

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# JESUS

HIMSELF DREW  
NEAR AND WALKED  
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**

## FR. FRANK'S FIRE

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus joining two of his disciples on their way to a village called Emmaus. Jesus joined them along the way, and began to engage them in conversation about the recent events that happened in Jerusalem. I find it fascinating that Cleopas and an unnamed disciple did not recognize Jesus. Something must have been different about him. Once Jesus broke the bread, their eyes were opened and they understood.

What I enjoy about this story is that Jesus joined them along the road. This is good news for us because we know that Jesus often joins us along our journey. Did you ever think that perhaps you are the unnamed disciple? Perhaps you have not recognized the presence of Jesus in your life. Sometimes when we are in the midst of grief, anxiety or disappointment, it is often difficult to see Christ in our midst. Also, sometimes when we are in the midst of joy, happiness and everything seems to be going our way – we likewise fail to recognize Christ in our midst.

Like the two disciples, we too recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we approach the altar to receive Jesus in the Eucharist the minister says, "*The Body of Christ.*" We reply, "*AMEN,*" which means "*I Believe!*"

In the walk to Emmaus, Jesus teaches his disciples about the scriptures that refer to him. They did not get the lesson until he vanished from their sight. It was then that their eyes were opened when they exclaimed, "*Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures for us?*" When was the last time your heart burned (desired) something so great? When we desire the Eucharist – we are not desiring "a thing" but the Lord himself. Let us pray that our hearts too burn with the love of Christ present in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist.

The prayers during the Easter season reflect to us the joy that we should be feeling. We celebrate Easter for 50 days. The preface to the Eucharistic Prayer says, "*Therefore, overcome with paschal joy.*" This means to be amazed, dazed, speechless, stunned or overwhelmed. To be overwhelmed with joy that Jesus is risen from the dead and is alive...How wonderful would our world be if we lived our lives in simple awe of Christ's love and His Resurrection? Let us pray for such joy in our lives.

### The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist



The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Last Friday, April 10, Bishop Jose Maria Garcia-Maldonado confirmed our Spanish-speaking students. On Saturday, April 18, Bishop Robert Lombardo confirmed our English-speaking students. What a joy to witness these bishops seal our *confirmandi* with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep all of our newly confirmed in your prayers.

On Saturday, April 11, our Spanish-speaking students received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. On Saturday, May 2, our English-speaking students will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep all of our first communicants in your prayers that they may never be separated from Jesus.

Due to scheduling, we need to have two First Communion Masses on Saturday, May 2. Our first Mass will begin at 9 a.m. As a result, there will not be an 8:30 a.m. Mass on May 2.



# FR. FRANK'S FIRE

## Generation To Generation

Most of you should have received some information in the mail regarding the Archdiocese of Chicago's Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. We are beginning to enter into the public phase of reaching out to all parishioners to ask them to make a sacrificial pledge to the campaign to-be-paid over five years.

I like you, received a personalized letter from the Cardinal asking for a sacrificial gift. I have always said that I would not ask you to do anything that I myself am not willing to do. After a lot of thought and prayer, I made the first pledge. I pledged \$4,000 a year for five years for a total pledge of \$20,000. I only mention this to let you know that I fully support this campaign.

Over the decades, I have benefitted from the sacrifices of those that have come before me. During my childhood and my days before entering the seminary, I was a parishioner at St. Salomea, St. Mary of the Assumption (the Pope's home parish) and St. Victor. Sadly, each of these parishes and schools are now closed, because of changing demographics. Since ordination, I have been a priest and parishioner of St. Alexander, St. Julie Billiart, St. Cajetan and now St. Michael. When I say parishioner I mean that I register, receive envelopes and donate weekly. I learned this from my parents and grandparents who always supported their parishes even during the Great Depression. Even when times were difficult and money was scarce, they supported their parish.

St. Michael has been a parish since 1867. In September, it will be 159 years of spreading the Gospel. We have benefitted from the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, many of your parents and grandparents. It is now our turn to help support the Church so that we, like those before us, can pass on the faith to the generations that will follow us. If we do not do this, who will? St. Michael does not have any debt because those who came before built and paid for the buildings that we now use and perhaps take for granted. We have a church to worship in and buildings to educate our children – buildings that others have sacrificed for. I ask you to join me, in prayerfully considering a sacrificial gift to Generation To Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Some families may not have received their information in the mail. Next weekend, we will have a packet pick-up for those who did not receive a mailing.

Beginning this weekend, we will pray the Generation to Generation prayer during Mass as the concluding prayer to the Universal Prayer (The Prayers of the Faithful.)

Here is the prayer for you to pray at home:

**God of abundant and generous mercy,  
we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts  
you have given us across the years  
from the sacrifice of generations before us.**

**And so, we confidently trust that you will walk  
with us into the future.**

**We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
truly, your mercy is from generation to  
generation.**

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Frank


**Help us now to respond generously to your gifts,  
as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of  
Chicago and work to bring faith forward  
for the generations that follow us.**

**By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing  
for our children, our grandchildren,  
and those who follow them.**

**Through Christ our Lord. AMEN!**




# THE WORD, WE PRAY & HEY, KIDS

**Readings**  **of the Week** ©LPI


**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15, Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab, Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Mk 16:15-20  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, 1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## Hey Kids!



After Jesus was crucified and had risen from the dead, his followers were very sad and confused. One day, two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus. As they walked along, Jesus came and began walking with them, but God kept them from recognizing him.

As they walked, they discussed all of the things that had happened to Jesus. As they came near Emmaus, it was late in the day so they asked the stranger who had been walking with them to stay the night with them. So, Jesus went to their home. As they sat down to eat, Jesus took bread and blessed it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly, they recognized Jesus and at that very moment, he disappeared!

 *Pray For...*

***We pray for those who have died and their families:***

**Kathleen Blanchfield**  
*Wife of Thomas, Mother of Sheila*

**Armando Rodriguez**  
*Father of Genoveva Mendez*

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.***

The two followers went back to Jerusalem and told the others the story about how Jesus had appeared to them as they traveled and how they had recognized him as he was breaking bread. Just as they were telling them about it, Jesus appeared and stood among them. The whole group was frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost!

"Why are you frightened?" Jesus asked, "Look at my hands and feet. You can see that it is really me. Touch me and be assured that I am not a ghost."

Would you like for Jesus to reveal himself to you? Jesus still reveals himself to his followers today, but he does it through his Word and the Holy Spirit. Each day Jesus reveals himself to us in the words and deeds of the people around us. The kindness in others shows us that Jesus lives in every one of us! He may not appear to you in the same way he did to the disciples in the Gospel, but if you study God's word and seek him with all your heart, Jesus will reveal himself to you.

Our Father, help us to study your Word and to apply it in our daily life. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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# WE PRAY & WHAT'S HAPPENING



We continue to remember the sick, the infirm and all those recommended to our prayers; and especially the following, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

- John Adamski, Irma Almanza,  
 Maria Tomasa Alvarez, Marie Andrews,  
 John Baker, Glenn Bailey, John Basta,  
 Anthony Belmonte Sr., Bernie Bittner,  
 Cheryl Boyle, Alex Brandt, Vince Candelero,  
 Patricia Chuchla, Loretta Ciszak, Aileen Collura,  
 Betty L. Cory, John Dzielski, Carolyn Edison,  
 Carole Gacek, Joyce Gerck, Lisa Johnston,  
 Richard Jurasek, Rose Kessen, Celeste Koszut,  
 Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Janice Licata,  
 Enrique Lopez, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich,  
 Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland,  
 Joan Zamiska McClive, Patty McQuinn,  
 Donna Micun, Sandra Molina, Kenneth Osowski,  
 Patricia Osowski, Denise Ostrowski, AJ Rother,  
 Kevin Scanlan, Cara Scanlon, Ofelia Sevilla,  
 Brandy Silvio, Nicole Torgerson,  
 Anna Marie Turk, Hank Veith, Naty Velada,  
 Violet, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak,  
 Donna Wilczek, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik,  
 Lucille Wrobel, Greg Yore and those injured in  
 service to their country.**

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Saturdays at 7 A.M. -Ministry Rm W  
 & Wednesdays at 7 p.m.- Commons

All are welcome! Join us either on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Ministry Room West or on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Commons to discuss the coming Sunday Scripture readings what they mean and how they apply to our daily life.



### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 7 a.m. Scripture Study (for the upcoming Sunday Mass) Ministry Room West
- 8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Min Rms E & W
- 9:30 a.m. Schoenstatt Women, St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Note: Location Change)
- 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Confirmation, Church
- 3 - 4 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals
- Before and After 4:30 p.m. Mass:** Home Build Sign-Up, Narthex

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
- Before and After All Masses Mass:** Home Build Sign-Up, Narthex

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30 p.m. Home Build Meeting, Ministry Room West
- 7 p.m. Apologetics, Ministry Room East & West

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 12 p.m. Father's Club Blood Drive, Ministry Rooms, E & W
- 7 p.m. Evangelization, Commons North

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West
- 7 p.m. Mental Health Ministry Prayer Gathering, Chapel
- 7 p.m. Scripture Study, (for the upcoming Sunday Mass) Commons C
- 7 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble Choir, Church
- 7 p.m. Hispanic Adult Choir, Ministry Room East

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23, FEAST OF ST. GEORGE

- 10 a.m. St. Vincent DePaul Meeting, Ministry Room East
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 6 p.m. Missionaries of Christ, Ministry Room East
- 7p.m. Hispanic Bible Class, Ministry Room West

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25, FEAST OF ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

- 7 a.m. Scripture Study (for the upcoming Sunday Mass) Ministry Room West
- 8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Ministry Rooms E&W
- 9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Commons N
- 3 - 4 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals
- 7 p.m. Dueling Pianos Event, MPR
- Home Build Sign Up after 4:30 p.m. Mass, Narthex
- SUNDAY, APRIL 26, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- 9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
- Home Build Sign Up after all Masses, Narthex

Do you have an entry for your parish ministry group, meeting or event you would like to add to the calendar? E-mail them to

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

*St. Michael Youth Ministry is sponsoring a  
Mother's Day  
Hanging Basket Flower Sale*

*Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
at all Masses*




*Flowers from Woldhuis Farms  
Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery*

*Cash or check accepted. Prices the same as 2025!  
Thank you for your support!*



**St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry**  
**APRIL PRAYER GATHERING**  
**Wed, April 22, 7 p.m.—Chapel**

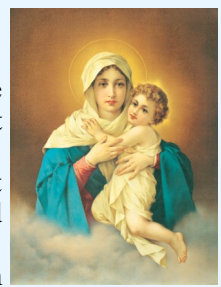
If you or someone you love is struggling and/or living with mental health afflictions, members of our Mental Health Awareness Ministry are here to accompany you with compassion, prayer and holy listening. We each light a candle and offer prayer intentions through the intercession of St. Dymphna. That is then followed by reading and reflection on scripture, and either praying the rosary, a Chaplet or Stations of the Cross with meditations for those with mental illness and their families. **For more information on our ministry**, please visit: <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/> or send an email to [StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com).

## NEXT FAMILY MASS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 11:30 AM

We invite all parish, SMS, RE, and Youth Ministry families to our parish's fourth "FAMILY MASS" of the year on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. As with the first three 'Family Masses', members of many families will serve before, during, and after this Holy Mass as Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, in the Choir, and with hospitality after Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet and rejoice in the Holy Sacrament together, to share our love of Christ and God-given gifts in our community.

## Schoenstatt Women of Orland Park

The Schoenstatt Women of Orland Park are reading about the beginnings of the Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement of the Catholic Church. The practice originally took root in Germany at the beginning of the 20th century and spread internationally during and following WWII. They are also learning how this Marian spirituality has formed people to become great saints and martyrs! April's Monthly Meeting will be held at St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **Saturday, April 18th**. Confirmations are being held at St. Michael on this date. The remainder of the Spring Meetings are at St. Michael from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on **May 16th and June 20th**. If you are looking for a Women's Marian Spirituality Group that forms everyday saints growing in holiness, virtue, and service to the Church, this is the group for you! Join us!



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## EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos la historia de Jesús uniéndose a dos de sus discípulos en su camino hacia un pueblo llamado Emaús. Jesús se unió a ellos a lo largo del camino y comenzó a entablar una conversación sobre los recientes acontecimientos que habían sucedido en Jerusalén. Me parece fascinante que Cleofás y un discípulo anónimo no reconocieran a Jesús. Algo debió de ser diferente en Él. Una vez que Jesús partió el pan, sus ojos se abrieron y comprendieron.

Lo que disfruto de esta historia es que Jesús se unió a ellos en el camino. Esta es una buena noticia para nosotros, pues sabemos que Jesús a menudo se une a nosotros en nuestro propio viaje. ¿Alguna vez has pensado que, tal vez, tú seas ese discípulo anónimo? Quizás no has reconocido la presencia de Jesús en tu vida. A veces, cuando nos encontramos en medio del dolor, la ansiedad o la decepción, suele resultarnos difícil ver a Cristo entre nosotros. Asimismo, a veces, cuando estamos en medio de la alegría, la felicidad y todo parece irnos bien, tampoco reconocemos a Cristo entre nosotros.

Al igual que los dos discípulos, nosotros también reconocemos a Jesús en la fracción del pan. Cuando nos acercamos al altar para recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía, el ministro dice: *“El Cuerpo de Cristo”*. Respondemos: *“AMEN”*, que significa *“¡Yo creo!”*

En el camino a Emaús, Jesús enseña a sus discípulos acerca de las Escrituras que se refieren a Él. Ellos no comprendieron la lección hasta que Él desapareció de su vista. Fue entonces cuando se les abrieron los ojos y exclamaron: *“¿No ardían nuestros corazones dentro de nosotros mientras nos hablaba por el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?”* ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que tu corazón ardió (deseó) algo tan grandioso? Cuando deseamos la Eucaristía, no deseamos “una cosa”, sino al Señor mismo. Oremos para que nuestros corazones también ardan con el amor de Cristo, presente en las Escrituras y en la Eucaristía.

Las oraciones durante el tiempo pascual nos recuerdan la alegría que deberíamos estar sintiendo. Celebramos la Pascua durante cincuenta días. El Prefacio de la Plegaria Eucarística dice: *“Por eso, con esta efusión de gozo pascual”*. Esto significa estar asombrado, atónito, sin palabras, estupefacto o sobrecogido. Estar sobrecogido de alegría ante el hecho de que Jesús ha resucitado de entre los muertos y está vivo. ¡Cuán maravilloso sería nuestro mundo si viviéramos nuestras vidas con un simple asombro ante el amor de Cristo y su Resurrección! Oremos para que esa alegría esté presente en nuestras vidas.

### Los sacramentos de la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión



Los Sacramentos de Iniciación son el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación. El viernes pasado, 10 de abril, el obispo José María García-Maldonado confirmó a nuestros estudiantes de habla hispana. El sábado 18 de abril, el obispo Robert Lombardo confirmó a nuestros estudiantes de habla inglesa. ¡Qué alegría ser testigos de cómo estos obispos sellan a nuestros confirmandos con los dones del Espíritu Santo! Por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones a todos nuestros recién confirmados.

El sábado 11 de abril, nuestros estudiantes de habla hispana recibieron a Jesús en la Eucaristía por primera vez. El sábado 2 de mayo, nuestros estudiantes de habla inglesa recibirán su Primera Comunión. Por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones a todos nuestros niños que harán su Primera Comunión, para que nunca se separen de Jesús.

Debido a cuestiones de programación, tendremos que celebrar dos Misas de Primera Comunión el sábado 2 de mayo. Nuestra primera Misa comenzará a las 9 a.m. Como consecuencia, no habrá Misa a las 8:30 a.m. el día 2 de mayo.



# EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

## De Generacion a Generacion

La mayoría de ustedes ya debería haber recibido por correo información referente a la campaña de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago titulada, De generación en generación: Respondan al llamado. Estamos comenzando a entrar en la fase pública de acercamiento a todos los feligreses para pedirles que hagan una promesa de contribución sacrificial a la campaña, la cual se **pagará a lo largo de cinco años**.

Los aprecio mucho. Recibí una carta personalizada del Cardenal solicitando una ofrenda de sacrificio. Siempre he dicho que no les pediría que hicieran nada que yo mismo no estuviera dispuesto a hacer. Tras mucha reflexión y oración, realicé mi primer compromiso. Me comprometí a aportar \$4,000 anuales durante cinco años, sumando un compromiso total de \$20,000. Solo menciono esto para que sepan que respaldó plenamente esta campaña.



A lo largo de las décadas, me he beneficiado de los sacrificios de aquellos que me precedieron. Durante mi infancia y los días previos a mi ingreso en el seminario, fui feligrés de Santa Salomé, Santa María de la Asunción (la parroquia natal del Papa) y San Víctor. Lamentablemente, cada una de estas parroquias y escuelas se encuentra hoy cerrada debido a los cambios demográficos. Desde mi ordenación, he sido sacerdote y feligrés de San Alejandro, Santa Julie Billiart, San Cayetano y, ahora, San Miguel. Cuando digo feligrés, me refiero a que me registro, recibo sobres y hago donaciones semanalmente. Aprendí esto de mis padres y abuelos, quienes siempre apoyaron a sus parroquias, incluso durante la Gran Depresión. Aun cuando los tiempos eran difíciles y el dinero escaseaba, ellos apoyaban a su parroquia.

San Miguel ha sido una parroquia desde 1867. En septiembre, cumplirá 159 años de difundir el Evangelio. Nos hemos beneficiado de los sacrificios de aquellos que nos precedieron, muchos de ellos sus padres y abuelos. Ahora es nuestro turno de ayudar a sostener a la Iglesia para que nosotros, al igual que quienes nos antecedieron, podamos transmitir la fe a las generaciones que nos seguirán. Si nosotros no lo hacemos, ¿quién lo hará? San Miguel no tiene deudas, ya que quienes vinieron antes construyeron y pagaron los edificios que ahora utilizamos y que, tal vez, damos por sentados. Contamos con un templo para adorar y con edificios para educar a nuestros hijos; edificios por los cuales otros se han sacrificado. Les pido que se unan a mí en oración para considerar la posibilidad de hacer una donación generosa a la campaña "De generación en generación: Responde al llamado".

Aquí tienen la oración para que la recen en casa:

**Dios de abundante y generosa misericordia, reconocemos con gratitud los muchos dones que nos has concedido a lo largo de los años, fruto del sacrificio de las generaciones que nos precedieron.**

**Por ello, confiamos plenamente en que caminarás con nosotros hacia el futuro.**

**Hacemos nuestras las palabras de la Santísima Virgen María: verdaderamente, tu misericordia se extiende de generación en generación.**

En el Amor de Cristo,  
P. Frank

**Ayúdanos ahora a responder generosamente a tus dones, mientras sostenemos a nuestra Iglesia en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago y trabajamos para transmitir la fe a las generaciones venideras.**

**Por tu gracia y tu ayuda, que nuestros dones sean una bendición para nuestros hijos, nuestros nietos y aquellos que vendrán después de ellos.**

**Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. ¡AMÉN!**

# MINISTERIO HISPANO SAN MIGUEL

## Proximos eventos

- Venta de Tamales Será el 18 y 19 de Abril. Gracias por colaborar con tu parroquia y el Ministerio Hispano.
- Rosario por las vocaciones todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla de adoración, todos cordialmente invitados.
- Abril 24 - 7:00 pm: Junta de Ministros de Comunión y Ministros de la Palabra.
- Taller Alpha para Matrimonios empieza el 26 de Mayo a las 11:30 am. Unicamente quien se registro. Gracias.

### Anuncio

Por las siguientes semanas, no tendremos Grupo Guadalupano mientras organizamos el taller para Matrimonios. Se les anunciará cuando volvemos a nuestros talleres regulares. Gracias.

**DIOS TE BENDIGA**

## No somos “solo Escritura”

Los católicos no creemos en el principio de “solo Escritura” (Sola Scriptura es decir, Unicamente la Biblia como fuente de revelacion de Dios) porque entendemos que la fe cristiana se transmite por **tres fuentes unidas**:

### 1. La Sagrada Escritura

La Biblia es Palabra de Dios inspirada y fundamental.

### 2. La Tradición Apostólica

Antes de que existiera el Nuevo Testamento, la fe ya se transmitía oralmente por los apóstoles. Esa enseñanza viva continúa en la Iglesia.

### 3. El Magisterio de la Iglesia

La autoridad de enseñar, confiada por Cristo a los apóstoles y sus sucesores (los obispos en comunión con el Papa), para interpretar correctamente la Biblia.

### ¿Por qué no “solo Escritura”?

- La misma Biblia no enseña explícitamente que deba usarse sola como única autoridad.
- Biblia muestra que los apóstoles transmitían enseñanzas por escrito y de palabra (por ejemplo, 2 Tesalonicenses 2,15).
- La Iglesia existía antes de que se definiera el canon bíblico, y fue la Iglesia (guiada por el Espíritu Santo) la que discernió qué libros forman la Biblia.
- Sin una autoridad que interprete, surgen muchas interpretaciones distintas, lo que explica la división entre miles de denominaciones.

Para los católicos, la verdad revelada no está solo en un libro, sino en una fe viva transmitida por la Iglesia, donde Escritura, Tradición y Magisterio no se oponen, sino que se complementan. La Iglesia “protestantes” cristianas predicán solamente la escritura por eso no se deje engañar pues es una forma de desvincular el texto de quienes lo recibimos desde los Apóstoles y esos somos los católicos.

## Blood Drive



The St. Michael’s School Dad’s Club is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive at St. Michael on **Tuesday, April 21st 12-5 p.m. in the Ministry Rooms**

TO REGISTER TO DONATE, [CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



# CONFIRMATION

*With gratitude and praise to our Lord, these candidates  
were Confirmed on April 18, 2026*

Amber <i>Valentine</i> Anderson	Eduardo <i>Luigi</i> Garcia
Emily <i>Gemma</i> Anderson	Jax <i>Vincent</i> Garcia
Enzo <i>Sebastian</i> Angone	Anthony <i>Roch</i> Giusti
Riley <i>George</i> Atzman	Rian <i>Sandra</i> Goldstein-Zavala
Kayleigh <i>Catherine</i> Batchelor	Emily <i>Lucy</i> Gole Cruz
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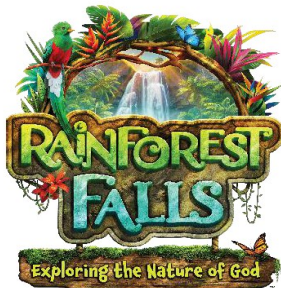
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# SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## RAINFOREST FALLS REGISTRATION "Exploring the Nature of God"

Date: June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 9:30am to Noon  
Place: St. Michael  
Age: 4 years old to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Fall  
Cost: \$45.00 per child (due at time of registration)



Packet pick up Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 9am to 11am by the MPR

Keep top portion for your information

Registrations will be taken on a first come basis until capacity is reached with no registration accepted after May 17<sup>th</sup>. Drop off registrations at the Parish or Youth Ministry Offices or through school clearly marked for Vacation Bible School Attention Youth Ministry.

(youth shirt sizes xs, s, m, l, xl)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Vacation Bible School at St. Michael Parish from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. I hereby release and indemnify the Archdiocese of Chicago & St. Michael Parish for this event, its staff and volunteers; and the Catholic Bishop, a corporation sole, from any liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child/ren's participation in the program. I further understand that I am giving permission to use photographs of my child/ren on the parish website/bulletin for the purpose of showing their involvement in the program.

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The Knights of Columbus Council 10858 at St. Michael held their Semi-annual Bingo & Burgers Fundraiser on Friday, April 10th. Guests and volunteers had a great time enjoying the food, fraternity and games. Thank you to event donors and sponsors: Pepe's Mexican, Homer Glen; Heinie's McCarthy; Blueberry Hill Café, Homer Glen; The White Sheep, Orland Park; Papa Joe's, Orland Park; Xs&Os Lounge & Grill, Palos Heights; Italian Villa Pizza, Orland Park; Pop's Italian Beef, Orland Park; Chesdan's Grille, Homer Glen; Nick's BBQ, Homer Glen; Nothing Bundt Cakes, Orland Park; Hair Fusion Bar, Mokena; Don Ward and Ed Richert. Please support these local businesses with your patronage. Thank you.

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- **Date:** Friday, May 1 - Time: 6:30 PM - 9:30PM  
**AND** Saturday, May 2 - Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Light lunch included
- **Presenter:** Jeanne Lassandrello
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# MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 18-26, 2026

<b>Saturday, 4/18</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Ida Yelnick	Special Intention for Maria Wladyslaw Obrochta
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Charles Lecki Nathal Betzviser	Austin Murphy Michael Realy
<b>Sunday, 4/19</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Special Intention for Gary Kermer	
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Michele Martis	Joe Dolan Mary Ochoa
		Special Intention for Michael Dzielski	
<b>Spanish Monday, 4/20</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Maureen Cerve Denise Slechta	David M. Yerkes, Sr. Mike DeGuzman Carole Holding
	<b>1:30 PM</b>	Parishioners of St. Michael	
<b>Tuesday, 4/21</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Victor & Theresa Licata	Rosemary Costin
<b>Wednesday, 4/22</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	For the healing of those suffering from terminal illness	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	William Metz	William Pappas Andrecito O. Nievera
<b>Thursday, 4/23</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	For Peace in the World	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Jim Cwik	
<b>Friday, 4/24</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Special Intention for Expectant Mother Anna Goodwin and Child	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	LeRoy A. DeBrakeleer	Jim Cwik Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday, 4/25</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	For the healing of those suffering from mental illness	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Special Intention for Bob & Jackie Meinzer	
<b>Sunday, 4/26</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	John Nugent	John Skarbek
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Marek Matelski Barb Nickel	Williard M. Pond Feliks Pezowicz Don Latronica
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Special Intention for Gary Kermer	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Anne Kantz Sandra Munyon	Rev. Robert Mair Mary Lou Martinus
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Marek Matelski Hank Zitnik	Henry Matelski Special Intention for Marianna Lynn Johnson
	<b>1:30 PM</b>	Parishioners of St. Michael	



### Let us pray...

Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen.

You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation.

Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child.

When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister.

When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother.

We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment from destruction and overuse. Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person.

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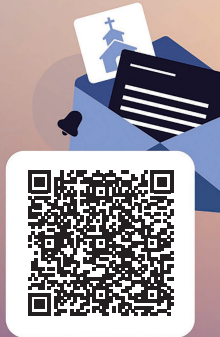


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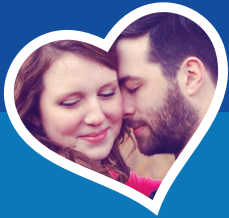
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