

Mrs. Martinez's weekly email to parents – May 22, 2025

Hello dear Catholic families! I hope and pray each of you is well, as you walk with Jesus every moment, calling upon the Holy Spirit within you for guidance, strength, and all you need.

As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day . . . "This week we take time to remember all those who have given their lives for our nation. We are reminded that freedom comes at a cost. In fact, our true freedom as the children of God came at the cost of Jesus' blood. Let us remember all those who gave their lives and continue to give their lives for our nation. May we be grateful for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families. In Easter joy, Fr. Frank Kurucz"

To learn more from Fr. Frank and stay up to date about what's happening at St. Michael's, click this link to read this weekend's parish bulletin -[St-Michael-Parish-Bulletin-May-25-2025.pdf](#)

ARE YOU TRAVELING THIS WEEKEND? If you want to know the Mass times of any other local parish or will be traveling to another part of Illinois or another state, **you can search** [masstimes.org](#) to find the names and locations of the Catholic churches near where you will be. You can click on those parishes' websites to learn of their weekend Mass times.

WHEN YOU VISIT AND/OR GO TO MASS AT ANOTHER CHURCH, WILL YOU EMAIL MRS MARTINEZ A PHOTO AND ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE – As our weekly email updates to you continue, Mrs. Martinez will share with everyone on your behalf about the Catholic Churches you have been blessed to see and worship at Sunday Mass.

Opportunities for your family . . .

1) **Students in grades 2 through year 1 Confirmation** - If your child (or you as a parent for them) has thought about serving as a student lector and want to try, Mrs. Martinez will be in our church this Friday May 30th at 4:30pm for a student lector session. Three current student lectors will be there for their monthly practice, and new students can join us to learn and practice. If you plan to bring your child for the session, please reply to this email to let me know.

2) **Helping at parish hospitality after a Mass on June 7 or 8** - As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and thank Fr. Geoffrey for his nine years of service at St. Michael's, we will have hospitality and fellowship after all Masses in the MPR. Can your year 1 Confirmation student, now a Confirmation candidate, your newly Confirmed, or your family help after a Mass? To sign up to help, please reply to this email letting me know which time slot your Confirmation candidate, newly Confirmed, or your family will help . . .

a) Sat. June 7th - after 4:30pm Mass - help from 5:25-6:25pm

b) Sun. June 8th - after 7:30am Mass - help from 8:25-9:25am

c) Sun. June 8th - after 9:30am Mass - help from 10:25-11:25am

d) Sun. June 8th - after 11:30am Mass - help from 12:25-1:25pm

3) **Helping on a Saturday morning with food sharing ministry** - Your Confirmation candidate or your family can help on any Saturday morning in our parish small gym from 8:30-9:15am to sort through boxes of food donations from Trader Joe's and create grocery bags for families in need. You don't have to sign up to help. Just show up, at 8:30am on the Highland Ave. side of the parish, park, and come in through the set of black double doors where it says Auditorium.

4) **Helping as a driver on a Saturday morning with the food sharing ministry** - Every Saturday, four volunteers drive to Trader Joe's in Orland Park to pick up boxes of food donations to bring to St. Michael's for us to sort and create the bags for families in need. You would meet the other volunteers at Trader Joe's at 8:35am to bring the food to St. Michael's, where you can then help with sorting and bagging. If your family is able to help on any of these Saturday mornings, please let me know. . .

May 31

June 7

June 14

June 21

June 28

July 19

July 26

Thank you for your time and responses. We conclude our time together here in prayer . . .

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

God made us a family
We need one another
We love one another
We forgive one another
We work together
We play together
We worship together
Together we grow in Christ
Together we love all men
Together we serve our God
Together we hope for Heaven
These are our hopes and ideals
help us attain them,
O God, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

God's peace be with you through all,

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Hours: May 2025

Week of May 26 – Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-6 PM;

Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 3PM

Emails to kmartinez@saintmike.com will be answered in a timely manner.