

ST. MICHAEL PARISH



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP
HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

FR. FRANK'S FIRE

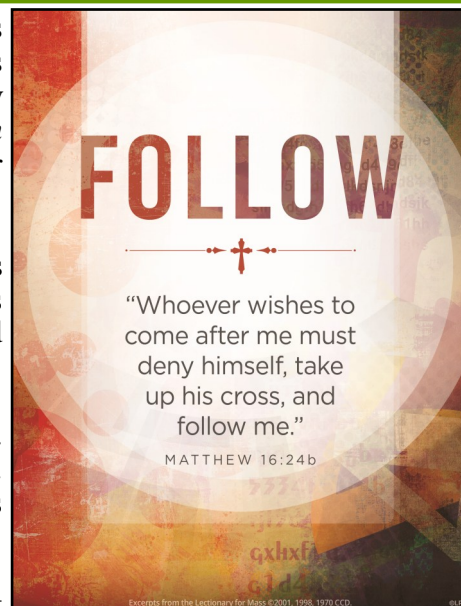
What a difference a week makes. In last week's Gospel, Jesus declares Peter to be the "*Rock*" on which he will build the Church. Jesus promises to give Peter the "*keys to the kingdom of heaven.*" Amazingly, just a few verses later Jesus says to Peter, "*Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.*" First Peter is exalted and now he is deflated rather quickly.

We have to ask the question why? The answer is rather simple. In today's Gospel, Jesus predicts his passion. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his suffering and death. Peter does not want anything to happen to Jesus and with all his energy rejects Jesus' notion of suffering.

On the surface, we may think that Jesus' treatment of Peter is rather harsh. Of course, no one wants anything bad to happen to those that we love. However, Jesus knows that the cross is our salvation and it is only in his suffering that we will be set free from sin and death.

Today, Jesus invites us to take up our cross and follow him. The cross not only refers to the way that Jesus will die, but also the cross represents for us the way of true discipleship. Life is not easy and neither is being a disciple of Christ. Both involve sacrifice and suffering. The question is; are we willing to pick up our cross and follow in the Master's footsteps? Let us pray that the answer is a resounding "YES!"

In Christ's love,
Fr. Frank



You are being called!

If you previously served as a Eucharistic Minister in high school, college or at another parish, please consider serving at Masses at St. Michael Parish.

Contact Susan O'Connell at soconnell@saintmike.com.

You will need to meet with Susan for 15 minutes to go over our procedures and scheduling. Thank you for your consideration!

THE WORD, LET US PRAY & HEY, KIDS!

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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

Amanda Barragan, John Basta, Patricia Chuchla,
Loretta Ciszak, Clay Deval, John Dzielski,
Melita Fernandez, Joyce Gerk, Richard Jurasek,
Rose Kessen, Gary Kermer, Celeste Koszut,
Sylvia Krepton, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland,
Julie Mohr, Mary Mohr, Tom Nelson,
Josephine Nirchi, Kenneth Osowski,
Patricia Osowski, Denise Ostrowski,
Debbie and Ray Prestige,
Lupita Ramirez, AJ Rother, James Valdez,
Hank Veith, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik,
Mark Wojtyla, Lucille Wrobel,
Roseann Ziegler,
and those injured in service to their country.

Prayer intentions may be emailed to:

bulletineditor@saintmike.com

Names will remain on the list for five weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Hey, Kids!



Jesus spoke to His disciples warning them not to be concerned with things of this world, but to focus on lasting things that would matter. He told Peter that it isn't worth it to "gain the whole world, and give up his life." What does that mean? People tend to seek after things that will make them happy, in the moment. It can be athletic glory, money, a great job, fancy clothes, a nice house, or fame. It is not wrong to want things like that. But we can't let those things outweigh our love for God. He needs to take the number one spot in our hearts and in our mind. All those other things can fade away. They don't last, they aren't worth it and can't even compare to the love God has for us.

Being Catholic isn't always easy. In fact, we are promised that it can be tough. Sometimes we must make sacrifices. We might not do the same things as some of our friends, and it may seem like we are missing out on certain activities or opportunities because we choose to follow God. But it's worth it. It was Jesus who made the biggest sacrifice possible. He gave up a Godly throne to come to Earth and live as a human. He gave up His life so that we could be saved and have eternal life. Compared with that, the minor discomforts of life or sacrifice of missing out on an event or music artist here and there seem pretty insignificant. Jesus paid it all. Loving and serving Him brings us the promise of Heaven, and we don't really have to do anything but believe! That is something worth living for and celebrating!

Let us pray, dear God - help me to appreciate the joy it is to follow you! Help me to put you above all else. Amen.

WE PRAY & THIS WEEK



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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

Thomas M. Galvin

Casimir Kowalczyk

James W. Reindl

WOMEN'S FAITH GATHERING

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1,
6–8 P.M.

MINISTRY ROOM EAST



Join Us on Tuesday, September 1. We'll come together for a simple and meaningful time of connection, prayer, and conversation. During this gathering, we will listen to a short, faith-based podcast together and reflect on it as a group—no preparation needed! Whether you joined us last time or are coming for the first time, all are welcome. We hope to see you there!



PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED
FOR LABOR DAY

This Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West

8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym

3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

**Youth Ministry Mum Sale, Before and After 4:30 p.m. Mass,
Narthex**

4:30 p.m. MASS

AUGUST 30, 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. MASS

**Youth Ministry Mum Sale, Before and After Sunday
Morning Masses, Narthex**

9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel

1 p.m. HISPANIC MASS AND PICNIC

At Turtlehead Lake, 135th & Harlem Ave.

(There will not be a 1:30 p.m. Mass at St. Michael Church.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30 p.m. Catechist Gathering, Commons North

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6 p.m. Hispanic Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training, Church

6 p.m. Women's Faith Gathering, Ministry Room East

6:30 p.m. Evening Rosary, Marian Garden

6:30 p.m. Catechist Gathering, Commons North

7 p.m. Evangelization, Commons South

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West

6 p.m. Hispanic Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training, Church

7 p.m. Scripture Group, Commons Center

7 p.m. Hispanic Adult Choir, Ministry Room East

7 p.m. OCIA, Ministry Room West

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, FEAST ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

6 p.m. Adult & Contemporary Choirs, Church and Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7 p.m. Hispanic Bible Class, Ministry Room West

7 p.m. Hispanic Holy Hour, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West

8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym

3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

4:30 p.m. MASS

**Youth Ministry Mum Sale, Before & After 4:30 p.m. Mass,
Narthex**

SEPTEMBER 6, 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. MASS

**Youth Ministry Mum Sale, Before and After Sunday
Masses, Narthex**

9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel

FALL FEST



September 10th-13th

14355 Highland Ave Orland Park Il

**UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIAL
MEGA BAND SALES ON NOW!**

**UNLIMITED RIDES FOR THE ENTIRE
2026 FEST. RIDE EACH DAY FROM
OPEN TO CLOSE!**

ONLY \$110



**PURCHASE BY
SEPT. 6TH**

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY - SAVING GRACE

FRIDAY - ECHO 5 & 90'S POP NATION

SATURDAY - HOUSE OF MUSIC,
HAZARD, & AMERICAN PIE

SUNDAY - BEARS & NFL GAMES

SENSORY FRIENDLY HOURS

**SATURDAY, 1PM-3PM
\$15**

CARNIVAL

**THURSDAY 6PM- 10PM
FRIDAY 6PM - 10PM
SATURDAY 1PM - 10PM
SUNDAY 1PM - 8PM**

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FALL FEST, FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY



FALL FEST RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING SEPT 14TH

HELP SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL!

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS \$250
Drawn on Aug 27th, Sept 3rd and 10th

Grand Prize: \$10,000
2nd prize: \$5,000
3rd prize: \$2,500
4th prize: \$1,000

20 TICKETS FOR \$200
10 TICKETS FOR \$150
1 TICKET FOR \$20

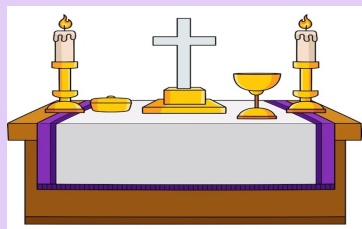
CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MICHAEL, MAILED OR DROPPED OFF TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Thank you for your support!

For the students who will learn with Catechists, we ask all to pray for them throughout this year....

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

MOST BLESSED LORD,
SEND THE GRACE OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
ON ME TO STRENGTHEN ME
THAT I MAY LEARN WELL
THE SUBJECT I AM ABOUT TO STUDY
AND BY IT, BECOME A BETTER PERSON
FOR YOUR GLORY,
FOR THE COMFORT OF MY FAMILY,
AND FOR THE BENEFIT
OF YOUR CHURCH AND THE WORLD.
AMEN.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, September 23rd
2-3:30p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m.

Open to students of the Parish in
Grades 3 thru 8

Please contact Susan O'Connell,
Coordinator of Liturgy Ministries,
at soconnell@saintmike.com
if your child is interested in this Ministry.

Lord Jesus Christ,
We come to you with open minds and open hearts, eager to learn and grow each day. We thank you for the opportunity to share in the knowledge and wisdom of Your Holy Father. We thank you for the tools, such as books and supplies, that make it possible for us to learn today. We ask for perseverance and humility in learning. Help us to respect and honor those who are teaching us. Give us the patience we need as beginners. We humbly pray that we may use what we learn to do Your will, forever and ever.

Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.

FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES STARTING SOON!

St. Michael's 2026-27

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION



For Children in 1st - 9th Grades

Sunday: Families Sharing Faith Registration continues through September 15th.

Monday and Tuesday Weekday: Faith Formation Registration continues through September 18th.

To register: please contact:

Kelly Martinez, Coordinator of Religious Education,
kmartinez@saintmike.com
708-349-0903, ext. 633.



As we prepare for the start of our Religious Education sessions the week of September 14th, we are in need of help for the Monday and Tuesday sessions

- 1) Catechist substitutes and
- 2) assisting during sessions with arrival, dismissal, movement of classes, and other tasks. Please contact Kelly Martinez at 708-349-0903 ext 633 or kmartinez@saintmike.com.

For those who have said YES to God's call to serve as Catechists, we ask all to pray for them throughout this year.....

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN!

Gracious God, Open the door to the Catechists' souls and bring peace and perspective.

May they learn to be at home with themselves, and to extend a hospitable welcome to Your indwelling Spirit. Open the door to their hearts and grace them with compassion and understanding.

May they see with the eyes of Christ all of those they are called to catechize.

Open the door to their minds and soften their thoughts.

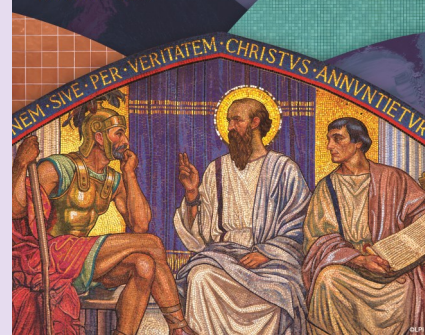
May they make room for both ideas and imagination, ever aware that knowledge is a gift of Your Spirit.

Give them a joyful soul, heart, and mind so that they share with others the great news of salvation and redemption.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN!

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.

ISAIAH 52:7



MUSIC MINISTRY

Lift Your Voice.
PRAISE HIS NAME!
 +
JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
 — PSALM 100:1

 Our choir is more than music—it's a community of faith, friendship, and joy! When we sing together, we lift our hearts in worship and praise God in a powerful way.

Why Join? 

-  **PRAISE GOD**
Use your voice and gifts to glorify Him.
-  **MAKE FRIENDS**
Build lasting friendships and be part of a welcoming family.
-  **HAVE FUN!**
We laugh, encourage each other, and enjoy the journey together.
-  **BE INSPIRED**
Music lifts our spirits and draws us closer to God.

One Voice. One Heart.
One Purpose:
TO PRAISE GOD!

All Are Welcome!
 WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

 **REHEARSALS:** Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30

 **WHERE:** In the Church

 **CONTACT:** Contact the Music Director

 **MORE INFORMATION:** gpatin@saintmike.com



COME SING WITH US... *And* BE PART OF SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL! 

 **JUBILATION RINGERS** 

COME JOIN OUR HANDBELL CHOIR
CHILDREN AND ADULTS

EVER TAPPED YOUR FOOT TO A HYMN AND THOUGHT, "I COULD MAKE SOME NOISE WITH THAT"? WELL, NOW'S YOUR CHANCE — MINUS THE NOISE, PLUS THE MUSIC! OUR HANDBELL CHOIR IS ON THE HUNT FOR NEW RINGERS. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY — IF YOU CAN COUNT TO FOUR AND DON'T MIND A LITTLE SPARKLE

IN YOUR STEP (AND YOUR SOUND), YOU'RE ALREADY QUALIFIED!

ALL REHEARSALS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS.

BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE HANDBELLS
GRADES 5-8 — 4:15 PM-5:00 PM

JUBILATION RINGERS —
ADVANCED GRADE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL & ADULTS
5:00 PM-7:00 PM

(MINIMAL ABILITY TO READ MUSIC IS REQUIRED FOR JUBILATION RINGERS)

CALL GARY PATIN AT 773.230.2602
EMAIL: GPATIN@SAINTMIKE.COM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

1st-8th Grade

rehearsals start in September

Children's Choir is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in faith, build friendships, and share their musical gifts through worship.

- Sing at select Sunday Masses throughout the year, along with Christmas, Easter, First Communion, and other special liturgies
- Collaborate with other choirs and musicians in our parish and beyond
- Share the joy of the season by caroling at a local nursing home
- Enjoy a family-friendly, flexible schedule
- Grow in confidence, faith, and musical skills in a fun, welcoming environment

Whether your child is an experienced singer or simply loves to sing, we'd love to have them join us as we praise God through music and serve our parish community.

Email Gina at gtorbett@saintmike.com to join!

TEEN CHOIR

8th-12th Grade

college students welcome

SING AT QUEST MASSES, GOOD FRIDAY, & PALM SUNDAY — PASSION PLAY

Calling all teen singers and instrumentalists to join us in leading worship through music.

- Flexible commitment that fits your busy schedule
- Minimal rehearsals
- Participate at one Mass or as often as you're available
- Grow in faith while sharing your musical talents
- Build friendships with other teens who love music

Come pray, worship, and make music together as we grow in our faith.

Email Gina at gtorbett@saintmike.com to join!

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Michael Youth Ministry Fall Mum Sale

9" POT WITH 15" TO 18" DIAMETER

PLANTS FROM
WOLDHUIS FARMS
SUNRISE GREENHOUSE
COST \$10.00 EACH

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
AT SAINTMIKE.COM AND AT
THE KIOSK IN THE NARTHEX.
ORDERS ARE DUE BY 9/13

Mum Pick up is on Saturday, September 19th
9:00AM to 11:00AM, outside church at the
doors on west ave.



St. Michael Youth Ministry Fall Mum Sale 2026

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

Color	Quantity	Total
Red	_____	_____
Orange	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
Bronze	_____	_____
Yellow	_____	_____
Purple	_____	_____
Grand Total	_____	_____

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

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, parish office, or collection basket. If you have questions call 708-349-0903 ext. 650 or e-mail amartino@saintmike.com.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th for delivery on
Saturday, September 19th – St. Michael Church – 9:00am to 11:00am**

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

FIND YOUR TEEN FAITH FAMILY! >>>>



QUEST IS COMING

WHAT IS QUEST?

- Quest is an informal discussion group made of high school teens
- They meet twice a month on Sunday nights for two hours in Leader Couple homes.
- Teens are grouped by the same grade level and all come from the same parish.
- There is no homework, no sermons.
- A typical evening allows for teens to discuss contemporary topics, allowing them to share their views, all with a Christian overview. Social time is included.

WHO IS QUEST FOR?

Sometimes parents and teens are mistaken that because the teen attends a Catholic high school, they don't need Quest. **WRONG!** Quest is a group of teens getting together talking about their life issues in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and their Quest parents. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors from public and Catholic schools need QUEST. Teens will be placed in groups by their year in high school and with a friend, if they request.

**KICK-OFF MASS
& CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPT 20th
5:30P.M. AT
ST. MICHAEL
CHURCH
FAMILIES WELCOME.**

Questions April Martino,
amartino@saintmike.com
708.349.0903 ext. 650

Sign up forms can be found at <https://saintmike.com/quest/> and by the bulletin board in the Narthex.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Catholic Charities

DAYBREAK CENTER/SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Every month a group of 8th graders & High School students prepare and serve lunch at the Shepherd's Table - Soup Kitchen in Joliet. Our next visit will be on **Saturday, September 5, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.** If you are a teen and would like to lend a hand, please email Therese Hansen at hansentherese12@gmail.com to register by Sept 2.

SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP. Our teens will be making Pasta for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Olive Garden donated their Vodka Sauce and we will be purchasing Italian Sausage. Please donate rigatoni noodles, green beans, green peppers, onions, French bread, minced garlic, butter, Italian seasoning packets, parmesan cheese, lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, red onions, homemade desserts, fresh fruit, liters of pop, red solo type beverage glasses and disposable salad bowls.

Place your donations in the Narthex kitchen on

**Thursday, September 3th and Friday, September 4th
from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE for your generosity!

St. Michael Youth Ministry



Dear Parishioners,

Saint Michael Parish in Orland Park has been a source of religion and community for me my whole life. Between attending weekly services on Sunday to working through religious education to get confirmed and receive communion, I thought it was only right that I pay back to the church through the works of my Eagle project. My Eagle Scout Service Project is all about adding onto and improving the church garden into a nicer place for praying, meeting, and providing a nice place to relax in nature with the presence of God. This will be done by

planting new flowers and shrubs that can provide color and help the bees and other beneficial insects, installing solar lights to light up the path, adding new mulch for better plant growth and a cleaner look, and installing a wooden bench with a backrest for the people visiting the garden. Every penny that is contributed will be used to buy the necessary items required to complete this project, such as plants, mulch, solar lights, and the bench. Any extra funds will be donated to Saint Michael Parish. Regardless of how big or small, your contribution will help to make this project a reality. Besides helping me obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, your contribution will also leave a long lasting impact on St. Michael and to all the people who come to attend worship here in the future.

Thank you for spending some time reading about my project, and thank you for considering making a contribution.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/saint-michaels-parish-garden-eagle-project>

Sincerely,
Andy Kotecki



EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

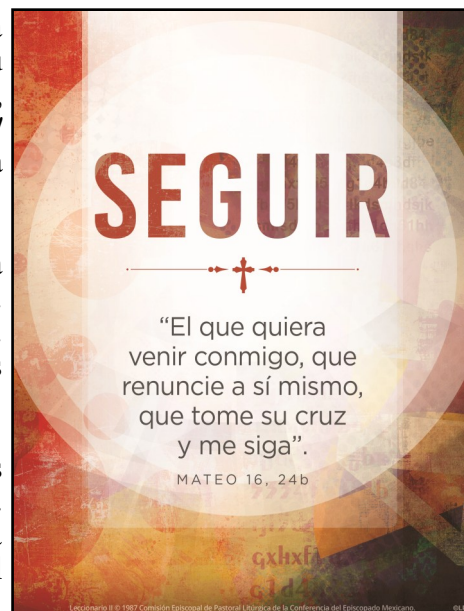
¡Qué diferencia puede hacer una semana! En el Evangelio de la semana pasada, Jesús declara que Pedro es la “*Piedra*” sobre la cual edificará su Iglesia y le promete las “*llaves del Reino de los cielos*”. Sin embargo, apenas unos versículos después, Jesús le dice: “*¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Eres un obstáculo para mí.*” En un instante, Pedro pasa de ser exaltado a sentirse profundamente reprendido.

Debemos hacernos la pregunta: ¿Por qué este cambio tan drástico? La respuesta es sencilla. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús anuncia su pasión. Jesús está preparando a sus discípulos para su sufrimiento y su muerte. Pedro, movido por su amor a Jesús, no puede aceptar la idea de que Jesús tenga que sufrir. Quiere protegerlo y evitar todo dolor.

A primera vista, las palabras de Jesús pueden parecernos duras. Después de todo, es natural que queramos evitar el sufrimiento de quienes amamos. Pero Jesús sabe que la cruz no es el final, sino el camino hacia nuestra salvación. A través de su sufrimiento y de su muerte, Cristo nos libera del pecado y de la muerte.

Hoy, Jesús también nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirlo. La cruz no representa solamente la manera en que Jesús entregó su vida, sino también el camino del verdadero discipulado. Seguir a Cristo no siempre será fácil. Implica sacrificio, perseverancia y, en ocasiones, sufrimiento. Pero también nos conduce a la vida, a la esperanza y a la verdadera libertad. La pregunta que debemos hacernos es: ¿estamos dispuestos a tomar nuestra cruz y seguir los pasos de nuestro Maestro? Oremos para que, con la gracia de Dios, nuestra respuesta sea siempre un firme y confiado: “¡Sí!”

En el Amor de Cristo,
Padre Frank



Holy Hour will resume on Tuesday, September 8, at 6 p.m. in Church

The Adoration Chapel is open Monday-Friday
7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

MINISTERIO HISPANO SAN MIGUEL

Proximos eventos

- **Hora Santa el 4 de Septiembre a las 7:00 pm. - Todos bienvenidos.**
- Las clases para el catecismo empiezan el 17 de Septiembre de 2026. Gracias.
- Sept 18, NOCHE MEXICANA Cena y Baile - Compre sus boletos después de Misa. Apoya tu parroquia y ven a compartir.
- Todos los Miercoles el Santo rosario por las vocaciones a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla del Santisimo.
- **Sept 17 (Jueves) - 6:00 pm: REGRESA GRUPO GUADALUPANO.** Ven y aprende sobre tu fe, compartiendo con otras personas.



GOT "WHAT IF" QUESTIONS?

...and thinking, "If that's true, my life should look a lot different?"

WHAT IF...there actually is a higher power?

WHAT IF...Jesus actually rose from the dead?

WHAT IF...God actually has a plan for you?

WHAT IF...Catholic teaching actually makes sense?

WHAT IF...you actually became Catholic?

Join us to explore these questions. If you have already been baptized Roman Catholic and want to complete your sacraments this might be the place for that, too.

To learn more about the OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults)
contact Donna McDonough at St. Michael, 708-349-0903

MINISTRY



Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

We asked, and you responded! Once again, when we reached out for financial assistance, many of you answered the call. You have set us back up to answer the endless calls that we receive. The calls don't stop, so the need won't either. Thank you for your continued help.

God Bless you all,

Lynne Wojcik
St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Michael Catholic Church

MEN'S RETREAT

As we start planning for the St. Michael Parish Men's Retreat— **it will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026** -- we are very interested to get your thoughts and opinions on a few things. **We are so hoping you will be able to attend the retreat** so we'd appreciate **the men of our parish** taking a few minutes to answer a short survey that will help us organize a retreat that will appeal to you. Your answers will be kept confidential.

To take the survey, please scan the QR code or click the link:

<https://forms.gle/rdvtwnAPItkcLLmt7>



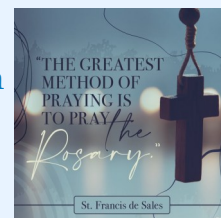
More information on the St. Michael's Men's Retreat will be communicated in the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, **please mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026**, to attend the retreat and take some time for spiritual renewal.

Thank you so much for your time and input.

The St. Michael Parish Men's Retreat Planning Team

Evening Rosary

The Rosary is said weekly at 6:30 p.m. on
Tuesday nights at the Marian Garden
(weather permitting.)



Saturdays,
7 A.M.
Ministry Room West
Wednesdays,
7 p.m.-
Commons Center

Two Adult Volunteers Needed!

On the third Monday of each month, adult volunteers from St. Michael go to the Daybreak Center in Joliet to prepare lunch for the homeless. Starting in January 2027, we are looking for two adult volunteers to join us. We leave Orland Park at 8:45 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. The center provides the food we prepare, you do not need to make a dish in advance. Do you want to do something that's not only rewarding, but deeply helps others in need? Give it a try! For more information, contact Fran Fuehrmeyer at cell: 708-549-9159 or at 708-478-1960. Thank you!



AROUND TOWN

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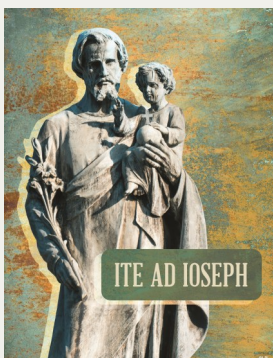


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	4:30 PM	Edgar & Loretta Hield	Mary Pat Walsh	Frances Taglieri
Sunday, 8/30		Philomena Kearns	Noriel Elumbaring	Raymundo & Rogelio Laput
	7:30 AM	Alice Dzursin	Maureen Sullivan	
	9:30 AM	Julie Pacelli	Anna & Chet Gutkowski	Patricia Phelan
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	11:30 AM	Joseph Galica	Joanne Smith	Mary Pappas
		Special Intention for Narciso P. Casco, Jr.		
Spanish	1:30 PM	Angelica Alvarez	Gonzolo Davila Jr.	
Monday, 8/31	6:30 AM	Charles Mezatis		
	8:00 AM	Fr. Robert Mair		
Tuesday, 9/1	6:30 AM	For Healing of Those Suffering from Terminal Illness		
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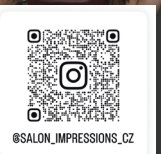
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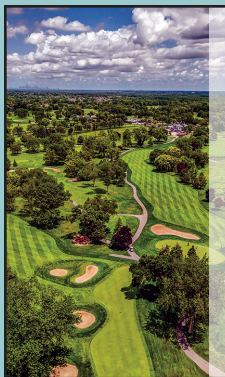


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