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DIVINE MERCY

Sunday

Sunday, April 27, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Father Frank's Fire

This past Holy Week was truly magnificent. The liturgies were powerful statements to the truths of our Catholic faith – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, loved us so much that he suffered, died and rose again to save us.

I was truly moved by our high school teens as they presented to us the Passion on Passion (Palm) Sunday. They worked hard and spent many hours preparing and then presented it to the parish four different times. I am very proud of them. I am grateful for the adult volunteers and the musicians that worked with them and accompanied them every step of the way. The Church was filled – who says that teens do not lead others to Christ? Thank you for a job well done.

I am also grateful to all who helped to make Lent and Holy Week so prayerful. Thank you to our liturgy committee, the sacristans and all those who helped us to prepare for the various liturgies of Holy Week. Thank you to Gary Patin, our director of music, and our assistant directors, cantors, choirs and the other musicians for their outstanding music that led us deeper into prayer, and helped us to enter into the Paschal Mystery — the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. A special thank you to Susan O'Connell. Susan works behind the scenes scheduling and training the various ministers, coordinating times for decorating and ordering the supplies that are needed, not to mention a whole host of other responsibilities. I am grateful for her organizational abilities, a gift that I do not share, as she makes sure everything is done on time. Thank you Susan.

Thank you to our priests, deacons, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, greeters and altar servers – you helped us to celebrate Easter joy. Thank you to all who helped with the Art & Environment in both the Church and multi-purpose room. It is not easy to coordinate two Masses going on at the same time. It is difficult to imagine how much work goes into preparing for Holy Week and Easter – but I wish to say to all involved THANK YOU for a job well done! I am grateful for your efforts as we celebrated the rising of our Savior in splendor!

It was good to welcome so many visitors to our parish. Thank you to the parishioners of St. Michael Parish for your hospitality to our guests. Easter offerings will continue to trickle in for the next few weeks. If you have not made your Easter donation to St. Michael, I invite you to do so – the parish needs and counts on your support to continue to bring needed ministries to our faith community. Once most of the Easter donations are in, I will report the Easter collection to you. I thank you for your continued generosity and I wish you continued Easter joy – Alleluia, Alleluia!

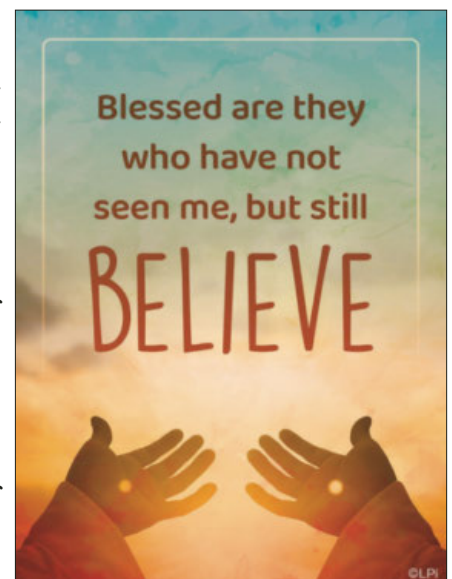
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How many times do we feel alone, isolated and fearful. We are like the disciples on that first Easter – they did not know nor understood the power of the Risen Christ. In today's gospel, the disciples are locked in the upper room. They are afraid, worried and anxious. In the midst of the turmoil, Jesus simply says, *"Peace be with you."* After seeing his hands and his side, they realized that it was He and peace settled over them.

Jesus offers us that same peace. Sometimes our doors are locked. Today we are worried, anxious and afraid. Perhaps our hearts are locked because of anger or fear. Again, Jesus busts through the locked doors and offers us peace. Jesus' peace is not an absence of conflict – Jesus' peace is knowing that God walks with us in good times and bad. We are not abandoned because He is at our side.

Jesus breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit. In the Book of Genesis, God breathed into the clay and gave us human life. Now the Lord of Life breathes onto us and we receive eternal life.

Today is a day to believe -- To believe that Jesus broke the chains of death and he broke the chains of hell. Jesus opened heaven's gates and now invites us to follow in his footsteps. This is not a time for fear – but a time for faith!



Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter is to be Divine Mercy Sunday. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun that received revelations about God's mercy. The message of mercy is nothing new, but it is a reminder of what the Church has always taught that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness to others.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple: Ask God to pour out his mercy upon us and the whole world, be merciful to others and trust in Jesus. In 2005, I had the opportunity to go to Poland and I visited the chapel where Saint Faustina received her visions of Jesus' Divine Mercy.

Above our baptismal font is the image of Jesus' Divine Mercy and from his heart flow rays of red and white - the white rays representing the baptismal waters and the red rays representing the blood that Jesus shed to save us. The rays flow from the heart of Jesus and surround the world. On the bottom of the image are the words, *Jesus I trust in You*. I invite you to behold the beauty of this image and to prayerfully reflect on God's mercy freely given to the world.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us once again commit ourselves to trust in Christ. For Jesus is the answer to all our needs. We will have a Holy Hour this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. This is the hour of Divine Mercy and all are invited to attend.

Fr. Geoffrey Andama

I am sure that some of you have heard that Fr. Geoffrey will be leaving St. Michael at the end of June. He has faithfully served our parish for nine years. An associate pastor's term is generally five years and is renewable for two additional years. Due to COVID and other circumstances, Fr. Geoffrey was able to stay with us longer.

I understand that this may be upsetting to you, as many of you have developed a strong relationship with him. Sharing of one's faith forges a deep bond between people.



This reassignment is not going to be easy for Fr. Geoffrey, either. I know the deep loss a priest has when he has to leave a parish that he loves. I had to do so at St. Alexander in 2005, when after seven years as an associate it was time for me to leave, and again in 2018 when I left my first pastorate at St. Cajetan after thirteen years. That sadness eventually turned to gratitude for my years at those parishes and new joy when I was assigned to St. Michael. All of our lives are patterned after the Pascal Mystery – dying to something and then rising again.

The placement board will be meeting in mid-May to make associate assignments and Fr. Geoffrey will not know where he is going until then. I do ask you to keep him in your prayers.

I have asked for another associate pastor. There is a shortage of priests and it is likely that Fr. Geoffrey will not be replaced and the parish will have to make adjustments to this possible reality. The sad reality is that this year the Archdiocese of Chicago will be ordaining only one priest. Please continue to pray for vocations.

We will have a day to honor Fr. Geoffrey before he departs. I will let you know once this date is finalized.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

**This Sunday,
April 27, 2025**

**Holy Hour at
St. Michael Parish
3:00-4:00 p.m.**

*Come and Experience
the Mercy and Healing
of Our Lord
Jesus Christ*

Saturday, May 3

On Saturday, May 3, our 2nd graders will be making their First Holy Communion. Due to a scheduling conflict, our First Communion Masses will begin at 9:00 a.m. Consequently, there will not be an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 3. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

Pope Francis

On Monday, April 21, we learned of the passing of our Holy Father – Pope Francis. This is a time of sadness for many, and also a time of fear, as we all wonder who will be the next pope. Due to the bulletin deadline, I have not heard anything about the Holy Father's arrangements or the traditional nine-day mourning period.

I have found an article I wrote in 2013 to the people of St. Cajetan – I think it still holds true today about the life of Pope Francis. The article will be in italics so you will know it was written so many years ago.

The College of Cardinals elected our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. I have been listening and reading about the words and actions of our Pope. He has shown us many examples of goodness, humility and pastoral care for the people of God, especially the poor.

I have been amazed at his simple style and his desire not to get caught up in all the comforts of the papacy. He received the Cardinals standing and not in the papal chair, he took the bus with the Cardinals, he chose not to live in the Apostolic Palace, and he washed the feet of those in prison. I have truly been fascinated, intrigued and challenged by his words, and his actions that speak so much louder than words. In his talk to the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio said, "The Church is called to come out from itself and to go to the peripheries, not only geographical, but also the existential: those of the mystery of sin, of suffering, of injustice, those of ignorance and absence of faith, those of thought, those of every form of misery."

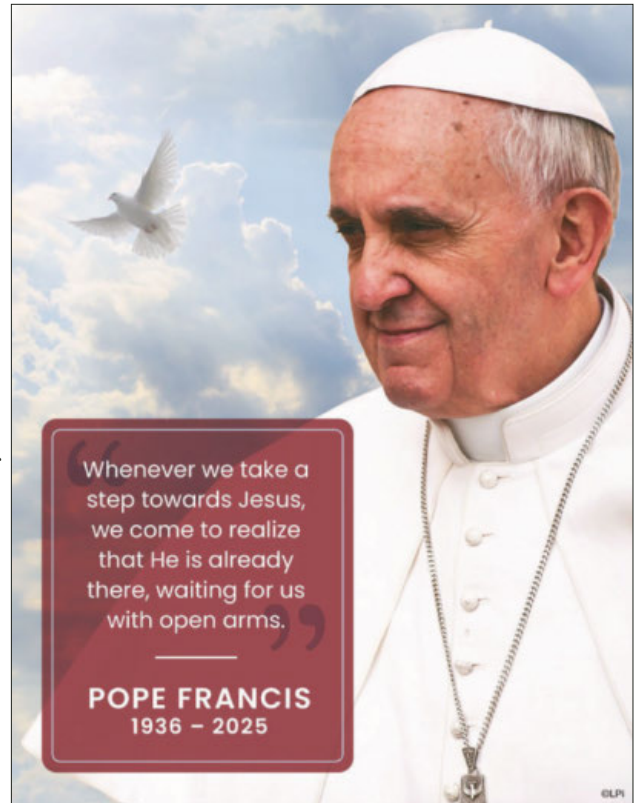
I think that the Archbishop of Los Angeles, Archbishop Gomez, summarized the message of Pope Francis, "Pope Francis is saying that all of us in the Church need to come out of our pious shells – the comfortable patterns and practices that keep us protected from the demands of truly living our faith in our everyday life. We need to overcome our natural tendencies to self-centeredness so that we can really live for the good of others and for the Church's mission."

We are an apostolic Church. We are called to go out into the world. If we just remain focused on our ministries and have the attitude "they can come to us," we are not being apostolic but self-centered, we are not sharing the treasures of faith but hoarding them as private treasure; our parishes and churches become museums for the saints and not hospitals for the sinners. If this happens, we have lost our way.

We are all called to be apostles – that is to go into the world and share our faith. This does not mean we have to shout in the public square or on street corners. It simply means that we are to live our lives as Jesus taught by loving God and loving one another. When we love, forgive, and live a good and holy life – our actions speak so much louder than our words. St. Francis of Assisi said it best, "Preach the Gospel always and if necessary use words." May Pope Francis rest in peace.

In Christ's Merciful love,

Fr. Frank





Please Pray For The Sick

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:

Irma Almanza, Marie Andrews, Jennifer Bailey,
John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta,
Bernie Bittner, Kevin Bushnell, Vince Candelero,
Patricia Chuchla, Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo,
Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Rose Kessen,
Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton,
Joyce Kwak, Robert Levinthal, Janice Licata,
Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon,
Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland,
Patty McQuinn, Charles Mezatis, Donna Micun,
Art Morgan, Evelyn Negele, Mary Anne Nievera,
Alice Prendergast, Michael Quinn, Carole Roberts,
Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca,
Kevin Scanlan, Cara Scanlon, William Schmid,
Louise Sullivan, Nicole Torgerson, Naty Velada,
Violet, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak,
Donna Wilczek, Alexandra Wlosik,
Lawrence Wojcik, Lucille Wrobel,
and those injured in service to their country.

Please Pray For

Those who have died and their families

Robert L. Caponigri, sister of Mary Hill
Joseph Gemmallaro, brother of John
Eugene Gentile, husband of Joanne
James McAllister, husband of Geraldine
Kathy Patti, mother of Jill Henry
Jennie Vaccarello, daughter of Jennie Prickler



Readings for the Week April 27, 2025

Sunday: **2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**
Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Today's readings really focus on the idea that SEEING IS BELIEVING. We are more inclined to believe something if we see it. If you were outside playing all day in the beautiful sunshine and, once you came indoors, someone told you that it was snowing, you probably wouldn't believe it, right? We've had a few weeks like that recently. It was gorgeous on one day — many of us played outside — and then the next day, it snowed! Many of us took pictures and showed our family and friends because it seemed so unbelievable.

The 1st reading focuses a bit on the signs and wonders that were performed by the apostles. The apostles were Jesus' close friends and followers. Because of this, many of those who also believed in Jesus continued to follow the apostles. And there were others who were unsure about Jesus but still watched the apostles with respect and admiration. They probably were so surprised because they knew that Jesus died in a horrible way, and yet His followers were not broken or falling apart. In fact, Jesus' followers were stronger than ever because they had a mission to continue to spread Jesus' message of love and forgiveness.

The Gospel reading then starts to talk about how Jesus first appeared to his disciples after he had died and rose from the dead. Imagine how his disciples felt after seeing Jesus stand there before them. Jesus gave the special gift of the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. However his disciple Thomas had a hard time believing that Jesus had returned from the dead.

Thomas said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Thomas wanted to see and feel before he believed that it was Jesus who rose from the dead. Now this is very important to read and see in the bible. Jesus knew that even his best of friends would have a hard time believing it was Jesus. So he said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Jesus was talking about US here. He knew that we would not be able to see him because he would go back to heaven. We — all of us — and our past and future family members, will have to TRUST that these stories about Jesus are true. The apostles started to write down everything about Jesus so that ALL of us would believe that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God, and through this belief we may have LIFE in his name.

When you invite Jesus into your heart by praying, reading the bible and going to religion classes, you are being blessed for believing in Him without seeing Him. Believe that God is with you always. He hears your prayers and loves you so much. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, April 26

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Commons North
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:30 a.m.—Small Gym
- Elvis Night Ticket Sales-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- Home Build Sign-Up-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

Sunday, April 27-Divine Mercy Sunday

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW) - durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms
- Elvis Night Ticket Sales-after all Masses—Narthex
- Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale-after all Mass—Narthex
- Home Build Sign-Up-after all Masses—Narthex
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour-3:00 p.m.—Church

Tuesday, April 29

- Evangelization Ministry-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Wednesday, April 30

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Thursday, May 1

- Parents & Tots Play Group-9:30 p.m.—Centennial Park

Friday, April 2

- Hispanic Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico Hispano-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East

Saturday, May 3

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Commons North
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:30 a.m.—Small Gym
- Elvis Night Ticket Sales-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

Sunday, May 4

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW) - durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms
- Elvis Night Ticket Sales-after all Masses—Narthex
- Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale-after all Mass—Narthex

Visit www.saintmike.com for information on all of our programs.



GRATITUDE from the Feeding the Hungry Food Sharing Ministry

Thank You, St. Michael Parishioners, for being the hands

and feet of Jesus as you serve in the Feeding the Hungry food sharing ministry, whether you donate brown paper and plastic bags and non-perishable food, volunteer on Saturday mornings or pray for the families who receive your gifts. Thank you for continuing to give to this ongoing ministry!

Serving Time Update - If you want to help on a Saturday morning, we meet in the small gym at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 9:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity for a family to serve together. The best way to get to the small gym is to park on the Highland Ave. side of St. Michael and enter through the set of black double doors.



This Wednesday @ 7PM in the Commons

All Are Welcome!

Please join us for a deeper insight into the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. There's a video presentation followed by discussions about the video and the readings. We hope you can join us!

St. Michael Parents & Tots Play Group Now Meeting @ Centennial Park

Starting This Thursday, May 1, St. Michael Parents & Tots Play Group will move outside to Centennial Park playground, 15600 West Ave. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays at Centennial Park through mid-June. Hope to see you there!



Wedding Banns

April 26, 2025

Norma Villalobos & Jose Martinez

Margaret McMahon & Joseph Tsillis

VICARIATE V  ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

LITURGY TRAINING



WE ARE IN NEED OF EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS AT ST. MICHAEL - CAN YOU SERVE? Liturgy Training Sessions are May 20-22, 2025

Each one of us is called to serve our Lord and grow His church here on earth and perhaps you're being called to serve at our Masses as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Lector. Our Vicariate for the Archdiocese of Chicago is offering

Initial Liturgy Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors.

Sessions will be held on May 20-22, 2025, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul VI Parish at two nearby parish locations.

ALL attend the session on **Tuesday, May 20 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's-St. Mary Site** (105 Herrick Rd. in Riverside) on the scriptural foundation and the overview of the liturgy.

Initial Training for **Eucharistic Ministers** will take place on Wednesday, May 21 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's-Mater Christi site (2401 S. 10th Ave. in North Riverside). Initial Training for **Lectors** will take place on Thursday, May 22 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's-Mater Christi site (2401 S. 10th Ave. in North Riverside).

To register, visit <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>.

For more information about being a Liturgical Minister at St. Michael, please contact Susan O'Connell at soconnell@saintmike.com or 708-349-0903, ext. 672.

If you previously served as a Eucharistic Minister in high school, college or at another parish, please consider serving at St. Michael. You do not need to be trained; just contact Susan O'Connell!



Ministers of Care Needed to Bring Communion to the Sick & Homebound

St. Michael Parish is looking for people who enjoy praying with and bringing the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in nursing homes. **Training is provided and will take place on May 5, 6 & 7 at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish in Tinley Park beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

To register for the training, visit <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>.

To learn more about this ministry at St. Michael, please contact Cee Cee Van Hecke at St. Michael: cvanhecke@saintmike.com or at 708-349-0903.



CAN YOU SERVE AS A GREETER AT ST. MICHAEL?

St. Michael Parish is in need of greeters to serve at Masses at St. Michael. As a greeter, you will warmly welcome people to our weekend Masses, assist with any collections, and guide people as they approach the altar to receive Holy Communion. **No formal training is required.** Simply contact Susan O'Connell at soconnell@saintmike.com for more information and next steps.

**THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL AND
BEING THE HANDS AND FEET
OF JESUS!**



We are so very grateful for your recent collection of hygiene products for BEDS Plus, it was truly an overwhelming response!! Thank you so very much! These items will help us provide the every day necessities for the homeless and migrant individuals/families housed in our facilities. We are here to help those in need and are able to do so because of the kindness and generosity of parishes like St. Michael's. Again, thank you and God Bless you all.

Tina Rounds, CEO - BEDS Plus



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Building Homes

“Let us build a house where love can dwell”
JOIN US FOR THE
6TH ANNUAL MULTI-PARISH
HOME BUILD MISSION PROJECT
FRIDAY, JUNE 27 & SATURDAY, JUNE 28
at ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH
 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487

TO SIGN UP — Visit our Table in the Narthex After Masses This Weekend—April 26 & 27
 or Sign Up in the Church Office During the Week

WEEKEND AGENDA — During this weekend, we will do more than build a house. We will come together as a faith community. We will pray, laugh, renew old friendships and build new relationships.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Adults 18 or Older Only on Friday

12 Noon	Project set up Lumber delivery
1:00 PM	Measure and cut lumber
3:00 PM	Build Leader Training

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Children Welcome with an Adult

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Opening Prayer Work Detail
12:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Load walls for departure

ROLES AVAILABLE

- Parking/Clean up
- Cutters
- Builders/Leaders
- Hospitality
- Loaders

**No Previous Experience
Required**

*** Times are approximate*

For more information:

Contact Dan Davis at danrph80@gmail.com or Ellie Olson at ero1958@yahoo.com

*St. Michael Youth Ministry is sponsoring a
 Mother's Day Hanging Basket Flower Sale
 Saturday, May 10 & Sunday, May 11
 At All Masses*



11" Specialty Baskets
\$25.00



12" Combination Garden Baskets
\$30.00



14" Geranium Combo Garden Baskets
\$40.00

Flower Baskets are from Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery

Thank you for your support!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAYBREAK CENTER SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the first Saturday of every month a group of 8th graders & high school students from our parish prepare and serve lunch at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen in Joliet.

We will be going Saturday, May 3 from 8:00am until 1:00pm. If you are a teen and would like to lend a hand, please email Therese Hansen to register at hansentherese12@gmail.com. You need to email your name and phone number; Therese will contact you.

We leave from St. Michael's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Deadline for sign up is this Wednesday, April 30. Transportation will be provided.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SHEPHERD'S TABLE ?

Our teens will be making BBQ chicken for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please donate russet potatoes, cans of corn, cans of beans, Sweet Baby Rays BBQ sauce, red onions, olive oil, ranch dressing, rolls, butter, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, fresh fruit, homemade desserts, and liters of pop. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please place your donations in the Narthex kitchen on
THURSDAY, MAY 1 AND FRIDAY, MAY 2 FROM 8:00AM TO 9:00PM.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

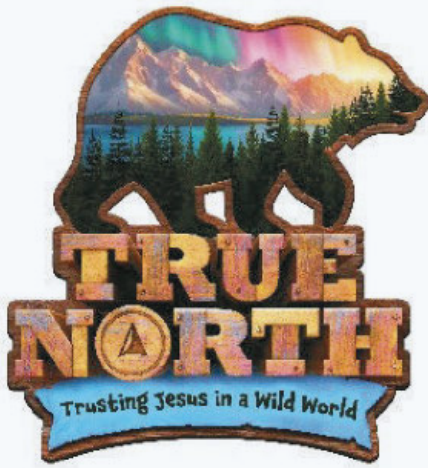
St. Michael Youth Ministry

Soup Kitchen April – Thank You Br. Rice Teens for the help!



REGISTER TODAY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World”



VBS Dates: Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27, 2025

Time: 9:30am to Noon

Place: St. Michael Parish

Age: 4 years old to 4th Grade in the Fall

Cost: \$45.00 per child *(due at time of registration)*

Registration is due by May 16th

Packet pick up Friday, June 20
from 9am to 11am in the Commons

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE at

<https://saintmike.com/vacation-bible-school/>

AND IN THE NARTHEX

Questions: Contact rkoch@saintmike.com



SVdP BUNDLE WEEKEND UPDATE

After meaningful discussions, the St. Michael St. Vincent de Paul Conference has decided to discontinue Bundle Week-ends at our parish. One of the reasons is that the **St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is right here in Orland Park and accepts donations every day of the week.** Simply bring your gently-used clothing and small household items to the store located at **7010 W. 159th St. in Orland Park.** Donations are accepted at the back of the store during business hours: Monday through Saturday from 9am-6pm and Sundays from 9am-4:30pm.

For more information, please visit the SVdP Thrift Store website at <https://stvincentdepaulchicago.org/thrift-stores/thrift-stores/>.

**RENEW Retreat
for Single People
in their Upper 50s
and Above
May 2-4, 2025**



Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Carmelite Renewal Center in Darien, Ill., May 2-4, 2025. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it!

For details, visit
www.RenewRetreats.org,
e-mail renew.chicagoland@gmail.com,
or call (309) 912-6065.

*St. Michael's Missionaries of Christ Youth Chapter
presents*

“A Night with Elvis”

Dinner & Show for the Entire Family

Saturday, May 10, 2025

at St. Michael Parish

Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Show Starts @ 6:00 p.m



Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with music, glamour and a touch of nostalgia, as we celebrate the legendary Elvis Presley. The night will feature a LIVE PERFORMANCE by an amazing Elvis impersonator who will have you all shook up!

✨ What to Expect ✨

- Red-Carpet Entrance
- A Delicious 3-Course Meal
- Raffles
- Elvis Performance
- Dancing Until 9 p.m.

Dress in your favorite Elvis era
(Think leather jackets, slick hair and sequins!)

Fee: \$50 per person (includes dinner and show)

*This special event is in support of the Missionaries of Christ Youth Chapter,
as we raise funds to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference.*

**Be a part of this spectacular night
And make a difference!**

For tickets and more information, scan the QR Code

Or email or call Lloyd, Marta or Maria



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El Espiritu del Padre Frank

La Semana Santa pasada fue verdaderamente magnífica. Las liturgias fueron poderosas declaraciones de las verdades de nuestra fe católica: Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, nos amó tanto que sufrió, murió y resucitó para salvarnos.

Me conmovió profundamente la presentación de la Pasión de Cristo por nuestros jóvenes de preparatoria el Domingo de Ramos. Trabajaron duro y dedicaron muchas horas a la preparación, y luego la presentaron a la parroquia cuatro veces. Estoy muy orgulloso de ellos. Agradezco a los voluntarios adultos y a los músicos que trabajaron con ellos y los acompañaron en cada paso del camino. La iglesia estaba llena. ¿Quién dice que los jóvenes no guían a otros a Cristo? Gracias por un trabajo excelente.

También estoy agradecido a todos los que han ayudado a que la Cuaresma y la Semana Santa sean tan devocionales. Gracias a nuestro comité de liturgia, a los sacristanes y a todos los que nos ayudaron a preparar las diversas liturgias de Semana Santa. Gracias a Gary, nuestro director musical, a nuestros subdirectores, a nuestros cantores, a nuestros coros y a los demás músicos por su excelente música, que nos llevó a una oración más profunda y nos ayudó a adentrarnos en el Misterio Pascual (el sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo). Un agradecimiento especial a Susan O'Connell. Susan trabaja entre bastidores organizando a los diversos ministros, capacitando, coordinando los horarios para la decoración y ordenando los materiales necesarios, sin mencionar una gran cantidad de otras responsabilidades. Estoy agradecido por su capacidad organizativa, un don que no comparto, ya que se asegura de que todo se haga a tiempo. Gracias, Susan.

Gracias a nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, lectores, ministros de la Eucaristía, ujieres y monaguillos; nos ayudaron a celebrar la alegría de la Pascua. Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con el arte y el ambiente, tanto en la iglesia como en el salón multiusos. No es fácil coordinar dos misas simultáneamente. Es difícil imaginar cuánto trabajo requiere la preparación para la Semana Santa y la Pascua, pero quiero decirles a todos los involucrados: ¡GRACIAS por un excelente trabajo! Les agradezco su esfuerzo y celebramos la resurrección de nuestro Salvador con todo su esplendor.

Fue un placer recibir a tantos visitantes en nuestra parroquia. Gracias a los feligreses de la parroquia de San Miguel por su hospitalidad. Las ofrendas de Pascua seguirán llegando poco a poco durante las próximas semanas. Si aún no ha hecho su donativo de Pascua a San Miguel, lo invito a hacerlo. La parroquia necesita y cuenta con su apoyo para seguir brindando los ministerios necesarios a nuestra comunidad de fe. Una vez que se hayan recibido la mayoría de los donativos de Pascua, les informaré sobre la colecta de Pascua. Les agradezco su continua generosidad y les deseo que sigan disfrutando de la alegría de la Pascua. ¡Aleluya, aleluya!

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¿Cuántas veces nos sentimos solos, aislados y temerosos? Somos como los discípulos en aquella primera Pascua: desconocían el poder de Cristo resucitado. En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos están encerrados en el alto aposento. Tienen miedo, están preocupados y ansiosos. En medio de la confusión, Jesús simplemente dice: *“La paz esté con ustedes.”* Tras ver sus manos y su costado, comprendieron que era él y la paz los invadió.

Jesús nos ofrece esa misma paz. A veces nuestras puertas están cerradas. Hoy estamos preocupados, ansiosos y asustados. Quizás nuestros corazones están cerrados por la ira o el miedo. Una vez más, Jesús rompe las puertas cerradas y nos ofrece paz. La paz de Jesús no es la ausencia de conflicto; la paz de Jesús es saber que Dios camina con nosotros en las buenas y en las malas. No estamos abandonados porque Él está a nuestro lado.

Jesús sopló sobre ellos y les dio el Espíritu Santo. En el libro del Génesis, Dios sopló sobre el barro y nos dio vida humana. Ahora el Señor de la Vida sopla sobre nosotros y recibimos la vida eterna.

Hoy es un día para creer. Para creer que Jesús rompió las cadenas de la muerte y las del infierno. Jesús abrió las puertas del cielo y ahora nos invita a seguir sus pasos. ¡Este no es tiempo de miedo, sino de fe!



Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

El Papa Juan Pablo II declaró que el Segundo Domingo de Pascua sería el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. El mensaje y la devoción a Jesús como la Divina Misericordia se basan en los escritos de Santa Faustina Kowalska, una monja polaca que recibió revelaciones sobre la misericordia de Dios. El mensaje de la misericordia no es nuevo, pero es un recordatorio de lo que la Iglesia siempre ha enseñado: Dios es misericordioso y perdonador, y que nosotros también debemos mostrar misericordia y perdón a los demás.

El mensaje de la Divina Misericordia es sencillo: pedir a Dios que derrame su misericordia sobre nosotros y el mundo entero, ser misericordiosos con los demás y confiar en Jesús. En 2005, tuve la oportunidad de ir a Polonia y visité la capilla donde Santa Faustina recibió sus visiones de la Divina Misericordia de Jesús. Sobre nuestra pila bautismal se encuentra la imagen de la Divina Misericordia de Jesús, y de su corazón brotan rayos rojos y blancos. Los rayos blancos representan las aguas bautismales y los rayos rojos representan la sangre que Jesús derramó para salvarnos. Los rayos fluyen del corazón de Jesús y rodean el mundo. En la parte inferior de la imagen se lee: *“Jesús, en Ti confío”*. Los invito a contemplar la belleza de esta imagen y a reflexionar en oración sobre la misericordia de Dios, dada gratuitamente al mundo.

En este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, comprometámonos una vez más a confiar en Cristo. Porque Jesús es la respuesta a todas nuestras necesidades. Tendremos una Hora Santa este domingo a las 3:00 p.m. Esta es la Hora de la Divina Misericordia y todos están invitados a asistir.



FIESTA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Este domingo, 27 de abril de 2025

Hora Santa en St. Michael Parish
3:00-400 p.m.

Ven y experimenta la misericordia y sanación
de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo

P. Geoffrey Andama



Estoy seguro de que algunos de ustedes han oído que el P. Geoffrey dejará San Miguel a finales de junio. Ha servido fielmente a nuestra parroquia durante nueve años. El mandato de un asociado suele ser de cinco años, renovable por dos años más. Debido a la COVID y otras circunstancias, el P. Geoffrey pudo permanecer con nosotros más tiempo. Entiendo que esto pueda resultar preocupante, ya que muchos de ustedes han desarrollado una sólida relación con él. Compartir la fe forja un vínculo profundo entre las personas.

Esta reasignación tampoco será fácil para el P. Geoffrey. Conozco la profunda pérdida que siente un sacerdote al tener que dejar una parroquia que ama. Tuve que hacerlo en San Alejandro en 2005, cuando, tras siete años como asociado, llegó el momento de irme. De nuevo en 2018, cuando dejé mi primer párroco en San Cayetano después de trece años. Esa tristeza se convirtió en gratitud por mis años en esas parroquias y en una nueva

alegría cuando me asignaron a San Miguel. Todas nuestras vidas siguen el modelo del Misterio de Pascal: morir por algo y luego resucitar.

La junta de asignación se reunirá a mediados de mayo para asignar a los asociados, y el P. Geoffrey no sabrá adónde irá hasta entonces. Les pido que lo tengan presente en sus oraciones.

He solicitado otro párroco asociado. Hay escasez de sacerdotes y es probable que el P. Geoffrey no sea reemplazado, por lo que la parroquia tendrá que adaptarse a esta posible realidad. La triste realidad es que este año la Arquidiócesis de Chicago sólo ordenará a un sacerdote. Por favor, sigan orando por las vocaciones.

Tendremos un día para honrar al Padre Geoffrey antes de su partida. Les avisaré una vez que se concrete la fecha.

Sábado 3 de Mayo

El sábado 3 de mayo, nuestros alumnos de segundo grado harán su Primera Comunión. Debido a un problema de horario, las misas de Primera Comunión comenzarán a las 9:00 a. m. Por lo tanto, no habrá misa a las 8:30 a. m. el sábado 3 de mayo. Por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones a nuestros alumnos de Primera Comunión.

Papa Francisco

El lunes 21 de abril nos enteramos del fallecimiento de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. Este es un momento de tristeza y temor para muchos, ya que todos nos preguntamos quién será el próximo Papa. Debido a la fecha límite del boletín, no he tenido noticias sobre los preparativos del Santo Padre ni sobre el tradicional período de luto de nueve días.

Encontré un artículo que escribí en 2013 a los feligreses de San Cayetano, que creo que sigue vigente hoy en día, sobre la vida del Papa Francisco. El artículo estará en letra itálica para que sepan que fue escrito hace muchos años.

El Colegio de Cardenales eligió a nuestro nuevo Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco. He estado escuchando y leyendo sobre las palabras y acciones de nuestro Papa. Nos ha dado muchos ejemplos de bondad, humildad y atención pastoral al pueblo de Dios, especialmente a los pobres.

Me ha sorprendido su estilo sencillo y su deseo de no dejarse llevar por las comodidades del papado. Recibió a los cardenales de pie y no en la silla papal, tomó el autobús con ellos, eligió no vivir en el Palacio Apostólico y lavó los pies a los presos. Realmente me han fascinado, intrigado y desafiado sus palabras y sus acciones, que hablan mucho más que las palabras. En su discurso ante el Colegio de Cardenales, el cardenal Jorge Bergoglio dijo: “La Iglesia está llamada a salir de sí misma e ir a las periferias, no solo geográficas sino también existenciales: las del misterio del pecado, del sufrimiento, de la injusticia, las de la ignorancia y la ausencia de fe, las del pensamiento, las de toda forma de miseria.”

Creo que el arzobispo de Los Ángeles, Monseñor Gómez, resumió el mensaje del Papa Francisco: “El Papa Francisco dice que todos en la Iglesia debemos salir de nuestras conchas piadosas: los patrones y prácticas cómodas que nos protegen de las exigencias de vivir verdaderamente nuestra fe en la vida cotidiana. Necesitamos superar nuestras tendencias naturales al egocentrismo para que podamos vivir verdaderamente por el bien de los demás y por la misión de la Iglesia.”

Somos una Iglesia apostólica. Estamos llamados a salir al mundo. Si nos centramos en nuestros ministerios y tenemos la actitud de que “pueden venir a nosotros”, no estamos siendo apostólicos, sino egocéntricos; no compartimos los tesoros de la fe, sino que los atesoramos como un tesoro privado; nuestras parroquias e iglesias se convierten en museos para los santos y no en hospitales para los pecadores. Si esto sucede, nos hemos extraviado.

Todos estamos llamados a ser apóstoles, es decir, a ir al mundo y compartir nuestra fe. Esto no significa que tengamos que gritar en la plaza o en las esquinas. Simplemente significa que debemos vivir como Jesús enseñó, amando a Dios y amándonos unos a otros. Cuando amamos, perdonamos y vivimos una vida buena y santa, nuestras acciones hablan mucho más que nuestras palabras. San Francisco de Asís lo expresó mejor: “Predicad el Evangelio siempre y, si es necesario, usad las palabras.” Que el Papa Francisco descanse en paz.

En el Amor Misericordioso de Cristo;

P. Frank



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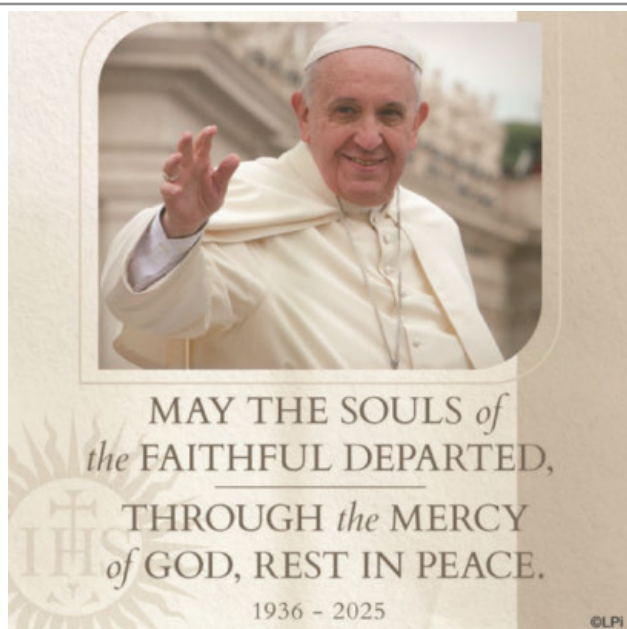
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	11:30 AM	Patrick Francis Duggan Jr. Special Intention for Flaherty Family	Special Intention for Cindu Thomas	
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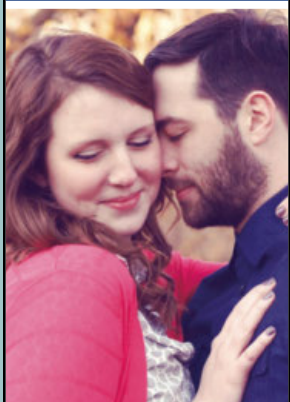
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