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**April 7, 2024**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**



**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED.” —JN 20:29**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## 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 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 have 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 our music director, our cantors, our 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 on scheduling the various ministers, training of 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 and Environment in both the Church and the 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 and we celebrated the rising of our Savior in splendor!

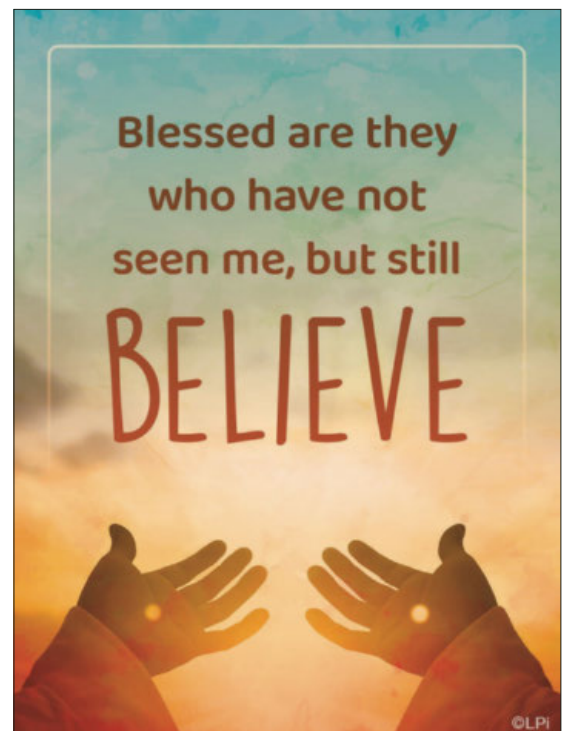
It was good to welcome so many visitors to our parish. Thank you to the parishioners of St. Michael Parish for your hospitality to our guests. Easter offerings will continue to trickle in for the next few weeks. If you have not made your Easter donation to St. Michael, I invite you to do so – the parish 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 understand 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 then 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 bursts 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

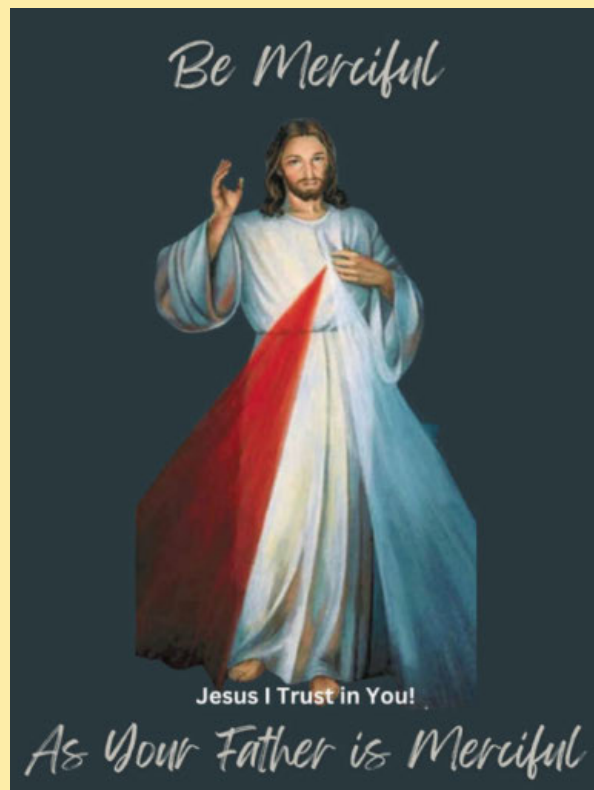
St. Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter is to be Divine Mercy Sunday. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun that received revelations about God's mercy. The message of mercy is nothing new, but it 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 represent the baptismal waters and the red rays represent 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 on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00PM. This is the hour of Divine Mercy and all are invited to attend.**

In Christ's Merciful love,

Fr. Frank



### Feast of Divine Mercy

**This Sunday, April 7, 2024 at St. Michael  
Divine Mercy Holy Hour — 3:00-4:00 PM**

This Sunday we celebrate the new life that we experience as Baptized Catholic Christians. As we continue our Easter celebration, leading to and through the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and on to Pentecost, we hear of the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send His Holy Spirit, who remains with us always. Jesus is indeed a God of love and compassion who brings joy and peace to our lives and to our world through the manifestation of His Divine Mercy.

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, focuses on God's mercy as an event! It focuses on God's continuing merciful action throughout salvation history to this day! Come experience the mercy and healing of our Lord at our special Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

**Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia  
Domingo, 7 de Abril 2024  
Hora Santa — 3:00-4:00 PM (en Ingles)**

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

### April 7, 2024

To believe in the Resurrection means to believe that we, too, can be much more. We can realistically profess that tomorrow will be better than today. We are not bound by the past. There is a future that is created by God, and it is much bigger than what we can do on our own. We do not only believe in survival, or immortality, or just “life after death” — but in “Resurrection.” We will become a “new creation” . . . an utterly and amazingly new creation. We will be transformed into the “Great Love” that will be the final chapter of all history. We will be immersed in God’s great love that prompted God to send Jesus to live among us. That is why a true Christian is an eternal optimist.

But in today’s gospel, Thomas doesn’t show much optimism. In fact, he is a pretty pessimistic doubter. Thomas just doesn’t get it—until he puts his finger into the wound in Jesus’ hand and places his hand in Jesus’ torn side. Then Thomas believes! Often, we are like Thomas. We need physical proof.

But Jesus goes on to say that even more blest are those who believe, and do not have to see with their own eyes. We can see with the eyes of our hearts. We sing a song that says . . . “Open the Eyes of my Heart, Lord . . . I want to see you.” And once our eyes are opened, we need to go even further. We need to show others how to open the eyes of their hearts—and make Christ visible through our loving actions and compassionate, merciful and charitable words. We *can* become signs of the servant Christ who brightens our world today!

- This Easter season, how well will we show forth Christ’s presence as individuals? As a parish?
- Who is a sign or sacrament of the Resurrected Christ’s presence for me? What loving service am I being called to perform this week?



### Readings for the Week

#### April 7, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31
Monday:	<i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</i> Is 7: 10-14, 8-10; Heb 4: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38
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: 24- 42; Jn 6: 1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3: 13-25, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5a; Lk 24: 35-48



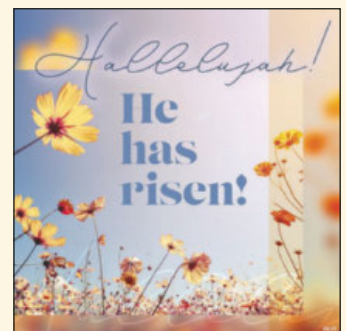
It can be hard to believe in something when you don’t actually see it. Sometimes, I have to see something to fully understand how it works. I know that when I was little, I had a hard time understanding that God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, are all one person! How can that be? That’s hard to understand. After all, it is one of the mysteries of our faith.

Even though you may have a hard time understanding God’s glory, you are not alone. Even Jesus’ disciples had a hard time believing some of his miracles. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus’ disciple Thomas could not believe the other disciples when they said that they saw Jesus after his crucifixion. 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 in his side, I will not believe.” Then a week later – guess who shows up at the door to visit Thomas? Jesus!

He told Thomas to feel the wounds on his body but he also said, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Jesus knew that he was not going to be able to appear to everyone who called his name. So Jesus told Thomas that those that believe in him without “proof” are truly blessed because he knew they would be saved. But let’s think about that for a second. Jesus is talking about US! Blessed are YOU and ME for believing! Over 2000 years later, we believe in Jesus, we honor him by reading the bible, going to church, celebrating the Eucharist and treating others the way Jesus would have. We are blessed because WE know Jesus – even though we have not seen him.

It doesn’t mean that it still won’t be confusing. This is why we do need to read about Jesus and learn about why he was sent to us by God. Lucky for us, there are a lot of wonderful ways to understand Jesus. The Holy Spirit lives in each of us and that is a mystery of faith that will get us to heaven – and when that happens, we will see Jesus seated next to God.



*Let’s pray: Jesus, may we live with You in Glory. Amen.*

# Thank You!

Sincere thanks are extended to all of the many Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Cantors, Musicians, Choir Members, Art & Environment Ministers and all other parishioners who made our Triduum liturgies prayerful and special! God's blessing upon all of you for the generous sharing of your time and talent over the last few weeks! And special thanks to St. Michael Maintenance Department for all of their hard work.





**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:*

- Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Tom Berta, Bernie Bittner, Kathy Bruss, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, Robert Foster, Janet Gallos, Fran Hoak, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Joan Korpics, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Rich McCasland, June Merritt, Donna Micun, Laurie Nicola, Alice Prendergast, Jude Robles, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Jennie Vaccarell, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Audrey Zaremski, and those injured in service to their country.

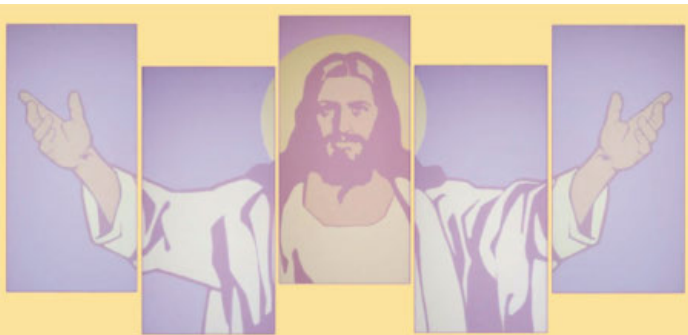
**Please Pray For**

- Those who have died and their families*
- Lois Finger, mother of Wendy Miller, grandmother of Luke, Mallory & Will Miller
- June Hayward, aunt of Larry Koskan
- Timothy Kut, husband of Vickie
- Anthony Marino, father of Mary Ann Heitz
- Edward McNamara



**Funerals & Memorials at St. Michael in March 2024**

- Patrick Faloona
- Edgar L. Hield
- Joseph Maschek
- Florence Motyka
- Philip Tomaszewski

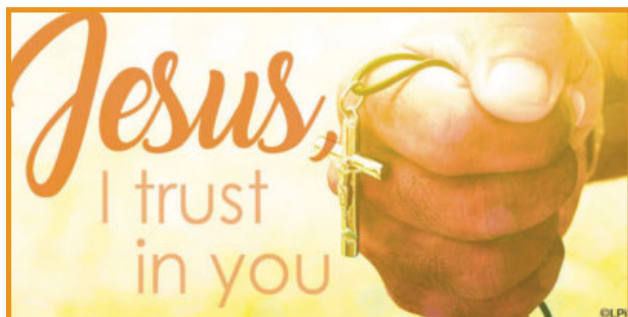


St. Michael Parish Easter Season Prayer

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



## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Saturday, April 6

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym

### Sunday, April 7

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour-3:00 p.m.—Church

### Monday, April 8

- Women's Faith Sharing/Spanish—6:30 p.m.—Commons
- Apologetics-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

### Tuesday, April 9

- Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry—9:00 a.m.—Ministry Room East
- Digging Deeper Adult Faith Formation—7:00 p.m.—Commons North

### Wednesday, April 10

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons
- Youth Ministry Mission Trip Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Teen Room

### Thursday, April 11

- Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting-7:00 p.m.—Commons South

### Saturday, April 13

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym
- Pro-Life Ministry Baby Shower Collection-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

### Sunday, April 14

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Pro-Life Ministry Baby Shower Collection-Before and after all Masses—Narthex
- Eucharistic Revival Car Caravan Pilgrimage-3:15 p.m.—Church and then Parking Lot

**For more information on these programs and other offerings at St. Michael Parish, visit our website at [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com).**

# You're called to lead.

Empowering men to share the Risen Christ at home, at work and in their communities.



**All Catholic men age 18 and over are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus Bishop Sheen Council 10858**

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at St. Michael. Please join us at one of our meetings:

- **THIS Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Commons**
- **Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Ministry East Room**
- **Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in the Ministry East Room**

**All are welcome!**

For more information, visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/knights-of-columbus/>.

## Join Women of Faith to deepen your love for the Blessed Virgin Mary



All women of the parish are welcome to join us for a study of "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons**. Learn about Mary's role in salvation history and the role she continues to play in our lives today. Upcoming Sessions: **Spanish -- THIS Monday, April 8, Monday, April 22, English -- Monday, April 15, Monday, April 29**

Visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/womens-faith-sharing/> for more information.

## Are You Ready for a Local Holy Road Trip?

Following the **National Eucharistic Revival** commissioning at the parish level, as **One Body in Christ** and led by the **Holy Spirit** to center on **The Eucharist**, the Vicariate V Deanery Parishes are collaborating to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ** that will culminate with a **Eucharistic Celebration**.

**Please Join Us for a**

## **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CAR CARAVAN PILGRIMAGE**

**Next Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Starts at 3:15 PM at St. Michael Parish**



### **Pilgrimage Route** *(with Approximate Timings)*

- **Start at 3:15 PM at St. Michael Parish** for a time of Eucharistic Worship and Adoration.
- **Depart St. Michael @ 4:30 PM** in a Car Caravan Procession to **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park)
- **Arrive at St. Francis at 4:45 PM**  
**Upon arrival at each parish, we will exit our vehicles and go into the Church to adore the Real Presence of Christ.**
- **Depart St. Francis @ 5:25 PM** in Car Caravan Procession to **Our Lady of the Wood Parish** (10732 West 131st. St., Orland Park)
- **Arrive at Our Lady of the Woods at 5:40 PM for 6:00 PM Mass.** Clergy, priests and deacons from the grouping parishes and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard will participate in the Mass.

*Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage*

**A Fellowship Gathering** with light refreshments will take place at **Our Lady of the Woods Parish** following the Mass. Water and soda will be provided. Donations of snacks and desserts (and some gluten-free items) will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at Our Lady of the Woods Parish Office on Friday, April 12 or Sunday, April 14 between 8:00am-Noon. Please label it *Car Caravan Pilgrimage*. Or you can bring it with you on the Car Caravan Pilgrimage and drop it off before Mass in the Our Lady of the Woods narthex.

### **TO REGISTER FOR THE PILGRIMAGE**

Scan the QR Code and complete the online form , or  
Obtain and complete a registration form in the St. Michael Parish Office

**All registrations are due THIS WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024.**

Questions? Contact John Sobol at [jsobol@steseton.com](mailto:jsobol@steseton.com).



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

**Let's Show Up For Jesus!**



**Thank you to Fr. Geoffrey and  
the Knights of Columbus**  
for organizing the  
**Holy Thursday Pilgrimage** to  
“The Stations of the Seven Churches”  
that depicted the seven stops made by  
Jesus on His way to Calvary.  
We hope this tradition  
will continue in the years to come.



## Mandatory Youth Ministry Mission Trip Meeting This Wednesday April 10 @ 7pm



There will be a mandatory meeting for the Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Habitat for Humanity in Charleston, West Virginia on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Teen Room.** Cost of the trip is \$150.00 which must be paid at the meeting to secure your place. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must send a family member to secure your place. **The trip is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, call 312-735-6017 or e-mail [rkoch@saintmike.com](mailto:rkoch@saintmike.com).



Join Us following all Masses,  
for St. Michael Parish's  
April Hospitality Hours on  
Saturday, April 13 in the Commons  
& Sunday, April 14 in the MPR (big gym)

Enjoy parishioner made/provided goodies as we gather together, following all Masses, for conversation and fellowship. If you wish to bring food to share, drop it off on Saturday or Sunday, labeled with your name and phone number.

(Also note common allergens that may be present—nuts, peanuts, gluten, etc. Thank you for your help.)



## *Congratulations and Welcome To Our Newest Members*

*At the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass we welcomed six new adult members to the St. Michael Parish community: Elizabeth Franco, Antonio Lopez Santiz, Erik Anderson, Samantha Aguirre, Dayla Arriaga and Robert Arriaga. After committing to and spending the past year studying the Catholic faith, Elizabeth and Antonio were welcomed into the faith and received the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Erik was received from another faith and with a profession of faith became one with us. Samantha, Dayla and Robert were baptized*

*Catholic as children but had not received the final Sacraments of Initiation. Please continue to pray for all of them and for all the new Catholics around the world who were welcomed in their parishes on Holy Saturday. We have been blessed by their determination and their witness. And a special thank you to our parish catechists and sponsors : John Vail, Nancy Ermel, Tom Ring, Scott Mitchell, Eloy Molina, Carmen Pantoja ,Victoria Morales and Donna McDonough.*



### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL'S 4TH AND 5TH GRADE CLASSES & ST. MICHAEL YOUTH MINISTRY!**

St. Vincent de Paul was able to deliver to 35 families Easter meals, additional groceries, food and gas gift cards, as well as Easter baskets for kids. This was all made possible by the generosity of St. Michael Parish, plus a special collection taken by St Michael School's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the huge effort of the Youth Ministry. Mrs. Koch and the Youth Ministry filled 40+



beautiful Easter baskets for all of the children in families that we help. The members of St. Vincent de Paul are continually grateful to all of you as we go about helping families in need.

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To view more photos, visit our photo gallery at <https://saintmike.com/gallery-2024/lenten-almsgiving-project-2024/>.

## Lent was a Holy Time for the St. Michael Religious Education Students and Catechists

They learned from Deacon Colin about connecting their minds, hearts and personal stories to Holy Mass and were taught about God's gifts within us from parishioner and artist Jack Handley, who creates many of the beautiful liturgical art pieces for our parish. Our younger students learned about serving as Jesus did by participating in a foot washing, while many Religious Education classes prayed the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Catechist Ted Meehan conducted an experiment to show students about forgiveness and many students created cards of hope and compassion for children at Mercy Home in Chicago to let them know they are loved and in our prayers.



St. Michael Concert Series  
Presents:

MICHAEL FINLAY, PIANO

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LISZT SONATA IN B MINOR

APRIL 21, 2024

4:30 PM

Please join us for a piano recital presented by our very own former Assistant Director of Music Michael Finlay! Fresh from his stunning performance of the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, Michael is an internationally-acclaimed concert pianist and chamber musician most recently invited to perform at the Dame Myra Hess series in Chicago. He is a 2022 prizewinner of The American Prize Ernst Bacon Memorial Award and has performed with members of the Chicago, Cleveland and Montreal Symphony orchestras, as well as with members of the Kontras and Koerner quartets.

*Our concert series is dependent on free will donations. To continue to bring these talented artists to our community, **sponsors and private donations** are needed and welcome. Please contact St. Michael Music Director Gary Patin at [gpatin@saintmike.com](mailto:gpatin@saintmike.com) if you can assist with our endeavor. Thank You!*



**PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER**  
**Bring Gifts to Masses on  
 April 13 & 14 and April 20 & 21**

Our Pro-Life Ministry is sponsoring  
 a baby shower for Aid for Women,  
 an organization that helps  
 women facing unexpected pregnancies.

Please bring new items to the Narthex  
 before and after all the Masses on  
 April 13 & 14 and April 20 & 21.

Someone from our team  
 will be available to assist you.

The following new items are needed for the  
 pregnancy care centers and maternity homes:

- Baby clothes (sizes 0-9 months) boys clothes are a high priority
- Receiving blankets
- Diapers (sizes 1-5)
- Baby wipes
- Target and Walmart gift cards
- Checks made out to Aid for Women

Thanking you in advance for your support!

# Baptism

**In March, we welcomed  
 into our faith community...**

*Arantxa Cayetano-Dezdha*  
 Daughter of Anatolio and Patricia

*Arisbeth Cayezano-Dezdha*  
 Daughter of Anatolio and Patricia

*Jazmin Sosme Dezha*  
 Daughter of Wilbert and Silvia

*Samara Rodriguez Ferrer*  
 Daughter of Armando and Teresa

*Silvina Michelle Rodriguez Ferrer*  
 Daughter of Armando and Teresa

*Miles Douglas Hayes*  
 Son of Matthew and Melissa

*Ruby Verona Russo*  
 Daughter of Dominic and Amanda

*Vincent Thomas Zientek*  
 Son of Kevin and Jenna Rose



**We also welcomed  
 the following new parishioners  
 in March**

Adan & Betsy Botello  
 Abelardo and Jeannette Esparza  
 Lori Gedraitis

Ryan & Kendyl Gold  
 Ignacio & Melissa Juarez  
 Jonathan & Emma Martinez

Margaret McQuinn  
 John & Marlene Rogers  
 Heriberto Perez Sanchez

Michael Targosz  
 Brett & Ashley Wilkin  
 Erik & Amy Wolak



## Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry This Tuesday, April 9 9 a.m. in Ministry Room East

We make and donate shawls, blankets, hats and scarves to parishioners and others in need of God's love and comfort. We have knitters and crocheters of all skill levels - from beginners to experienced. **Everyone is welcome.**



**Masses for the Week — April 6 to April 14**

<b>Saturday 4/6</b>	8:30 AM	Daniel Hlter	Feria & Ilagan Families	Special Intention for Fran Hoak
	4:30 PM	Thad Pieczykarak Loran Nelson	Pedro Velada Sr. Claire Marie Lzerwiec, SSND	Donald Brann
<b>Sunday 4/7</b>	7:30 AM	Philip Tomaszewski	Dr. Pedro Velada	Living & Deceased of Donovich Family
	9:30 AM	Margaret Creaton LeRoy Giovanazzi	Anthony Motyka William, Nancy & David Jungles	Robert Brusich
<b>Spanish →</b>	11:30 AM	Danute Fliotoviene	Richard Della Croce	Frank Lenti
	1:30 PM	Everett Calderon	Salvacion Aragon	Ramiro Martinez Tostado
<b>Monday 4/8</b>	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Concesco V. Larena	Patrick Rafferty	
<b>Tuesday 4/9</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	Victor & Teresa Licata	Rosemary Kostin	
<b>Wednesday 4/10</b>	6:30 AM	Jacqueline Pratl		
	8:00 AM	Maria Kutty Kuriakose		
<b>Thursday 4/11</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Bill Finnegan		
	8:00 AM	Rosaria Giacchino		
<b>Friday 4/12</b>	6:30 AM	Deacon Jim Janicek		
	8:00 AM	Hannah Quinn		
<b>Saturday 4/13</b>	8:30 AM	Lissy Kutty	Special Intention for Maria Vladyslav Obrochta	
	4:30 PM	Elfrieda Vlaming The Lauricella Family	Peter A. Palumbo The Cotter Family	Gary Michael
<b>Sunday 4/14</b>	7:30 AM	Irene Muntner	Alice Dzurisin	Gail Bray
	9:30 AM	Teresa Bier Robert Brusich	Jim Cwik Andrew J. Juskin	Pedro Velada
	11:30 AM	Luci Palumbo	Dolores Ambrose	Stephen Morowczynski
	<b>Spanish →</b>	1:30 PM	Ramiro Martinez Tostado	

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**ST. MICHAEL APOLOGETICS GROUP**

presents

**The Last Supper and the  
 Lost Tribes of Israel**

In this session, Dr. Brant Pitre takes something very familiar to Christians--the Last Supper--and ties it to something very mysterious--the return of the Lost Tribes of Israel.

**This Monday, April 8  
 7 pm in the Ministry Rooms  
 All are welcome!**

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## El Espíritu del Padre Frank

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

Realmente me conmovieron nuestros adolescentes de la escuela secundaria cuando nos presentaron el Domingo de Pasión (de Ramos). Trabajaron duro y pasaron muchas horas preparándolo y luego lo presentaron a la Parroquia cuatro veces. Estoy muy orgulloso de ellos. Estoy agradecido por los voluntarios adultos y los músicos que trabajaron con ellos y los acompañaron en cada paso del camino. La Iglesia estaba llena – ¿quién dice que los adolescentes no llevan a otros a Cristo? Gracias por un trabajo bien hecho.

También estoy agradecido con todos los que ayudaron a que la Cuaresma y la Semana Santa fueran tan llenas de oración. Gracias a nuestro comité de liturgia, a los sacristanes y a todos aquellos que nos ayudaron a preparar las diversas liturgias de la Semana Santa. Gracias a nuestro director musical, cantores, coros y otros músicos por su excelente música, que nos llevó más profundamente a la oración y nos ayudó a entrar en el Misterio Pascual (El sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de Cristo). Un agradecimiento especial a Susan. O'Connell. Susan trabaja detrás de escena, programando los distintos ministros, capacitándolos, coordinando tiempos para decorar y ordenar los suministros necesarios, sin mencionar una gran cantidad de otras responsabilidades. Agradezco su capacidad organizativa, don que no comparto, ya que se asegura de que todo se haga a tiempo. Gracias Susana.

Gracias a nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, lectores, ministros eucarísticos, persona que da la bienvenida y monaguillos: nos ayudaron a celebrar la alegría de la Pascua. Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con el Arte y el Medio Ambiente tanto en la Iglesia como en el salón de usos múltiples. No es fácil coordinar dos misas al mismo tiempo. Es difícil imaginar cuánto trabajo implica prepararse para la Semana Santa y la Pascua, pero deseo decirles a todos los involucrados ¡GRACIAS por el trabajo bien hecho! ¡Estoy agradecido por sus esfuerzos y celebramos la resurrección de nuestro Salvador en esplendor!

Fue bueno dar la bienvenida a tantos visitantes a nuestra parroquia. Gracias a los feligreses de la parroquia San Miguel por su hospitalidad hacia nuestros huéspedes. Las ofrendas de Pascua seguirán llegando durante las próximas semanas. Si no ha hecho su donación de Pascua a San Miguel, lo invito a hacerlo: la parroquia necesita y cuenta con su apoyo para continuar brindando los ministerios necesarios a nuestra comunidad de fe. Una vez que la mayoría de las donaciones de Pascua estén recibidas, les informaré sobre la colecta de Pascua. Les agradezco su continua generosidad y les deseo que continúen con la alegría pascual: ¡Aleluya, Aleluya!

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Cuantas veces nos sentimos solos, aislados y temerosos. Somos como los discípulos en aquella primera Pascua: no conocieron ni comprendieron el poder de Cristo Resucitado. En el evangelio de hoy, los discípulos están encerrados en el aposento alto. Están asustados, preocupados y ansiosos. En medio de la agitación, Jesús simplemente dice: *"La paz sea con ustedes"*. Después de ver sus manos y su costado, se dieron cuenta de que era Él y que la paz se apoderó de ellos.

Jesús nos ofrece esa misma paz. A veces nuestras puertas están cerradas. Hoy estamos preocupados, ansiosos y asustados. Quizás nuestros corazones estén bloqueados por la ira o el miedo. Nuevamente, Jesús atraviesa 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 los buenos y en los malos tiempos. 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 en 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. Creer que Jesús rompió las cadenas de la muerte y rompió las cadenas del infierno. Jesús abrió las puertas del cielo y ahora nos invita a seguir sus pasos. ¡Este no es un momento para el miedo – sino un momento para la fe!

### Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

San Juan Pablo II declaró que el Segundo Domingo de Pascua será 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 misericordia no es nada 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. Invito a todos a dedicar una parte de este día a la oración.

El mensaje de la Divina Misericordia es simple: Pídale a Dios que derrame su misericordia sobre nosotros y el mundo entero, sea misericordioso con los demás y confíe 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 está 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 están las palabras 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 el domingo 7 de abril a las 3:00 p.m. Esta es la hora de la Divina Misericordia y todos están invitados a asistir.

En el Amor Misericordioso de Cristo,

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*Gracias*

A todos las personas que participaron y colaboraron con la celebración de la Semana Santa. Coros, Via-crucis (organizadores y actores), Sacristia, Monaguillos y demás ministros. Este hermoso trabajo que hicieron Dios se los recompensará con gracia y bendición. Sinceramente, Padre Daniel V.

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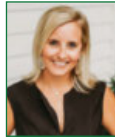


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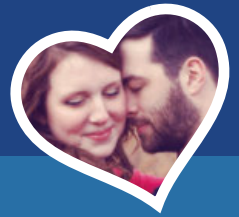
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### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Evening: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

Monday through Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and  
Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**First Saturday Devotions** in reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Rosary and  
Divine Mercy chaplet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Recorded Masses for Sundays and Daily Prayer  
Service** can be viewed at [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com).

### Adoration Chapel is open

Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Every Saturday -- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Confesiones:** 2do y cuarto sabado del mes 3:00 -  
4:00 p.m.

**Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction** are  
being celebrated twice a month on Tuesdays at either  
3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in Church. Please visit the  
website for dates and times.

**To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or  
Memorial Masses**, call the parish office at  
708-349-0903.

### Religious Education March Office Hours:

Weeks of April 8 & April 16:

Mon. and Tues.: 12-8 pm; Wed. and Thurs.: 2-6 pm

Weeks of April 22 & April 29:

Mon., Tues., and Wed.: 1-6 pm

Our Religious Education Coordinator is Kelly  
Martinez (email: [kmartinez@saintmike.com](mailto:kmartinez@saintmike.com)).  
Emails will be answered in a timely manner.

### Parish Office Hours:

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Please note that the Church Building is closed  
every Friday from 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.**

You may leave a voicemail at any time at  
708-349-0903 or email [contact@saintmike.com](mailto:contact@saintmike.com)  
with questions or to request information.

### NEED HELP?

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### Normal Bulletin Deadline:

Friday at 9 a.m. a week before the bulletin  
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mothers during Mass times. Anyone interested  
in using this room should see a greeter for  
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