



St. Michael Parish
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www.saintmike.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

Father Frank's Fire

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, "*I am the vine, you are the branches.*" The gospel tells us that we are very much connected to Christ – In fact, Jesus is our lifeline. When a branch is cut off from the vine, it dies, because it has no life. The same is true for us. When we are cut off from Christ, we wither up because LIFE is not running through our beings. Jesus goes on further to tell us, "*Without me you can do nothing.*" This is so true. How many times have we tried to do something without Christ? How many times have we failed? If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we cannot fail. Today may our prayer be that we never be separated from Christ and, with the help of the Holy Spirit and each other, let us bear fruit – that is let us make a difference in our world. We can make a difference in the world – but only if Christ is the center of our lives.

The Power of Prayer

A few months ago, I mentioned that I would like to start a new prayer ministry. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. Some people underestimate what is possible through prayer. Intercessory prayer is when one person prays for the needs of another. Many times people leave Mass asking the priests to pray for them or for one of their loved ones. It is a privilege to pray for someone and that should not be taken lightly.

Everyone can offer these types of prayers. I would like to form prayer teams that would be available after Mass to pray for others. Instead of coming to the priest and asking for a prayer sometime in the future – the prayer teams will be available and offer the prayer with the asker. I know that many feel embarrassed about asking for prayer. There is nothing to fear, for prayer is so powerful. Some may feel reluctant to pray for others because they do not know the words. Again, there is nothing to fear, as there is no wrong way to pray.

My vision is to begin slowly — Perhaps selecting a weekend once a quarter. Prayer teams will be available after each Mass that weekend to pray with those seeking prayer. A priest will be available for those seeking the Sacrament of the Sick. My initial thought is to call this weekend a Day of Prayer and Healing.

In order to form this ministry, I will need volunteers to form prayer teams. No experience is necessary. Formation will be offered so that the prayer intercessors become comfortable praying with others. Remember Jesus says that where two or three gather in his name – he will take his place among them.

I ask that you think about if God is calling you to be part of a prayer team. I would like to invite you to an **initial meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30PM**. I do ask that you call the parish office at 708-349-0903 to register or email me at fatherfrank@saintmike.com so that I can determine an adequate space to meet.

Our Blessed Mother

May is a month that is traditionally devoted to Mary. I am pleased to announce that we are making progress on the new Mary Garden. Please see the rendering to the right. I believe that the children in the image should face the Blessed Mother and this will be corrected when installed. The marble statue is approximately five feet tall and is a representation of Our Lady of Fatima that stood in front of St. Victor Church in Calumet City for decades. I graduated grammar school from St. Victor and celebrated my first Mass there.

This will be a work in progress. The current paths that lead to the Mary Garden are in need of repair and we will assess all of this once the statues are installed.

In Mary's Maternal Care,

Fr. Frank



5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



This week Jesus identifies himself as the vine, believers are the branches and the Father is the vine grower. Each has a role to play in the vineyard. Jesus is the vine, who is the source for our life and fruitfulness. The Father is the vine grower who tends to the well-being and fruitfulness of the vine. How? By pruning. The branches are us—believers who remain with Jesus—the vine. The fruitfulness of our discipleship depends upon remaining attached to the healthy vine.

God's Word promotes growth and removes what is not fruitful from our lives. We will bear much fruit when we sustain a relationship with the Father and His Son, expressed in self-giving love. Our vocation is to live in fruitful love. Those who keep His commandments remain in God and God remains in them. We are called to live in peace and with love through our words and deeds. Then, God's Holy Spirit will remain with us along the way.

- How do I know that God's Spirit remains with me? Where do I see/feel God's Spirit in my life?
- How do I show love for God and for others?
- What do I need to prune from my life to remain fruitful in the eyes of God?
- For what will I ask God this week?



Readings for the Week April 28, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8
Monday:	Acts 4: 15-18; Jn 14: 21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11
Friday:	1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14
Saturday:	Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17



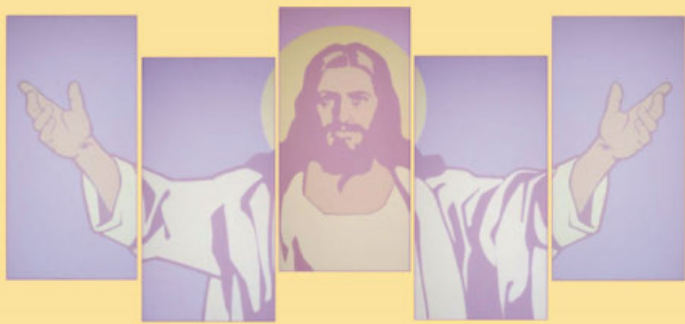
Have you ever noticed that when Jesus was teaching, he often told stories to help his followers understand what he wanted them to learn? The

Gospel for today is another shining example of these stories. This story was about grapevines. He chose the grapevine for this story because in the land where Jesus lived, there were many grapevines. Jesus knew that his followers would know a lot about grapevines. I don't know if you have ever seen a grapevine, but there are two parts to the grapevine. There is the vine, and there are many branches growing out of the vine. The grapes grow on the branches. That is pretty much like any fruit; they grow on the branches. The only way that a branch can have fruit on it is for it to remain connected. If a stem broke off, anything growing on it would wither away and die.

Recently, I was working in the yard and I found a branch laying on the ground. I realized it had no leaves and no sign of life left in it. If it had come from a nearby fruit tree, it would never have had any fruit on it. That is what Jesus wanted his followers to understand as he told his story about the grapevine. He wanted them to understand how important it was for them to stay connected to him. He told them, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me, you will have much fruit, but apart from me, you can do nothing." Jesus wants you and me to produce fruit in our life. He wants us to be kind, gentle, generous and loving to each other. Do you believe we can do that on our own without Jesus? NO WAY!

Just as the branches must be connected to the vine before they can produce fruit, you and I must stay connected to Jesus to produce the good fruit that God expects of us. If we keep our life connected to Jesus, we will grow. When we stay connected to Jesus, we will try our best to please him, and to do good instead of bad. Just like a grapevine produces delicious fruit, our life will produce beautiful gestures of peace, forgiveness and love that we can give to one another. But if we separate from Jesus, we may do things that go against everything Jesus taught us.

Let's pray: Jesus, help us to remain faithful as we stay connected to you, and follow your teaching. Amen.



St. Michael Parish Easter Season Prayer

God of abundant Life,
 you bring us Easter joy,
 inviting us to give witness
 to your Son's continuing presence
 in our world.
 May we strengthen Your Body here on earth,
 as we act with humility and patience,
 and live in Your abiding love.
 We are Your children now,
 and with Your Holy Spirit in our midst,
 we will enjoy eternal life.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oración de Pascua de la Parroquia de San Miguel

Dios de vida abundante
 que nos traes la alegría pascual,
 invitándonos a dar testimonio
 de la presencia continua de tu Hijo
 en nuestro mundo.
 Permite que fortalezcamos
 Tu Cuerpo aquí en la tierra,
 mientras actuamos con humildad y paciencia,
 viviendo en Tu amor permanente.
 Somos tus hijos ahora
 y con Tu Espíritu Santo
 en medio de nosotros;
 disfrutaremos de la vida eterna.
 Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amen.

NOTICE OF EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR THE MAY 19 & MAY 26 ISSUES

Content for the **May 19** issue is due
MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 9 A.M.

Content for the **May 26** issue is due
THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 9 A.M.

Please contact Bulletin Editor Kathy Guarino at
bulletineditor@saintmike.com with questions.
 Thanks so much for your cooperation.



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 and power of Christ:*

Leeann Abramowicz, Jennifer Bailey, John Baker,
 Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Joyce Benbenek,
 Kathy Bruss, Loretta Ciszak, Eileen Cocco,
 Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, Robert Foster,
 Manuel Galvan, Linda Hindman, Fran Hoak,
 Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Joan Korpics,
 Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton,
 Beth Kwiatkowski, Robert Levinthal, Tom Logan,
 Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon,
 Rich McCasland, June Merritt, Donna Micun,
 Laurie Nicola, Alice Prendergast, Lisa Reader,
 Jude Robles, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca,
 Cara Scanlon, Jennie Vaccarell,
 Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek
 and those injured in service to their country.

Please Pray For

Those who have died and their families
Elizabeth Otto, sister of Mary Tomaszewski
Audrey Zarembski, wife of Michael

If you want to add a name to the list of sick or recently deceased, there is a link on the parish web site at www.saintmike.com. You may also call the parish at 708-349-0903. Names are kept on the sick list for five weeks. Those who have died recently are listed for one week.

If you need a Mass card and/or someone to be prayed for at a specific Mass, please come to the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are unable to go out, you may call the parish office at 708-349-0903 with the request and to make arrangements for your donation and for a Mass card, if needed.

**COMING UP THIS WEEK
AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH**

Saturday, April 27

- **Men’s Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- **Hispanic Ministry Tamale Pick-Up**-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Commons
- **Parish Home Build Sign-Up**-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- **St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales**-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

Sunday, April 28

- **Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)**-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- **Hispanic Ministry Tamale Pick-Up**-Before and after all Masses—Commons
- **Parish Home Build Sign-Up**-Before and after all Masses—Narthex
- **St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales**-Before and after all Masses—Narthex

Monday, April 29

- **Women’s Faith Sharing/English**—6:30 p.m.—Commons

Wednesday, May 1

- **Bible Study**-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Saturday, May 4

- **Men’s Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- **St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales**-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

Sunday, May 5

- **Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)**-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- **St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales**-Before and after all Masses—Narthex

For more information on these programs and other offerings at St. Michael Parish, visit our website at www.saintmike.com.



**St. Michael's Concert Series
At St. Francis in Orland Park**

Presents:

**KONTRAS STRING QUARTET
& Michael Finlay, Piano**

Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.



The Kontras Quartet with pianist Michael Finlay is one of the most sought-after chamber ensembles in the Chicagoland area.

Join us for their performance of the magnificent Brahms F minor piano quartet and a dynamic program of string quartets!

***Please note change of venue:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park***

Our concert series is currently operating on free will donations. In order to continue to bring these talented artists, sponsors and private donations are needed and welcome. Please contact Gary Patin at gpatin@saintmike.com if you would like to become a sponsor or benefactor.



Wedding Banns

*Courtney Nicole Rubino & Louis Cavalier
April 27, 2024*



Love of Jesus in the Eucharist Brings Vicariate Together In Recent Car Caravan Pilgrimage

*It's one of many programs
Leading us to the
National Eucharistic Congress in July*



The Holy Spirit and our love of Jesus in the Eucharist brought more than 250 people together for our Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage on Sunday, April 14. Nearly 100 cars participated in the caravan that began with worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael. Together we traveled from our parish to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and then onto Our Lady of the Woods, adoring Jesus in the Eucharist as the body of Christ.

As part of a Holy Spirit-led initiative centering on the Eucharist, the Vicariate V Deanery Parishes are collaborating on several activities and programs to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ that is present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our collaboration is part of the **National Eucharistic Revival**, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, which will culminate with the **10th National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis this July.

"Jesus invites all of us to return to the source and summit of our faith, which is the celebration of the Eucharist," said Fr. Geoffrey. "It is the center of who we are as Catholics. We hope that through our local programs and by attending the National Eucharistic Congress this summer, we will reignite in the hearts of many the love for Jesus that is present in the Eucharist."

The National Eucharistic Congress, the first in 83 years, takes place July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of impact sessions for the morning and breakout sessions for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful revival sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening.

To learn more about the **Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress**, please visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

If you are interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress with others from our Vicariate, please send an email to Fr. Geoffrey at frgandama@saintmike.com.





SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Helping Our Friends & Neighbors in Need



SVdP Bundle Weekend – May 18 & 19

We are collecting gently-used and new clothing, shoes, small household items, toys, games, books and sporting gear to help the needy in our area. **Kindly place the items in plastic bags or boxes, or on hangers, and bring them with you to Mass on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19.** St. Vincent de Paul members and student volunteers will be on hand before and after all Masses to unload your vehicle.

“The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.” - Pope Francis

Can You Serve as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector at St. Michael? INITIAL LITURGY TRAINING SESSIONS COMING UP ON SATURDAY MAY 18 Sign Up Today!



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 for **Lectors**. Sessions will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Incarnation/St. Terrence Parish, 4300 W. 119th Place, Alsip.

ALL attend one session from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon on the scriptural foundation and the overview of the liturgy. Then the group will be split up into two — one will participate in Initial Training for Eucharistic Ministers, while the second will participate Initial Training for Lectors. These two sessions will take place from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m.



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.



**HERE I AM, LORD.
 SEND ME.**



Ministers of Care Needed to Bring Communion to the Sick and 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 at **St. George Parish**, 6707 175th St. in Tinley Park **on May 6, 7 and 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

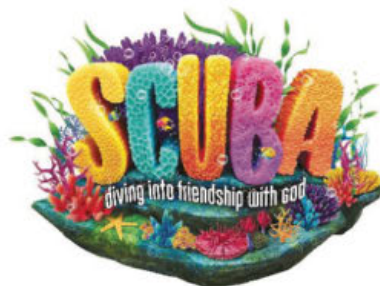
To register for the training, visit <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>. **To learn more**, please contact Cee Cee Van Hecke at St. Michael at cvanhecke@saintmike.com or at 708-349-0903.



2024 Vacation Bible School
SCUBA REGISTRATION

"Diving Into Friendship With God"

Date: June 24th to June 28th
Time: 9:30 am to Noon
Place: St. Michael
Age: 4 years old to 4th Grade in the Fall
Cost: \$45.00 per child (due at time of registration)



Packet pick up: Friday, June 21st -- 9am to 11am in the Commons

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 17th. 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 _____

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Child's Name _____ Age _____ Grade in Fall _____ Shirt size _____

Parents' Names _____ Address _____

City/Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Food allergies, medical problems, medications we need to be aware of _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

I hereby give permission for my child/ren _____ to participate in Vacation Bible School at St. Michael Parish from June 24th to June 28th. 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.

Parent/Guardian signature _____



Name _____ Phone _____

_____ I am available to help. (Adult) We will contact you.



Questions? Email rkoch@saintmike.com

“Let us build a house where love can dwell.”

**JOIN US FOR THE
5TH ANNUAL MULTI-PARISH
HOME BUILD MISSION PROJECT
JUNE 21 & 22 at
INCARNATION/ST. TERRENCE PARISH
4300 W. 119th Place, Alsip , IL 60803**

Hosted by the VICARIATE V Parishes:
St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart,
St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr and Incarnation/St. Terrence

TO SIGN UP

**Visit our Table in the Narthex
BEFORE AND AFTER MASSES
THIS WEEKEND**

**Or Sign Up in the Church Office
During the Week**

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.

WEEKEND AGENDA



**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BUILDING HOMES**



FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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 22

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Children Welcome with Adult

8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM Opening Prayer
9 AM-12 PM Work Detail
12:00 PM Lunch
2:00 PM Load walls for
Departure;
Unload walls at
construction site

ROLES AVAILABLE

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

***No Previous Experience
Required***

For more information: Contact Dan Davis at danrph80@gmail.com or 847-224-5470

SPRING RAFFLE 2024

\$25,000
GRAND PRIZE!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to support our school community AND the chance to win big! Only 1,000 tickets will be sold - your odds of winning are better than ever!

NEW!

\$100 WEEKLY RAFFLE PRIZES WILL BE PULLED APRIL 17TH, 24TH, MAY 1ST, 8TH, AND 15TH!



DRAWING WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 17TH AT THE SAINT MICHAEL'S GOLF OUTING



TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH. SUBMIT PAYMENT HERE.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly towards supporting the efforts of our School Advisory Board in keeping our school equipped with the latest and most updated technology. Questions? Email smsschoolboard@saintmike.org



Saint Michael School





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 on Saturday, May 4th 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.



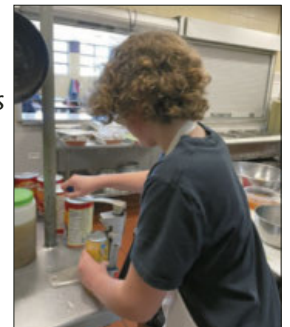
We leave from St. Michael's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Deadline for sign up is this Wednesday, May 1st. Transportation will be provided.

CAN YOU HELP WITH SHEPHERD'S TABLE ?

Our teens will be serving pork roast for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please donate pork gravy, applesauce, russet potatoes, Italian seasoning packets, cans of corn, rolls, butter, lettuce, tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, ranch dressing, 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 2 and Friday, May 3 from 8:00am to 8:30pm.



St. Michael Youth Ministry thanks you for your generosity.

*St. Michael Youth Ministry is sponsoring a
Mother's Day Hanging Basket Flower Sale
Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12
At All Masses*



11" Specialty Baskets
\$25.00



12" Combination Garden Baskets
\$30.00



14" Geranium Combo Garden Baskets
\$40.00

Hanging Flower Baskets are from Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery

Thank you for your support!



Mark Your Calendar and Join Us
For Our Upcoming May Parish Hospitality Hours
Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19
In the MPR (big gym) Following All Masses
 Enjoy parishioner made/provided goodies as we gather together
 For conversation, fun and fellowship.
 Renew old friendships and make some new friends!

BAKERS/FOOD DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDED

Can you help to nourish the workers of Jesus’ vineyard at St. Michael who will stay to enjoy our Hospitality Hour goodies? We plan to offer Parish Hospitality about once a month. Watch the bulletin for more upcoming dates.

Please complete and drop off or send the following information to the parish office.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

____ Yes, I want to be a part of St. Mike’s baking/goodie team on a regular basis.

____ I will bring food for May Hospitality Hours.

____ I will bring food to share once in a while. *(Please specify below how often you wish to be called or when you can bring food.)*

____ Monthly

____ For the month *(please specify which month(s))*: _____

____ I will provide food to share with diabetics or gluten-intolerant guests.
(Please remember to mark on your donation whether it’s for diabetics or is gluten-free)

Thank you for your donations of time and talent. We are grateful.

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

Please Pray During May For People with Mental Illness and their Families



ASSOCIATION OF
CATHOLIC MENTAL
HEALTH MINISTERS

The Association of Catholic Health Ministers and St. Michael Parish Mental Health Awareness Ministry invite everyone to pray a novena during May for people with mental illnesses and their families, using the novena

developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). According to the USCCB, the Novena reflects on a theme related to mental health or a particular population significantly affected by mental health challenges. It offers nine initial entry points for people to prayerfully approach the topic of mental health, using a “Pray, Learn, Act” structure. This Novena can be found on the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers website at www.catholicmhm.org/chicago under Resources/Prayer Resources. Copies can also be found on the kiosk in the St. Michael Narthex.



To gather to pray together, join the St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry at its next gathering on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Come and pray for all with mental health afflictions, and their family and friends who care for them.

Saving Our Forest Preserves

Join SouthWest InterFaith Team (SWIFT)

At Palos Park Woods – North

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Saturday, May 18, 2024 will be a great day for you to join us. We start at 8:30AM and work until 12:00 Noon. Meet up is in the parking lot East of Kean Ave., just South of Rt. 83/ Cal Sag Rd. We will be removing Invasive Species.

Please make sure to wear sturdy shoes for hiking off trail, long pants, socks that go up over the ankles. Long sleeves are good; woody plants can be scratchy. Bring your own water bottle; snacks will be provided. Tools and gloves will be provided; you can bring your own gloves.

TO SIGN UP:

Please email Thelma Hoogland at Mhoog@SBCglobal.net no later than **May 14th** so that we have sufficient equipment for everyone. **Kids under 8 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult. Do you need service hours for school? Sign up!**



SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches & mosques located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago. Visit www.swifinterfaith.com for more information.

El Espiritu del Padre Frank

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: “*Yo soy la vid; ustedes son las ramas.*” El evangelio nos dice que estamos muy conectados con Cristo y que Jesús es nuestro sustento. Cuando se corta un pámpano de la vid, muere porque no tiene vida. Lo mismo es cierto para nosotros; cuando somos separados de Cristo, nos marchitamos porque la VIDA no corre por nuestro ser. Jesús nos dice además: “*Sin mí, nada puedes hacer*”. Esto es tan cierto. ¿Cuántas veces hemos intentado hacer algo sin Cristo? ¿Cuántas veces hemos fallado? Si mantenemos nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús, no podemos fallar. Que hoy nuestra oración sea que nunca nos separemos de Cristo y, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, hagamos una diferencia unos en otros, llevemos a cabo nuestro mundo. Podemos marcar una diferencia en el mundo, pero sólo si Cristo es el centro de nuestras vidas.

El Poder de la Oración

Hace unos meses mencioné que me gustaría comenzar un nuevo ministerio de oración. Creo firmemente en el poder de la oración. Algunas personas subestiman lo que es posible mediante la oración. La oración intercesora es cuando una persona ora por las necesidades de otra. Muchas veces la gente sale de Misa pidiendo a los sacerdotes que oren por ellos o por alguno de sus seres queridos. Es un privilegio orar por alguien y eso no debe tomarse a la ligera.

Todos pueden ofrecer este tipo de oraciones. Me gustaría formar equipos de oración que estuvieran disponibles después de la Misa para orar por los demás. En lugar de acudir al sacerdote y pedirle una oración en algún momento en el futuro, los equipos de oración estarán disponibles y ofrecerán la oración con quien la pide. Sé que a muchos les da vergüenza pedir oración. No hay nada que temer porque la oración es tan poderosa. Algunos pueden sentirse reservados al orar por otros porque no conocen las palabras. Una vez más, no hay nada que temer, ya que no existe una forma incorrecta de orar.

Mi visión es comenzar lentamente. Quizás seleccionando un fin de semana una vez al trimestre. Los equipos de oración estarán disponibles después de cada Misa ese fin de semana para orar con aquellos que buscan oración. Habrá un sacerdote disponible para quienes busquen el Sacramento de los Enfermos. Mi pensamiento inicial es llamar a este fin de semana un Día de Oración y Sanación.

Para poder formar este ministerio, necesitaré voluntarios para formar equipos de oración. No es necesaria experiencia. Se ofrecerá formación para que los intercesores de oración se sientan cómodos orando con los demás. Recuerde que Jesús dice que donde dos o tres se reúnan en su nombre, él ocupará su lugar entre ellos.

Considere si Dios lo está llamando a ser parte de un equipo de oración. **Me gustaría invitarlos a una reunión inicial el martes 28 de mayo a las 6:30 p.m.** Llame a la oficina parroquial al 708-349-0903 para registrarse o envíeme un correo electrónico a fatherfrank@saintmike.com para que pueda determinar un espacio adecuado para reunirnos.

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Mayo, mes tradicionalmente dedicado a María, ocupa un lugar especial en nuestros corazones. Me emociona compartir que estamos logrando avances significativos en el desarrollo de nuestro nuevo Mary Garden. Tómese un momento para imaginar la belleza de este espacio en la representación a continuación. Puedes notar que los niños en la imagen no están de cara a la Santísima Madre, pero esto se solucionará cuando se instale. La estatua de mármol, una representación de Nuestra Señora de Fátima de cinco pies de alto, es un símbolo preciado que estuvo frente a la Iglesia de San Víctor en Calumet City durante décadas. Como orgulloso graduado de St. Victor, considero que este proyecto es de profunda importancia.

Este será un trabajo en progreso. Los caminos actuales que conducen al Jardín de María necesitan reparación, y evaluaremos todo esto una vez que se instalen las estatuas.



En Amor maternal de María,

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El 29 de abril a las 7:00 pm será el taller formativo para quienes van a Celebrar su Quinceañera. Esta plática es mandatoria y para tu celebración.

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El 29 de abril a las 6:30 pm será la junta para evaluación y planeación de eventos.

Gracias los Catequistas

Hemos finalizado con satisfacción las Confirmaciones y Primeras Comuniones. Muchas Gracias a todos los Catequistas y esperamos tenerlos de regreso junto nuevos miembros para seguir juntos sembrando las semillas de Dios en los niños y jóvenes.

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	4:30 PM	Danny Kehoe Pedro Velada	Elizabeth Heaton Eileen Sheahan	Jackie Root
Sunday 4/28	7:30 AM	Alice Kamenjarin	Philip Tomaszewski	Priests of St. Michael
	9:30 AM	Mitzi Budd	Pedro Velada	Donald Flynn
Spanish →	11:30 AM	Patrick Murphy	Bridget Coyle	Don Ade
	1:30 PM	Jack Reed	Arlene Trunk	Emily & Celso Efondo
		Ramiro Martinez Tostado Fidel Arreola Manuel Galvan	Hilario Arreola Celeste H. Durante	Miguel Durante, Sr.
Monday 4/29	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Seweryn & Frances Lozny		
Tuesday 4/30	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	Marie Larosiliere		
Wednesday 5/1	6:30 AM	Kara Starr	Theresa & Joseph Baluch	
	8:00 AM	Patricia Dodson	Aantoinette Gill	Special Intention for John P. Daley
		Special Intention for Mental Health Awareness Ministry		
Thursday 5/2	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	Mary Lee Faupel		
Friday 5/3	6:30 AM	Fr. Bill Finnegan		
	8:00 AM	Fatima Maglaya Family	Mental Health Awareness Ministry	
Saturday 5/4	8:30 AM	Feria & Ilagan Families	Special Intention for Fran Hoak	
	4:30 PM	Gary Michael Joseph Majewski	Dolores Gorski Stan, Rose & Peter Niec	Nicholas Schuber
Sunday 5/5	7:30 AM	Marilyn Wetzig	Robert Saandowski	Mental Health Awareness Ministry
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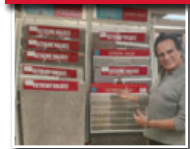
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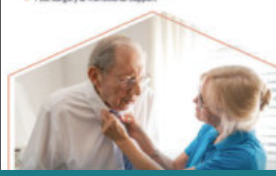


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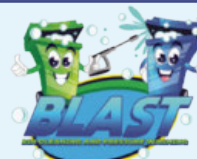
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