family. Whether it was a Sunday game, a backyard gathering, or a simple phone call, time with loved ones was what he treasured most. He will be remembered for his deep love of family, his resilience in the face of loss, and the quiet strength he showed every day. His presence was a steady anchor for those around him, and his memory will be forever cherished.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:00 AM until the time of Mass at 11:00 AM, at St. Augustine Church, 2486 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

## Thank You!

We are deeply grateful for your support and kindness as we say goodbye to Matt. Your presence today is a testament to the love and respect you had for him.

*Thank you for standing by us and sharing in our sorrow, and for your compassion during this time of loss.*

***The Michaels Family***

## Prayer of Commendation

### Recessional Hymn

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God his son not sparing,  
Sent him to die , I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,  
My God, how great thou art!

### *How Great Thou Art*

*Stuart K. Hine*

## Order of Service

*(Stand)*

### Introductory Rites

#### Greeting

#### Entrance Hymn

*Be Not Afraid*

*Bob Dufford, SJ*

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you!

### Opening Prayer

*(Sit)*

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Isaiah 25:6, 7-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations. he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth;  
for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God,  
to whom we looked to saved us! This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**



### Communion Hymn

*Peace is Flowing Like a River*

Carey Landry

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me.  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me.  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Healing's flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me.  
Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Final Commendation (Stand)

### Invitation to Prayer

### Song of Farewell

*Go In Peace*

Sarah Hart

There will be no more darkness, there is no more night, no more night  
There will be no more sadness, only joy and light, joy and light  
Lift your eyes beyond the hills and see the dawn  
There is beautiful mercy in the arms of the Holy One.

Go in peace, God be with you, go in peace, be at rest  
With the saints and the angels now you are free  
go in peace.

See, the Father is waiting with a robe of white, purest white  
Go and feast at his table with the bread of life, bread of life  
Lift your heart, rejoice and sing for you are home.  
Home at last and forever in the arms of the Holy one.

## Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*(Kneel)*

## Mystery of Faith

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
Until you come again; until you come again.*

## Doxology and Great Amen

*Amen, amen.*

## Communion Rite *(Stand)*

## The Lord's Prayer

*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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever...  
  
Amen.*

## Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your Spirit.**

## Fraction Rite

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.*

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

**Response:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures He gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.  
He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. **R**

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;  
For You are at my side with Your rod and Your staff that give me courage. **R**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R**

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34-36, 42-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Response: **Glory to You. O Lord**

At that time Jesus answered: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
*(Sit)*

**Homily**

*(Stand)*

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Response: **Lord hear our prayer.**

*(Sit)*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

*John Newton*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

**Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts**

*Priest: “...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty father,”*

*(Stand)*

**Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the  
praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all  
his holy Church.**

**Eucharistic Prayer Preface**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And with your spirit.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**It is right and just.**