O woman, great is your faith!

MATTHEW 15:28
Today’s gospel passage may seem very strange to us and we might be surprised at the conversation between Jesus and the Canaanite women. Perhaps a little background might be helpful. There was a great debate going on in Matthew’s community. The debate was over the Gentiles. Could Jewish Christians and Gentiles coexist in the same community? The gospel today answers that question and the answer is a resounding “YES!”

A Canaanite woman, a Gentile, approaches Jesus with a request to heal her daughter. Almost shocking to us, Jesus ignores her and reminds her that his mission was to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” or to the Jewish people. Many Jewish Christians in Matthew’s community would want her sent away.

In most circumstances, after receiving such a negative response, the woman would have walked away. But she did not – she persisted in her request and refers to Jesus as “Lord.” Jesus’ response is harsh, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” Sadly, a derogatory term for the Canaanites was the word dog. Again rejected, the woman does not leave or lose hope she persists with her petition.

The woman’s persistent faith was victorious. Jesus granted her request and acknowledged her great faith. The gospel passage is a reminder about the dynamics of faith – for authentic faith crosses all barriers and embraces all people. Faith overcomes fear and it is such faith that Jesus desires.

Although this gospel answered the question whether Jewish Christians and Gentiles could coexist in the same community, it also answers questions in our own lives. We have all watched the disturbing images last weekend from Charlottesville, Virginia. I could not believe the hatred that I saw on the screen. This is certainly not of God’s Spirit but of an evil spirit that is among us. As Christians, we are particularly called to be the “leaven” that lifts society or raises society to a greater height. In Biblical times, the question was between Gentiles and Jews, perhaps in our times it is black and white or Christian and Muslim that have to learn to live and work together – not for the betterment of one group but for the betterment of all.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon us to give us the courage to recognize all people as children of God. Let us pray that all human persons be respected and celebrated as children of God. Let us pray that we like the Canaanite women may hear the voice of Jesus say, “Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish!”

Fr. Charlie
I invite you to read Fr. Charlie’s note that follows this article. As Fr. Charlie indicates he will be taking a leave of absence from active ministry and will be leaving St. Michael. Fr. Charlie made the request and Cardinal Cupich granted his request. Fr. Charlie and I have spoken several times and I fully support his decision. I support his decision because I know he did not make it lightly. He has prayed over it, sought spiritual direction, spoken to other priests, family, friends and has made a spiritual retreat. Decisions concerning one’s life are never easy and it takes courage and inner strength to examine your calling in life. He will be using this leave to further discern what God is calling him to do. Fr. Charlie has made many friends here and it is not easy to leave so I ask you to keep Fr. Charlie in your prayers.
In Christ’s love, Fr. Frank

A Note from Father Charlie
Dear People of St. Michael
I am writing to let you know that I will be taking what is called a leave of absence, which means that I will be leaving and not returning to the Parish. Although I have appreciated ministering here at St. Michael and I am a priest in good standing, I am choosing to do this because I need to more greatly discern what God wants for my life. It is a very hard decision to make, but I took time to pray and think about this, and then a silent retreat which showed me this is something I need to explore. I experienced a lot of peace and clarity in that time and want to continue to live in and receive those graces. I am thankful to the Lord for mercifully offering me this time. I am thankful to all of you as well for how good you have been to me and continue to be. I love you and I am praying for you, please pray for me as well. Fr. Charlie
Our Lectionary readings today invite us to consider both the human tendency to build boundaries between people, and God’s tendency to cross and even to break these boundaries. Isaiah and Paul speak of God’s ongoing desire to bring all of humanity under divine care. The scene in Matthew’s Gospel alludes to the long-standing distrust between foreigners and the Jewish people. Though Jesus initially resists, he then celebrates the faith of the Canaanite woman and heals her daughter. Those who are given the gift of faith can be tempted to believe that God is present only to them, implicitly creating barriers against others. But the gift of faith is meant to serve God’s larger purpose, so that everyone might be united with God. By his act of healing, Jesus breaks the boundary between Jew and Gentile, and invites both to be a part of God’s people.

Matthew opens the scene in today’s Gospel by setting up a conflict. Unlike the parallel story in Mark (7:24), the woman is described as “a Canaanite.” This label serves to evoke the ancient animosity between Jews and other peoples in the region. The woman, who is never named, begs for help for her daughter. The disciples are actively dismissive of her, as a woman and a foreigner, and deem her to be unworthy of their attention. The text suggests that Jesus initially sided with the disciples. But then he recognized the strength of her faith. Many women, foreigners, or marginalized persons might identify with this woman’s story.

Sometimes faith means standing fast, in care for others or in fidelity to truth, even when it seems that no one supports you. Somehow, the woman recognized God’s power and God’s care within Jesus. And Jesus recognized that God was active within her, manifested in her commitment to her daughter. Jesus saw his Father’s larger horizon of care for everyone, Jew and Gentile, within this faith-filled woman.

Readings for the Week
August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56: 1, 6-7; om 11: 13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28
Monday: Ez 24: 15-24; Mt 19: 16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28: 1-10; Mt 19: 23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34: 1-11; Mt 10: 1-16
Thursday: Ez 36/7: 23-28; Mt 22: 1-14
Friday: Ez 37: 1-14; Mt 22: 34-40
Saturday: Ez 43: 1-7ab; Mt 23: 1-12
Sunday: Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20

Have you ever wondered where the beautiful songs come from that are sung throughout Mass? Hymns are an important part of church and the celebration of the word of our Lord. I have one more question for you today. Have you ever heard of Fanny J Crosby? Fanny was a hymn writer and poet who wrote over 8,000 hymns! Just a few of her popular ones would include "To God Be the Glory," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” and so many more. You may be even more surprised to learn that Fanny was totally blind. She lost her sight when she was only six weeks old.

Because she was blind, I am sure that many times Fanny heard the words, "You can't do this." or "You can't do that." One reason I feel sure she heard those words was because she once wrote a song entitled, "Never Give Up!" The song tells us to never give up and trust Jesus to help us through those times and to always trust in the Lord and take heart. Fanny never gave up! "Blindness cannot keep the sunlight of hope from the trusting soul" were her famous words. Fanny had great faith in God and put her trust in Him to get her through the obstacles she faced in her life.

The Gospel today tells about another woman who had great faith and refused to give up. The Bible does not tell us her name, it simply calls her "a Canaanite woman." That means that she was a Gentile and, as you might know, Jesus and his disciples were Jews. The Jews would have very little to do with Gentiles. The Canaanite woman met Jesus one day as he was traveling in the region of Tyre and Sidon. She cried out, "Have mercy on me, for my daughter is possessed by an evil spirit." Jesus did not reply to the woman and his disciples came to him complaining that she was bothering them. They asked him to tell her to leave. Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep, the people of Israel." But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!" Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food from children and throw it to the dogs." The woman answered, "That is true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat scraps that fall from their masters' table." "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." At that very moment, her daughter was healed.

What if she had given up? What if her faith had not been so strong? The end of the story would be quite different, wouldn't it? Let us follow the example of Fanny Crosby and the Canaanite woman. Keep your faith close and never give up. Father, we place our faith and trust in you. When we face obstacles and trials in our daily life, help us to keep our faith in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
St. Michael Youth Ministry

Fall Mum Sale

9” pot with 15” to 18” diameter plants from Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse Cost $10.00 each

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ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH for delivery

Saturday, September 19th - St. Michael Church – 9:00am to 11:00am

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We are pleased to offer mums from Woldhuis Farms-Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery. Please complete the above order form and include check made payable to St. Michael Youth Ministry. Return the form and payment to St. Michael Youth Ministry, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, 60462 or the collection basket. If you have questions call 708-873-4650 or e-mail rkoch@saintmike.com.

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Pick Up Date: Saturday, September 19th – St. Michael Church – 9:00am to 11:00am
Catholic Charities
DAYBREAK CENTER/SHEPHERD’S TABLE

Due to Covid 19 Adults only (teens under 18 are restricted) will prepare and serve lunch at the Shepherd’s Table - Soup Kitchen in Joliet. They will be going on Saturday, September 5th and need your help!

SHEPHERD’S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

CAN YOU HELP? The adults will be preparing a pork roast dinner. Please donate potatoes, olive/canola oil, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, ranch dressing, fresh fruit, bread, butter, and napkins.
Daybreak Center needs pre-sweetened drink mixes and kid’s cereals
St. Vincent DePaul pantry needs bar bath soap, cream soups and jello.

Bring your donations to the “E” doors on Wednesday & Thursday from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. (The building is closed)
If you are not available at those times contact me at rkoch@saintmike.com to make other drop off arrangements.
THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE for your generosity!
St. Michael Youth Ministry

Off to College . . .

Youth Ministry wants to stay in touch!!! Please fill out this form and drop it at the Parish Office, e-mail it to rkoch@saintmike.com, or mail it to St. Michael Youth Ministry, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462.
Let’s stay in touch! If you were on the mailing list last year you need to fill out a new form with any changes.
If you are going to college and living at home, fill out the form.

Name_________________________________________College/University_________________________________________
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Christ of the Breadlines by Fritz Eichenberg
Rocky Railway
Vacation Bible School
Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through
During this time of confinement, if you want to add a name to the list of sick or deceased, there is a link on the parish web site www.saintmike.com. You may also call the parish at 708-349-0903 and leave a message.

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:


Please Pray For . . .

Those who have died and their families
Mary Louise Devens, wife of Robert, mother of Jennifer

Thelma Belmonte Ryan

**Fall Fest 2020 Raffle**

Please support the Annual Fall Fest Raffle!

You should have received you raffle tickets in the mail. Mail completed ticket stubs and checks to St. Michael or drop in the collection basket.—NO CASH Please! (There will be no carnival this year.)
How to reserve your spot for Masses.

Go to www.saintmike.com. On the homepage, scroll down to either the Weekend or Daily Mass button and click.

It will take you to Sign up Genius. At the top you will see a picture of St. Michael and some instructions. Scroll down until you see the following box listing the available Masses.

1. Click on the box for the Mass you wish to attend.

2. Click Submit and Sign Up

3. Add a comment if there is anything special we need to know. This is optional.

4. If you are signing up for more than one person in your household, click the arrow and choose the number of people who will be sitting together.

5. Enter your first and last name, email address and phone number. You will receive a confirmation email for your reservation. If there is more than one person in your group only one name is entered. Decide who that will be.

6. Click Yes if you need to use a handicap entrance.

7. Click Sign Up Now

8. A new screen will pop up telling you that your reservation was successful. And you will receive an email confirming the reservation.
Masses this weekend, and every weekend through the end of August, will be celebrated as follows:

- **Saturday**: 4:30 PM in English
- **Sunday**: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM in English
- **Sunday**: 1:30 PM in Spanish

Weekday Mass will continue to be celebrated at 7:30 AM only until further notice. Greeters will welcome you 20 minutes before each Mass. You are welcome to stay and pray for 20 minutes of private prayer after the 7:30 weekday Mass Monday–Friday.

Reservations are required to attend the Masses. We will be accepting 110 people per Mass for weekends and 75 for weekdays. Go to [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com) and click the link to Sign Up Genius to make your online reservation. Online reservations open at 9 AM on Thursdays and close at 10 AM on Saturdays.

For those without internet access, every Thursday, from 11am–1pm, we will have someone answering the phone at St. Michael—708-349-0903. Registrations will be taken by phone for the upcoming weekend and daily Masses. A limited number of reservations will be accepted by phone. We regret that the call-in time period is short, but we are still unable to open the parish office for full, regular hours.

Confessions will be heard regularly every Saturday from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. No reservations are required to come to Confession. Following Confession you are to leave. You cannot stay for the 4:30 Mass without a reservation.

Please carefully read the following information before attending Mass.
1. When registering, you will be asked for your name, phone number, email address, and the number of people from your household who will be attending together.
2. If you have a fever or feel ill, please do not come to church.
3. Strict social distancing will be observed for these Masses.
4. If you have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 please self quarantine for 14 days before coming to Church.
5. You must enter through the parking lot doors. Special provision is made to accommodate those with disabilities. Please indicate your need for a handicap entrance when you register.
6. Entry will only be granted to those registered.
7. Throughout your time in the Church, you must wear a mask that you provide, over your nose and mouth.
8. Parishioners will be greeted at the door by trained volunteers and hand sanitizer will be provided for you as you enter.
9. You will be directed to specific seating in the Church. Only some sections of the church will be used to facilitate thorough cleaning between Masses and to ensure your safety.
10. We ask that you not move from the assigned seat and follow the directions of the usher/greeters at all times.
11. Hymnals or other worship aids are not provided. You are asked to take home any worship aids that you bring with you.
12. Collection baskets will not be passed. Offerings may be left by the doors as you arrive or leave (or you may donate through Faith Direct).
13. As you leave your pew to receive Communion, follow the directions of the lector and ushers for reception of Communion. You will receive Communion in the hand only.
14. At the end of Mass you will be dismissed by the usher/greeters and must exit the church immediately following Mass. No congregating or socializing in the church, narthex or outside the church is allowed.

Please check our parish website: [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com) or follow us on our parish Facebook page: St. Michael Parish Orland Park for continuing updates.

Our ability to stay open is dependent on having enough volunteers to meet the Archdiocesan Requirements to assure safety. Those who are over 65, healthy and do not have an underlying condition, can volunteer. If you would like to help, please go to our parish website homepage and click on the blue button that says Parish Reopening Volunteer Online Form (Voluntarias) or call Pat Chuchla in the worship office at 708-873-4652.
El pasaje del evangelio de hoy nos puede parecer muy extraño y puede que nos sorprenda la conversación entre Jesús y la mujer cananea. Tal vez unos antecedentes pueden ayudar. Existía un gran debate ir a la comunidad de Mateo. El debate era sobre los Gentiles ¿Podían coexistir en la misma comunidad los Judíos Cristianos y los Gentiles? El evangelio de hoy responde esa pregunta y la respuesta es un resonante “SÍ”.

Una mujer cananea, un gentil, se acerca a Jesús para pedirle que sane a su hija. Casi aterrador para nosotros, Jesús la ignora y le recuerda que su misión era para “la oveja perdida de la casa de Israel” o para a la gente Judía. Muchos en la comunidad Judía de Mateo desearía que la despidieran.

En la mayoría de las circunstancias, después de recibir una respuesta tan negativa, la mujer se retiraría. Pero ella no – ella persistía con su petición y se refería a Jesús como “Señor”. La respuesta de Jesús es dura, “No está bien tomar el pan de los hijos y echárselo a los perritos”. Tristemente, un término derogatorio para los cananeos era la palabra perro. Rechazada de nuevo, la mujer no se retira o pierde la esperanza y persiste con su petición.

La fe persistente de la mujer fue victoriosa. Jesús le concedió su petición y reconoció su gran fe. El pasaje del evangelio nos recuerda las dinámicas de la fe – porque la fe auténtica traspasa toda barrera y estrecha a toda la gente. La fe vence el miedo y dicha fe es la que Jesús desea.

Aunque este evangelio responde a la pregunta si los Judíos Cristianos y los Gentiles podían coexistir en la misma comunidad, también responde a las preguntas en nuestra propia vida. Todos hemos observado las imágenes perturbadoras la semana pasada de Charotessville, Virginia. No podía creer en el odio que vi en la pantalla. Esto en realidad no es el Espíritu de Dios, sino de un espíritu malo que está entre nosotros. Como Cristianos, somos llamados particularmente a ser “levadura” que levanta a la sociedad o que levanta la sociedad a una gran altura. En tiempos bíblicos, la pregunta fue entre Gentiles y Judíos, tal vez en nuestros tiempos, es blanco y negro o Cristiano y Musulmán que tenemos que aprender a vivir y trabajar juntos – no para la mejoría de un grupo sino para la mejoría de todos.

Oremos para que el Espíritu Santo venga sobre nosotros para darnos el valor de reconocer a toda la gente como hijos de Dios. Oremos para que toda persona humana sea respetada y conocida como hijo/a de Dios. Oremos para que nosotros, así como la mujer cananea, escuchemos la voz de Jesús decir, “¡Grande es tu fe; que te suceda como deseas!”

Padre Charlie
Los invito a leer el siguiente artículo sobre una nota del Padre Charlie. Como indica el Padre Charlie, él estará un tiempo ausente de su ministerio y se retirará de St. Michael. El Padre Charlie se lo pidió al Cardenal Cupich y le concedió su pedido. El Padre Charlie y yo hemos hablado varias veces y apoyo su decisión. Apoyo su decisión porque no fue tan superficial. Él ha orado mucho sobre esto, buscó dirección espiritual, ha hablado con otros sacerdotes, la familia, amigos y ha hecho un retiro espiritual. Las decisiones sobre la vida de uno no es siempre facial y se requiere valor y fuerza interna para examinar tu llamado en la vida. Durante esta ausencia él seguirá discerniendo a lo que Dios lo está llamando a hacer. El Padre Charlie se ha hecho de muchos amigos aquí y no es fácil retirarse, así que les pido mantener al Padre Charlie en sus oraciones. En el amor de Cristo, Padre Frank

Nota del Padre Charlie
Estimadas Personas de St. Michael:
Les escribo para hacerles saber que tomaré tiempo ausente; significa que me retiro y no regreso a la parroquia. Aunque estoy agradecido de suministrar aquí en St. Michael y soy un sacerdote en buena posición, me he dado cuenta de que necesito discernir mi vida de una manera más considerablemente lo que Dios quiere de mi vida. Es una decisión muy difícil, pero pasé tiempo orando y pensando sobre esto; luego un retiro en silencio que me mostró que esto es algo que debo explorar. Experimenté mucha paz y claridad durante este tiempo y quiero continuar viviendo y recibiendo esas gracias. Estoy agradecido con nuestro Señor porque misericordiosamente me brinda este tiempo. Estoy agradecido con todos ustedes también por lo bueno que han sido y continúan siendo conmigo. Los quiero mucho y estoy orando por ustedes; también recen por me. Padre Charlie
Las siguientes Misas se oficiarán cada fin de semana hasta finales de Agosto
Sábado 4:30 PM en Inglés, Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM y 11:30 AM en Inglés
Domingo 1:30 PM en Español

Las Misas durante la semana continúan oficiándose a las 7:30 a.m., sólo hasta próximo aviso. Son bienvenidos 20 minutos antes de cada Misa. Pueden quedarse en la iglesia por un rato para la oración privada, a menos que un funeral esté programado para ese día.

Se requiere reservación para asistir a las Misas. Estaremos aceptando 110 personas por Misa los fines de semana y 75 durante la semana. Visite www.saintmike.com y haga click en el link Sign Up Genius para hacer su reservación en línea. La reservación en línea estará abierta a las 9:00 AM los jueves y cierra a las 1:00 a.m. los sábados.

Para quienes no tienen acceso al internet, de 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., alguien estará contestando el teléfono en St. Michael —708-349-0903. Se tomarán los registro por teléfono para las próximas Misas diarias y de fin de semana. Se aceptará un número limitado de reservaciones por teléfono. Si habla español y no puede registrarse en línea, llame a Patty Rentería al 708-973-4619 antes del sábado a la 1:00 p.m.

Se escucharán confesiones cada Sábado, de 3:00 – 4:00 PM. No necesitan hacer reservación para la Confesión. Después de la confesión, deben retirarse. No se pueden quedar para la Misa de 4:30 sin una reservación.

Por favor lean con cuidado la siguiente información antes de asistir a la Misa.

1. Cuando se registre, se les pedirá su nombre, número de teléfono, correo electrónico y el número de personas en su hogar que asistirán juntos.
2. Si tienen fiebre o se sienten enfermos, por favor no vengan a la iglesia.
3. Se practicará estricto distanciamiento social durante estas Misas.
4. Si ha tenido contacto directo con alguien que ha dado positivo al Covid-19, por favor guarde la cuarentena por 14 días antes de venir a la iglesia.
5. Deben entrar por las puertas del estacionamiento. Proveeremos cuidado especial para acomodar aquellos con discapacidades. Por favor, cuando se registre indique su necesidad de entrada para discapacitados.
6. Se permitirá la entrada sólo a quienes se han registrado.
7. Durante su estancia en la iglesia, deben llevar puesta una mascarilla, por su cuenta, sobre la nariz y la boca.
8. Los feligreses serán recibidos a la entrada por voluntarios entrenados y se les dará desinfectante para las manos.
9. Serán dirigidos a un lugar específico en la iglesia. Sólo se utilizarán algunas secciones de la iglesia para facilitar una limpieza metódica entre Misas para garantizar su seguridad.
10. Les pedimos no cambiar de lugar, de su asiento asignado, y seguir las instrucciones del ujier/encargado en todo momento.
11. No proveeremos himnos u otra ayuda para la alabanza. Se les pide llevarse cualquier cosa personal para la adoración que puedan haber traído consigo.
12. No se pasarán canastos para la colecta. Las ofrendas se pueden dejar a la entrada, al llegar o al salir (o puede donar por medio de Faith Direct).
13. Al salir de su banca para recibir la Comunión, siga las instrucciones del lector y ujieres para recibir la Comunión. Recibirán la Comunión en la mano solamente.
14. Al final de la Misa, el ujier o encargado les dirigirá la salida de la iglesia inmediatamente después de la Misa. No se permite congregarse o socializar en la iglesia, el nártex o fuera de la iglesia.

Por favor revise el sitio web de nuestra parroquia: www.saintmike.com o síganos en nuestro facebook: St. Michael Parish Orland Park, para continuas actualizaciones.

Necesitaremos más voluntarios continuamente para recibir a las personas y para la limpieza para estas Misas y otras celebraciones sacramentales. Nuestra capacidad para mantenernos abiertos depende en tener los suficientes voluntarios para cumplir con los Requisitos Arquidiocesanos por nuestra seguridad. Ustedes mayores de 65 años, saludables y que no tienen una condición preexistente, pueden ser voluntarios. Si desean ayudar, por favor vayan a la página web de nuestra parroquia y hagan click en el botón azul que dice Parish Reopening Volunteer Online Form (Voluntarias) o llame a Pat Chuchla en la worship office al 708-873-4652.
NEED HELP?

For help with problems arising from alcohol

Local AA Meetings
Go to www.chicagoaa.org for meeting locations
St. Michael..............................Thursday 6 pm
St. Julie..........Saturday 7:30 pm & Monday 8 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous.........708-389-1380
Alcohólicos Anónimos.........773-847-4843

For help with problems arising from drug abuse

Narcotics Anonymous.........708-848-4884
Divorcios Y Mas Allá..........708-668-5623
CTC- Irma Almanza

Gambling Problems Gamblers Anonymous
1-888-GA-HELPS www.gamblersanonymous.org

Struggling with mental health issues

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Information Helpline.............1-800-950-6264
Emotions Anonymous .............708-383-0200

Orland Park Substance Abuse Forum
www.opcares.net & 708-403-6399

HOPE Employment Ministry
Lee Junkans, ajunkans@aol.com
Fred Zeilner, fredzeilner16@gmail.com
708- 259-1162

Grief Support
Sister Marietta.......................708-873-4635

A Communion Visitor to the homebound/ill
Sister Marietta.......................708-873-4635

Annulment Information
Donna McDonough...............708-349-0903

Clerical Abuse Healing: Reconciliation
https://heal.archchicago.org

If you have difficulty contacting any of these places, please call a member of St. Michael Pastoral Staff who would be happy to talk with you confidentially.

¿NECESITA AYUDA?

Guidance in satisfying excessive and/or past due utility bills and emergency food assistance
St. Vincent DePaul Society.........708-873-4669
San Vicente DePaul en Español.....708-349-0903
CTC - Susana Ruiz ext. 506

Dealing with Domestic Violence (physical, emotional, verbal abuse)
The Crisis Center........................708-429-7233
for group support and/or free one-on-one counseling
Se habla español

Marital Difficulties
Retrouvaille ..................................800-470-2230
Catholic based support for couples in marital difficulties www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities (Our Lady of the Woods & St. Stephen)
Michele Nowak........708-586-1365.....312-655-7725
Specialty family and grief counseling

Dr. Eileen Fera..................efere0307@gmail.com
Catholic psychologist, Downers Grove

Jerry T. Souta.........................708-681-2325 ext 5333
djsouta@presencehealth.org
licensed behavioral clinician

Fr. Bob Rohrich.....................630-257-9235
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