

St. Michael Parish  
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SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED  
THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD  
WOULD BE FULFILLED.”**

—LUKE 1:45



*Advent is a Bridge between the Past, Present & Future*

## Father Frank's Fire

The candles on the Advent wreath burn brightly, bringing light, warmth and joy to the waiting world. For the past four weeks, we have waited and watched for the coming of Christ into our world. In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Visitation, the second joyful mystery of the Rosary. *"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb."* John the Baptist was the infant and he leaped for joy because our salvation was so near. Elizabeth echoes the Church's strong belief, *"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* Mary was the first to believe in Christ, she was the first disciple and she is an outstanding model for our modern world. Do we really believe that God loves us? Do we really believe that the promises made will be fulfilled? An honest look at our behaviors and attitudes should give us an answer to these questions.

Our Advent theme is ***"Advent is a bridge between the past, present, and future."*** I hope that these past weeks have given you an opportunity to reflect on this theme. We saw how Advent allowed us to look back and see our ancestors' hopeful longing for a Savior. Advent allowed us to renew the joy of Christ's presence among us in the Church. Advent helped us to prepare ourselves for Jesus' return in glory. Yes, Advent is the bridge between our past, present and future. We can take comfort in the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews: *"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8)

Mary provides us with a great example of trusting and hoping in God. May we have the courage and the strength to be like Mary; may we have the faith to say "YES" to whatever God asks of us. Pray that we, like Mary, can bring the Good News to our waiting world. Come Lord Jesus – Do not delay – We need you!

### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

This week we are expecting large crowds as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you be hospitable and welcoming to our many guests. There may have not been room for Jesus, Mary and Joseph at the Inn, but let's try to make room for our fellow disciples in the pews. Please see the schedule of Masses on Page 3.

Ready or not Jesus is coming. The only question is: Are your hearts ready?

### Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague

I was approached last year by a dear friend of mine, Sr. Sue Paweski, who is a Sister of Providence, about hosting with her a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague. We have contracted with Trans World Travel, Inc. to begin the process of planning a 12-day journey to Poland and Prague from Sept. 14 - 25, 2025. This pilgrimage is open to all, but the number of participants will be limited to 27. Brochures and registration forms are available in the Narthex and also on the parish website at <https://saintmike.com/poland-and-prague-parish-pilgrimage-2025/>. I am planning an informational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, for those interested.

In Christ, our past, present and future,

Fr. Frank





## **CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

There will be one daily Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 8:00 a.m. *There will not be a 6:30 a.m. daily Mass*

### **Christmas Eve -- Tuesday, Dec. 24**

**4:00 p.m. — Church — English**

**4:00 p.m. — MPR — English**

**6:00 p.m. — Church — English**

**10:00 p.m. — Church-English** (*Carols begin at 9:40 p.m.*)

*\*There will not be a Midnight Mass*

### **Christmas Day -- Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**7:30 a.m. — Church — English**

**9:30 a.m. — Church — English**

**9:30 a.m. — MPR — English\***

**11:30 a.m. — Church — English**

**11:30 a.m. — MPR — English\***

**1:30 p.m. — Church — Spanish**

*\* If needed, Masses will be offered in the MPR at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.*

### **Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday, Dec. 27**

**There will be one daily Mass on Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.** *There will not be a 6:30 a.m. daily Mass on either of these days.*

### **Parish Office Hours for Christmas**

In celebration of Christmas, the **St. Michael Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Adoration will close immediately following the last Mass on those days.** The Office will re-open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26.

**May all the blessings of the Christ Savior be with you and your loved ones this Christmas.**



## 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:*

**Carmen Aguirre, Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Bernie Bittner, Donna Boddy, Keith Thraen Borowski, Kathy Bruss, Kevin Bushnell, Vince Candelerio, Patricia Chuchla, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, James Dunne, Marge Duszynski, John Dzielski, Robert Foster, Diane Gneda, Dolores Gobely, Jack Handley, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Rose Kessen, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun, Patricia Minogue, Art Morgan, Mary Anne Nievera, Dennis Noga, Alice Prendergast, Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Joseph Skeen, Jennie Vaccarell, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Lawrence Wojcik**  
and those injured in service to their country.

## Please Pray For

*Those who have died and their families*

**John Bandyk**  
**Joanne Frigo, wife of Dominick and mother of Andrea Harigan**  
**Dorothy Gordon**  
**Pat Ward Potocki, sister of Bill Ward**  
**Joseph Raftery, brother of Ed**  
**Eugene Rzym**  
**Kathy Siegel, wife of Anthony**



Have you ever touched a pregnant woman's belly right when the baby moves? It can be a thrilling experience to feel a baby kick. As a mother, the first time it happens can send tears down one's face. This is what Baby Jesus did inside of Mary's womb. He wanted to let her know that he was inside her growing strong. Imagine how Mary felt knowing that her baby was the Son of God! I am sure she felt so honored and blessed to have been chosen for this important job.

We pray the Hail Mary to honor this blessed moment in history when Elizabeth told Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Think of Baby Jesus leaping inside of his mother and the Holy Spirit making itself known. It is a beautiful thought that will surely bring a smile to your face!

In a few days, we will celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ — Christmas. It is a joyful celebration. I remember I used to have a hard time falling asleep at night on Christmas Eve. I was so excited to open my presents. Something my grandma taught me that would help me fall asleep was to close my eyes and think about the Nativity. I would relax as I thought about all the angels that came to visit the infant Jesus. I would think of how calm and peaceful it was to be in that manger. I would imagine the bright star shining over everyone and the animals in the barn. It would help me relax.

Now that I am grown, I think about how I slept restfully because I had the right thoughts in my mind for that evening. The love in my heart for Jesus was my focus and that is the true meaning of Christmas. If you have a Nativity set at home, have your loved ones go over the story with you. You, too, can imagine what it was like to be in the manger. Think of Jesus and allow your heart to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Let us pray:** Father, help us to keep our minds and hearts focused on Jesus. Amen.



## Readings for the Week of Dec. 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
Tuesday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday Evening and Wednesday: *Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord*  
Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
Next Sunday: *Feast of the Holy Family* — 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Saturday, Dec. 21

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- La Posada-6:00 p.m.—MPR

### Sunday, Dec. 22

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW)-durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms
- Simbang Gabi Mass-4:30 p.m.—Church

### Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

#### Parish Office Closed

- Christmas Eve Mass-English-4:00 p.m.—Church
- Christmas Eve Mass-English-4:00 p.m.—MPR
- Christmas Eve Mass-English-6:00 p.m.—Church
- Christmas Eve Mass-English-10:00 p.m.—Church

### Wednesday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day

#### Parish Office Closed

- Christmas Day Mass-English-7:30 a.m.—Church
- Christmas Day Mass-English-9:30 a.m.—Church
- Christmas Day Mass-English-11:30 a.m.—Church
- Christmas Day Mass-Spanish-1:30 p.m.—Church

### Friday, Dec. 27

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

### Saturday, Dec. 28

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym

### Sunday, Dec. 29

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW)-durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

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this Christmas.**

## We Are Preparing a Manger for the Birth of Jesus. Won't You Help?

To help St. Michael Parish build a soft, cozy bed for Jesus, the students and staff at St. Michael School recently wrote down on strips of paper the special things they are doing this Advent to prepare for the birth of our Savior. Then they placed them in the manger in the Narthex.



### Won't you please do the same?

Please help us build a bed for Jesus in the Narthex by writing down your Advent plan on the paper strips provided in the narthex and placing them in the manger. Do you pray more, fast, volunteer, or donate your time, talents and treasure to those in need? Let us know so we will have a full manger by Christmas Eve.



### Available in the Parish Office

Oplatki, the thin wafers with four beautiful Christmas images stamped into them, are available in the Parish Office for a free will donation. A Polish tradition, Oplatki is typically shared amongst families right before the Christmas Eve meal and shadows the Eucharistic meal that Catholics share at each Mass.

***This Christmas and Always, Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve . . .***

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**United States Army**

David Bergunder  
 Carl Brandon  
 Joseph L. Budka  
 Brian Candos  
 Jason Cashman  
 Eileen Cassidy  
 Mary Cassidy  
 Jamie Conley  
 Mark Fiocca  
 Michael Fiocca  
 Francisco J. Gaytan  
 David Hargitt  
 Patrick Hausner  
 Joshua Holer  
 Matthew Kohn  
 Maureen Kohn  
 Michael Kohn  
 Carly Katalinic  
 Peter Marudas  
 Tristan G. Minster  
 Andrew Mark Netzel  
 Benjamin Nonaka  
 Misael Reyna  
 Matthew Shields  
 Matthew Tybor  
 Lorelei Valkenburg  
 Brian West  
 Scott T. Zaur

**United States  
Air Force**

Sean Barrett  
 Eric Boele  
 Kelly Cawley  
 Ryan Conlon  
 Nora Dachota  
 Elaine Duddleston  
 Michael A. Gaytan  
 David Glass  
 Susan L. Janks  
 Ken Juhl  
 Luca Gibson Lauricella  
 Samantha Pronobis  
 Kyle Radke  
 Tim Schmidt  
 Craig Schober  
 John Tomaskovic

**United States Navy**

Michael W. Beckman  
 Marilyn Cesaro  
 Brad Chagnon  
 Brian J. Draper  
 Robert A. Islas, Jr.  
 Jacob Jenkot  
 Jonathan Kurzweil  
 Nicholas LaBarre  
 Daniel Lennertz  
 Gabriele Miseviciute  
 Brian P. Molloy  
 Kara L. Molloy  
 Orland W. Morales  
 Zachary Pulver  
 Bridget T. Riha  
 Ashley Watson

**United States  
Marine Corps**

Anthony Cesaro  
 Christian Conroy  
 Blaine Doran  
 Jack Flinchum  
 Brian Giaretta  
 Kyle Hass  
 Michael R. Hryn  
 Sean Kaspar  
 Matthew Kominkiewicz  
 Robert Kurzweil  
 Jason M. Kut  
 Jordan Legris  
 Ian Markert  
 Sean McGrath  
 Matthew A. Morris  
 Jake C. Moylan  
 Ryan Mulcahy  
 Jacob Parisi  
 John Jacob Peulecke  
 Patrick O. Philipps  
 Martin Roman  
 Kevin Ryan  
 Thomas Schueman  
 Nicolas Schultz  
 Michael Gustav Smith  
 Tom Spain  
 Michael J. Van Wyk  
 Tyler J. Villa  
 Christian J. Wydajewski  
 Mike Wieland



We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States.

**To submit a name to add to this list**, please fill out the information below and drop it in the mail to Steven and Marilyn Howard in care of St. Michael Catholic Church, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462, or email us at [chow\\_64@yahoo.com](mailto:chow_64@yahoo.com) with the information. We would ask that in order to avoid any errors, please be sure to print the information clearly and submit it in writing rather than via a telephone call. Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list up-to-date.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Branch of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

## FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS AND HOSPITALITY

St. Michael Parish was a vibrant place the weekend of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. St. Nicholas paid us a visit during the 9:30 a.m. Mass and many parishioners gathered in the MPR after all Masses for our monthly Parish Hospitality Hours.

**Special thanks** go out to **Orland Park Bakery** and our wonderful parishioners who **donated the delicious goodies** that we all enjoyed, and to the **many members of the St. Michael Worship Ministries**, who hosted and served at this event.



To view photos more photos and a video from the festivities, visit the photo gallery on our website at <https://saintmike.com/gallery-2024/feast-of-st-nicholas-celebration-2024/> and our YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKcOgAWcqU>.



### Mark Your Calendars For Our January Hospitality Hours Saturday, Jan. 18 & Sunday, Jan. 19

All Are Welcome To Join Us In The MPR  
For Fellowship & Refreshments Following All Masses

We'd greatly appreciate your donations of baked goods, as well as other items such as cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, mini sandwiches and fruit. If you can contribute items for our Hospitality Weekend, please contact one of the Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs: Ellie Olson: [ero1958@yahoo.com](mailto:ero1958@yahoo.com) or 708-699-7224; and Sara O'Brien: [sarajob1003@gmail.com](mailto:sarajob1003@gmail.com) or 585-414-5005. Thank you!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. MICHAEL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Quest Families bought gifts for the children at our sister parish St. Basil/Visitation. While wrapping for some teens may have been difficult, everyone had a great time celebrating the Advent season together.



To see more photos of our Quest Teens enjoying Advent, visit <https://saintmike.com/gallery-2024/quest-christmas-gifts-2024/>.

## St. Michael Co-Ed High School Volleyball



We are now forming a Co-Ed High School Volleyball Team. Freshman through seniors are invited to play from January to March. We play other parish teams in the area. **All are**

**welcome so invite your friends to join with you.** All skill levels welcome.

**To sign up,** download and complete the permission form on the Youth Ministry website at <https://saintmike.com/high-school-sports/> or pick up a form in the Parish Office. Bring the completed permission form to the first game.

**Games begin on Thursday, Jan. 9 at St. Michael** (in the MPR).

Have questions or need information? Contact Youth Minister Rose Koch at 708-349-0903 ext.#650, or via e-mail at [rkoch@saintmike.com](mailto:rkoch@saintmike.com).



## YOUTH MINISTRY COAT DRIVE

**For our sister parish St. Basil/Visitation  
Jan. 11 & 12 at all Masses**

**We will be accepting gently-used coats for men, women and children.**

**Bring them with you to Mass on Saturday, Jan. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 12.**

**Thank you for your support.**



***Hooks and Needles,***  
St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**Wishes you a happy, holy, warm, Christmas!**





## Thank You for Donating Brown Grocery Bags... Please Keep'em Coming

A **BIG** thank you for all parishioners who have been donating brown grocery bags for the St. Michael Food Sharing/Feeding the Hungry Ministry. **Please keep the bags coming, as we use them every Saturday morning.**

As part of St. Michael's "Saturday Morning Food Sharing / Feeding The Hungry Ministry," volunteers gather each Saturday morning to bag and deliver bags of groceries to Pro Labore Dei, which has a year-round mission to feed God's hungry children. You can bring donations of brown bags and non-perishable foods to the parish office anytime.

For more information on this program, please visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/feeding-the-hungry/>.

### NEED HELP?

### ¿NECESITA AYUDA?

#### Mental Health Crisis

Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can call the Suicide & Prevention Lifeline at **988**.

#### For Help with Problems Arising from Alcohol

##### Local AA Meetings

- St. Michael Thursday 6 pm
  - St. Julie Saturday 7:30 pm & Monday 8 pm
- Go to [www.chicagoaa.org](http://www.chicagoaa.org) for more meeting locations
- Alcoholics Anonymous.....708-389-1380  
Alcohólicos Anónimos.....773-847-4843

#### For Help with Problems Arising from Drug Abuse

Narcotics Anonymous.....708-848-4884

#### Gambling Problems & Gamblers Anonymous

1-888-GA-HELPS [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://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](http://www.opcares.net) & 708-403-6399

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)

SVdP provides emergency food assistance and guidance in satisfying utility bills.

Call **708-349-0903**, ext. 669

San Vicente De Paul en Español — 708-349-0903

Angeles Samano o Maria Cuellar ext. 506

#### Communion Visitor to the Sick & Homebound

Parish Office.....708-349-0903

#### Annulment Information

Donna McDonough.....708-349-0903

#### Clerical Abuse Healing: Reconciliation

<https://heal.archchicago.org>

#### Marital Difficulties

Retrouvaille -- provides Catholic-based support for couples experiencing marital difficulties  
800-470-2230 [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

#### Dealing with Domestic Violence

*(physical, emotional, verbal abuse)*

The Crisis Center.....708-429-7233

Offers group support, free one-on-one counseling  
*Se habla español*



During Advent, the students at **St. Michael School** focused their prayers and actions on the **Virtue of Generosity** and giving without counting the cost. Every week each classroom decided on an act of kindness to carry out. The teachers wrote the act on a cut out of a praying boy or girl and placed it on a hallway wall. What a touching sight it's been to see the kind acts and words grow weekly.

### Missionary Families of Christ (MFC)

St. Michael is pleased to present a new Ministry for our community. **Missionary Families of Christ (MFC)- Youth West Chapter** is the youth section of Missionary Families of Christ. This ministry aims to make the message of Christ known to the youth by providing pastoral formation and training, empowering our youth to have a personal relationship with Christ and say “Yes” to the mission of evangelization.

Through MFC, youth are guided to know Christ by helping them HONOR Him and EMPOWERING them to ACT as missionaries of the Church as they RELATE with their family and the community, and testify to God's Love. This ministry is fun and interactive. We serve our Church and community, and we are Christ-centered first and foremost.

If you would like your child to participate, please email one of the following team members. We are currently working with children ages 11 to 17 and a group for younger children will soon open up.

Maria Villaseñor - [mvstmichael@gmail.com](mailto:mvstmichael@gmail.com)

Lloyd Fojas - [lfojas2373@gmail.com](mailto:lfojas2373@gmail.com)

Marta Ruiz - [mruiz2629@gmail.com](mailto:mruiz2629@gmail.com)



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### Familias Misioneras de Cristo (MFC)

St. Michael se complace en presentar un nuevo ministerio para nuestra comunidad. **Familias Misioneras de Cristo (MFC)- Capítulo de Jóvenes del Oeste**. Este ministerio tiene como objetivo dar a conocer el mensaje de Cristo a los jóvenes, brindándoles formación y capacitación pastoral. Esto, a su vez, forma a los jóvenes para que tengan una relación personal con Cristo y digan sí a la misión de evangelización.

En este ministerio, se guía a los jóvenes para que conozcan a Cristo. Esto se hace ayudándolos a HONRARSE y EMPODERARSE para ACTUAR como misioneros de la Iglesia mientras se RELACIONAN con su familia y comunidad y dan testimonio del amor de Dios.

Este ministerio es divertido e interactivo. Servimos a nuestra Iglesia y comunidad, y estamos centrados en Cristo ante todo.

Si desea que su hijo/a participe, envíe un correo electrónico a uno de los siguientes miembros del equipo. Actualmente estamos trabajando con jóvenes de 11 a 17 años. Sin embargo, pronto se abrirá un grupo para niños más pequeños.

**THANK YOU**  
**For Your Financial Support**  
**Of Our Parish**  
**Contributions for November 2024**  
**\$115,405**

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### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!

Please follow St. Michael Parish and School on these Social Media Platforms:

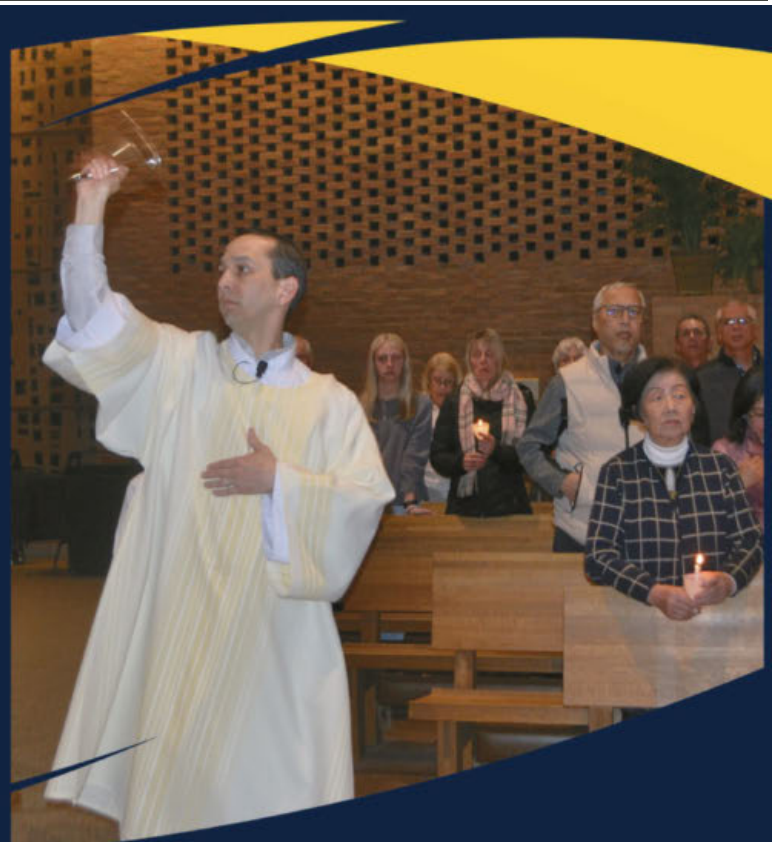
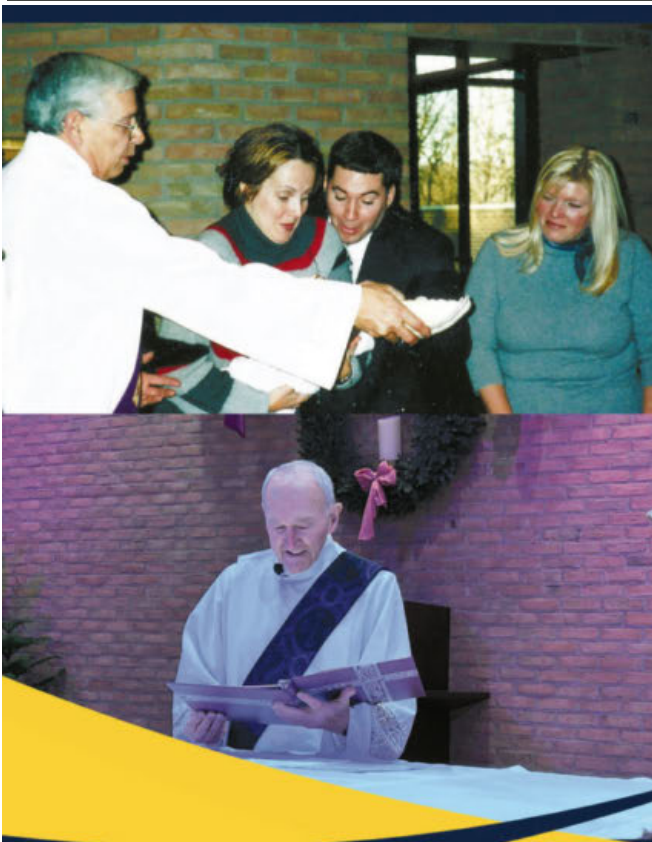
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St. Michael School Facebook Page: <https://m.facebook.com/smsorland?mibextid=LQQJ4>

St. Michael Moms Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/yEQfMPvV4pac82iC/?>

And introducing the **QUEST Instagram Page**  
 Scan the QR code





## HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

### Join Us For Diaconate Inquiry Night

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025

7 p.m.

St. Michael Ministry Room East

Men ages 30 to 59 are invited to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate at a meeting **hosted by the St. Michael Diaconate couples**. Come to learn more about the important role of the deacon in the Catholic Church, what's involved in being ordained as a deacon and have all your questions answered. Wives are encouraged to attend!

#### For more information, please contact:

Michael and Donna McDonough -- 708-403-2122 or [dkncpl@aol.com](mailto:dkncpl@aol.com)

or

Abel and Yolanda Trujillo -- 773-557-8340 or 773-552-9652



## ¿CÓMO TE LLAMA DIOS A SERVIR?

### Únase a nosotros para la noche de consultas sobre el diaconado

Lunes, 27 de enero de 2025

7 p.m.

St. Michael Ministry Room East

Se invita a hombres de entre 30 y 59 años a aprender más sobre el Diaconado Permanente en una reunión organizada por los matrimonios del Diaconado de St. Michael. Venga a aprender más sobre el importante papel del diácono en la Iglesia Católica, lo que implica ser ordenado diácono y obtenga respuestas a todas sus preguntas. ¡Se anima a las esposas a asistir!

#### Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto:

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# TRIVIA Night

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025**

**CHECK IN: 6:30PM**

**GAME ON: 7:00PM**

Join us for our annual evening of fun and friendly competition! Trivia teams are arranged in tables that accommodate up to 12 people. Each table tries to outsmart each other by completing an answer sheet for every round of trivia questions. Test your knowledge of music, history, geography and current events while sharing fun, laughter and snacks with friends!

- Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ St. Michael School (MPR, Small Gym and Commons)
- Check In: 6:30pm / Game On: 7:00pm
- The price is \$35/person and 12 people/table (\$420 per table)
- Please bring your own food for your table. Beer, wine, water and pop will be available for purchase. **OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** This event is for 21+ only.

**Mark your calendar for our earlier sale date:**

[Tickets go on sale at 8am on Wednesday, January 8th!](#)

**All proceeds from this event will benefit St. Michael School.**

## El Espíritu del Padre Frank

Las velas de la corona de Adviento brillan intensamente, trayendo luz, calor y alegría al mundo que espera. Durante las últimas cuatro semanas, hemos esperado y vigilado la llegada de Cristo a nuestro mundo. En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos la historia de la Visitación, el segundo misterio gozoso del Rosario. “*Cuando Isabel oyó el saludo de María, el niño saltó en su vientre*”. Juan el Bautista era el niño, y saltó de alegría porque nuestra salvación estaba tan cerca. Isabel se hace eco de la firme creencia de la Iglesia: “*Bienaventurada tú que has creído, porque lo que te fue dicho de parte del Señor se cumplirá*”. María fue la primera en creer en Cristo, fue la primera discípula; es un modelo excepcional para nuestro mundo moderno. ¿Realmente creemos que Dios nos ama? ¿Realmente creemos que las promesas hechas se cumplirán? Una mirada honesta a nuestras conductas y actitudes debería darnos una respuesta a estas preguntas.

Nuestro tema de Adviento es “*El Adviento es un puente entre el pasado, el presente y el futuro*”. Espero que estas últimas semanas les hayan dado la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre este tema. Vimos cómo el Adviento nos permitió mirar atrás y ver el anhelo esperanzador de nuestros antepasados por un Salvador. El Adviento nos permitió renovar la alegría de la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros en la Iglesia. El Adviento nos ayudó a prepararnos para el regreso de Jesús en gloria. Sí, el Adviento es el puente entre nuestro pasado, presente y futuro. Podemos consolarnos con las palabras de San Pablo en su carta a los Hebreos: “*Jesucristo es el mismo ayer, hoy y por los siglos*” (Hebreos 13:8).

María nos da un gran ejemplo de confianza y esperanza en Dios. Que tengamos el coraje y la fuerza de ser como María, que tengamos la fe de decir SÍ a todo lo que Dios nos pida. Ruego para que, como María, podamos llevar la Buena Nueva a nuestro mundo que espera. ¡Ven, Señor Jesús! No tardes. ¡Te necesitamos!

### Nochebuena y Navidad

Esta semana, esperamos grandes multitudes para celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Les pido que sean hospitalarios y den la bienvenida a nuestros numerosos invitados. Quizás no hubo lugar para Jesús, María y José en la posada, pero tratemos de hacer espacio para nuestros compañeros discípulos en las bancas. Nuestros horarios de misa son los siguientes:

### Horario de misas de Nochebuena y Navidad de St. Michaels:

#### Nochebuena – Martes, Diciembre 24, 2024

Misa de la mañana, 8:00 a. m. No habrá misa a las 6:30 a. m. en Nochebuena  
 4:00 p. m. – Iglesia  
 4:00 p. m. – MPR (sala de usos múltiples, gimnasio grande)  
 6:00 p. m. – Iglesia  
 10:00 p. m. – Iglesia con villancicos a partir de las 9:30 p. m.  
 \* *No habrá Misa de Medianoche*

#### Día de Navidad – Miércoles 25 de diciembre de 2025

7:30 p. m. – Iglesia  
 9:30 p. m. – Iglesia  
 9:30 p. m.-- MPR (sala de usos múltiples, gimnasio grande)\*  
 11:30 p. m. – Iglesia  
 11:30 p. m. -- MPR (sala de usos múltiples, gimnasio grande)\*  
 1:30 p. m.– Iglesia – Español  
 \**Si es necesario*

#### Jueves, Diciembre 26 y Viernes Diciembre 27

Misa de la mañana a las 8:00 AM. No habrá Misa a las 6:30 AM el jueves ni el viernes.

Estén preparados o no, Jesús viene. La única pregunta es: ¿Están preparados sus corazones?

Con anticipación alegría,

P. Frank



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**Masses for the Week — December 21 to December 29**

<b>Saturday 12/21</b>	8:30 AM	Robert Milcarek	Yasmine Ariana Molena	Mabel Walsh
	4:30 PM	Michael Durkin	John & Patricia Berens	Michael Ahl
		Bob & Loretta Britton	Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski	
<b>Sunday 12/22</b>	7:30 AM	Patrick Sheeran	Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski	
		John, Irene & Patricia Radecky		
	9:30 AM	Anne Celestino	Arvid Johnson, Sr.	Joan Korpics
		Peggy Barrett	William DeNardo, Sr.	
	11:30 AM	Paul Koskan	Frank J. Lenti	Gayle Yore
<i>Spanish</i> →	1:30 PM	Gente de St. Michael		
	4:30 PM	Simbang Gabi - For Peace in the World		
<b>Monday 12/23</b>	6:30 AM	John, Irene & Patricia Radecky		
	8:00 AM	Cecelia Granado	Elsamma Jose	Baumann Family
		Gene Zamiska		
<b>Tuesday 12/24</b>	8:00 AM	Elsamma Chettiath		
	4:00 PM			
	6:00 PM	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES - INTENTIONS ARE FOR OUR PRIESTS</b>		
	10:00 PM			
<b>Wednesday 12/25</b>	7:30 AM			
	9:30 AM	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - INTENTIONS ARE FOR OUR PRIESTS</b>		
	11:30 AM			
	1:30 PM			
<i>Spanish</i> →				
<b>Thursday 12/26</b>	8:00 AM	Theresa E. Corcoran	LeRoy Giovanazzi	Edgar Hield
<b>Friday 12/27</b>	8:00 AM	People of St. Michael Parish	Pat Ward Potocki	
<b>Saturday 12/28</b>	8:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	4:30 PM	Michael Ahl	Tom Hawk	Pedro Velada
		Deceased members of Morman & Hudon Families		Nieves & Bayani Sanchez
<b>Sunday 12/29</b>	7:30 AM	Richard Marvak	Raymond Wagner	Joe, Jay & Nancy Lauricella
	9:30 AM	Mary Beth Taylor	Patricia Davis	George Kramski
		Rita Beintum	Sarah Gross	
	11:30 AM	Patrick O'Boye	Jack Skryd	Arlene Karsky
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**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 Benediction** is 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 Office Hours:

*Weeks of Dec. 23 and Dec. 30* - Closed for the holidays  
*Weeks of Jan. 6 and Jan. 13* - Mon, Tues 1-7pm;  
Wed 1-6pm; Thurs 5-8pm

Our Religious Education Coordinator is Kelly  
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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 during the school year 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.

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### Normal Bulletin Deadline:

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