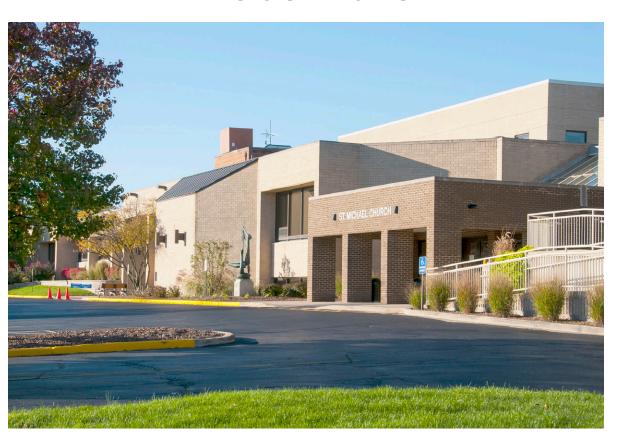


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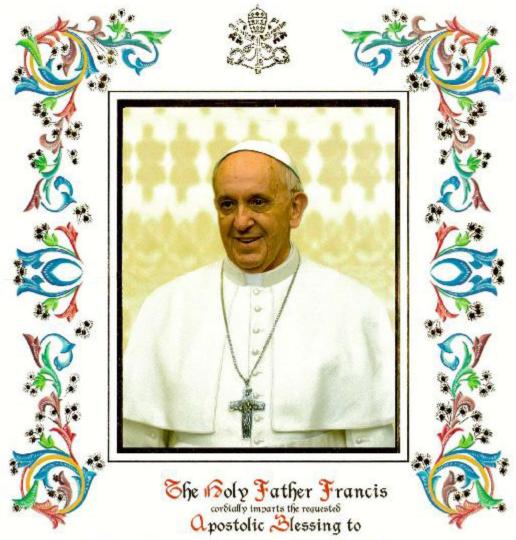


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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Michael Parish, I welcome this opportunity to offer you my heartfelt greetings and best wishes. The gift of Catholic faith that you share is precious and I assure you that our entire Archdiocesan family is grateful for your 150 years of faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The multiple ethnicities and generations that make up your parish community are a blessing. The deep faith, steadfast commitment and ongoing collaboration present since the parish began in 1867 in Orland Park are still reflected today in parishioners and pastoral staff. Many thanks for your lives of faith and for the many ways you have contributed to the life of your parish. With you, I thank your pastor, Father Paul Burak, and the many priests and religious who have served your parish so generously over these many years.

Be assured of my continued prayers as you begin the next chapter in the history of St. Michael Parish. As you continue to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in service to one another and to the community, may you continue to build on the parish's strong tradition as a witness of faith, love and hope in the years ahead. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine. Wishing you every blessing, and with kind regards I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

St. Michael Parish Orland Park, Illinois 150th Anniversary

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August 16, 2017

Rev. Paul Burak St. Michael Parish 14327 Highland Ave. Orland Park, IL 60462

Dear Father Burak,

Congratulations to you and the good people of St. Michael Parish as you soon celebrate the parish's 150th Anniversary. It is truly cause for joy as you remember the past and continue the traditions into the future. The many activities of your sesquicentennial year are a testimony to the vibrancy of the parish and the faithfulness of the parish family.

It is always humbling to remember the pioneers of the parish that worked with such devotion to form a new parish community so many years ago. You and the present parishioners are the fortunate beneficiaries of the legacy of those priests, sisters, and parishioners who laid the first physical and spiritual cornerstones of St. Michael Parish. For 150 years, the faithful have found a home in their church.

Thank you for the invitation to the jubilee Mass. I am so sorry that my schedule does not permit me to attend. I will keep you and the St. Michael Parish community in my prayers as you celebrate this milestone as a parish family of faith.

Sincerely vours in Christ.

Most Reverend Andrew F. Wypych, D.D.

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August 9, 2017

Dear People of St. Michael,

I am pleased to congratulate St. Michael Parish as it comes together to remember its great history of 150 years.

It is a time of pride and gratitude as the names of pastors, religious women, lay staff and dedicated parishioners who have formed the various chapters of this great parish are recalled.

With God's presence and guidance, St. Michael parish has served and influenced the Orland Park area. It has given rise to several new parishes each with their own identity and mission.

May we all come together at this time to thank God and each other for our time together in the great parish that is St. Michael.

> Yours in Christ, + John L. Garman

Most Rev. John R. Gorman Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Congratulations to the people who are St. Michael Parish as you celebrate your 150th Anniversary! One of the great blessings of my life is that for 21 years – four years as Associate Pastor and later 17 years as Pastor – I was part of that wonderful faith community.

I hope and pray that for at least another century and a half, your parish will continue to nourish and form people with God's Word and His Sacraments and that the people of St. Michael's will continue to "use your gifts in the service of one another."

God Bless,

Fr. Ed McLaughlin



Dear Friends,

I want to offer my good wishes to all of you on the occasion of St. Mike's 150th Anniversary. I was happy to be a part of this great parish as its pastor and have many wonderful memories in our common faith journey. Each generation has added a layer of faith to the fabric of St. Mike's. Such wonderful growth always involves a struggle, but the rewards are well worth it. The Gospel calls us to use our talents to add another layer to that fabric of greatness.

Please never forget the many past parishioners, priests, deacons and parish leadership who have provided a firm foundation of faith which has enriched your personal spiritual life. Please challenge yourself as to what you will add to that foundation to enrich the next generation of St. Mike's parishioners.

May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you, provide you with the spiritual strength needed for your daily life and sustain you with good health.

Happy anniversary to all!

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Rev. Michael Hack

September 29, 2017



September 29, 2017 Feast of Saint Michael

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a year we have just completed together. We began with a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes. We asked our Blessed Mother to pray for us as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

We began 2017 with a musical expression of the power of faith. We even had a song written to make the year extra special. This was our winter celebration. In the spring we offered a Parish Mission with Fr. Ron Hoye. The church was filled to capacity because faith needs to stretch and grow.

In the summer we shared a parish picnic. This was important because faith also needs to play. In the fall we share our dinner/dance because faith laughs and dances (and eats) when days get filled with challenges to our faith.

All this took place in addition to all the ministries of our parish. Saint Michael is alive and well. I want you to know as your pastor that I am very proud of all of you.

Not only am I proud but I also love you as the people of God at Saint Michael Parish. It is a joy and honor to serve you. IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE PARISH, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A JUBILEE YEAR.

This attitude of gratitude comes together as we celebrate Eucharist with our Cardinal Blasé Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. We are proud to be part of an Archbiocesan Church.

In the name of our Parish Staff and our Parish Pastoral Council, I wish you the peace that comes from being in love with Jesus. Let us together – in faith – begin the journey to another 150 years.

Rev. Paul C. Burak

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Pastor

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DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN

MAYOR

April 28, 2017

Rev. Paul C. Burak St. Michael Parish 14327 Highland Avenue Orland Park, Illinois 60462

Dear Father Burak:

As Mayor and on behalf of the residents of the Village of Orland Park, it is my distinct pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to you and your entire congregation as you celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St. Michael Parish

A strong faith community adds immeasurably to the quality of life of all of our residents. I am proud to be mayor of a village with so many strong faith communities and proud to be a St. Michael parishioner Since 1979.

Thank you for the important role you have played in our Orland Park for 150 years.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McLaughlin

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August 8, 2017

St. Michael Parish 14327 Highland Avenue Oak Park, IL 60462

Dear St. Michael Parish:

I write to offer the best wishes of the Orland Park community as St. Michael Church celebrates its sesquicentennial --- 150 years of serving the area.

Orland Park shares your anniversary year as the village is celebrating its quasquicentennial --- 125 years as a municipality in the State of Illinois.

Growing up in Orland Park, I remember St. Michael as a pillar of the community. While we weren't parishioners, I remember playing my first youth football game at Coyle Field. And, I have attended many weddings and special events hosted by friends who attend St. Michael.

It's amazing to find an Orland Park institution that encompasses the age of the village. St. Michael Church was serving Orland Township for 25 years before the Village of Orland Park was formed in 1892.

I was curious to know what else was happening when St. Michael Church formed in 1867. The first town election had been held in 1850 with 31 votes cast. The first post office in Orland Township was established in 1848 and the first school was reportedly built around 1849-50, which was when the township also ordered the first road be built.

Christian Battenhouse was township supervisor in 1867 and was succeeded that same year by John . Humphrey who went on to incorporate the village and served as Orland Park's first mayor. And that same year, in 1867, St. Michael Church celebrated its first mass at 159th Street and Will-Cook Road at what is now St. Michael Cemetery.

Thank you to the people of St. Michael for being such an important part of the Orland Park community for the past 150 years.

Sincerely,

Keith Pekau, Mayor Village of Orland Park MAYOR Keith Pekau

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A proclamation declaring Sunday, October 1, 2017 as St. Michael Parish Day in the Village of Orland Park

Mhereas, St. Michael Parish in Orland Park was founded by a small group of Luxembourg immigrant families with the church's first Mass being celebrated on September 29, 1867 at 159th Street and Will-Cook Road; and

Mhereas, on August 10, 1924, St. Michael celebrated its first Mass in the new white frame church at 143rd Street and Highland Avenue with the first resident pastor, Rev. William A. Gory, being appointed two years later; and

Othereas, it was Illinois State Senator John Humphrey who moved to have the Village of Orland Park incorporated as a municipality on May 31, 1892, going on to serve as the village's first president until his death in 1914; and

Mhereas, it was after the Great Depression and World War II that the long awaited St. Michael School opened in 1949 under the auspices of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine, Kentucky; and

Othereas, for many years, St. Michael Parish served the spiritual needs of residents throughout the region with other parishes being formed throughout the years to serve the growing south suburban area; and

Mhereas, as the Village of Orland Park marks 125 years in 2017, the Orland Park community warmly congratulates St. Michael Parish on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, its sesquicentennial.

Now, therefore, I, Keith Pekau, president of the Village of Orland Park in the Counties of Cook and Will, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 1, 2017 as St. Michael Parish Day in Orland Park extending the best wishes of the community to this outstanding Orland Park institution.

Signed:

Keith Pekau, Mayor

Village of Orland Park

Dated this first day of October, 2017.

150th Anniversary Prayer

God of all Generations,
Thank you for pouring out your gifts upon us
these past 150 years.
We, in turn, make a gift to you
of the vibrant Church community
that is St. Michael Parish.
Infuse us with your Holy Spirit
as we continue to grow in discipleship.
Remain with us
as we seek to spread your Light and Love
to everyone we encounter.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

150th Anniversary Prayer

Dios de toda generación,
gracias por derramar tus dones sobre nosotros
en estos 150 años.
Nosotros, a cambio, te damos el regalo
de la Parroquia de St. Michael,
Iglesia de una comunidad vibrante.
Permanece con nosotros
mientras esparcimos tu luz y amor
a todos en nuestro encuentro.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amén.



Arise, and Let Us Be Like God Words and Lyrics by Rory Cooney

Arise, and let us be like God, and may our life shine bright,

A beacon set up on a hill,
to freely lavish light, to freely lavish light.

Our healing rain we gently send wherever hearts are dry;
Arise, and let us be like God
of rain, and earth and sky, of rain, and earth and sky

Arise, and let us be like God, Who gather in this place
To make a church of living stones
From every age and race, From every age and race.
Give thanks with all who went before And gather 'round in love.
Arise, and let us be like God
So all may have enough, So all may have enough

Arise, and let us be like God, Rejoice with song and tears with those whose faith prepared the way through caravans of years, through caravans of years, whose dreams took form in brick and glass, in table, font, and wood, and let their mission live in us who seek each other's good, who seek each other's good.

Arise, and let us be like God, and hear the Father's voice,

Take up the gentle cross of Christ
and with the church rejoice, and with the Church rejoice.

The Spirit it sends us bearing gifts to serve the world abroad,
Arise, my friends, with Christ arise
and dare to be like God, and dare to be like God.

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LEVANTAOS Y SEAMOS COMO DIOS

Words and Lyrics by Rory Cooney

Levantaos y seamos como Dios Que nuestra vida brille Un faro en la montaña, y libres derrochar luz, y libres derrochar luz La fina lluvia que sana enviamos a donde seco un corazón está Levantaos y seamos como Dios De lluvia, y tierra y cielo, De lluvia, y tierra y cielo.

Levantaos y seamos como Dios
Reunidos en este lugar A hacer Iglesia de piedras vivas
de toda raza y edad, de toda raza y edad
Da gracias con todo el que se ha ido y reunidos con amor
Levantaos y seamos como Dios Para
que a todos nada falte, que a todos nada falte

Levantaos y seamos como Dios

Alegraos con canto y llanto Con quien con fe preparan el camino
Con caravanas de años, con caravanas de años,
Cual sueños formados de muro y cristal altar, pila y madero,
y su misión vive en nosotros
Quien busca el bien del otro, quien busca el bien del otro.

Levantaos y seamos como Dios Y del Padre escucha la voz Toma la suave cruz de Cristo y con la Iglesia goza goza, y con la Iglesia goza El espíritu envía llevaderos dones para servir al mundo entero Levantaos, amigos, con Cristo levantaos, Y Atrévete, sé cómo Dios, Y atrévete, sé cómo Dios.

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150...and our story is still unfolding

Saint Michael Catholic Church, Orland Park, Illinois

1867 Timeline of Events

January 8	African-American men are granted the right to vote in Washington, D.C.
February 7	Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House series, is born.
February 17	The first ship passes through the Suez Canal.
March 1	The University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign is chartered and opened one year later. Nebraska became the 37 th State
March 2	Congress passed several Reconstruction Acts.
March 30	USA buys Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 or 2¢ per acre ("Seward's Folly").
April 16	Wilbur Wright is born near Millville, Indiana.
May 7	Chemist Alfred Nobel obtains a patent for dynamite. Later, he used his earnings to create the ongoing Nobel Peace Prize.
May 23	Jesse James robs his first bank in Richmond, Missouri. Two people died and \$4,000 was taken.
June 8	Frank Lloyd Wright is born in Richland Center, Wisconsin.
June 19	J. Gilpatrick aboard Ruthless wins in 3:05 at the first Belmont Horse Race.
June 29	Pope Pius IX, on the 18 th centenary of the feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul, announces his intentions to hold an ecumenical council.
July 17	First American Dental School is established at Harvard University.
August 1	African-Americans vote for the first time in a state election in the south (Tennessee).
September 14	First volume of <i>Das Kapital</i> is published by Karl Marx.
November 25	Congress looks into impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.
December 29	First telegraph ticker is used by the brokerage house Groesbeck & Co. in New York.
December 31	Yellow fever kills 3,093 in New Orleans during the year.

2016 Timeline of Events

January 15 Center for Disease Control issues a travel warning for the Zika virus. Pope Francis meets with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirilli, the first encounter in history February 12 between a Roman Catholic pope and a Russian Orthodox patriarch in the nearly 1,000 years since Eastern Orthodoxy split with Rome. March 4 EU Migrant Crisis begins. March 19 Papal encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* on love in the family is issued. President Obama visits Cuba. Marcy 20 June 23 United Kingdom withdraws from the European Union (Brexit). July 26 Hillary Clinton makes history as the first female presidential nominee of a major party. August 5-21 Rio Olympics. September 4 Pope Francis canonizes Mother Teresa of Calcutta. November 2 Chicago Cubs win the World Series. November 19 Chicago Archbishop Blasé Cupich is elevated to Cardinal. November 20 Jubilee Year of Mercy ends (started December 8, 2015). St. Michael Parish was a pilgrimage site. December 8 John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962, dies at age 95. December 20 For the third consecutive year, Illinois has lost more residents than any other state, losing 37,508 people in 2016. This puts its population at the lowest level in nearly a decade. **2017 Timeline of Events** Donald Trump is inaugurated as the 45th President of the U. S. January 17 World Meteorological Organization announces that 2016 was officially the Earth's January 18 warmest on record. January 21 Renew My Church groupings are announced.

April 1 Knights of Columbus Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #10858 celebrates 25th year

anniversary.

Catholic Church commemorates the 100th anniversary of Fatima apparitions. May 13

Francisco and Jacinta Marto are canonized.

July 1 Increase of Illinois income tax takes effect.

July 6 Illinois passes state budget after a 2-year impasse.

July 17 University of Chicago Medical Center opens in Orland Park, Illinois.

August 2 Cook County soda/sweetened beverage tax takes effect.

August 21 First total solar eclipse to traverse the contiguous United States since 1918.

"Write down all that has happened to you." Tobit 12:20

May this anniversary booklet remind us of our roots and our many spiritual blessings, enhance our connectedness, and give testimony to God's faithfulness to us and ours to God. May it encourage and inspire us to walk with God in community with others

St. Michael Parish History 1867 — 2017

With hectic suburban living schedules, modern conveniences like electricity and indoor plumbing and a large parish of almost five thousand families, it might be difficult to relate to our early predecessors of the first St. Michael Parish.

The Civil War of the early 1860's had just ended, yet turmoil, both political and economic, was prevalent in much of Europe. The tiny, German-speaking country of Luxembourg was no exception to this unrest. Torn by the strife in their homeland between the feuding factions of Germany and France, many courageous Luxembourgers set sail for America with a hope for a better, more democratic life. Several of those Luxembourg families settled in the western edges of Orland known as Goodings Grove near 153rd and Bell Road in Homer Township.

At the time America was an agrarian nation. These hardy, hard working farming families of early St. Michael's did well in their newly adopted surroundings. Their need to congregate and celebrate their Catholic faith was a concern that was addressed by these neighboring farmers in 1866. Their determination led to the construction of our first church, a tiny 20 by 30 foot wooden structure on land donated by Matthias Wagner at what is now 159th and Will-Cook Road, the location of the current St. Michael Cemetery. Our late mayor and parishioner, Fred Owens, was interred there after his untimely death. On the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1867, the first Mass was said. Our evolution had begun.

A few years later a more suitable church boasting a bell tower and steeple was built at Will-Cook Road and 151st St. The bell from that structure is part of our current church's three bell system. This beautiful frame country church was built on land donated by John Jungles.

A visit to the Hostert cabin on West Avenue might help in understanding the way of life of these early settlers. The Hostert family has long been a name associated with generosity and involvement in St. Michael's parish life. Life on the farm was difficult, with fields to plow by horse and plow only, chickens and livestock to feed, crops to harvest and rigorous daily chores to meet. It was a life close to nature, one of God's greatest reflections.

St. Michael Cemetery contains the graves of many of our early parishioners: Wagner, Jungles, Hostert, Lucas, Bremmer, Weis, Weiler, Gerlock, Cox, Homerding, and Welter; who made their mark in our parish and community history.

Back then, Mass at St. Michael's wasn't weekly but monthly. A Benedictine priest from the north side of Chicago would travel on horseback to say Mass and stay with parishioners for a few days before heading back to Chicago. Early parishioners would spend time after Mass socializing and exchanging stories of births, deaths, and marriages while the children would play nearby and the teens romantically eyed one another from a distance.

The early 1870's saw the erection of the first St. Michael School, a two story frame structure with a school room on the first floor and housing facilities for a lay teacher on the second floor. The school's intermittent existence lasted until about 1916. Our current school opened in September 1949.

In addition to the Benedictines, priests from Lockport also served the parish into the early 20th century. Jesuits, with names like Preuss, Calhoun, Daley or Zurlinden, took over the duties of the earlier Benedictines from 1905 to 1926.

It is not clear whether it was Father Calhoun or Father Daley who made the decision to move the parish to Orland Park, but on Palm Sunday of 1923 Mass was celebrated in the town hall of Orland Park. Father Daley purchased land west of town that had been used as a pasture with a creek crossing it (Highland Avenue—The creek still runs under the parish parking lot.). Ground was broken on May 15, 1924 at the current site for a new white frame church where the congregation gathered for the first time on August 10, 1924. The former church in Goodings Grove was scarred and weathered from over 50 years of use. With the emergence of the railroad through Orland Park, the simple agrarian way of life gave way to a small country village way of life.

Orland Park was a predominantly Protestant town that rendered a cold shoulder to St. Michael's in the beginning, but in 1926, Cardinal Mundelein named Father William Gorey as the first resident pastor for the next ten years. Father Gorey and his brother erected a temporary frame rectory behind the church until the red brick rectory was built.

Orland Park not only saw the arrival of St. Michael Catholic Church in the 1920's but also electricity, Prohibition, the 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression. Father Rooney took over as pastor from 1936 to 1944. Father Rooney is best remembered as the pastor who led his parishioners through World War II, holding novenas and special prayer services for St. Michael servicemen overseas.

Father Kilbride took over as pastor in 1944. During his tenure, the Catholic elementary school became a reality, being staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Kentucky and several lay teachers in a red brick two story building that opened September 14, 1949. Such was its popularity that classes went on a double shift to accommodate attendance. Sister Helen Marie was the first principal.

Upon Father Kilbride's transfer, Father Coyle took over as pastor. Under his tenure the frame church was extended, providing an additional 100 seats for a total capacity of approximately 250 people; and the completion of the St. Michael gymnasium, which was used for school activities, adult meetings, and Masses on the weekends to accommodate the ever expanding mass crowds, and parties. It was also under Father Coyle that St. Michael's saw the addition of an associate, Father Rudcki. Father Coyle also saw the building of a new rectory, new classrooms, and the permanent church, where the first Mass was offered in June 1969.

Monsignor Gorman, now Bishop Gorman, took over as pastor upon Father Coyle's retirement in 1974. It was at this time that the opening of Orland Square Mall ushered in a population boom in Orland Park. This population boom led to an increased Mass schedule and overcrowded Masses. Under Monsignor Gorman's tenure, the parish saw a governing structure emerge that recognized the gifts and ministerial callings of the parishioners, i.e., programs for baptisms and funerals, programs for teens and parents, religious education, Christ Renews His Parish, theology groups, hospital and nursing home visitors and various other parish ministries. He was also instrumental in restructuring and refurbishing the church to alleviate the overcrowding, creating a climate- controlled narthex for religious ceremonies and social gatherings, the commons and chapel to serve as needed for mass, religious and social needs, and the ARC that served as the parish library and meeting room. In addition to all these accomplishments, Bishop Gorman is best remembered as a pastor who knew his parishioners by name and greeted them that way.

After Monsignor Gorman's transfer to a post with the Archdiocese, Father McLaughlin, a former associate, became pastor in 1986. Bishop Gorman (formerly Monsignor) characterized Father McLaughlin as a bright and dedicated pastor with a great staff who provides wonderful liturgies and gifted spiritual leadership for the parish. He continued the programs started during Monsignor Gorman's tenure and continued fostering the caring and warm attitude of welcoming St. Michael's has become known for. Father McLaughlin believed that one of the greatest benefits of St. Michael's size was the empowerment of the laity.

Also in 1992, Rev. Leo Lyons formally retired from active ministry, but continued to serve at St. Michael Parish, celebrating liturgies, hearing Confessions, and presiding over weddings and funerals. "Is anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week?" was his trademark question. He was always willing to lend a hand when needed and served as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council and at Brother Rice High School. In addition, he was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Reber-Tesmond VFW Post. Father Mike Nacius served as associate during the 1990s and was well known for his work with and support of the Youth Ministry as well as establishing the Outreach Ministry Team, which responds to people asking for help with alcoholism or addiction.

During the 1990's Simbang Gabi, a Christmas celebration of the Filipino community began to be celebrated at St. Michael's. The official observance is from December 16 until the Feast of the Epiphany on the first Sunday of the year. Attending the Masses is meant to show devotion to God and heightened anticipation for Christ's birth, and folk belief holds that God grants the special wish of a devotee that celebrates all nine Masses. The Archdiocese of Chicago began an Ethnic Ministry, and the goal was to pass on the cultural heritage through faith, love and pride. Jerry and Tita Oblena organized the first Simbang Gabi celebration. Volunteers included the late Ben Albovias, Evelyn Cerceo and Fati Maglaya. Other Filipino participants in the parish's Simbang Gabi celebration included Dr. Norval Cocadiz (chairperson), Bay and (late husband Caloy) Galvez, Gil and Delia Perez, Greg and Melinda Tolentino.

Among the lay ministries during this period was the Unemployed Support Group. They met on Friday mornings in the basement of the rectory. Buzz VanHecke started the group to support unemployed parishioners and to develop the skills necessary to find employment. It was very successful, and over 100 people did find jobs. Currently the HOPE (Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment) Career Ministry is undertaken in collaboration with neighboring parishes and is led by Lee Junkans and Fred Zeilner.

Other ministries begun during the 1990s included the Martha Ministry, a group of 80 people who volunteered to cook for families struggling for some serious reason and the Joseph Ministry (coordinated by Vita Guardi), a group of parishioners who volunteered to help the elderly and the sick with household jobs. Another ministry, the Nursing and Health Cabinet, helped promote good physical health for parishioners. They planned a series of programs to educate and inform as well as to support the link between faith and health. Members included Cathy Albert, Kathie Blanchfield, Mary Jarosz, Peggy Graves, Harriet Braun, Eileen Golden, Mary Pat Favia, Chris Miller, Kathy Dunn, LaVerne Koch, Barbara Madden, Joanne Nicholson, Monica Ryan, and Mary Ann Ward.

Sr. June Secor began a number of ministries, including the "Parish Visitors." In 1988, St. Michael Parish was the largest parish in the archdiocese, and Father Ed thought it was important to welcome new parishioners in a special way. At least 24 men and women were involved. They would call newly registered people and parents of newly baptized infants to arrange for a visit and a blessing. Part of the visit helped newcomers discern where they might fit in at the church and what ministries they might want to join. Members included Lucille and Joe Schutte, John and Theresa Zigmond, Jackie Mellon, Joe Zagotta, and Geri Kline.

Since 1989 Sister Marietta Umlor has served the parish as Director of Service Ministry and Pastoral Care, Pastoral Associate and Lay Ecclesial Minister. Her many titles mirror the changing understanding of professional lay ministry in our diocese and in the American Church, and the extra training that is being required for those in pastoral ministry. In her roles she has worked tirelessly to visit the sick and extend compassion to their families as well as to support those grieving the death of a loved one. Ministers of Care, under her guidance, take Communion to those in hospitals, nursing homes or to homebound parishioners. In addition, Sister Marietta is in charge of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), St. Vincent de Paul Society and other initiatives to directly carry out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The Vicariate V Ministry Commission was founded in 1995/1996 by Bishop John Gorman in consultation with a number of local pastors and pastoral staff from Deanery E, among them Sr. Marietta Umlor. St. Michael Parish currently has a staff member on the ministry commission and takes an active part in joining with other

parishes to promote liturgical training and adult faith formation for parishioners and staffs of the southwest area of the Chicago Archdiocese. In 2016, the "Renew My Church" initiative of the Chicago archdiocese created a grouping of all parishes and schools in Orland Park and Tinley Park for the purpose of sharing resources and strengthening the whole Catholic community.

In 1996 the worship life of the parish took dramatic steps toward the unified and consistent celebration of Sunday and school liturgies as well as the sacraments. Newly ordained, Fr. Louis Tylka was assigned to St. Michael that year as an associate pastor and Director of Worship. After meeting individually with each member of the Worship Team he learned that they wished to be better informed about the guidelines and rubrics that govern worship life so that they could better serve and offer input to liturgical practice. As a result, Fr. Lou guided them through a multi-year reading, study, and discussion of hundreds of pages of documents. Those members included Irene Baczynski, Dolores Ingram, Mary Kay Lenz, Agnes Barrett, Pat Germino, Jayne Fitzgerald, Elfrieda Vlaming, Geri Ryan, Kitty Corrello, Kitty Ryan, Ginger Bittner, Theresa Zigmond, Joan Korpics, Anita Sweeney, Cee Cee Van Hecke, Lisa Veith, Renee Rybik Grilec, Gary Patin, and Marcia Farrell.

There were a number of outcomes as a result of their study which supported the goal of consistent and cohesive worship. Mission statements for not only Worship, but also each of the worship ministries (lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, music, altar servers, ushers, sacristans, and art and environment) were written. An all-parish survey focusing on why parishioners do or do not participate in the worship life of the parish was developed and the results were analyzed, discussed and used to inform old and new practices. The Director of Music, Gary Patin, regularly met with the Director of Worship, and the directors of each choir to plan what music would be used at each liturgy. Kitty Ryan directed the Contemporary Ensemble, and there was a youth choir directed by Jayne and Rene. The Art and Environment Committee created many banners and contributed their expertise in choosing and arranging flowers and plants to enhance worship. One of the most memorable was the large mural of hands initiated by Fr. Bob Motycka for Easter in 1996.

Two liturgy planning teams were formed to write the penitential rite, collect prayers, and the prayer of the faithful consistent with liturgical rubrics for Sunday masses. For both the Advent/Christmas seasons and the Lent/Easter seasons the entire Worship Team, priests of the parish, liturgy planners, music ministers, and Art and Environment committee were invited to meet over multiple half-day sessions to study the Sunday scripture that would be proclaimed and develop an overarching theme to the season. This theme was reinforced through prayer texts at mass, homilies, music selection, bulletin articles, and art and environment decisions. After each season, the Worship Team discussed what worked well and what could be done in the future to improve or make the worship experience more meaningful.

Additional prayer opportunities were considered and developed. Vespers was offered each week during Advent and Lent. Taize prayer was offered each month throughout the year. Lay presiders for Stations of the Cross, Triduum morning prayer, and other prayer services were sought and received extensive training from Fr. Lou. Additionally, he worked to expand the ownership and leadership roles for worship ministry by increasing the number of ministry coordinators. A need for age appropriate Liturgy of the Word was addressed through the development of Young People's Liturgy of the Word, a pull-out program for children through Grade 5 during mass.

In 2003 Renee Rybik Grilec became the first lay Director of Worship when Fr. Lou's term at St. Michael concluded. She was succeeded by Judy Dain, interim coordinator of worship ministries who worked with Fr. Adan Sandoval.

Rose Koch was hired in 1997 and continues as Youth Minister today. Youth Ministry has grown over the last forty years. The Quest Program is going strong with 200 teens participating in the program. Some of their activities include attending the National Catholic Youth Conference and World Youth Days all over the world. They also sponsor a Mission Trip each year to Charleston, West Virginia to work with Habitat for Humanity. Rose also initiated the hugely successful summer Vacation Bible School Program for the children of our parish.

In 2004, Rev. Michael Hack was appointed pastor and served until 2009, when he was called to take a position in the chancery office. He worked with Vicariate V Bishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller to initiate outreach to the Hispanic population in the southwest suburbs. In 2007, St. Michael Parish began to offer Mass celebrated in Spanish, and Father Adan Sandoval, a Spanish-speaking priest was assigned to the parish. A strong Hispanic ministry committee was formed, and a member of the Hispanic committee joined each of the five ministry commissions to represent the community. They serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ministers of Care, Catechists and ESL teachers. In addition, they formed their own Youth Ministry, Baptism, Marriage and Quinceanera Prep Programs, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Friday Night Bible Study with Deacon Abel, Ministry to the Divorced. Special committees such as Guadalupana, Posada, Pasion de Cristo/Via Crucis para el Viernes Santo and Cor San Miguel also serve the Hispanic Community. Jeff Nabor (musician), Sister Marietta, Mary Jarosz and Mary Lou Matheke helped with training and laying the foundation for the ministry. After Fr. Adan left to become pastor at Our Lady of the Mount in Cicero, Fr. Carlos Rodriguez and subsequently, Fr. Thomas Byrne ministered to the Hispanic community. Currently Fr. Miguel Flores serves at St. Michael, along with Deacon Couples Saul and Elia Vasquez and Abel and Yolanda Trujillo. (Source: Martha Perez)

St. Michael Parish is proud to serve the Hispanic Community of Vicariate V-E, taking in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. Mass is celebrated in Spanish each Sunday at 1:30pm and on Monday evenings at 7 PM in the chapel. Confessions are heard by a Spanish-speaking priest each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 12:30 – 1:15pm, before Mass. Baptisms, weddings, and quinceañeras are also celebrated in Spanish.

Dialogue with the other Abrahamic religions in the area began as a few lay ministers joined the Southwest Interfaith Team, an organization of Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy and laity working together to promote understanding. SWIFT continues to provide a forum for the Christian, Muslim and Jewish people in the area to inform, educate and celebrate our commonalities as God's people. SWIFT members pray together, dine together, and learn with and from each other.

Fr. Hack reformulated the parish council, with one representative chosen from the staff, along with two members of each ministry commission, plus two at-large members from the parish. The goal was to improve communication, recruit ministers and form the council members and lay ministers.

During his tenure, the Church's understanding of faith formation/catechesis was shifting from a child centered model alone. Cutting edge leaders were experimenting with ways to get families to learn about and grow in the faith together. In 2009, Fr. Hack gave his blessing to the G.I.F.T (Growing in Faith Together) program led by Fr. Mike Foley and Pat Chuchla, who helped to initiate this model of faith formation at her previous job. All members of the parish were invited to join for occasional faith festivals that included multi-media prayer, hands on creative catechesis and sharing food. These collaborative events brought ministers from different areas of the parish together to work on a common project and stimulated communal growth in faith.

St. Michael School, Kindergarten and Preschool programs also began during Father Hack's tenure. In 2008 construction began to remodel the parish center facilities and to build a new rectory. The plans included replacement of the current two-story rectory with a two-story, 14,000 square foot Parish Center to serve both parishioners and the community. The Parish Center was built to include a multi-purpose/gymnasium, meeting rooms, and parish offices. In addition, a new drop-off area was constructed at the Highland entrance to allow a hearse or other service vehicles to pull off the street without blocking traffic. Significant landscaping along Highland Avenue and landscaped islands throughout the main parking lot were installed in accord with Orland Park's call for more green space. Fr. Hack enthusiastically said: "I am personally excited about the project. It shows the continued growth of faith in this area, and opens up many more outreach opportunities. St. Michael's can do with more modern-day facilities."

Pastoral Associate and Lay Ecclesial Minister, Pat Chuchla, was hired in 2008 by Fr. Hack to serve as Director of Worship, responsible for overseeing the preparation of parish and school liturgies and sacramental celebrations including Baptism, Marriage, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The worship

commission consisting of Pat and Music Director Gary Patin, Cheryl Barko, Sue Castline-Noonan, Susan O'Connell, Al Kuraitis, Carol Gianoli, Mary Beth Mallet, Martha Perez, and Nina McGowan, assists in evaluating worship and in recruiting, training and formation of Adult and Youth Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Environment & Art Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers, Altar Servers, and YPLW Facilitators. There are currently over 625 men, women and children serving in worship ministries, many trained and serving in more than one.

In addition, Music Director Gary Patin and his assistants, Michael Finlay (accompanist) Mary O'Neil (contemporary ensemble), Melanie Stanko (young adult ensemble) and Gina Torbet (children's choirs) lead another 120 people in helping our parish to give praise to God with music and song.

As the Church's focus on life-long and whole-community faith formation expands, Marriage Prep, Baptismal Prep and other sacramental prep programs are being regularly updated to help participants realize that these sacramental moments are only the beginning of the next step on their faith journey.

At the present time, several Adult Formation and Spiritual groups meet regularly: the rosary group, Adorers, Young Adults, women's faith sharing groups in English and in Spanish, the Holy Spirit Prayer Group, the Evangelization and Scripture Group, the St. Michael's Apologetics Society, Hispanic Bible Study, and the Bible Timeline Scripture Study.

In 2010, the parish said good-bye to Sr. Pat McKee who had served the parish and school since 1974. She, along with Sisters Colette Madden, who was principal, June Howard, who was in charge of the religious education program and June Secor, who was Parish Visitor at the time, were Adrian Dominican sisters. Sr. Pat was the school librarian, assistant principal and famous for her hot dogs, popcorn and Mardi Gras. She worked with all the students and pioneered the use of technology in the media center.

When Fr. Paul Burak became pastor in 2009 he experienced a profound level of faith and generosity among the parishioners. He also saw a spiritual hunger, people looking for more from their faith and from their parish. Fr. Paul believes that the parishioners are the People of God and as such can be trusted with the work of the parish, keeping the parish alive and vibrant and taking ownership of it.

Under his pastorate the parish council was reorganized to reflect the stewardship of gifts and shared wisdom model of ministry. A separate Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was introduced in 2016 allowing parishioners to pray before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day. Healing Services began to be celebrated the first Sunday of every month. CRHP Retreats began again at the initiative of Deacon Couple Tom and Becky Bartholomew. After a few years, they have morphed into "something new" for a new generation of Catholics who have less time, but the same spiritual hunger and need for sharing their faith with others. During his pastorate, small faith-sharing groups based on the Sunday readings were re-initiated by Fr. Mike Foley and faith-sharing groups are beginning to take new and different formats to fill different spiritual needs.

In 2015-16, benefiting from our portion of the Archdiocese of Chicago's fundraising initiative "To Teach Who Christ Is," we "danced through the chaos," celebrating Mass in the gym for a year, while new flooring, carpeting, lighting, and an updated sound system, including a hearing loop, were installed.

In anticipation of this 150th Jubilee celebration, Der Holtzmacher, Ltd. of Sycamore, Illinois was commissioned to design new furnishings. We installed a new altar (with relics of St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Peter Claver and St. Thomas Aquinas), an adjustable ambo and lectern to accommodate lectors of varying ages and abilities, a new ambry for the Sacred Oils, and a new crucifix, tabernacle and paschal candle stand, all reminiscent of the Tree of Life. Stations of the Cross crafted by Jeff and Ana Varilla and a votive candle shrine (Mike Holtzmacher) near our Lady of Guadalupe now assist our devotional life. A St. Michael's icon, painted by Carol Bilder, a friend of Fr. Paul, was hung in the worship space to remind us of our patron saint's continuing protection of our faith community.

The "oldest" statistics found in the parish archive from the year 1925 list the priest as Rev. E.J. Zurlinden, and there were two Masses offered every Sunday. There were approximately 50 families. In 2017, St. Michael now serves 4,771 families with 15,130 members and offers eight Masses every weekend.

History oftentimes seems to be a mere compilation of dates, names and facts. The history of St. Michael Parish is really a story of people—religious, clergy and laity—who have laughed, danced, and loved in social situations or who have cried in happiness at weddings or baptisms or in sadness at wakes and funerals. It is the history of people serving God and other people of their family and parish. On September 29, 1867, the first Mass at St. Michael Parish was celebrated on land donated by Matthias and Anna Wagner. That heritage of faith endures today in their many descendants, including great-grandsons Fr. Rocky (Fr. Francis J. Hoffman) of Relevant Radio, Fr. John Hoffman, pastor of St. Francis Church in LaGrange, and Fr. Andrew Stueve of St. Anne Catholic Church in LeSueur, Minnesota. Just as these immigrants responded in faith to their dreams and built the church we have today, it is our time to take up this work. May our faith strengthen us in the knowledge that Christ is leading us onward with His ever-present light. This faith will keep us together and will shape the Church for generations to come.





"Escriban todo lo que ha pasado". Tobías 12:20

Que este libreto de aniversario nos recuerde nuestras raíces y nuestras muchas bendiciones espirituales, realce nuestras relaciones, y den testimonio de la fidelidad de Dios hacia nosotros y la nuestra hacia Dios. Que nos exhorte e inspire a caminar con Dios en comunidad con los demás.

La Historia de la Iglesia de St. Michael 1867 — 2017

Con vida suburbana y horarios ajetreados, conveniencias modernas, como la electricidad y plomería interna, y una parroquia de casi cinco mil familias, puede dificultarse relacionarse con nuestros antecesores de la primera parroquia de St. Michael.

La Guerra Civil a principios de 1860 apenas había terminado, aún el bullicio, ambos político y económico, era común en gran parte de Europa. El pequeño país de Luxemburgo, de habla alemana, no era la excepción de estos disturbios. Destrozados por la lucha de su tierra natal entre los grupos de disputas de Alemania y Francia, muchos valientes Luxemburgués navegaron hacia América con la esperanza de una vida mejor y la democracia. Varias de estas familias Luxemburgués se establecieron en las orillas del oeste de Orland, conocido como Goodings Grove, cerca de la 153 y Bell Road en el municipio de Homer.

En ese tiempo, América era una nación agrícola. Estas primeras familias luchadoras, trabajadoras de St. Michael se adaptaron muy bien a su nuevo ambiente. La necesidad de congregarse y celebrar su fe católica era una preocupación que rigió en estos campesinos vecinos en 1866. Su determinación los conllevó a la construcción de nuestra primera iglesia, una pequeña estructura de madera de 20 por 30 pies, donada por Matthias Wagner en donde lo que es ahora 159 y Will-Cook Road, el lugar donde actualmente está el Cementerio de St. Michael. Nuestro finado alcalde y feligrés, Fred Owens, fue enterrado ahí después de su muerte prematura. El día de la fiesta de San Miguel Arcángel, 29 de septiembre de 1867, la primera Misa fue celebrada. Nuestra evolución había comenzado.

Unos años más tarde, una iglesia más apropiada fue construida con una torre, campanario con elegante campana en Will-Cook Road y 151st St. La campana de esa estructura es actualmente parte de nuestro sistema de tres. Esta Hermosa iglesia campesina se construyó en tierra donada por John Jungles.

Una visita a la cabaña Hostert en la Avenida West podría ayudar a entender el estilo de vida de estos primeros pobladores. La familia Hostert ha sido por mucho tiempo un nombre asociado con la generosidad e involucración en la vida de la parroquia de St. Michael. La vida en el campo era difícil, con tierras que arar con caballos, alimentar gallinas y ganado, levantar cultivos y tareas rigurosas diariamente. Era una vida cerca de la naturaleza, una de las más grandes reflexiones sobre Dios.

El cementerio de St. Michael contiene las tumbas de muchos de nuestros primeros feligreses: Wagner, Jungles, Hostert, Lucas, Bremmer, Weis, Weiler, Gerlock, Cox, Homerding y Welter; quienes dejaron su huella en nuestra parroquia y en la historia de la comunidad.

En aquel entonces, la Misa en St. Michael no se celebraba semanalmente sino mensualmente. Un sacerdote Benedictino del lado norte de Chicago viajaba a caballo para celebrar la Misa y se quedaba con los feligreses por algunos días antes de regresar a Chicago. Los primeros feligreses pasaban tiempo después de la Misa socializando e intercambiando historias de nacimientos, muertes y matrimonios mientras que los niños jugaban cerca y los adolescentes románticamente se veían uno al otro a distancia.

A principios de 1870, se vio la construcción de la primera Escuela St. Michael, una estructura de dos pisos con un salón de clase en el primer piso y un lugar habitacional para un profesor laico en el segundo piso. La

existencia intermitente de la escuela duró hasta 1916. Nuestra escuela actual se abrió en septiembre de 1949. Además de los benedictinos, los sacerdotes de Lockport también sirvieron a la parroquia a principios del siglo 20. Los Jesuitas con nombres como Preuss, Calhoun, Daley y Zurlinden, tomaron las tareas de los anteriores Benedictinos de 1905 al 1926.

No quedó claro si fue el Padre Calhoun o el Padre Daley quien decidió cambiar la parroquia a Orland Park, pero el Domingo de Ramos de 1923 la Misa se celebró en el ayuntamiento de Orland Park. El Padre Daley compró una tierra al oeste del pueblo que se utilizaba para pastear con un arroyo que le cruzaba (Highland Avenue—El arroyo aún corre bajo el estacionamiento de la parroquia). Se rompieron los cimientos el 15 de mayo de 1924 en el sitio actual para una iglesia nueva de madera blanca donde la congregación se reunió por primera vez el 10 de Agosto de 1924. La iglesia anterior en Goodings Grove se dañó y se acabó por los 50 años de uso. Con la llegada de la línea del ferrocarril por medio de Orland Park, la simple vida agraria pasó a una vida de pequeño pueblo.

Orland Park era un pueblo predominantemente protestante que en un principio mostró su frialdad a St. Michael. Pero en 1926, el Cardenal Mundelein nombró al Padre William Gorey como el primer párroco residente por los próximos diez años. El Padre Gorey y su hermano levantaron una rectoría de madera temporal tras la iglesia hasta que la rectoría de tabique rojo se construyó.

Orland Park no sólo vio la llegada de la Parroquia de St. Michael en el 1920 pero también la electricidad, Prohibición, la caída de la bolsa del 1929 y la Gran Depresión. El Padre Rooney tomó el puesto de Párroco de 1936 a 1944, El Padre Rooney es mayormente recordado como quien guío a sus feligreses durante la II Guerra Mundial, haciendo novenas y servicios de oración especiales por los soldados de St. Michael en ultramar.

El Padre Kilbride tomó el puesto de Párroco en 1944. Durante su mandato, la escuela elementaría católica se hizo una realidad, con el personal de las Hermanas Dominicanas de Kentucky y varios maestros laicos en una construcción de tabique rojo de dos pisos que se abrió el 14 de septiembre de 1949. Tal fue su popularidad que las clases eran de dos turnos para acomodar a los asistentes. La Hermana Helen Marie fue la primera directora.

Al transferir al Padre Kilbride, el Padre Coyle tomó el puesto de párroco. Bajo su mandato, la iglesia de madera se extendió, abasteciendo un aumento de 100 asientos para una capacidad total de aproximadamente 250 personas; y la terminación del gimnasio de St. Michael, el cual se utilizó para actividades escolares, reuniones de adultos y Misas los fines de semana para acomodar la sobrepoblación de la Misa. También bajo el Padre Coyle, St. Michael vio la adición de un asociado, Padre Rudcki. El Padre Coyle también vio la construcción de una nueva rectoría, nuevos salones de clases y la iglesia permanente, donde se ofreció la primera Misa en junio de 1969.

Monseñor Gorman, ahora Obispo Gorman, tomó el puesto de párroco al jubilarse el Padre Coyle en 1974. Fue en este tiempo cuando la apertura del Orland Square Mall marcó el comienzo de una explosiva población en Orland Park. Esta explosiva población conllevó a un incremento de horarios de Misas, ya sobrepobladas. Bajo el mandato de Monseñor Gorman, la parroquia vio surgir una administración de estructura que reconoció los dones y llamados ministeriales de los feligreses, ej., programas para bautismos y funerales, programas de adolescentes y padres de familia, educación religiosa, Cristo Renueva su Iglesia, Grupos de Teología, visitantes a hospitales y hogares de ancianos y otros varios ministerios parroquiales. Él también fue un instrumento en la restructura y remodelación de la iglesia para mejorar la sobrepoblación, criando un Narthex de clima controlado para ceremonias religiosas y reuniones sociales, el Commons y la capilla para servir según se necesite para la Misa, necesidades religiosas y sociales y el ARC que sirvió como biblioteca parroquial y salón de juntas. Además de todos estos logros, el Obispo Gorman es mayormente recordado como un párroco que conocía sus feligreses por nombre y así los saludaba.

Después de la transferencia del Monseñor Gorman a un puesto en la Arquidiócesis, el Padre McLaughlin, un anterior asociado, tomó el puesto de párroco en 1986. El Obispo Gorman (anteriormente Monseñor)

caracterizó al Padre McLaughlin como un párroco brillante y dedicado con un gran personal que provee liturgias maravillosas y un liderazgo espiritual dotado para la parroquia. El continuó los programas iniciados durante la estancia del Monseñor Gorman y continuó promoviendo el cuidado y tierna actitud de bienvenida por la que era conocida la iglesia de St. Michael. El Padre McLaughlin creyó en que los más grandes beneficios del tamaño de St. Michael se debía al empoderamiento de los laicos.

También en el 1992, el Rev. Leo Lyons formalmente se jubiló del ministro activo, pero continuó sirviendo en la Parroquia de St. Michael, celebrando liturgias, escuchando confesiones y supervisando bodas y funerales. "¿Está alguien celebrando un cumpleaños o aniversario esta semana?" fue su pregunta característica. Siempre estaba dispuesto de tender una mano cuando se necesitaba y sirvió como capellán del Concejo de los Caballeros de Colón y en la secundaria Brother Rice. Además, estuvo activo en la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul y el Reber-Tesmond VFW Post. El Padre Mike Nacius sirvió como asociado durante los 1990 y fue conocido por su trabajo y el apoyo al Ministerio Juvenil, como también establecer el Equipo del Ministerio Outreach, el cual responde a las personas que piden ayuda con el alcoholismo o adicciones.

Durante los 1990, Simbang Gabi, una celebración de la comunidad Filipina se inició en St. Michael. La práctica es desde el 16 de diciembre hasta la Fiesta de la Epifanía, el primer domingo del año. El asistir a las Misas significa mostrar la devoción a Dios y la amplia anticipación para el nacimiento de Cristo, y se cree que Dios concede el deseo especial de un devoto que celebra todas las nueve Misas. La Arquidiócesis de Chicago inició el Ministerio Étnico, y la meta fue transmitir la cultura por medio de la fe, amor y orgullo. Jerry y Tita Oblena organizaron la primera celebración de Simbang Gabi. Los voluntarios incluían el finado Ben Albovias, Evelyn Cerceo y Fati Maglaya. Otros Filipinos participantes en la celebración del Simbang Gabi de la parroquia incluyeron el Dr. Norval Cocadiz (presidente), Bay y (su finado esposo Caloy) Galvez, Gil y Delia Perez, Greg y Melinda Tolentino.

Entre los ministerios de laicos durante este periodo estaba el Grupo de Apoyo al Desempleado. Se reunían los viernes por la mañana en el sótano de la rectoría. Buzz VanHecke inició el grupo para apoyar a los feligreses desempleados y desarrollar las capacidades necesarias para encontrar empleo. Este fue muy exitoso, y más de 100 personas encontraron trabajos. Actualmente, HOPE (Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment) El Ministerio de Profesión está bajo el cuidado en colaboración con parroquias vecinas y lo dirige Lee Junkans y Fred Zeilner.

Otros ministerios que iniciaron durante los 1990, incluyen el Ministerio Marta, un grupo de 80 personas voluntarias para cocinar para familias luchando por razones serias y el Ministerio José (coordinado por Vita Guardi), un grupo de feligreses voluntarios para ayudar a las personas mayores y a los enfermos con labores hogareñas. Otro ministerio, El Gabinete de Enfermería y Salud, ayudó a promover buena salud física para los feligreses. Planeran una serie de programas para educar e informar, como también apoyar la unión entre la fe y la salud. Los miembres incluían a Cathy Albert, Kathie Blanchfield, Mary Jarosz, Peggy Graves, Harriet Braun, Eileen Golden, Mary Pat Favia, Chris Miller, Kathy Dunn, LaVerne Koch, Barbara Madden, Joanne Nicholson, Monica Ryan y Mary Ann Ward.

La Hermana June Secor inició un número de ministerios, incluyendo "Visitantes Parroquianos". En 1988, la Parroquia de St. Michael era la parroquia más grande del arquidiócesis y el Padre Ed pensó que era muy importante dar la bienvenida a feligreses de una manera especial. Al menos 24 hombres y mujeres se involucraron. Ellos hacían llamadas a las personas recién registradas y a padres de infantes recién bautizados para planear una visita y una bendición. Parte de la visita ayudada a los recién llegados a discernir donde podrían integrar en la iglesia y en cuales ministerios les gustaría participar. Los miembros incluían a Lucille y Joe Schutte, John y Theresa Zigmond, Jackie Mellon, Joe Zagotta y Geri Kline.

Desde el 1989, la Hermana Marietta Umlor ha servido a la parroquia como Directora de Servicio de Ministerios y el Cuidado Pastoral, Pastoral Asociado y Ministro Eclesiástico Laico. Sus muchos títulos semejan el cambio de entendimiento del ministerio profesional del laico en nuestra diócesis y en la Iglesia Americana, y el

entrenamiento extra que se requiere para personas en el ministerio pastoral. En sus puestos ella, ha trabajado incansablemente para visitar a los enfermos y extender la compasión a sus familias, así como dar apoyo a los que sufren por la muerte de un ser querido. El Ministerio de Cuidado, bajo su guía, se lleva la Comunión a personas en hospitales, casas de ancianos y a los recluidos en sus hogares. Además, La Hermana Marietta está a cargo de RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos), La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul y otras iniciativas para llevar a cabo directamente las Obras Corporales y Espirituales de Misericordia.

El Ministerio de Comisión del Vicariato V fue fundado en 1995/1996 por el Obispo John Gorman consultando a un número de párrocos locales y personal pastoral de Deanery E, entre ellos la Hermana Marietta Umlor. La Parroquia de St. Michael actualmente tiene un miembro del personal en el ministerio de comisión y toma una parte activa, uniéndose con otras parroquias para promover entrenamiento litúrgico y formación de la fe para adultos feligreses y personal del área suroeste de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. En el 2016, la iniciativa de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, "Renueva Mi Iglesia", creó la agrupación de todos las parroquias y escuelas en Orland Park y Tinley Park con el propósito de compartir recursos y fortalecer la comunidad católica entera.

En el 1996, la vida de alabanza de la parroquia tomó unos pasos impresionantes hacia una celebración conjunta y consistente de las liturgias del domingo y la escolar, así como los sacramentos. El recién ordenado, Padre Louis Tylka fue asignado a St. Michael ese año como párroco asociado y Director de Alabanza. Después de reunirse individualmente con cada miembro del Equipo de Alabanza, se dio cuenta que deseaban ser mejor informados sobre las reglas y preceptos que rigen la vida de alabanza para servir mejor y contribuir a la práctica litúrgica. Como resultado, el Padre Lou los guío por medio de la lectura multianual, el estudio y la disputa de documentos de cientos de páginas. Estos miembros incluían a Irene Baczynski, Dolores Ingram, Mary Kay Lenz, Agnes Barrett, Pat Germino, Jayne Fitzgerald, Elfrieda Vlaming, Geri Ryan, Kitty Corrello, Kitty Ryan, Ginger Bittner, Theresa Zigmond, Joan Korpics, Anita Sweeney, Cee Cee Van Hecke, Lisa Veith, Renee Rybik Grilec, Gary Patin y Marcia Farrell.

Hubo numerosos resultados debido al estudio, lo que mantuvo la meta de una alabanza consistente y organizada. Declaración de misiones fueron escritos, no sólo para Alabanza, sino también para cada uno de los ministerios de alabanza (lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, música, monaguillos, ujieres, sacristanes y el arte y ambiente). Una encuesta se llevó a cabo sobre toda la parroquia, enfocada en el porqué o por qué no participan los feligreses en la vida de alabanza de la parroquia, y los resultados fueron analizados, discutidos y utilizados para el informe de nuevas y viejas prácticas. El Director de Música, Gary Patin, regularmente se reunía con el Director de Alabanza, y los directores de cada coro para planear la música que se utilizaría para cada liturgia. Kitty Ryan dirigió la Cooperativa Contemperaría, y había un coro juvenil dirigido por Jayne y Rene. El Comité de Arte y Ambiente creó muchos estandartes y contribuyeron con su conocimiento para elegir y arreglar flores y plantas para realzar la alabanza. Una de los más recordados fue un mural grande de manos, motivado por el Padre Bob Motycka para la Pascua de 1996.

Dos equipos para planear la liturgia se formaron para escribir el rito penitencial, oraciones colecta y la oración de los fieles consistente con los prefacios para las Misas del domingo. Para ambas temporadas de Adviento/Navidad y las temporadas de Cuaresma/Pascua, todo el Equipo de Alabanza, sacerdotes de la parroquia, planeadores de liturgia, ministros de música y el comité de Arte y Ambiente eran invitados a reunirse en sesiones múltiples de mediodía para estudiar la escritura del domingo que sería proclamada y para desarrollar un tema global para la temporada. Este tema fue reforzado por medio de textos de oración en la Misa, homilías, selección de música, artículos en el boletín y decisiones de arte y ambiente. Después de cada temporada, el Equipo de Alabanza dialogaba sobre lo que funcionó y lo que se podía hacer en el futuro para mejorar o hacer la experiencia de alabanza más significativa.

Más oportunidades de oración se consideraron y se desarrollaron. Vísperas se lleva a cabo cada semana durante el Adviento y Cuaresma. La oración Taizé se llevaba a cabo cada mes durante el año. Celebrantes laicos para el Vía Crucis, El Triduo oración de la mañana y otros servicios de oración eran vistos y recibían entrenamiento

intenso por el Padre Lou. Además, él trabajó para expandir los puestos de participación y liderazgo para el ministerio de alabanza, aumentando el número de coordinadores en los ministerios. La necesidad de la Liturgia de la Palabra apropiada de acuerdo a la edad presidió por medio del desarrollo de la Liturgia de La Palabra para Jóvenes, un programa de retirar a los niños hasta el quinto grado durante la Misa.

En el 2003, Renee Rybik Grilec fue primer laico como Directora de Alabanza cuando terminó el tiempo del Padre Lou en St. Michael. Le siguió Judy Dain, coordinadora interina de los ministerios de alabanza quien trabajaba con el Padre Adán Sandoval.

Rose Koch fue empleada en 1997 y continúa hasta hoy como Ministro Juvenil. El Ministerio Juvenil ha crecido durante los últimos cuarenta años. El Programa Quest está fuerte con 200 adolescentes participando en el programa. Algunas de sus actividades incluyen asistir a la Conferencia Nacional Juvenil Católica y La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud. Ellos también patrocinan el Viaje de Misión cada año a Charleston, West Virginia, para trabajar en Hábitat por La Humanidad. Rose también inició el tremendo y exitoso Programa Escolar Bíblico Vacacional de verano para los niños de nuestra parroquia.

En el 2004, el Rev. Michael Hack fue electo como párroco y sirvió hasta el 2009, cuando fue llamado a tomar el puesto en la oficina de la cancillería. Él trabajó con el Vicariato V, Obispo Gustavo García-Siller, para iniciar un acercamiento a la población hispana en los suburbios del suroeste. En el 2007, la Parroquia de St. Michael inició la celebración de la Misa en español, y el Padre Adán Sandoval, un padre hispano parlante, fue asignado a la parroquia. Un fuerte comité hispano se formó y un miembro de este comité participa en la comisión de cada uno de los cinco ministerios para representar a la comunidad. Sirven como Lectores, Ministros Eucarísticos, Sacristanes, Monaguillos, Ministros de Cuidado, Catequistas y Maestros de Inglés. Además, formaron su propio Ministerio Juvenil, bautismo y preparación para el Matrimonio y Quinceañeras, Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, Estudio de la Biblia con el Diácono Abel, Ministerio al Divorciado. Comités especiales, tal como la Guadalupana, Posada, Pasión de Cristo/Vía Crucis para el Viernes Santo y el Coro San Miguel, también sirve a la comunidad hispana. Jeff Nabor (músico), La Hermana Marietta, Mary Jarosz y Mary Lou Matheke ayudaron con el entrenamiento y fundación del ministerio. Después que el padre Adán se marchó para ser párroco de Nuestra Señora del Monte en Cícero, el Padre Carlos Rodríguez y subsecuente el Padre Thomas Byrne suministraron a la comunidad hispana. Actualmente, el Padre Miguel Flores sirve en St. Michael, junto con las parejas de diáconos, Saúl y Elia Vásquez y Abel y Yolanda Trujillo. (fuente: Martha Pérez)

La Parroquia de St. Michael está orgullosa de servir a la Comunidad Hispana del Vicariato V-E, que cubre los suburbios del suroeste de Chicago. La Misa se celebra en español cada domingo a la 1:30 p.m. y el lunes por la noche a las 7:00 p.m. en la capilla. Las confesiones se escuchan por un sacerdote hispano parlante cada 1^{er} y 3^{er} domingo del mes, de 12:30 – 1:15 p.m., antes de la Misa. Bautismos, bodas y quinceañeras también se celebran en español.

El dialogo con otras religiones en el área se inició con pocos ministros laicos que se reunieron al Equipo Interfe del Suroeste, una organización de clérigos y laicos Cristianos, Judíos y Musulmanes trabajando unidos para promover el entendimiento. SWIFT continua proveyendo un fórum para la gente Cristiana, Musulmana y Judía en el área para informar, educar y celebrar lo que tenemos en común como hijos de Dios. Los miembros de SWIFT oran juntos, comen juntos y aprenden con y del uno al otro.

El Padre Hack reformó el concejo parroquial, con un representante elegido del personal, junto con dos miembros de cada ministerio de comisión, más dos miembros generales de la parroquia. La meta fue mejorar la comunicación, reclutar ministros y formar el concejo de miembros y ministros laicos.

Durante su mandato, el entendimiento de la Iglesia en la formación/catequesis estaba cambiando de no sólo centrarse en el niño. Los líderes experimentaban maneras para hacer que las familias aprendieran sobre la fe y crecer en la fe unidos. En el 2009, el Padre Hack dio la bendición al programa G.I.F.T (Growing in Faith Together/Creciendo Unidos en La Fe) dirigido por el Padre Mike Foley y Pat Chuchla, quienes ayudaron a

iniciar este modelo de formación de fe en su trabajo anterior. Todos los miembros de la parroquia fueron invitados a unirse ocasionalmente a los festivales de la fe que incluían oración multimedia, manos en catequesis creativa y el compartir de alimentos. Estos eventos colaborativos atrajeron y unieron ministros de diferentes áreas de la parroquia para trabajar en el proyecto común y el estímulo del crecimiento comunal en la fe.

La Escuela de St. Michael, Programas de Kindergarte y el Preescolar también se iniciaron durante el mandato del Padre Hack. En el 2008, la construcción dio inicio para remodelar las instalaciones del centro parroquial y construir una nueva rectoría. Los planes incluyeron remplazar la rectoría de dos pisos del Centro Parroquial a una de dos pisos con 14,000 pies cuadrados para servir ambos, feligreses y la comunidad. Además, una nueva área de drop-off fue construida a la entrada de la calle Highland para permitir carrozas u otros vehículos de servicio salir hacia la calle sin detener el tráfico. Un trabajo significante de jardinería al lado de la Avenida Highland y las islas por medio del parque principal fueron instaladas al acorde del llamado de Orland Park sobre más áreas verdes. El Padre Hack con entusiasmo dijo: "Estoy personalmente muy emocionado sobre el proyecto. Este muestra el crecimiento continuo de la fe en esta área y abre muchas más oportunidades de acercamiento. St. Michael puede con instalaciones más modernas, al día".

El Pastoral Asociado y Ministro Laico Eclesial, Pat Chuchla, fue empleada en el 2008 por el Padre Hack para servir como Directora de Alabanza, responsable de observar la preparación de las liturgias sacramentales, celebraciones parroquiales y escolares, incluyendo el Bautismo, Matrimonio, Primera Reconciliación, Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación. La comisión de alabanza consiste de Pat y el Director de Música, Gary Patin, Cheryl Barko, Sue Castline-Noonan, Susan O'Connell, Al Kuraitis, Carol Gianoli, Mary Beth Mallet, Martha Perez, y Nina McGowan, ayudan a evaluar la alabanza y el reclutamiento, entrenamiento y formación de adultos y jóvenes lectores, Ministros Eucarísticos, Ministros de Ambiente y Arte, Sacristanes, Ujieres, Monaguillos y Coordinadores YPLW. Actualmente hay más de 625 hombres, mujeres y niños sirviendo en los ministerios de alabanza, muchos entrenados y sirviendo en más de uno.

Además, el Director de Música Gary Patin y su asistente, Michael Finlay (compañero) Mary O'Neil (Asamblea Contemporánea), Melanie Stanko (asamblea de jóvenes adultos) y Gina Torbet (coro de niños) dirigen a otras 120 personas para ayudar a nuestra parroquia para alabar a Dios con la música y el canto.

Mientras la Iglesia se enfoca en la expansión de una larga vida y una comunidad entera de formación, la Preparación Matrimonial, Bautismal y otros programas de preparación sacramental regularmente son actualizados para ayudar a los participantes a darse cuenta que estos momentos sacramentales son sólo el principio del próximo paso en el camino de su fe.

Actualmente, varios grupos de Formación Adulta y Espiritual se reúnen regularmente: el grupo del rosario, Adoradores, Jóvenes Adultos, grupos de mujeres que comparten la fe en inglés y español, el grupo del Oración del Espíritu Santo, el Grupo de Evangelización y la Escritura, la Sociedad Apologética de St. Michael, Estudio Hispano de Biblia y el Estudio de la Escritura Timeline.

En el 2010, la parroquia le dio el adiós a la Hermana Pat McKee, quien sirvió a la parroquia y a la escuela desde el 1974. Ella en conjunto con la Hermana Colette Madden, quien fue la directora, June Howard, quien estaba a cargo del programa de educación religiosa y June Secor, quien era huésped en ese tiempo, eran hermanas Dominicanas. La Hermana Pat era la bibliotecaria de la escuela, subdirectora y famosa por sus perros calientes, palomitas y el Mardi Gras. Ella trabajaba con todos los estudiantes y fue pionera del uso de la tecnología en el media center.

Cuando el Padre Paul Burak fue nombrado párroco en el 2009, experimentó un gran nivel de fe y generosidad entre los feligreses. El también vio un hambre spiritual, personas que buscaban más de su fe y de su parroquia. El Padre Pul cree en que los feligreses es el Pueblo de Dios y se les puede confiar con el trabajo de la parroquia, manteniendo la parroquia viva y vibrante y tomando posesión de esta.

Bajo su pastorado, el concejo parroquial fue reorganizado para reflejar el compañerismo de dones y un modelo de sabiduría compartida en el ministerio. Una Capilla de Adoración Eucarística se anunció en el 2016, permitiendo a los feligreses orar frente al Santísimo Sacramento durante el día. Servicios de Sanación iniciaron, celebrándose el primer domingo de cada mes. Los retiros CRHP iniciaron nuevamente por la iniciativa del diaconado de Tom y Becky Bartholomew. Después de varios años, ellos cambiaron por "algo nuevo" para una nueva generación de católicos, quienes tienen menos tiempo pero la misma hambre y necesidad espiritual de compartir su fe con los demás. Durante su pastorado, grupos pequeños que compartían la fe con las lecturas del domingo fueron reiniciados por el Padre Mike Foley y los grupos han empezado a tomar formatos nuevos y diferentes para saciar las diferentes necesidades espirituales.

En el 2015-16, al beneficiarnos de nuestra porción de la iniciativa de recaudaciones de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, "Enseñar Quien Es Cristo", nosotros danzamos por medio del caos", celebrando Misa en el gimnasio por un año, mientras se instalaba el nuevo piso, la alfombra, el alumbrado y un sistema de sonido actualizado, incluyendo una red de sonido.

En la anticipación a esta 150° celebración de Jubileo, Der Holtzmacher, Ltd. de Sycamore, Illinois, fue comisionado para diseñar los nuevos muebles. Instalamos un altar Nuevo (con reliquias de Sta. Elizabeth Seton, San Francisco Javier Cabrine, Pedro Claver y Santo Tomas de Aquino, un ambón ajustable y atril para acomodar a los lectores de varias edades y capacidades, un nuevo armario para los Sagrados Olios y un Nuevo crucifijo, tabernáculo y mástil para el cirio pascual, todo memento del Árbol de la Vida. Las Estaciones de la Cruz tallados por Jeff y Anna Varilla y una altar devoto de veladoras (Mike Holtzmacher) cerca a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que ahora ayuda a nuestra vida de devoción. Un icono de St. Michael, pintado por Carol Bilder, un amigo del Padre Paul, se colgó en el espacio de alabanza para recordarnos la continua protección de nuestro santo patrón para nuestra comunidad de fe.

Las "más antiguas" estadísticas encontradas en los archivos de la parroquia del año 1925 muestran al sacerdote Rev. E. J. Zurlinden, y se celebraban dos Misas cada domingo. Existían aproximadamente 50 familias. En el 2017, St. Michael ahora sirve 4,77l familias con 15,130 miembros y celebra ocho Misas cada fin de semana.

La historia regularmente parece ser una mera complicación de fechas, nombres y hechos. La historia de la Parroquia de St. Michael es realmente una historia de gente—religiosos, clero y laicos—quienes han reído, bailado y amado en situaciones sociales o quienes han llorado de felicidad en bodas, bautizos o la tristeza en velorios y funerales. Esta es la historia de gente sirviendo a Dios y a otras personas de su familia y a la parroquia. El 29 de septiembre de 1867, la primera Misa de St. Michael fue celebrada en suelo donado por Matthias y Anna Wagner. Esta herencia de fe perdura hoy en sus muchos descendientes, incluyendo tataranietos: el Padre Rocky (Padre Francis J. Hoffman) de Relevant Radio, Padre John Hoffman, párroco de la Iglesia St. Francis en La Grange y el Padre Andrew Stueve de Anne Cathilic Church en LeSueur, Minnesota. Así como estos inmigrantes respondieron en fe a sus sueños y construyeron la iglesia que tenemos hoy, es tiempo que tomemos este trabajo. Que nuestra fe nos fortalezca con el conocimiento que Cristo nos está guiando hacia adelante con su luz siempre presente. Esta fe nos mantendrá juntos y formará la Iglesia para las generaciones venideras.

MINISTRIES AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

PERMANENT DEACONS

The office of deacon originated with the Apostles' selection of seven men, among them Steven, to assist in the charitable work of the church, as recorded in Acts 6. Although the diaconate flourished for the first five centuries, it eventually disappeared for various reasons. In 1971, the first diaconate class was ordained. The deacons here at St. Michael parish are called permanent deacons because they are permanently ordained to the diaconate, whereas seminarians are called transitional deacons because they will not remain deacons but will become ordained priests.

In 1972 the Permanent Diaconate was approved for the United States. The first permanent deacon at St. Michael was William Barker (1973-1978), followed by John Griffin (1974-1979), and Edwin Riner (1976-1988). Our current deacon couples became part of the diaconal ministry as follows: Michael and Donna McDonough (1991-present), Tom & Becky Bartholomew (1994 to present), Tony and Eileen Cocco (1994-present), Jim and Sharon Janicek (2002-present), Saul and Elia Vasquez (2002-present), and Abel and Yolanda Trujillo (2014-present). Couples were encouraged to participate in the training together.

The deacons at St. Michael's proclaim the gospel, serve as Ministers of the Cup, preside at weddings and lead prayer services. Deacon couples celebrate Baptisms together. Each individual, as well as each couple, has been encouraged to find an area that speaks to them. They are active in community life and spiritual enrichment. They have had a great influence in the lives of parish families, and have experienced great spiritual growth.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

A number of lay ministries exist under the aegis of Worship Ministry overseen by Pat Chuchla as Director of Worship. There are currently over 625 men, women and children serving in Worship ministries.

SACRISTANS: During the 1960s, the sacristans were an informal group of volunteers who helped at Masses. Walter Maranda was one of the first sacristans. He mentored Peter Dalaly, who became the first head sacristan. Peter wrote the first sacristan guide for St. Michael Parish. Since the group was still informal and many Masses still had no sacristan, Peter would stay and act as sacristan for all Masses and Baptisms. It was Peter who realized the need for a group of dedicated sacristans for all the Masses so he recruited and trained individuals to carry on with sacristan duties at all the Masses.

LECTORS: As an outcome of Vatican II (1962-1965), the role of the laity was emphasized and lay leaders were reintroduced into the Catholic Church liturgy. Father Coyle appointed George Gallagher, Gus Knez and Austin Close as the first lectors at St. Michael's. A year later, Gertrude Gallagher was appointed as the first female lector. At that time the lectors used a microphone and spoke from a podium in the choir loft. When the church was renovated several years later, the lector stand was moved to the side of the altar. It was Gertrude Gallagher who suggested having two lectors at each Mass to share the readings. The parish priests took on the responsibility of training lectors. Ron Rozak took on the role of Lector Coordinator during the 1970s through 1985 and instituted annual meetings and featured speakers who offered suggestions to lectors on how to improve their proclamation of the scriptures. Tom Ahl, along with his wife, Mary Ann, who served as Lector Coordinator from 1985-2010, organized lector guidelines and standardized electronic records and email communications. In 2010, John and Carol Gianoli took over the leadership of the ministry. John and Carol, along with Pat Chuchla, surveyed the lectors to find out how to better improve this ministry. By utilizing automatic email reminders and other electronic forms of communication, the ministry now runs more efficiently. There are currently about 50 active lectors in the ministry.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: This ministry was established in order to facilitate the distribution of the Eucharist, as well as the blood of Christ, at all Masses. Pat Chuchla and Susan O'Connell oversee this ministry which ensures that all Masses celebrated at St. Michael's have adequate numbers of Eucharistic Ministers. This includes daily masses, weekend masses, holy day masses, and other services requiring Eucharistic distribution.

Archdiocese remandating and renewal opportunities are offered to remind those involved in this ministry that they have a special relationship with Christ as well as a responsibility to Him and the parish.

USHERS: The ushers of St. Michael's are responsible for maintaining order at the Masses, as well as collections at all the Masses. There are at least 4, sometimes more, ushers at every Mass to keep the congregation flowing and moving. They have been a vital part of St. Michael's for many, many years.

ENVIRONMENT AND ART: This ministry provides inspirational environment for our worship and prayer life. Members use their artistic gifts to design and create enhancements to church décor reflecting liturgical seasons.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: This ministry has existed since 2000. These ministers use life experiences, books and websites to bring the Scriptures of Sunday Mass alive for the children of St. Michael's. Right now there are 12 adult facilitators proclaiming God's Word to approximately 65 children each Sunday.

CHILD LECTORS: This program began in 2009 with 5 students. The purpose of this ministry is to train students to be confident lectors. These lectors read at the school Masses and Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word. At the present time, there are 42 students and 5 adult facilitators.

Other groups that are part of Worship include several Adult Formation and Spiritual Groups that meet regularly, the Rosary Group, the Holy Spirit Prayer Group, the Evangelization and Scripture Group, the St. Michael's Apologetics Society, Hispanic Bible Study and Bible Timeline Scripture Study.

MUSIC MINISTRY

In Fall 1972 the Adult Choir was organized under the direction of Ken Steinbacher. The ministry of cantors began as Gregorian chant responses. During the 1970s the choir produced two record albums. Mary Ellen Lieberwein became music director in 1979 and expanded the repertoire to include four and five part harmonies as well as more formal pieces. Bruce Glenny became director in the 1990s when another recording of Christmas music was released. Gary Patin, who became choir director in 1998, serves as its current director. The choir has extended their singing harmonies to as much as eight parts. In addition to the adult choir, this ministry also consists of a Cherub Choir (grades 2-3), Children's Choir (grades 4-7), Children's Handbell Choir, Young Adult Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Praise Band, Resurrection Choir, Spanish Choir, and the Adult Handbell Choir. Cantors lead the congregation in praise and worship. Music Ministry consists of 150 people helping our parish give praise to God through music and song.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Father Bulwith began Youth ministry in 1975 calling the program "See the Light". Father Simpson, Father Boland and Father Clair continued the "See the Light" program. The Quest program began in 1983 as small faith-sharing groups that met in the homes of adult discussion leaders. In 1984 the Junior High Club was created and became part of Youth Ministry. Patricia Glynn served as Youth Minister from 1989-1996. Activities included the Palm Sunday Passion Play, Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen, and the Appalachia trip. Rose Koch became Youth Minister in 1997. The Shepherd's Table still continues. The Quest program now also attends World Youth Day and also sponsors a Mission Trip to Charleston, West Virginia each year to work with Habitat for Humanity. Over the last forty years, Youth Ministry has grown to 200 teens. Youth Ministry works to draw young people closer to Jesus in a safe, fun environment.

SERVICE MINISTRY

Sister Marietta Umlor, along with Cee Cee VanHecke, oversees this ministry. It seeks to provide parishioners with opportunities to serve the parish community. Ministries include the Unemployed Support Group (now the HOPE Employment Ministry), the Martha Ministry (volunteers who cook for struggling families), the Joseph Ministry (volunteers who help the sick and elderly with household jobs), the Nursing and Health Cabinet (which promotes good health through education and information), Ministers of Care (who take communion to parishioners in hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound), Rite of Christian Initiation (which prepares adults for acceptance into the Catholic Church), St. Vincent de Paul Society (which carries out the corporal and

spiritual works of mercy to the parish), and Bereavement Ministry (which extends compassion and support to those grieving the death of a loved one).

OTHER MINISTRIES

A review of St. Michael's "Welcome Booklets" through the years reveals a great many ministries that existed at various times. There was a Parish Life Ministry that encompassed many social activities such as Couples Club, Bridge Club, Holiday Coffees, Fish Fry, Pancake Breakfast, Parish Dinner Dance, Golf and Racquetball Leagues, Leisure Plotters (Senior Citizens), Widow/Widower's Groups, Men's and Women's Golf and Men's and Women's Bowling League.

The present Women's Club began in September of 2014 with a community of Catholic women dedicated to the spiritual and social interaction of its members, as well as service projects for the needy, and various fundraising events with all proceeds donated to help other parish ministries and worthy charitable organizations. The group has sent our military veterans on "Honor Flights", made fleece tie blankets for Hope Children's Hospital, donated to the Parish's 150th Anniversary Picnic and the Retirement for Priests Fund, among many others. The group's devotion to helping others is its main mission, however, during the year they also enjoy fun social events, such as bingo and movies and have an occasional pizza or corned beef sandwich. The Women's Club began with 15 members and has increased to 40 this past season. They meet from September through May, when they present our annual May crowning. (Source: Carol Mattes, Mary Patterson and Paulette Minarcik)

Knights of Columbus Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 10858 was established in April 16, 1992. The principles of the Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The council started out with 50 members and Fr. Leo Lyons serving as Chaplain. Over the years, the council continued to grow. Some of the original members remain active in the council. The Knights continue to sponsor activities, such as the Rev. Leo Lyons annual Fishing Outing for the mentally challenged, the annual Basketball Free Throw contest, and the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest. The annual Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive (the Tootsie Roll Drive) is one of the most recognized activities of the Knights of Columbus. They also support vocations by providing a monetary gift to a seminarian. Current Grand Knight is Anthony R. Noska and Deputy Grand Knight is Robert Chio. (Source: Anthony R. Noska)

St. Michael's Couples Club began in November 1974 and was initiated by Bishop John Gorman, who felt the need to offer a social group for married couples. Pub Nights were held monthly in the rectory basement and included games, scavenger hunts, potluck dinners, sports nights and Christmas caroling. Over the years, as the group evolved, the steering committee began to plan parish events, including an evening reflection for couples, New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's' dinner dances, parish picnic, Christmas liturgy and toy drive. The activities were well attended. Although their purpose was not fundraising, they were able to cover their expenses, and excess profits were donated to the parish. The Couples Club flourished for about 15 years; however, it became increasingly difficult for the same core group to continue running the multitude of events. In 1989 the group disbanded, writing to Pastor Ed McLaughlin, thanking the parish for their support. Members felt blessed with lasting friendships and precious memories of a special time in their lives. (Source: Arleen Manning and Rosemary Lambert)

All of these ministries provide, or have provided, parishioners with social and fun activities in which to get to know each other in faith and fellowship.

MINISTERIOS DE LA PARROQUIA DE ST. MICHAEL

DIÁCONOS PERMANENTES

La oficina de diaconado se originó con los Apóstoles, la elección de siete hombres, entre ellos Esteban, para ayudar en el trabajo caritativo de la Iglesia, estipulado en Hechos 6. Aunque el diaconado floreció por los primeros cinco siglos, eventualmente desapareció por varias razones. En 1971, la primera clase de diaconado se ordenó. Los diáconos, aquí en la parroquia de St. Michael, son diáconos permanentes porque ellos fueron ordenados permanentes al diaconado, mientras que a los seminaristas se les nombra diáconos tradicionales porque ellos no continúan siendo diáconos sino que serán ordenados sacerdotes.

En 1972, el Diaconado Permanente fue aprobado por los Estados Unidos. El primer diácono permanente en St. Michael fue William Barker (1973-1978), le siguieron John Griffin (1974-1979), y Edwin Riner (1976-1988). Nuestras actuales parejas de diáconos forman parte del ministerio diaconal como sigue: Michael y Donna McDonough (1991-presente), Tom y Becky Bartholomew (1994- presente), Tony y Eileen Cocco (1994-presente), Jim y Sharon Janicek (2002-present), Saúl y Elia Vásquez (2002-presente), Abel y Yolanda Trujillo (2014-presente). A las parejas se les exhortó a participar juntos en el entrenamiento.

Los diáconos en St. Michael proclaman el evangelio, sirven como Ministros de Cáliz, presiden en las bodas y dirigen servicios de oración. Las parejas de diáconos celebran en unión Bautizos. A cada individuo, al igual que como pareja, se les exhorta a buscar el área de ministerio a la cual Dios los llama a cada uno. Ellos están activos en la vida de comunidad y el enriquecimiento espiritual. Ellos han logrado gran influencia en las familias de la parroquia, y, a cambio, han experimentado un gran desarrollo espiritual.

MINISTERIO DE ALABANZA

Un número de ministerios laicos existen bajo la orientación del Ministerio de Alabanza, supervisado por Pat Chuchla como Directora. En el presente hay más de 625 hombres, mujeres y niños sirviendo en los ministerios de alabanza.

SACRISTANES: Durante los 1960, los sacristanes eran un grupo informal de voluntarios que ayudaban en las Misas. Walter Maranda fue uno de los primeros sacristanes. El mencionó a Peter Dalaly, quien fue el primer sacristán encabezado. Peter escribió el primer guía de sacristán para la parroquia de St. Michael. Debido a que el grupo era aún informal y muchas Misas aún no tenían sacristán, Peter se quedaba y actuaba como sacristán para todas las Misas y los Bautismos. Fue Peter quien se dio cuenta de la necesidad de un grupo de sacristanes dedicados para todas las Misas, así que reclutó y entrenó a individuos para cumplir con las responsabilidades de sacristán durante todas las Misas.

LECTORES: Como resultado del Vaticano II (1962-1965), el papel del laico era destacar y los líderes laicos fueron reintroducidos a la liturgia de la Iglesia Católica. El Padre Coyle nombró a George Gallagher, Gus Knez y Austin Close como los primeros lectores en St. Michael. Un año más tarde, Gertrude Gallagher fue nombrada primera lectora femenina. En ese tiempo, los lectores utilizaban un micrófono y hablaban desde el podio del desván del coro. Cuando la iglesia se renovó hace varios años, el puesto de los lectores se movió al lado del altar. Fue Gertrude Gallagher quien sugirió el tener dos lectores en cada Misa para compartir las lecturas. Los sacerdotes de la parroquia tomaron la responsabilidad de entrenar a los lectores. Ron Rozak se responsabilizó como Coordinador de Lectores desde 1970 hasta 1985 e inicio reuniones anuales e introdujo predicadores quienes brindaron sugerencias a los lectores en cómo mejorar su proclamación de las escrituras. Tom Ahl, junto con su esposa, Mary Ann, quienes sirvieron como Coordinadores de Lectores de 1985-2010, establecieron las normas para los lectores y también registros y comunicaciones electrónicas. En el 2010, John y Carol Gianoli tomaron el liderazgo del ministerio. John y Carol, junto con Pat Chuchla, hicieron un estudio de a los lectores y buscaron la manera de mejorar este ministerio. Utilizando recordatorios por medio de

correos electrónicos automáticos y otras maneras de comunicación electrónicas, el ministerio ahora funciona más eficiente. Hay actualmente aproximadamente 50 lectores activos en el ministerio.

MINISTROS EUCARISTICOS: Este ministerio se estableció para facilitar la distribución de la Eucaristía, al igual que la Sangre de Cristo, en todas las Misas. Pat Chuchla y Susan O'Connell supervisan este ministerio que asegura que todas la Misas celebradas en St. Michael tengan el número adecuado de Ministros Eucarísticos. Esto incluye las Misas diarias, Misas de fin de semana, Misas de día festivo y otros servicios que requieren la distribución de la Eucaristía. Reenvíos y oportunidades de renovación por la Arquidiócesis se ofrecen para recordar a los involucrados en este ministerio de que ellos tienen una relación especial con Cristo, tanto como la responsabilidad con Él y con la parroquia.

UJIERES: Los ujieres de St. Michael son responsables de mantener el orden durante las Misas, así como recoger la colecta en todas las Misas. Hay al menos 4 ujieres en cada Misa, algunas veces más, para mantener la congregación fluyente. Ellos han sido una parte vital en St. Michael por muchos, muchos años.

El MEDIOAMBIENTE Y EL ARTE: Este ministerio provee un ambiente de inspiración para nuestra vida de alabanza y oración. Los miembros hacen uso de sus dones artísticos para diseñar y crear realce a la decoración de la iglesia, reflejando las temporadas litúrgicas.

NIÑOS LECTORES: Este programa inició en el 2009 con cinco estudiantes. El propósito de este ministerio es entrenar a los estudiantes a ser lectores confiables. Estos lectores leen en la Misas escolares y en la Liturgia de La Palabra de Jóvenes. Actualmente hay 42 estudiantes y cinco coordinadores adultos.

Otros grupos que forman parte de la Alabanza incluyen la Formación de Adultos y Grupos Espirituales que se reúnen regularmente, el Grupo del Rosario, el Grupo de Oración del Espíritu Santo, el Grupo de Evangelización y Escritura, la Sociedad Apologética de St. Michael, Estudio Bíblico Hispano y el Estudio de Escritura Bíblica del Tiempo.

MINISTERIO DE MÚSICA

En el otoño de 1972, el Coro de Adultos se organizó bajo la dirección de Ken Steinbacher. El ministerio de cantores se inició como respuesta a cantos Gregorianos. Durante el 1970, el coro produjo dos grabaciones álbum. Mary Ellen Lieberwein tomó el puesto de directora de música en 1979 y amplió el repertorio para incluir cuatro a cinco piezas de harmonías, así como más piezas formales. Bruce Glenny inició como director en el 1990 cuando otra grabación musical Navideña se hizo pública. Gary Patin, inició como director en 1998, hasta el presente. El coro ha ampliado sus harmonías hasta ocho piezas. Además del coro de adultos, este ministerio también consiste de un Coro Querubín (grados 2-3), Coro de Niños (grados 4-7) Coro Campanas de Niños, Coro de Jóvenes, Asamblea Contemporánea, Banda Alabanza, Coro Resurrección, el Coro Campanas de Adultos y el coro hispano San Miguel. Los cantores encabezan la congregación de adoración y alabanza. El Ministerio de Música consiste de 150 personas ayudando a nuestra parroquia para alabar a Dios por medio de la música y el canto.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

El Padre Bulwith inició su Ministerio Juvenil en 1975, llamándolo el programa "Ve la Luz". El Padre Simpson, Padre Boland y Padre Clair continuaron el programa. El programa Quest se inició en 1983 como pequeños grupos que compartían la fe, reunidos en hogares de líderes adultos. En 1984 el Club Junior High fue creado y formó parte del Ministerio Juvenil. Patricia Glynn sirvió en el Ministerio Juvenil de 1989-1996. Las actividades incluyeron la Obra de la Pasión, Domingo de Ramos, La Mesa del Pastor, Cocina de Alimentos, y el viaje Appalachia. Rose Kochl inició al Ministerio Juvenil en 1997. La Mesa del Pastor aún continúa. El programa Quest ahora también se entiende de la Jornada Mundial de La Juventud, y también patrocina el Viaje de Misión a Charleston, West Virginia, cada año para trabajar por Hábitat para la Humanidad. Por los pasados

cuarenta años, el Ministerio Juvenil ha incrementado a 200 adolescentes. El Ministerio Juvenil trabaja para atraer a los jóvenes hacia Jesús en un ambiente divertido y seguro.

MINISTERIO DE SERVICIO

La Hermana Marietta Umlor, junto con Cee Cee VanHecke, supervisan el ministerio. Este ministerio provee a los feligreses la oportunidad de servir a la comunidad parroquial. Los ministerios incluyen el Grupo Apoyo al Desempleo (ahora el Ministerio ESPERANZA de empleo), el Ministerio Marta (voluntarios que cocinan para familias en lucha), el Ministerio José (voluntarios que ayudan al enfermo y personas mayores con trabajos caseros), El Gabinete de Enfermería y Salud (promueve buena salud por medio de la educación e información), Ministerios de Cuidado (llevan la comunión a feligreses a hospitales, hogares de ancianos y al recluido en su hogar), Rito a la Iniciación Cristiana (prepara a los adultos para la aceptación en la Iglesia Católica), Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul (responde las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales de la parroquia), y el Ministerio de Duelo (extiende compasión y apoyo a los que sufren la muerte de un ser querido).

OTROS MINISTERIOS

En una revisión de los "Libretos de Bienvenida" de St. Michael, durante los años, revela un gran número de ministerios que existieron en diferentes tiempos. Hubo un Ministerio, Vida de Parroquia, que abarcaba muchas actividades sociales, tal como Club de Parejas, Club Puente, Cafés Festivos, Pescado Frito, Desayuno de Pancakes, Cena Baile Parroquial, Ligas de Golf y Raqueta, Conspiradores de Ocio (personas mayores), grupos de Viudo/a, Golf de Hombres y Mujeres y Liga de Boliche para Hombres y Mujeres.

El actual Club de Mujeres se inició en septiembre del 2014 con la comunidad de mujeres católicas dedicadas a la interacción social de sus miembros, como también proyectos de servicio para el necesitado, y varios eventos de recaudación de fondos, con todas las recaudaciones donadas para ayudar a otros ministerios parroquiales y organizaciones de caridad justas. La devoción del grupo para ayudar a otros es su gran misión; sin embargo, durante el año, ellas también disfrutan de eventos sociales, tal como el bingo, películas y ocasionalmente tienen piza o sándwiches. El Club de Mujeres inició con 15 miembros y aumentó a 40 la temporada pasada. Ellas se reúnen de Septiembre a Mayo, cuando presentamos nuestra coronación anual de Mayo. (Fuente: Carol Mattes, Mary Patterson and Paulette Minarcik).

Los Caballeros de Colón Obispo Fulton J. Sheen Consejo 10858 se estableció el 16 de abril de 1992. Los principios de los Caballeros de Colón son la caridad, unidad, fraternidad y patriotismo. El consejo se inició con 50 miembros y el Padre Leo Lyons servía como Capellán. Al paso de los años, el consejo continúo creciendo. Algunos de los miembros originales permanecen activos, tal como John Basta, John Muldoon y Wayne Young. Los Caballeros continúan patrocinando actividades, tal como la excursión de pesca anual del Rev. Leo Lyons para los de reto mental, el Basketball, Tiro Libre y el "Mantén a Cristo en la Navidad" concurso de Poster. La Campaña de Fondos Discapacidades Intelectuales, anual, (el Tootsie Roll Drive) es una de las actividades más reconocidas de los Caballeros de Colón. Ellos también apoyan las vocaciones, entregando regalos monetarios a un seminarista. El actual Gran Caballero es Anthony R. Noska y Segundo Gran Caballero es Robert Chio. (Fuente: Anthony R. Noska).

El Club de Parejas de St. Michael se inició en noviembre de 1974 por el Obispo John Gorman, quien vio la necesidad de ofrecer un grupo social para parejas matrimoniales. Noches Pub se llevaban a cabo mensualmente en el sótano de la rectoría e incluían juegos, buscas de carroñe, cenas potluck, noche de deportes y cantos navideños. Al paso de los años, el grupo evolucionó, el comité de dirección empezó a planificar eventos parroquiales, incluyendo una noche de reflexión para las parejas, Víspera de Año Nuevo y la cena-baile de San Patricio, el picnic parroquial, liturgia de Navidad y la campaña de juguetes. Las actividades estaban muy bien atendidas. Aunque su propósito no era recaudar fondos, ellos cubrían sus propios gastos y el exceso de ganancias eran donadas a la parroquia. El Club de Parejas floreció por aproximadamente 15 años; sin embargo,

se dificultó por el mismo grupo central por continuar funcionando con la multitud de eventos. En 1989 el grupo se desmanteló, escribiéndole la Párroco Ed McLaughlin, dando las gracias por su apoyo. Los miembros se sintieron bendecidos con las amistades duraderas y los hermosos recuerdos de un tiempo tan especial en su vida. (Fuente: Arleen Manning and Rosemary Lambert)

Todos estos ministerios proveen o han proveído a los feligreses con actividades sociales y divertidas en las cuales se conocen unos a otros en la fe y el compañerismo.



ST. MICHAEL PARISH MINISTRIES

WORSHIP

We believe in quality worship that nourishes, sustains and celebrates our life in Christ. Worship ministries serve the flow of the liturgy and sacramental celebrations, train ministers to understand their role, and provide formation for baptism and marriage.

Altar Servers Liturgical Dancers

Art & Environment Sacristans
Eucharistic Ministers Ushers

Greeters Young Peoples' Liturgy of the Word

Lectors Baptismal Prep Music Marriage Prep

Cantors Choirs

Musicians/Bells Spanish Choir

SERVICE/PARISH LIFE

We believe that we must live out our faith as witnesses of Jesus' love for all people. These ministries provide opportunities to serve the homebound, sick, dying, and those who grieve. They lift up the poor, advance respect for human life at all stages and gather together for support, fellowship and fun.

Evangelization Women's Club
Respect Life Men's Club
St. Vincent de Paul Society Martha Ministry
Knights of Columbus Young Adult Group

Hooks and Needles Bereavement
Ministries of Care Grief Support

HOPE (Jobs Ministry)

EDUCATION/FORMATION

We believe in life-long faith formation that assists Catholics from childhood through adulthood to experience Christ, learn about Him, and follow His way. These ministries engage us at various stages of life, filling our spiritual hunger and forming us for discipleship.

Parish School Christ Renews His Church Religious Education Men's AND Women's Retreats

Children's & Adult's Sacramental Prep RCIA

Apologetics Eucharistic Adoration

SWIFT Prayer Group

Bible Studies Evangelization & Scripture
Various Faith Sharing Groups English as a Second Language

HISPANIC

We believe that our Church benefits greatly from the diversity of her people. These ministries involve our Hispanic community in worship, formation, service, and parish life in their native language and allow them to celebrate their culture, as all nationalities have done in the Catholic Church in America.

Leadership St. Michael Novena Sacramental Prep Day of the Dead

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Posada

Hispanic Choir Hispanic Worship
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena & Liturgical Celebration

YOUTH

We believe that young people have much to give as they keep our church alive and growing. Youth ministries afford ways for pre-schoolers through college age to grow in Faith, friendship and service and to celebrate their love for Christ, His Church, the world and each other.

High School Quest Soup Kitchen

High School Retreats

National Catholic Youth Conference

Appalachia Service Pilgrimages
Jr. High Retreats World Youth Day
Jr. High Field Trips Coed Sports

College Outreach Vacation Bible School

Passion Play Presentations

When we are baptized, we are claimed for Christ. We are anointed as Priest, Prophet, and King. That means we are called to reach out and minister to others. We are called to spread the Good News. We are called to be both leaders and servants. The question is, how do we answer our baptismal call to leadership and service?

As St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "Love begins by taking care of the closest ones—the ones at home." Our first responsibility is to support those at home. For those able to do more, there are many opportunities to share your gifts at the parish, in our local community, and beyond.

Charity is born of a call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side. Pope Francis 9/24/15

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Weekday Masses:

Monday through Friday: 6:30 am and 8:00 am Lunes: en Espanol en la capilla: 7:00 pm Saturday: 8:30 am



MINISTERIOS DE LA PARROQUIA DE ST. MICHAEL

ALABANZA

Creemos en la alabanza de calidad que nutre, sostiene y celebra nuestra vida en Cristo. Los ministerios de alabanza sirven para el fluir de la liturgia y las celebraciones sacramentales, entrena ministros a entender su papel y provee formación para el bautismo y el matrimonio.

Monaguillos Bailarines Litúrgicos

Arte y Ambiente Sacristanes Ministros Eucarísticos Ujieres

Comité de Bienvenida Liturgia de La Palabra para Jóvenes

Lectores Preparación Bautismal Música Preparación Matrimonial

Cantores Coros

Campanas Musicales

SERVICIO/VIDA PARROQUIAL

Creemos que debemos vivir nuestra fe como testigos del amor de Jesús hacia todas las personas. Estos ministerios proveen oportunidades para servir al recluido en su hogar, al enfermo, al moribundo y a los que sufren su muerte Ellos reaniman al pobre, motivan el respeto por la vida humana en todas sus etapas y se reúnen para apoyar, acompañar y divertir.

Evangelización Club de Mujeres
Respeto Por La Vida Club de Hombres
Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul Ministerio de Marta
Caballeros de Colón Grupo de Jóvenes

Ganchos y Agujas Duelo

Ministros de Cuidado Apoyo en Aflicción ESPERANZA (Ministerio de Empleo)

EDUCACIÓN/FORMACIÓN

Creemos en toda una vida de formación de la fe que ayude a los católicos desde la niñez hasta la edad adulta para experimentar a Cristo, aprender sobre Él y seguir su camino. Estos ministerios encajan en varias etapas de la vida, saciando nuestra hambre espiritual y formándonos para el apostolado.

Escuela Parroquial Cristo Renueva Su Iglesia
Educación Religiosa Retiros de Hombres y Mujeres
Prep. Sacramental Niños y Adultos RCIA/Iniciación Cristiana
Apologética Adoración Eucarística
SWIFT/Inter Fe Grupo de Oración

Estudios Bíblicos Evangelización y Escritura Grupos compartiendo la Fe Inglés Como Segundo Idioma

HISPÁNICO

Creemos que nuestra Iglesia se beneficia grandemente de la diversidad de su gente. Estos ministerios involucran nuestra comunidad hispana en alabanza, formación, servicio y vida de parroquia en su lengua nativa y les permite celebrar su cultura, como lo han hecho todas las nacionalidades en la Iglesia Católica de América.

Liderazgo Novena de San Miguel Prep. Sacramental Día de Los Muertos

Viernes Santo/Vía Crucis Posada

Coro Hispano Alabanza Hispana Novena de Nuestra Sra. De Guadalupe y Celebración Litúrgica

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JUVENTUD

Creemos que los jóvenes tienen un gran potencial para mantener nuestra Iglesia viva y próspera. Los ministerios juveniles tienen maneras de financiar para que los pre-escolares hasta edad de colegio crezcan en la fe, amistad, servicio y celebrar su amor por Cristo, su Iglesia, el mundo y uno al otro.

Escuela Superior/Quest Escuela Superior /Retiros Servicio Appalachia Jr. High/Retiros Jr. High/Excursiones

Extensión hacia el Colegio Presentaciones de La Pasión Cocina de Alimentos

Conferencia Nacional Católica Juvenil

Peregrinaciones

Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

Deportes Unisex

Escuela Bíblica en Vacaciones

Cuando somos bautizados, somos reclamados por Cristo. Somos ungidos como Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey. Esto significa que somos llamados a acercarnos y suministrar a los demás. Somos llamados a esparcir la Buena Nueva. Somos llamados a ser ambos, líderes y servidores. La pregunta es, ¿Cómo respondemos a nuestro llamado bautismal de liderazgo y servicio?

Así como Santa Teresa de Calcuta nos recuerda, "El amor empieza cuidando a los más cercanos—los que están en casa". Nuestra primera responsabilidad es apoyar a los que están en casa. Para los que pueden hacer algo más, hay muchas oportunidades de compartir tus dones en la parroquia, en nuestra comunicad local, y aún más allá.

La caridad nace de un llamado de un Dios que continúa tocando a nuestra puerta, la puerta de toda persona, para invitarnos a amar, a la compasión, al servicio de uno al otro. Jesús sigue tocando a nuestra puerta en los rostros de nuestros hermanos, en los rostros de nuestros vecinos, en los rostros de aquellos que están a nuestro lado. Pope Francis 9/24/15

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Domingo: Misa en Español 1:30 p.m.

Misas: Durante la Semana Lunes a Viernes: 6:30 am y 8:00 am Lunes: Español en la capilla: 7:00 pm

Sábado: 8:30 am



St. Michael Parish 1867-2017

PASTORS

1867-1869 1869-1873 1873-1874 1874-1878 1878-1888 1888-1893 1893-1896 1896-1898 1898-1901 1901-1904	Rev. Suitbert Demarteau, O.S.B. Rev. J.H. Jutting Various Benedictine Fathers Rev. Charles Hout Rev. F. Sixt Various Benedictine Fathers Rev. Rudesindus Schrembs, O.S.B. Various Benedictine Fathers Rev. Suitbert Rickert, O.S.B. Rev. Leonard Schlimm, O.S.B.	1916-1917 1917-1919 1919-1920 1920-1923 1923-1924 1924-1926 1926-1936 1936-1944 1944-1952 1952-1973	Rev. John Kokene, S.J. Rev. John Mahowald Rev. James Preuss, S.J. Rev. Edward C. Calhoun, S.J. Rev. J. C. Daley, S.J. Rev. E. J. Zurlinden, S. J. Rev. William A. Gorey Rev. J. L. Rooney Rev. Michael Kilbride Rev. Francis Coyle
1898-1901	,	1944-1952	Rev. Michael Kilbride
1901-1904 1904-1905 1905-1908	Rev. Richard Kraus, O.S.B. Rev. William H. Dettmer, Rev. John Goesse, S.J.	1973-1986 1986-2003 2004-2009	Msgr. John Gorman Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin Rev. Michael Hack
1908-1916	Rev. C. J. V. Bill, S.J.	2009-Present	Rev. Paul Burak

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PRIESTS

1953-1957	Rev. Stanley Rudcki	1991-1997	Rev. Michael Nacius
1957-1964	Rev. Michael Broniec	1992-1996	Rev. Robert R. Motycka
1964-1968	Rev. Victor Sivore	1994-1998	Rev. Reynaldo Treyes
1965-1966	Rev. Paul McArdle	1997-2003	Rev. Louis Tylka, Jr.
1965-1966	Rev. Joseph A. Kelly	1998-1999	Rev. Kurt Boras
1966-1974	Rev. John McCaig	1999-2000	Rev. Edward Fealey (Res.)
1968-1975	Rev. Peter F. Dunne	2000-2003	Rev. Bob Clark
1974-1978	Rev. Richard Bulwith	2004	Rev. Michael Adams (Res.)
1976-1985	Rev. John Daley	2008-Present	Rev. William Finnegan
1978-1982	Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin	2009-2010	Rev. Adan Sandoval Duron
1978-1982	Rev. Patrick J. Brennan (Res.)	2005-2009	Rev. John J. Zurek
1978-1982	Rev. Kenneth C. Simpson	2010-2012	Rev. Michael G. Foley
1980-1986	Rev. Richard Homa	2011-2012	Rev. Carlos Rodriguez
1983-1989	Rev. Michael O'Connell	2011-2016	Rev. Jack Jura
1984-2010	Rev. Leo J. Lyons (USAF Ret.)	2013-2016	Rev. Thomas Byrne
1986-1992	Rev. Steven M. Lanza	2016-Present	Rev. Miguel Flores
1989-1991	Rev. William M. Killeen	2016-Present	Rev. Geofrey Andama

DEACONS

1973-1978	William Barker (Permanent Deacon)	1981-1982	Rev. Mr. John C. Clair
1974-1979	John Griffin (Permanent Deacon)	1985-1986	Rev. Mr. Michael G. Foley
1974-1975	Rev. Mr. Jerome Listecki	1991-Present	Michael & Donna McDonough
1975-1976	Rev. Mr. Patrick Rugen	1994-Present	Tom & Becky Bartholomew
1976-1977	Rev. Mr. Charles Schutt	1994-Present	Tony & Eileen Cocco
1976-1988	Edwin Riner (Permanent Deacon)	2002-Present	Saul & Elia Vasquez
1977-1978	Rev. Mr. Brian Hawker	2005-Present	Jim & Sharon Janicek
1980-1981	Rev. Mr. Jeremiah Boland	2014-Present	Abel & Yolanda Trujillo

SEMINARIAN INTERNS

1986	Joseph Allen	2012	Derek Ho
1987	John Siemianowski	2013	Adam Blatt
1988	Kevin Duffy	2013	Chris Kerzych
1989	John Clark	2013	Thomas Byrne
1990	Jerry Jacobs	2014	Reynaldo Esquivel
1991	Thomas Bradley	2015	Jesus Romero Galan
1992	Terry Johnson	2015	Timothy Anastos
2008	Michael Cheble	2016	Vincent Nguyen
2010	Francis Bitterman	2016	Miguel Flores
2011	Kevin McCray		

PARISH MINISTERS / PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

1972-1978	Sr. Brenda McCarthy, O.P.	Parish Minister
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1979-1982	Sr. Grace Simms, O.P.	Parish Minister
1982-1987	Sr. June Secor, O.P.	Parish Minister
1987- Present	Sr. Marietta Umlor, C.S.C.	Pastoral Associate
1989-1999	Sr. June Secor, O.P.	Parish Visitor
1992-2001	Sr. Teresa Tuite, O.P.	Adult Formation
1997-2008	Kathleen Blanchfield	Parish Nurse
2008-Present	Pat Chuchla	Pastoral Associate
2015-2017	Roberta Anderson	Pastoral Associate

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1949-1955	Sr. Helen Marie, O.P.	Principal and Superior
1955-1961	Sr. Mary Antonia, O.P.	Principal and Superior
1961-1967	Sr. M. Louise, O.P.	Principal and Superior
1967-1974	Sr. M. Eunice, O.P.	Principal
1967	Sr. Ann Davette, O.P.	Superior
1974-1979	Sr. M. Colette Madden, O.P.	Principal
1979-1985	Sr. Margaret Exworthy, O.P.	Principal
1985-1986	Mr. Albert Palucci	Principal
1986-1992	Sr. Ruth Mutchler, R.S.M.	Principal
1993-2000	Mrs. Dolores Baumgarten	Principal
2001-2005	Mr. James C. Muting, Jr.	Principal
2005-2015	Mrs. Bernadette Cuttone	Principal
2015-Present	Mr. Paul Smith	Principal

YOUTH MINISTERS

MUSIC DIRECTORS

1975-1978	Rev. Dick Bulwith	1972-1978	Ken Steinbacher
1978-1982	Rev. Ken Simpson	1979-1989	Mary Ellen Lieberwein
1980-1983	Deacon Jerry Boland	1990-1997	Bruce Glenny
1982-1983	Deacon Jack Clair	1998-Present	Gary Patin
1983-1989	Rev. Michael O'Connell		
1985-1997	Patricia "Puddy" Glynn		

1997-Present Rose Koch

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1867-1974	Parish Volunteers trained by the Arc	chdiocese
1974-1976	Sr. June Howard, OP	First hired person for CCD
1976-1980	Sr. Pat Moran, RSM	Director of Religious Education
1975-1982	Ms. Jacqueline Eustace	Director of Religious Education
1978-1979	Sr. Joye Gros, OP	Director of Religious Education
1981-1989	Sr. Dee Peppard, BVM	Director of Religious Education
1983-1985	Mrs. Dee Dee Schubert Van Dyke	Director of Religious Education
1986-1987	Sr. Marilyn Medinger, CND	Director of Religious Education
1986-1998	Ms. Janet Elischer	School DRE
1988-1996	Ms. Jacqueline Eustace	Director of Religious Education
1991-1998	Sr. Julie Flynn, OP	Director of Religious Education
1997-1999	Mrs. Mary Petzel	Director of Religious Education
1997-2000	Mrs. Linda Mata	School DRE
1999-2000	Sr. Jane Haslwanter, BVM	Director of Religious Education
2000-2005	Ms. Jacqueline Eustace	Director of Religious Education
2003-2008	Mrs. Mary Lee Noonan	Coordinator of Religious Education
2003-2004	Mrs. Kristen Maxwell	Coordinator of Religious Education
2009-2014	Mrs. Karen Boyle	Coordinator of Religious Education
2015-2017	Mrs. Roberta Anderson	Director of Religious Education
2017-Present	Mrs. Kelly Martinez	Coordinator of Religious Education

PARISHES FORMED FROM ST. MICHAEL

Sacred Heart Mission	1928-1967 (originally administered by St. James of the Sag until 1928)
St. George	1934
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St. Alexander	1959
St. Patricia	1959
St. Julie Billiart	1974
Our Lady of the Woods	1984
St. Elizabeth Seton	1987
St. Francis of Assisi	1990
St. Stephen	1999 (formed from St. Julie, St. Elizabeth Seton, and St. George)

1777 (Torrida Hom St. Varie, St. Enzadeth Setter, and St. Georg

POPES 1867-2017

Pius IX	1848-1878	John XXIII	1958-1963
Leo XIII	1878-1903	Paul VI	1963-1978
Pius X	1903-1914	John Paul I	1978-1978
Benedict XV	1914-1922	John Paul II	1978-2005
Pius XI	1922-1939	Benedict XVI	2005-2013
Pius XII	1939-1958	Francis	2013-Present

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2016

Each October all parishes are asked to count the number of children, men and women present at each Mass. Numbers are the average of all four weekends in October.

4:30 pm Mass - 444	9:00 am Mass - 379	1:30 pm Mass - 434
6:00 pm Mass - 208	10:30 am Mass - 482	5:30 pm Mass - 311
7:30 am Mass - 244	12 noon Mass - 330	Total for Weekend = $2,832$

St. Michael School

1992-Present

The school environment from the years of Fr. McLaughlin to the present have been years of great excitement and change. Kindergarten was added in 2005 and was followed by the addition of Pre-School in 2008. Programs for Reading Resource and differentiated Learning enriched the curriculum. The computer center was totally transformed to allow full classes to participate in the most current technological trends. Smart Boards were installed in each classroom and Long Distance Learning opportunities complemented the curriculum by presenting virtual field experiences to distant locations, even offering the opportunity to converse with U. S. Service men and women.

St. Michael School is fortunate to be able to offer a complete program of course to educate the whole child. An update of the school security system in 2011 necessitated relocation of the art space which led to an augmentation of the art program for all levels. The music program has developed into a complete curriculum that provides the foundation for a yearly spring musical such as "Bye, Bye Birdie", "Aladdin", and "Annie"...to name a few. This music program is further enhanced by a band program showcasing student talent at Christmas and in the spring.

The Spanish program, emphasizing the Multiple Intelligences, was added to the Jr. High curriculum in 1995 and expanded to Pre-School in 2009.

The VIRTUES program, created by the Nashville Dominicans, was introduced to the Religion curriculum in 2015; thus focusing on the spiritual development of the students.

After school also provides time for learning. Whether it is competing in Academic Olympiad Competitions, the Mock Trial Program, Art Club, Robotics, or Video Club, students are encouraged to stretch their abilities and look ahead to possible career paths.

St. Michael's has been fortunate to have various skilled administrators during these years. Sr. Ruth Mutchler, Mrs. Dolores Baumgarten, Mr. James Muting, Mrs. Bernadette Cuttone and, currently, Mr. Paul Smith have served the school well. Let's not forget the importance of Sr. Pat McKee, who served the school in various capacities from 1974-2010: Assistant Principal, School Librarian, as well as an accomplished fundraiser whose hot dog and popcorn sales became legendary. Sr. Pat's Mardi Gras experience is one of the students' favorite memories, as they scurried to "arrest" their favorite teacher and "put them in jail" during the Mardi Gras experience! In addition, she served as Spiritual Director for Christ Renews His Parish.

Another memorable event for the students is the annual Trot-a-thon (originally the Track-a-thon) started in 1983. St. Michael's School Board and a group of concerned parents gathered and brainstormed a fundraiser to help defray the cost of a Catholic school education. The result was the Track-a-thon which continues to raise funds.

St. Michael School students look back on their education with fond memories: book fairs, hatching of baby chicks, Shakespeare Fest, and Trot-a-thon. It is the combination of academics, spirituality and fun that leads many of our alums to choose St. Michael for their own children

(compiled by Linda Mata and Carlin Glennon)

Escuela de St. Michael

1992-Presente

El ambiente escolar desde los años del Padre McLaughlin hasta el presente han sido años de gran emoción y de grandes cambios. El kindergarten se sumó en el 2005 y le siguió el pre-escolar en el 2008. Los programas para Recursos de Lectura y aprendizaje distinguido enriqueció el currículo. El centro de computación fue totalmente transformado e hizo posible que clases completas participaran en las últimas tendencias de la tecnología. Pizarras Inteligentes se instalaron en cada salón y oportunidades del Aprendizaje para Larga Distancia completaron el currículo, presentando un campo virtual de experiencias en el sector a lugares distantes, y hasta tendió la oportunidad de conversar con los hombres y mujeres del Servicio de los EE UU.

La Escuela de St. Michael es muy afortunada de tener la capacidad de ofrecer un programa completo de cursos para educar al niño holísticamente. Actualización del sistema de seguridad escolar en el 2011 requería traslado del espacio de arte lo cual conllevó a agrandar el programa de arte para todo nivel. El programa de música se ha desarrollado a un currículo completo que provee la fundación de un musical anual de primavera, tal como "Adiós, Adiós Pajarito" (Bye, Bye Birdie"), "Aladino" ("Aladdin"), y "Anita" ("Annie")... para nombrar algunos. Este programa musical es aún más realzado con un programa de banda que muestra el talento del estudiante durante la Navidad y la primavera.

El programa de español, enfatizando las múltiples inteligencias, se sumó al currículo de Jr. High en 1995 y se expendió al pre-escolar en el 2009.

El programa de VIRTUES, creado por los Dominicanos de Nashville se introdujo al currículo de religión en el 2015; enfocándose en el desarrollo espiritual de los estudiantes.

Después de la escuela, también se proporciona tiempo para aprender, ya sea para competencia académica u olímpica, el Programa Mock Trial, Club de Arte, Robóticos o Club de Video, y se exhorta a los estudiantes a extender sus capacidades y ver hacia adelante, camino hacia un carrera.

St. Michael ha tenido la fortuna de tener varios y capacitados directores/as durante estos años, La Hermana Ruth Mutchler, Sra. Dolores Baumgarten, Sr. James Muting, Sra. Bernadette Cuttone y, actualmente, Sr. Paul Smith quienes han servido bien a la escuela. No olvidemos la importancia de la Hermana Pat McKee, quien dio servicio a la escuela en varias capacidades del 1974-2010: Subdirectora, Bibliotecaria Escolar, también como efectiva recaudadora de fondos, cuáles ventas de perros calientes y palomitas llegó a ser una leyenda. La experiencia del Mardi Gras para la Hermana Pat es uno de los recuerdos favoritos de los estudiantes, de cómo se escurrían para arrestar a su maestra favorita y "los metían a la cárcel" durante la experiencia de Mardi Gras. Además, ella ayudaba como Directora Espiritual para Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia (Christ Renews His Parish).

Otro evento memorable para los estudiantes es el anual Trot-a-thon (originalmente el Track-a-thon) se inició en 1983. La Mesa Directiva de St. Michael y un grupo de padres preocupados se reunieron y tuvieron una idea genial para recaudaciones de fondos para ayudar a sufragar la educación de una escuela católica. El resultado fue el Track-a-thon que aún continua recaudando fondos.

Los estudiantes de la Escuela de St. Michael ven hacia atrás su educación con lindos recuerdos: feria del libro, pollitos saliendo del cascaron, Fiesta de Shakespeare y el Trot-a-Thon. Es la combinación académica, espiritual y la diversión que conlleva a muchos de nuestros alumnos a elegir a St. Michael para sus propios niños.

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	Total Enrollment in	Parish School ar	nd Religious Education Programs
1964	900		
1965	895		
1966	923		
1967	914		
1968	917		
1969	829		
1970	762		
1971	778		
1972	790		
1973	855		
1974	791		
1975	809		
1976	797		
1977	797		
1978	816		
1980	818		
1981	801		
1982	816		
1983	844		
1984-1991		School Direc	tory did not list enrollment numbers for these years
1992			,
1993	761		
1994	788		
1995	817		
1996	788		
1997			
1998	849		
1999	855		
2000	841	795	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2001	893	925	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2002	893	925	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2004	764	722	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2005	764	722	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2006	764	722	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2007	668	564	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2008	630	505	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2009	600	490	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2010	600	467	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2011	580	451	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
	596		(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
	586		(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2014	595	405	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2015	613	381	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)
2016	609	372	(listed from the Official Catholic Directory)

Sources:

School Directory. Chicago: Office of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Chicago, 1964-2015 Official Catholic Directory. New Providence, NJ; P.J. Kennedy & Sons, 1817-2015

Beginning in July 2016, the 150th Anniversary Committee invited parishioners to share their memories and stories of St. Michael Parish. The following are those shared fond memories and stories:

Memories of St. Michael's

Linda Smith

Since 1976, when my husband, Tony and I bought our house and joined St. Michael Parish, the spirit and the energy of people in this parish have inspired me, strengthened my faith and keep me coming back. I appreciate the special events offered here as well as the Sunday liturgies, which sustain me each week. Some of the people who influenced me were Sr. Marietta and Father Steve Lanza, as well as Pastors Fr. Ed McLaughlin and Fr. Paul Burak. I have been involved with CRHP and RCIA. One of the most memorable experiences was reciting the rosary as part of the celebration of Our Lady of the Millennium, a statue created by the Demma family. In addition, I helped with religious education and with Daybreak Center, a ministry to the homeless in Joliet.

Phil Varnagis

One of the most significant people who influenced me in my ministries is Bill Smith (Bill O'Brien). He got over 125 people involved in becoming ushers at St. Michael Parish. I served as a G-Man at several Summerfest celebrations. (G-Man in this instance means Garbage Man). Also Mitch Wrobel, Fr. Bob Clark, Sue Carr, Al Kuraitis, Mike McGinty and Roger K were (are) fellow ministers who made a positive impact on my faith life.

Bob Pericht

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, I have been a parishioner for 58 years and have played a role in lay ministry from 1958-1998. In 1958, the population of Orland Park was about 800 people. Father Coyle asked me to join the Holy Name Society, and I served as president of that organization as well as participating in the Men's Retreat and the Catholic Men's Athletic League, serving as usher, chairing finance committees and pledge drives. The Holy Name published the parish bulletin, called *The Voice of St. Michael*, a name used to this day. In addition, I served on the Construction Committee and helped to build Coyle Field. Mayor Mel Doogan operated heavy equipment, the Rafacz Family donated the soil and sodded the field, I helped Mr. Garvin to line the field and an electrician built the goal posts. On the day that the field was dedicated there was a jet flyover and the Carl Sandburg High School Band played. Father Coyle was very surprised. Eventually Coyle Field was paved to create a parking lot. There was conflict among parishioners who wanted to Save Coyle Field or Pave Coyle Field. Father Coyle didn't like to borrow money and preferred to make decisions at the local level rather than consult the Cardinal (Cody) or the archdiocese. There had been a plan to build a cathedral-like structure to replace the wooden frame church. When Vatican II came along, it meant physical as well as spiritual change. One million dollars worth of Italian marble had been ordered for the structure. That got cancelled, and new plans for a brick building were drawn up. How would the frame building be demolished? Fr. Coyle contacted the Orland Park Fire Department Chief, Art Granat, and arranged for the building to be used as a "fire training" exercise for the department. Also, Fr. Coyle built a "Winter Chapel" for daily Mass to save heating costs during the winter months. The first service held in the "new" church was in May 1969. It was a graduation mass and ceremony. Bingo started as a game called T-U-R-K-O, and it was played prior to Thanksgiving. Prizes were turkeys and proceeds helped to pay for Christmas flowers for the church. The success of this game was such that we started playing regular BINGO on Wednesday evenings. Men of the parish, including Father Coyle ran the games. BINGO was not legal; and, on occasion we were threatened with a raid from the county police as well as with a bomb threat. Nothing happened. Eventually the state legalized BINGO; however, a license needed to be registered under an individual's name. That was me. The entire gross income had to be reported to the state. This continued for some time, with annual earnings amounting to \$35,000-40,000 net.

Mary Kuhl

I recently joined the parish in 2010. Originally, I was a parishioner at St. Odilo Parish in Berwyn. I have participated in Women's CRHP and the Women's Retreat.

Donna Bollero

Currently I serve as a Eucharistic Minister and have participated in CRHP (1994). Pam Taylor invited me to attend CRHP..."If you go, I'll go." Because I live on Highland Avenue, I was able to bring Communion to my parents when they were ill and stayed with me. My religious journey has been back and forth, and I have been strengthened in my faith at St. Michael Parish.

Naty Velada

For 37 years I have been a parishioner and have served as Eucharistic Minister, usher and sacristan. One of my significant efforts is bringing the Divine Mercy celebration to St. Michael Parish (since 2008). Father Leo Lyons was an important part of that effort. We obtained three pages of signatures asking the pastor to consider hosting the Divine Mercy Sunday liturgy. Donna McDonough invited me to be a sacristan. Although the duties of a sacristan in the Philippines and in the United States are different, I am always happy to serve. In addition, I participate in Simbang Gabi, the Philippine Christmas tradition.

Mark Tortorici

We prefer to attend liturgies on Saturday evenings and enjoy the sermons as well as participating in social activities, such as the Fish Fry. Our family found the priests and the staff of St. Michael to be very helpful and supportive at the time a family member passed away.

Isabella Tortorici

My brother, Michael, and I have been altar servers and find the priests and lay ministers to be positive and supportive of us. We feel welcome and appreciated.

Gerry Baker

Originally I was a parishioner at St Julie Parish and served in the Religious Education program. I started attending the 6:45 a.m. Mass at St Michael Parish and decided to stay! Currently I serve as Eucharistic Minister and appreciate the work of the Bereavement Ministry.

George and Jan Furtak

We have been at St. Michael's for 27 years and were parishioners at Sacred Heart in Palos Hills, St. Patricia's in Hickory Hills and St Joseph's in Summit. Some of the people who made a positive impact here at St. Michael's were Sister June, who visited our home and made us feel welcome. Father Leo and his cousin, Gerry Ryan, got us involved with becoming Ministers of Care, visiting nursing homes and leading residents in prayer and song. At one time, Father John Zurek sponsored the usher ministry, and we tried to compile a list of ushers to promote camaraderie among the group. Bill O'Brien and Sue Carr invited us to pray the rosary after the 8:00 a.m. daily mass. Fr. Tom Byrne invited us to tour the seminary at Mundelein and has been very generous with his time. In addition we have been involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Blue Army, and the Carmelites. For eight years George worked on the maintenance staff at St. Michael's.

Ken and Lorna Eick

During our 21 years in the parish we have been involved with the choir and CRHP. We were parishioners at St. George in Tinley Park. Ken worked with the youth group, and one of the boys was Fr. Tom Byrne! Lorna served as a catechist. Currently we are working to recruit new members for the choir at the 5:30 p.m. liturgy, and we would like to get families involved. Since we came to St. Michael's we felt comfortable. People were friendly and welcoming. Fr. Mike Nacius was one of the priests who played a key role.

Kevin Gaskin

I have been a parishioner for 25 years. Before moving to St. Michael's I belonged to St. Barnabas, St. Ita's and St Walter's. For 11-12 years I have served in the religious education program, and for the past five years I have been an usher.

Bob Nolan

When Bob joined the parish 45 years ago, Monsignor Gorman greeted him, and said "We need an usher." Bob has served in that capacity since then, as well as being a Eucharistic Minister and a Minister of Care. Besides that he has worked Bingo, participated in a RENEW group (small faith-sharing groups), and served as a Knight of Columbus for 58 years. Prior to coming to St. Michael's Bob and his wife Joan were at St. Gabriel's and St. Basil's Parish. Joan worked as a lunch supervisor at St. Michael School. Some of the priests who had a positive impact were Father Steve Lanza, who trained Bob as a Eucharistic Minister, Father Leo Lyons (who served as KC chaplain at St. Michael's), Fr. Jack Jura, Fr. Paul Burak, who gives great sermons, Bishop Jack Gorman and his inspiring homilies, Fr. Ed McLaughlin and Fr. Thomas Byrne, a great priest and friend to all. All the people of St. Michael Parish are friendly, helpful and supportive. Some of the changes Bob has seen—at least 4 renovations of the physical plant have taken place during his time at the parish. The Narthex was only open as far as the doors. The altar and the choir loft "changed places."

Elizabeth and Emily Klyczek and Fiona Lane

These young people are participants in Theology on Tap. Fiona is also a Minister of Care and has participated in service trips. While Fiona was working as a manager at Marcus Theater, Fr. Tom Byrne and a priest friend came to the movies and spoke with Fiona about Theology on Tap. Since then, the girls have become friends and are inviting others to participate. At Theology on Tap last summer (2015), Fiona reconnected with old high school friends and made new friends. One of my new friends shared with me that, without going to Theology on Tap and meeting people, she wouldn't have any friends. Also, another friend shared that without making friends through this program, she probably wouldn't be going to Mass. Fiona coordinates the Southwest Suburbs Young Adult Group, formed in 2016 and serves on the Theology on Tap Board. Because St. Michael Parish started programs for people in their 20s and 30s, it allowed me to connect spiritually with people my age. Through the years, I have seen changes in music, different priests and remodeling of the church.

Laura and Jose Lozano

Laura and her husband participated in CRHP and served as volunteers at St. Michael School, assisting with drama and costumes. Prior to coming to St. Michael's they were parishioners at Mary, Queen of Heaven and Our Lady of the Mount in Cicero. Fr. Adan Sandoval, the current pastor at Our Lady of the Mount, was an associate pastor at St. Michael's. What keeps them coming back are the inspiring homilies and the friendliness and faith of priests and parishioners.

Peter Kitchin

In 2009 Peter started the Evangelization Ministry at St. Michael Parish. The purpose is to bring Christ into the workplace. As a Benedictine monk Peter had traveled to 41 different states to carry out this mission. Currently, the group is composed of about 20 people. John Paul II has emphasized that we need to reach the "unbaptized, the fallen away, and each other." Peter has faced several health challenges and has "come back from the dead," after suffering strokes and being in a coma. Peter has served as CRHP Spiritual Director, Eucharistic Minister, Men's Bible Study and Men's Retreat participant. His wife, Carmel, serves in the Education Ministry and in the Moms' Ministry.

Kathy Bretz

In 1980, I participated in Christ Renews His Parish. As I took the journey with my team, both receiving and giving a CRHP experience, I made many friends as we shared our stories and faith. That first CRHP event made a huge difference in my life. I grew deeper in faith, and I became very active in the church, especially in fundraising events, such as Summerfest and Women's Club Fashion Shows. Also, I wrote and directed two Passion Plays. The friends I made through St. Michael's Parish are still friends today, 35 years later. For 4 years I served as a Parish Lay Leader, for 7 years I was a member of the Women's Club. In addition, I served in RCIA for a year and in CHRP for two years. Before coming to St. Michael's I was a parishioner at St. George Parish in Tinley Park.

Janet Almen

At my first Mass as a new parishioner at St Michael's in 2009, I was deeply touched by how reverently all the parishioners prayed at Mass. For me, it was reminiscent of my Catholic School upbringing—I felt like I "came home!" During my reception of Holy Communion, I received a vision of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Today I am still deeply touched by how very many devout and holy people we have at St. Michael's Parish. Some of the influential leaders are our priests—their devotion to God and His people, Deacon Jim Janicek—his Bible studies, Peter Kitchin—his efforts in evangelization, Sarah Huie—her role in helping to start the Families Sharing Faith Religious Education Program, Tom Wrobel—his role in organizing the schedule and recruiting people for our Adoration Chapel, Naty Velada—her perseverance during many years to start Divine Mercy Sunday devotions at St. Michael's. Before joining St. Michael Parish I was at St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Minnetonka, Minnesota, St. Damian's in Oak Forest and Seven Holy Founders in Calumet Park. I joined St. Michael's when Fr. Paul Burak became pastor. I knew him from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. I serve as a leader of The Holy Spirit Prayer Group, which meets every Tuesday evening, and I started "From the Pew" articles in the Sunday bulletin to help us build one another's faith. I am so blessed to see how God is working in the lives of people and to share these experiences with the whole church for God's honor and glory. Our Holy Spirit Group prayed over one of our visiting seminarians for an increase in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in his life. He said he experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in a profound way, and this inspired his homily at the following Sunday Mass. In Families Sharing Faith, as a religious education teacher, I love seeing the children and their parents growing together in faith. Parents are teaching their children about God. Besides these two new groups (changes) the Healing Mass every first Sunday of the month, the Adoration Chapel and the Divine Mercy Sunday devotion are significant changes I have seen at the parish...and the Holy Spirit keeps me coming back.

Lori Gedraitis

Since 2001,Lori has been a parishioner at St. Julie's in Tinley Park; however, for 23 years she played an active part in ministries such as RCIA(Board Member and Sponsor –5 years), Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Dance Choreographer (10 years), Women's Club (Co-chair for Fashion Shows), and CRHP. CRHP was the spiritual awakening in my growth as a Catholic. It fulfilled me more than any other program or retreat. I met many wonderful people who have become lifelong friends and cast members in Summerfest shows and Fashion Shows. Monsignor Gorman played the part of a leprechaun talking through a knothole in a tree. We tap-danced to *Happy Face* and *Brand New Day*. Kathy Bretz wrote many of the scripts for the shows, and I choreographed the dances. Together, our creative juices flowed. It was a time when people in the parish were more than eager to participate and help out with fund raisers. It was actually so much fun, it made our job easy and very satisfying. Some of the influential leaders who inspired me include Monsignor Gorman, Father Mike O'Connell, Father Ken Simpson and Father Steve Lanza, who involved me in RCIA and in visually portraying Gospel readings at the Easter Vigil. Father Steve was very creative, especially in liturgy planning. I since have moved and no longer attend St. Michael's; however, I will always think of St. Mike's with a fond heart and wonderful memories as the best time of my life. I felt that I belonged and was part of this huge community, a parish called St. Michael's. I was so proud to be a part of it all.

Bill Patterson

For 29 years I have been a parishioner at St. Michael's. I was born and raised in St. Gabriel Parish in Chicago. We then moved to New Jersey and attended St. Raphael Parish. For the past 25 years I have served as an usher. Also, for 2 years I was President of the Men's Club and Assistant Sacristan for funerals as well as serving on the Finance Committee. I played St. Nick during the Children's Mass for the past 3 years. I enjoy very much coming to church, not just on Sundays, but every chance I get. St. Michael's has brought me closer to Christ. One of the highlights was our 50th wedding anniversary celebration with family and friends. Also, I enjoy the Spanish language Mass. We have seen a lot of priests come and go. Father Paul is the best pastor by far. I have enjoyed working with Dee Pietrzak on the Finance Committee and with Susan O'Connell.

Paulette Minarcik

For over 20 years I have been a parishioner at St. Mike's and have had the pleasure of working with some individuals who are such a blessing to our parish and are true examples of being apostles of Christ. Rose Koch is such a dedicated promoter of faith for our teen community as well as the younger children who attend Vacation Bible School. She continuously gives of her time and talent and shows the teens how service to others leads them on a spiritual journey and gives them a good feeling of accomplishment. She helps the younger children experience God in ways they can understand, through crafts, games and interaction. What a blessing she is! Sarah Huie's dedication to providing religious education to our families so that our Church will survive for generations to come is so admirable. What a challenge in this day and age! She constantly gives of her time and talent to this important program as well as serving as a cantor at our Eucharistic celebrations. What a treasure she is! Rose Kessen makes sure that fresh, homemade baked goods are available for all our spiritual and social events. What a gracious gesture to bring parishioners together! Chris Tesmond is a dedicated sacristan and makes herself available to anyone in the parish who needs help in any capacity. She is always there for you. These women have promoted evangelization in our community through their many gifts and talents. They make you feel like doing something special too. They deserve our appreciation and support in their endeavors.

Michael J. Gaichas

Since my birth in 1969, I have been a parishioner. I was baptized here and graduated from the school. For about four years, I have been a Eucharistic Minister and have served on the renovation committee and the 150th anniversary committee. During my high school years I was a member of the QUEST program. One of the most significant events for me was the Mass of Dedication in 1985 which took place after the major renovation of the church. The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin presided; and, it was a very exciting and inspiring experience. I had already felt a sense of loyalty to St. Michael Parish, but this solidified it. One of the biggest changes is the increase in cultural diversity of our parish family, and I think it is the most wonderful change. Because of this, we have the Latino/Hispanic Ministry headquartered at St. Michael's. Bishop Gorman and Father Leo Lyons were influential leaders. Also Father Pat Brennan had the ability to relate the teachings of Jesus to the modern challenges we face; and Father Jack Daley is remembered for his dynamic homilies that held the attention of the assembly, including children. Father Mike O'Connell got to know the school students by name and worked with the QUEST program. In addition, Father Paul Burak's preaching ability and his application of Jesus' teachings to our daily lives keeps me coming back. I am looking for Catholic direction amid the increasingly challenging world in which we live. Many teachers also influenced me. They include my first-grade teacher. Diane Wegner Walsh, who first taught me about Jesus, my eighth-grade teacher, Linda Heller, whose math classes prepared me for high school, my seventh/eighth grade teacher, Noreen McGee, who is a great asset to the parish, and Patricia Dalton, who taught me critical thinking and writing as well as inspiring me to study history. Also, Sister Pat McKee, O.P. and Mrs. Charlene Joyce, who served as Learning Media Center Director and Librarian remain close family friends. They, along with my mother, Sharon, who volunteered in the LMC, were the "Three Musketeers."

Martha Perez

For 24 years I have been a parishioner at St. Michael's. Prior to coming here, I was at St. Benedict's in Blue Island. Some of the influential people who helped me grow in faith are Father Carlos Rodriguez, who sent me to study at the Institute of Pastoral Leadership, and the members of CRHP (1996) including Karen M., Donna K., Mary Lee N., and Tina D. They helped me when I had health problems. Sister Marietta visited me then and included me in the intercessions. She also taught me about the liturgy when we began the Spanish language Mass. For months, she continued to help us. Mary Jarosz assisted almost as much as Sr. Marietta, and Jeff was a great help with the choir. My participation in ministry includes choir, lector, Eucharistic Minister, Martha Ministry, Spanish language Mass. Since I became a parishioner, I think that there is a wider acceptance of the Hispanic ministry. St. Michael's is a place where I can serve God and minister to the Hispanic community.

Cee Cee VanHecke

In 1972, we came to St. Michael knowing no one. We were welcomed, and we joined in many things. Our seven children graduated from St. Michael School. Three of our children were baptized here. Our two daughters were married here. We celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation. My husband, Buzz, was buried from St. Michael. St. Michael Parish has given me many opportunities to be a leader and to serve—Steering Committee, Worship and Service Ministry Teams, RENEW, Women's Theology, Small Faith-sharing Groups, Missions, the Contemporary Choir, Baptismal Prep, and Summerfest. I have grown in faith and found out what Vatican II really meant. To me, the most influential leader was Bishop Gorman. He had the foresight to develop, in conjunction with the laity, a parish mission statement and to create a structure for lay ministry. He would say, "It's your parish. We're just passing through." Sister June Secor, O.P. was a very wise woman, who went about quietly, getting things done and teaching us to be good people who reached out to others. Sister Teresa Tuite, P.P., helped us to discover who we were as Christians. She sponsored many programs for women and was a teacher who had a big impact on my daughter. Clare. Father Ed McLaughlin was a wonderful pastor, was always there for us and knew how to have fun. He initiated the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) program, which has inspired hundreds to become lay ministers. Sister Marietta Umlor, C.S.C., has been a help to many grieving families over the years (since 1987). She is currently the longest-serving employee of the parish, and she hired me to be her secretary. It changed my life, and I have been blessed to minister in that capacity to the people of St. Michael for 29 years. One of the best experiences we had was when our son was baptized. We had moved from Richardson, Texas, and no members of our family were able to attend. Our daughter, Clare, who was in 2nd grade, volunteered our son, Joe, to be baptized, so that the class could witness a Baptism. It grew so that about half the school joined in. The godparents were proxies. Father McCaig baptized Joe, and held him while he talked to the children about the sacrament. Afterwards, there was reception in the gym. The classes made cards for us. To this day people come up to me and say that they were there. It was very special. There have many changes, especially the renovations to the church. The first major renovation gave us a church with the altar at the other end and softer brick. Each pastor has given a different feel to the parish. We met so many new people and made lifelong friends. St. Michael is my church family.

Susan O'Connell

Because of St. Michael Parish I have a faith that I never thought I would have. I have been a parishioner for 27 years. Prior to that I was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Orland Park. In 1997-98 I went through RCIA. My oldest son would be making his First Communion that year, and I had been attending Mass regularly at St. Michael's since 1993. I decided that I wanted to become Catholic, and I have never regretted my decision. St. Michael's is my faith, my family and my home. Since 2010 I have been the coordinator for the Altar Server Ministry, a Eucharistic Minister since 2009 and a member of the Family/School Association from 1995-2013. In addition, I coordinate schedules for all the liturgical ministries, including lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. During my time at the parish, I have seen many events disappear; and the opportunities for parishioners to gather outside weekend Masses don't exist any longer or are less than what they were in the past. Some of the influential leaders are Fr. Ed McLaughlin, who is a very wise priest. He kept his homilies short and to the point. He said what he needed to say and kept it uplifting. He remembers everyone's name. Fr. Paul Burak is filled with joy and delivers inspirational homilies. Fr. Mike Foley, a very humble priest, kept things real. Bernadette Cuttone, school principal, always reminded us that we are Catholic first and foremost. Mass is extremely important. Mary Berardelli, 2nd grade teacher, prepares her students for First Communion with such reverence and grace. Her love of the Catholic faith is awe-inspiring. Patty Renteria, Hispanic Ministry Coordinator, is amazing. Her energy and compassion are amazing. God certainly had his hand in sending her to us! Finally, all of our altar servers and child lectors remind me that they are the future of our church. They are filled with joy and pride. Their eagerness to serve inspires us all to be better Catholics.

Joan Kozeluh

In 1976 we moved to Orland Park and joined St. Michael Parish. I had come from St. Claire Montefalco in Chicago, where I served as a substitute teacher for 6th Grade. I have been involved with the Education Commission, including the program Generations of Faith with Fr. Mike Foley and Pat Chuchla. In addition I have been a religious education teacher for 4th grade (5 years with Jackie Eustace)), tutor for Eucharist sacrament (3 years with Mary Lee Noonan), whole community catechesis (2 years with Karen Boyle) and Bridges catch-up class (1 year with Robby Anderson). Other ministries in which I have served include Eucharistic Minister (Donna McDonough and Pat Chuchla), PMC Executive Board Member (Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Fr. Mike Hack), and Service Commission (Sister Marietta). The most important leader who influenced my faith was Bishop Gorman, who was Monsignor Gorman when I joined St. Michael's church. His development of the parish council and the ministries brought the clergy and the parishioners together in decision-making and service. He was a man before his time. Also all the priests who supported his work, especially Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Fr. Mike Hack and Fr. Leo Lyons were additional influences. Basically, working with the community of St. Michael made me realize just how fortunate I was to be a part of this family. It started with a committee that met to develop the concept of all families working in service; and it ended with the parishioners carrying in the knot blankets, they had created, and placing them on the altar to be given to the homeless shelter. We made it happen by pinning blankets, bringing food, working the evenings, and then cleaning up when it was over—a community of people coming together for service to others. My spiritual growth has been encouraged and keeps me coming to St. Michael because I have had the opportunity to share my faith with children. It is very gratifying to watch the children "get it."

Gail Nonaka

For 44 years we have lived in Orland Park and been members of St. Michael Parish. Before that, we were members of several parishes on the south side and in the south suburbs. My husband wasn't Catholic when we married, but when our kids got to school age, he would take them to Mass. I was involved with adult choir and cantor program (1972-2009). One fall they announced the formation of the next RCIA group, and I casually asked him if he'd like to inquire. He agreed and was baptized, received Communion and was confirmed all on the following Easter Vigil. In addition to the choir, I am involved with the Shepherd's Table ministry (started by Father Leo), and I help with the St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive and holiday food delivery. By being a progressive, involved parish St. Michael's has encouraged my spiritual growth. I doubt I would have attended Mass on a regular basis if St. Mike's had been any less. It feels like home—lots of memories of my children receiving the sacraments and my husband's funeral Mass. Some of the influential leaders were Fr. Leo Lyons, who led by example and made us feel stronger in doing the right thing; Msgr. Gorman, with his uplifting homilies; Fr. Pat Brennan, whose homilies were electrifying. He had Mass "groupies," who would make sure they always attended his Masses; and Fr. Rich Homa who brought my husband into the Catholic Church through the RCIA program.

Shirley C. Wolfe

Before coming to St. Michael's 26 years ago, I was a member of St. Denis, St. Gall and St. Genevieve parishes in Chicago. Being a part of different activities in the parish and the people who became my friends through those experiences keeps me coming back, as well as the inspiring homilies. Some of the ministries I have been involved with include Eucharistic Minister (12 years), Sacristan (3 years), Washing and Ironing Altar Linens (6 years), Women's Club (3 years), and Women's Retreat (2 years). During my time at the parish I have seen the growth of many things, including the Garden for Mary, more social activities, and the votive candles. Father Leo Lyons (birthday acknowledgements, renewal of wedding vows for married couples, personality); Father Mike Foley (his stories); and Father Jack Jura, who shared his knowledge and inspiring attitude for the Women's Retreat, as well as organizing wonderful trips, were some of the influential leaders of the parish. Rosanne Cesaro, Sacristan Coordinator and Deacon Jim (Bible classes) have also inspired my spiritual growth.

Kathy Calandriello

I have been at St. Michael's since the early 1980s. The pastors have come and gone, and I'm still here. I always said that this MY parish, MY church, and I will still be here; I am not going anywhere. From childhood I had a good foundation in faith. My great grandmother and grandmother were pillars of their church, St. Peter and Paul in Chicago. My mother brought the faith into our home. I learned by example and learned to say my prayers every night. My faith has put me where I am today. My children helped to orchestrate my volunteering in the school, as altar server coordinator, Vacation Bible School, Religious Education Teacher. At some point I would leave these ministries because I felt that I was getting myself all wrapped up IN the church and forget that we are really here to minister to others OUTSIDE the church. I think volunteering can be all-consuming, and I think that it is best to let others know that they are children of God. By the grace of God, I am able to do what I can. My children are graduates of St. Michael's School, as well as Brother Rice, Marist and Providence High Schools. Each picked their own high school, and each gives back to friends and community. I thank the teachers who helped to instill faith in God to their students. Some of the leaders who influenced me are Mary Lee Noonan (Religious Education Coordinator), Donna Boddy (Vacation Bible School), Ms. Mraz (Altar Serving) and the women of CRHP, who remain my friends. The more I'm involved, the more I feel part of something good, and the more smiles I get.

Lloyd Fojas

For 17 years I have been a parishioner at St. Michael's. Prior to that I attended St. Mary of Gostyn in Downers Grove. I have been involved with the lector ministry, Knights of Columbus, CRHP and the Men's Retreats. Fr. Jack played an important role in the Men's Retreat as well as CRHP. Others who encouraged my spiritual growth are Fr. Paul, Fr. Adan, Fr. John Zurek, Deacon Vincent and Deacon Jesus. Some of the influential leaders through their teaching and example are Fr. Paul (spiritual direction), Peter Kitchin and Bob Siegel, kindred spirits and friends, Carol (lector ministry), Masses, warm and friendly parishioners, and dynamic ministries, especially Simbang Gabi, keep me coming back.

Zeilner Family (Laura, Fred, and Melissa)

We have been parishioners for 22-1/2 years and previously belonged to St. Richard in Chicago and St. Gerald in Oak Lawn. Laura served as lunch room mom (1994-2002). Fred was on the school board (1998-2003), did fundraising (1998-2011), and was involved with St. Mike Athletics (soccer 1998-2002) and Men's CRHP (2014-2017), which has been a huge positive influence. Melissa participated in cheerleading (1999-2002). School principals Dolores Baumgarten and Jim Muting were significant influences, and a major event was the school's 50th anniversary celebration dinner and fundraiser. Influential priests were Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Fr. Jack Jura, Fr. Paul Burak, Fr. Bill Finnegan, Fr. Tom Byrne, Fr. Geofrey Andama and Fr. Miguel Flores. A very positive change is the increase in Hispanic parishioners and their participation in our parish.

Yolanda Botello

Being a parishioner at St. Michael's for the past three years has encouraged me to get out of my comfort zone. I have made many friends and participated in youth ministry with the Passion Play. Patty Renteria and Fr. Thomas Byrne were important leaders for me. Fr. Tom taught me so much about actually living out my Catholic faith. One highlight for me was going to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. Prior to coming to St. Michael Parish, I was at Mount Carmel in Joliet.

Gene Infelise

I am proud and honored to have been selected to be the entertainment for the 150th Anniversary Banquet. I have been a parishioner for 33 years and have participated in religious education (6 years), CRHP Team #23 (1991), Usher (2006-present), Men's Club (2015-present). Memorable experiences include the weddings of 2 children, the ministries of Fr. McLaughlin and Fr. Leo, who were exceptional leaders and many other priests deeply committed to parishioners. Currently, the parish has an outstanding pastor in Fr. Paul. Some changes are growth in lay ministry, 2 remodels of the parish facilities, an increase in the aging population, changing demographics, and more unwed parents having their children baptized. My faith has continued to grow during my time at the parish.

Frank Muller

Our family has lived in Orland Park since 1960. Before that we were members at Our Lady of Sorrows, located in Chicago, Jackson near Kedzie. Presently I serve as an usher and Eucharistic Minister, visiting Lexington Nursing Home and making home visits. At St. Michael Parish I experience a Catholic feeling of family and enjoy seeing people's happy faces. Fr. Coyle was pastor when we moved into the parish. Bishop Gorman was an influential leader as well. I remember when the church was remodeled, and the altar was on the opposite side of the church.

Melinda Tolentino

We have been parishioners for the past 39 years. Before moving to Orland Park, we lived in Chicago and Midlothian (St. Christopher's Parish). Some of the programs and ministries we have been involved with include Home-School Association (Treasurer for 2 years), CRHP, Eucharistic Minister and Simbang Gabi. In addition, we participated in an Open House to benefit our parish and travelled to Europe with Fr. Jack Jura. Fr. Treyes started Simbang Gabi here and served as a resident priest. Fr. Michael O'Connell was very kind and a great leader for the youth. Bishop Gorman was also an important leader. We have seen two renovations to the church building; however, there is no drastic change in either the buildings or the way the parish is run. St. Michael's is a joyful place, and we have the best adult choir in the Chicagoland area! I go to church every day.

Mary L. Hamilton / Pat Phelan

These two women met in Kitty Ryan's choir, <u>Spirit in Song</u>. As they were talking and singing they realized that Pat was Mary's 1st grade teacher, Sr. Helen Mary! They have been best friends ever since. The choir gave them a sense of community and renews their faith in friendship. They attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Some of the influential leaders were Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Fr. Pat Brennan, Sr. Marietta Umlor and Fr. Mike Foley.

Christine M. Knapczyk

Originally from St. Camillus Parish at 55th and Lockwood in Chicago, I have been in Orland Park since 1988. Some of the changes I have seen include the following: The lower parking lot was grass. The Prayer Garden used to a house for the nuns on staff. The rectory was across the street. The altar was where the choir loft is now. There are now more offices and meeting rooms. Donna Boddy-Anderson was a big influence on my ministries. She was in charge of the Peace and Justice Group, and she inspired me to teach religious education and help with Summer Bible School. When I was a first grade religious education teacher, I would like to sit on the floor with the children and read a Bible story. One day, we were reading about the war in heaven with the good and bad angels. The book had a beautiful picture of the good angels casting the bad angels into hell. One boy was shocked to see what the devils looked like, and one of the girls, Katy, said "What do you think, the devils wear red suits with horns?" We had many good times with Bible story time. St. Michael Parish has encouraged my spiritual growth through the kindness and love our members share with one another. The more you share your time in good works, it returns to you tenfold. The parish has made me a better person.

Lisa Veith

I can remember always searching for something in my life. I believed in God but didn't know God. Because of my childhood and my rebellious teen years, I didn't think God would embrace me. I became Catholic so I could marry Hank. I loved what I learned, but I still didn't feel God's embrace. When I participated in CRHP, I was blown away listening to the stories of other women. I couldn't believe that there were others who had the same background. I finally realized that God had been with me all of my life, even during those terrible times. I cried like never before—not out of sadness but because I, for the first time, felt God's embrace. What a tremendous gift He gave me—His Embrace! St. Michael's Church has encouraged my spiritual growth through offering me the opportunity to serve in many different ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Wedding Coordinator, Worship and Environment and CRHP Lay Leader. I am constantly learning more about the Catholic faith, and I keep on growing. Many people have become great friends, especially Mary Beth Mallet, Nina McGowan and Marilyn and Steve Howard. All of the priests have welcomed me to this church, and to me that is extremely important, especially Fr. Ed, Fr. Mike, Fr. Lou, Fr. Adan, and Fr. Paul.

Cathy Morrissey Lebert

My husband, Mark and I were married at St. Mike's on September 29, 1990. We went through Engagement Encounter and eventually became a leader couple. It was wonderful to work with newly engaged couples as they prepared for the sacrament of matrimony. We also were a Quest Group leader couple for four years. At first, I wasn't sure I wanted to lead this ministry; but, my husband kept running into Rose Koch, the youth minister. Mark said, "Cath, we have to do this." Like most things, it turned out to be the best experience for us. We had a wonderful group of teens, and we really fell in love with them! I think we learned more from them than they learned from us. As a child, I was a member of St. Rita and St. Symphorosa Parish in Chicago and St. Germaine in Oak Lawn. When I joined St. Mike's I became part of See the Light youth group, facilitated by Kathy and Vince Keefe, our fearless leaders. Awesome people! Fr. Bulwith and Deacon Jerry Listecki were our spiritual guides. We had so many opportunities to share our faith and to learn about Jesus. We had Mass at Warren Dunes and participated in service projects. We had dances in the small gym and parties on a boat in Lake Michigan. I was also in the teen choir. All were fun experiences. We have been blessed to have had so many great priests. Monsignor Gorman was a wonderful pastor. Father Ed was a young associate back in the 70s. (He had white hair though!) Father Brennan was great too. Others included Fr. Mike O'Connell, Fr. Mike Foley, Fr. Leo Lyons, and Fr. Tom Byrne. Fr. Bill and Fr. Paul are so filled with the Holy Spirit! We have two daughters who were christened, received Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Michael's Parish. They went to St. Michael's School and participated in Quest and Quest Council. They love St. Mike's! What keeps me coming to St. Michael Parish is the Eucharist! Jesus keeps me coming back. I love having an Adoration Chapel here. I look forward to the blessings that come to all of us because of it.

Mary Lou Norwell

St. Mike's has truly been a big part of my life and the lives of my children and husband. In regards to the school—so many children were able to have a Catholic Education because the Parish supported the school. The school offered a "blue ribbon" education and provided a Catholic identity to the children and families who attended it. Many of the children and families still take an active part in the ministries and parish itself. The school and the parish have truly shaped our lives. I attended CRHP when I was new to the parish. It was a very active program and one of the first retreats that really made an impact on me and hundreds of other women before and after me. Not only did it give me a deeper understanding of my relationship with God, but it also helped me to realize that I was part of a church community, one which I wanted to be involved in. My husband also attended the Men's CRHP and felt the same way.

Nanc Junker

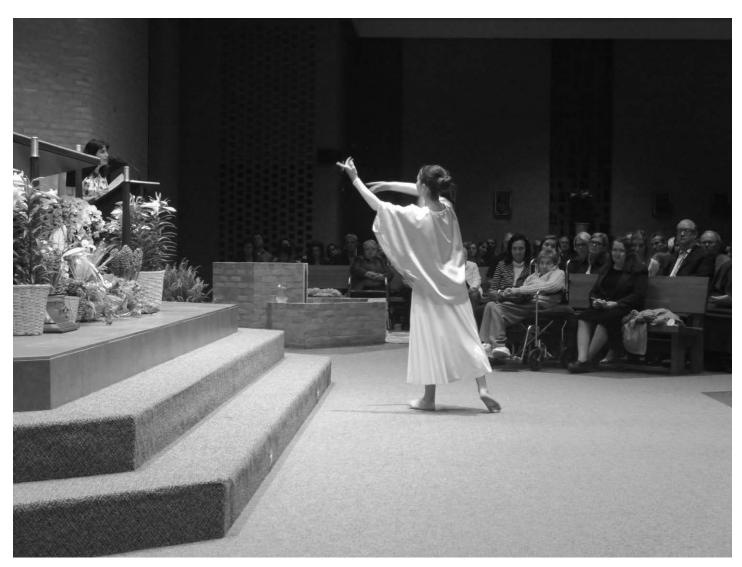
We joined St. Michael Parish in 1965. Still a farming community, the white frame church, friendly residents and Dominican habits still reminded me of my home parish, Sacred Heart Church and elementary years at Donovan Memorial in central Illinois. Fr. Frank Coyle was pastor, assisted by Fr. Victor Sivore, who would baptize three family members and become a dear friend until his death in 2001. It seemed like most of the first twenty years were spent in fund raising for either school or church and seated on folding chairs in the gym. We were encouraged to make banners for the sanctuary area. How thrilling to see one of my projects as my family arrived for Sunday mass. Summerfest included many months of script writing and memorizing lines for parish plays. My children attended CCD throughout their elementary years, and I enjoyed teaching JoEllen's first grade CCD class and Vacation Bible School for five years. When JoEllen drowned August 21, 1977, Msgr. John Gorman (now Bishop) was at our doorstep when we arrived home from the accident scene at Ottawa Canal. He introduced us to Sr. Pat McKee, who "was the learning center before there was a learning center". The dedication of the Learning Center in JoEllen's name was September 20, 1981. She wanted to be a teacher, and through Sr. Pat and Charlene Joyce many children received instruction for over three decades. In the late 1970's, I was invited to become a Eucharistic Minister and in March 1982 volunteered to be Lector during Tom Ahl's long period of service as Coordinator. Shortly thereafter, Mary Jarosz and I wrote the objectives for hospice volunteering under the direction of Sr. June Secor. My last assignment as Communion Visitor was to Helen Brosius. I heard many stories in the 3+ years before her death one month short of her 100th birthday in November 2014. One of them was of the Altar and Rosary Society clean-up for midnight mass when the water

pipes burst on Christmas Eve in the white frame church. Sr. June, Pastoral Associate, had a no-nonsense manner. In discussing the spiritual journey, she once told me, "You think it's a recipe. Think about what you do in the kitchen—a little of this and a little of that, whatever is available." September 1989 saw the formation of Crossroads, a support group for the separated and divorced. Jean Par and I were facilitators for most of the group's twenty year existence. My experience with the annulment process motivated others. I did not feel rejection or abandonment by my church in the long years of healing from a divorce I did not want. Our first deacon couple was Ed and Barb Riner. They lived a block away and their daughter, Colleen, was our babysitter. Two temporary deacons stand out in my mind, Jerome Listecki (now Bishop) and Michael Foley (current pastor of Our Lady of the Woods). Sr. Teresa Tuite led my all time favorite bible study. Being a junior high teacher, she knew all the creative ways to bring people and places of centuries before to the NOW. I was fortunate to have been a part of a tour group led by Fr. Pat Brennan to Lourdes and Oberammergau in July 1984 and accompanied Kitty Ryan (music teacher for our school and church) on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome in 1995. It was a great visit with Fr. Mike O'Connell, who was studying at the North American College, after leaving St. Michael Parish. Remember the dramatic impact of the 16 x 33 foot mural of the face of Jesus in Lent 1996. It was major teamwork of parishioners, Wally and Ed in Maintenance, and Fr. Bob Motyka. Our first chapel was only a few rows of pews in the back of the church where our altar is now located. The renovations of the middle 1980s gave us the present chapel with a tabernacle, but the 6:30 am mass retained the intimacy of the earlier years. The sunshine that Fr. Daley, resident priest, brought us will never be forgotten. We have been blessed with holy men and great homilists through these many years. Perhaps you recall Fr. Ed McLaughlin and the light bulb. Structures change and faces change, but church is community. I look forward to building more memories, continuing to serve on our Healing Team, and praying in the Adoration Chapel.

Marie Ahlrep

Born in 1922, Marie (Heiting) Ahlrep came to Orland Park when she was 2 years old. The population of the town was 320 people (currently 57,266). They lived on 143rd Place. Her brother, Bill Heiting, was the first and only altar server in 1926, when the church building on 143rd Street was first dedicated. Fr. Zurlinden (1924-1926) would travel by train to St. Michael, stay overnight in the church attic and celebrate one Mass at 8:00 am. Most parishioners were farmers. The first resident pastor, Fr. William Gorey (1926-1936), lived in the converted garage behind the church. His Aunt Cecelia also lived there on the lower level. Fr. Gorey had been a licensed, union painter before he became a priest and kept his union membership. He continued to paint while he served as pastor and helped the owners of the home on the site of the present-day rectory to paint the house. Marie's mom, Marie, started the first Altar and Rosary Society at St. Michael. Part of their job was to raise money to send children to St. Gerald's School in Oak Lawn. To that end, they held a monthly bunco game. Student took the commuter bus down 143rd St. to Harlem Ave. and then to 95th St. from there they walked to St. Gerald's. it was a very long day. Sometimes they would wait alone in the Worth bus station for the bus back to Orland. Marie wished she could have gone to the public school ½ block from her house. Both her parents were in the choir, which consisted of about six people. There was an organ upstairs and a piano downstairs. The Hostert Family donated the land for the first church built in 143rd St. and Highland Ave. (August 1924). Marie loved the closeness of the little church. She and other parishioners were upset that they burned down the old white church to build the current brick building. St. Michael Parish has always felt like home, and she is still not used to the brick building we have now. She would prefer more color and less "hardness". Marie and her family worked the 4th of July parish picnic each year. Her brother would scrub the basement floor, they set up tables and prepared to cook dinner. Each woman went to a farmer to get chicken, and each woman had to bring a homemade pie—no store bought pies! Marie cooked and served. The women had a booth where they sold their embroidered items. Every Saturday morning, Marie, her brother Bill and Mrs. Schilling would clean the church, change the vigil lights and take care of the altar and vessels. As a teen, when she was out riding her bike, she would stop in church and pray before a statue of the Blessed Mother. Marie found it quiet, peaceful, "like home". She also loved coming to Benediction. During Lent, there were only two daily Masses. Marie remembers going to Stations of the Cross on Friday nights in Lent. During the 1930's and 1940's, there were three churches in Orland Park, and their proximity to each other formed a triangle (St. Michael's, a Presbyterian church and Lutheran church). It was customary to ring the church bells when a resident of Orland Park died. The church where they had been a member would toll one bell for each year of

the deceased's life. Each bell had a distinctive tone. Marie, who was a telephone operator at that time, received many calls inquiring who had passed away. Marie married her husband, Dick, in 1950. She met him on the steps of St. Michael Church. He and his family had moved from St. Sabina Parish in 1949. They got married at 4:00 pm in the church and had a dinner reception in the basement. She was told that there was a wedding scheduled earlier that day, so they would not need to provide flowers. When her dad checked the church, he found no flowers. The other couple had taken them. Marie's dad knew a farmer who grew gladiolus, so thanks to Dad, they had fresh flowers for the wedding. Fr. Kilbride told them they had to go to Mass the next day. Marie and Dick went to Sacred Heart Mission on 111th St. and the Cal-Sag Canal for the 6:30 am Mass. They were the only ones there! In recent times, Marie served as Eucharistic Minister and Minister of Care, bringing Communion to the sick. Marie loved the people she visited and mourns those who have died, because they were like family. Both of her children attended St. Michael School. Would she move? No, this is home. Now, Marie loves the Spanish language Mass. It makes her feel like dancing.





You are Invited!

St. Michael's 150th Anniversary Dinner Dance

at Palos Country Club (13100 Southwest Highway)

Friday Evening, September 29th

6:15-7:30 PM Welcome—St. Michae

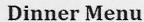
Welcome—St. Michael Jubilation Ringers (Handbell Choir)

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

7:30 PM Dinner

8:30 –11:00 PM Enjoying each other's company and dancing to

the Music of "Afterglow"



Champagne Chicken
& Beef Tenderloin Bordelaise,
Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert,
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks & Red/White Wine at table
Cash Bar Available
Special Dietary Needs Accommodated



150th Anniversary Liturgy - October 1, 2017 - Noon

PRELUDE MUSIC: How Beautiful – T.Paris

Shout To The Lord – D. Zschech Glory In The Cross – S. Janco

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – M.Luther

WELCOMING COMMENT Fr. Paul Burak, Pastor – English / Fr. Miguel Flores – Spanish

PROCESSIONAL The Church's One Foundation – S. J. Stone / S. Wesley

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT Form 3

GLORIA Mass of St. Ann – E. Bolduc

COLLECT

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30 (English – Lector: Gertrude Gallagher)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Salmo 121: Con Qué Alegría

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing – E. Cortes

2nd **READING** 1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17 (Spanish – Lector: Patricia Gonzalez)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Festival Alleluia – J. Chepponis

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 28-32 (Deacon Mike McDonough)

HOMILY Cardinal Blase Cupich

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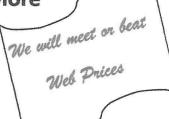
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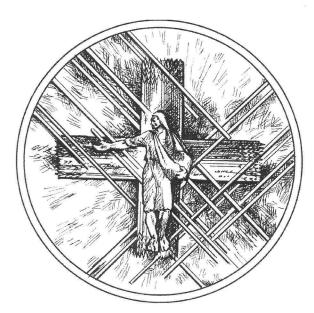






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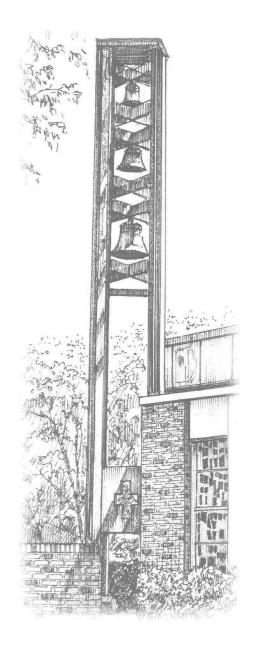
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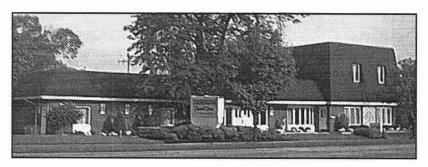


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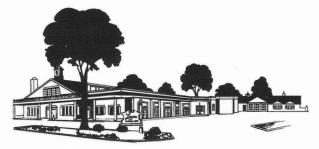
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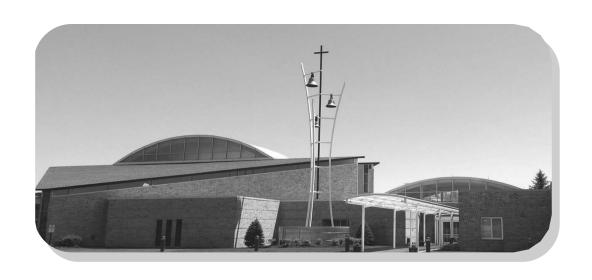


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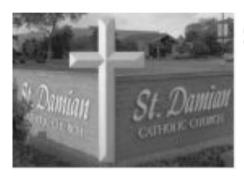
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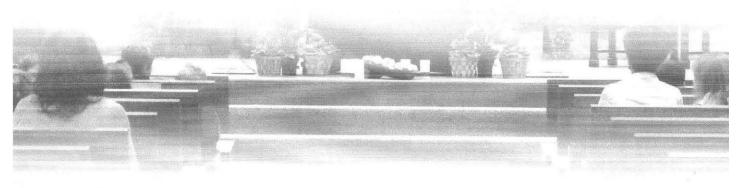


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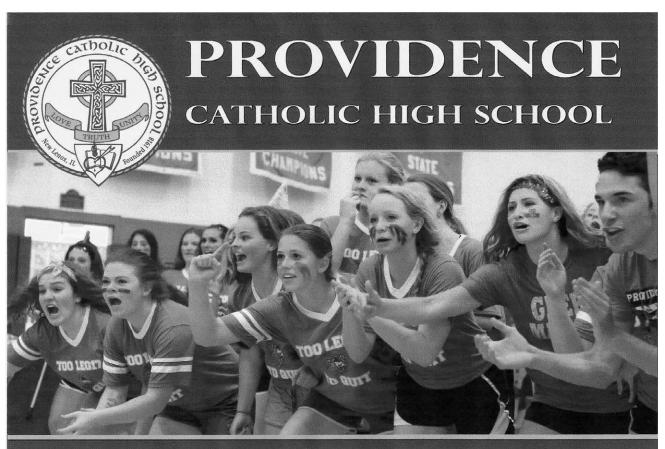


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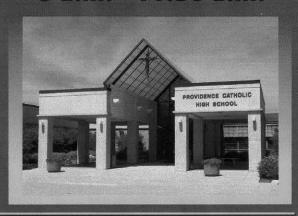


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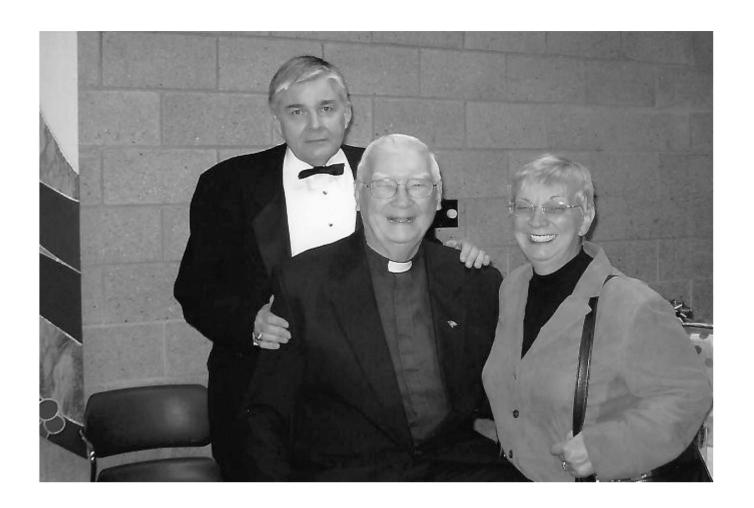
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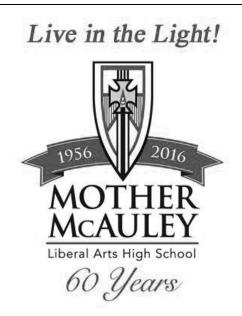
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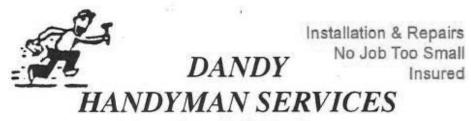
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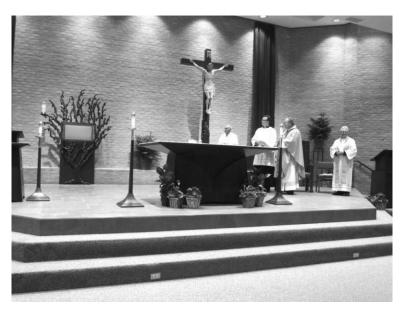
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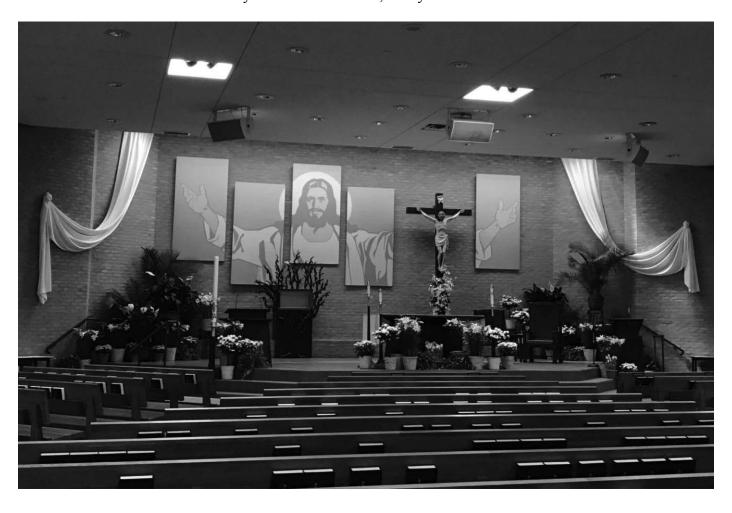
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