



FEBRUARY 15, 2026
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a



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FR. FRANK'S FIRE

Our first reading this weekend we once again are reminded of one of the greatest gifts that God has given us -- free will. God does not force us to do anything. Sirach writes, *"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you."* This of course implies that if we so desire, we can choose not to follow the commandments. Of course salvation will not be given, but rather condemnation. *"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses will be given him."* Once again, we have the choice to live as God has asked us or not. Free will gives us the choice. With the choice come the consequences – life or death. Which one are you going to choose?

Jesus provides several examples of how human law is not quite enough. Human law says that we should not kill, but Jesus goes further and says that anger in our hearts is wrong also. Human laws says that adultery is wrong, but Jesus goes further and reminds us how we are to show mutual respect for each other and not use another for our own advantage.

Decisions are part of everyday life. Some decisions are small and relatively insignificant but others are extremely important. In our complex world, decisions are not often as black and white as we would like them to be. Sometimes we have to take the time to reflect on the consequences of our decisions or our indecisions. This, of course, requires patience and prayer. If we are willing to surrender ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit our choices become clearer. As with all good things – this takes time and this takes effort on our part. Let us ask God to guide us in all our decisions, for some of them may have eternal consequences.

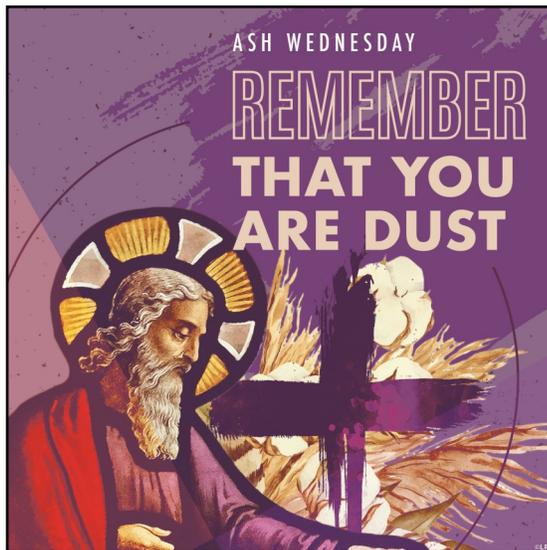
Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We are marked with ashes to remind us of who we are, sinners, and like the barren branches we anticipate the coming Spring – the coming of new life. Lent is a time to acknowledge our need for repentance and turning back to the Lord. Lent is not just a time "to give up" something, but a time of decision – deciding for conversion and returning to God. During Lent we are called to purify ourselves through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. St. Michael will be offering several opportunities to renew and strengthen our faith during Lent. You will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to pray the Stations of the Cross and other opportunities for prayer.

The Holy Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends quietly on Holy Thursday before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. For forty days, we prepare to celebrate the great day of Easter, the highest feast day of the entire Church year. With the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we enter into a new season, the *Sacred Triduum* (the

three days) that intensely leads us to the glory of Easter. At the heart of the liturgical year stands the *Sacred Triduum*, all other seasons lead up to or flow from these sacred days. **Everyone should mark his or her calendars now and plan to celebrate with us these sacred days, April 2, 3, 4 and the joy of Easter Sunday, April 5.** We then celebrate Easter for fifty days until the day of Pentecost – June 24.

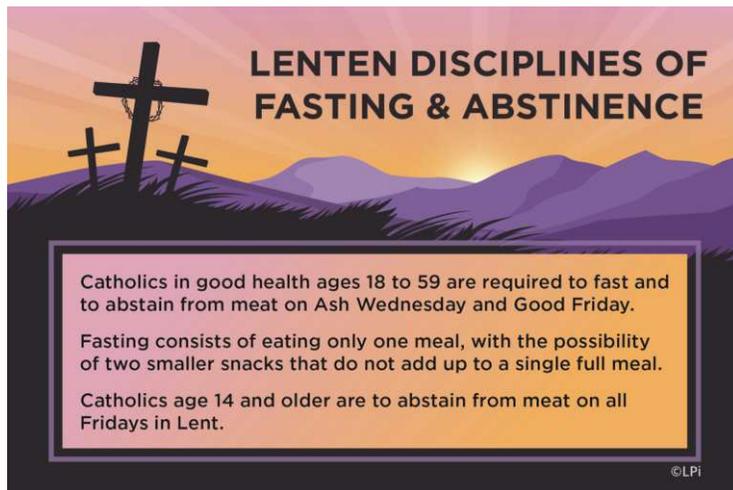


FR. FRANK'S FIRE

Lenten Regulations

Catholics 14 years and older are to **abstain** from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fast**. Catholics over 18 but not yet 59 are to eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Fasting is an ancient discipline in the Church and together with almsgiving and prayer will help us prepare to celebrate Easter.

I strongly urge you not to waste these next forty days of Lent, but to make the most out of them. Use the various opportunities for prayer to deepen your relationship with Christ. Each year God gives us this time for our renewal and conversion. What is more important than your soul? May we rise from the ashes of sin and come alive with the fire of faith given to us at Pentecost!



Disciple Maker Index

St. Michael is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Michael. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions
- Help parishioners grow in their faith

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from February 18 to March 31 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. I will share the link with you in next weekend's bulletin when the survey become live. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

St. Michael participated in this survey three years ago. The results will help the parish staff and parish pastoral council address the spiritual needs of our parish community.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank

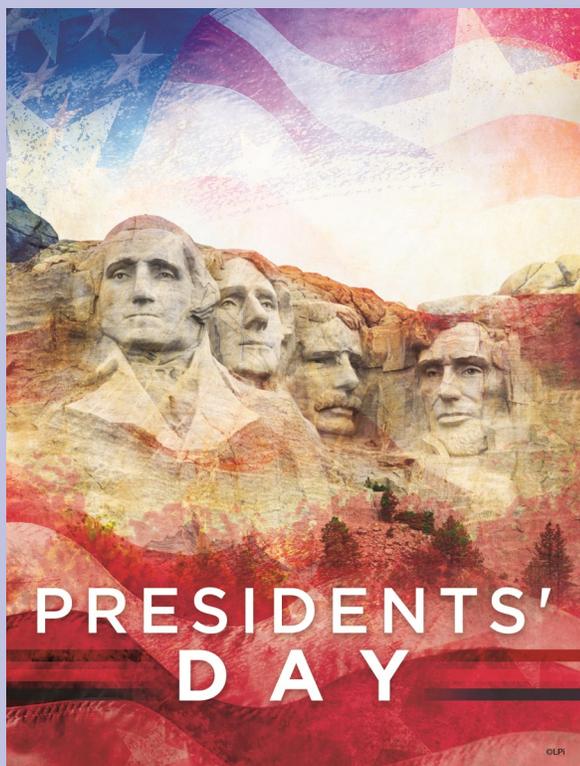
THE WORD, WE PRAY & HEY, KIDS



Readings of the Week ©LPI

- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11, Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76, Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18, Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19, Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19, Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14, Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17, Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19, Mt 4:1-11

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in Observance of Presidents' Day!



HEY, KIDS! Most of you know that every week during Mass the offering basket is passed around to collect the envelopes from the parishioners. In these envelopes is the weekly offering to God and His church. It is a very important part of our worship. It can be an exciting thing to see the basket coming your way so that you can place your family's gift into the basket. It may even be more special if you are asked to bring the gifts up to the altar. There are many places in the Bible that teach us the importance of presenting an offering to God. But the truth is, God is more interested in what is in our heart rather than what's in our hands to put into the basket. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you will be subject to judgement.' But I say, even if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment." He went on to say that you will face God's judgement if you call someone a bad name or curse them. What Jesus was saying here was, as horrible as we think murder is, it is also horrible to be angry with someone and not forgive them. Jesus wants us to not ever hold anger in our hearts. He wants us to have peace with all whom we encounter. I know it is hard (even for adults) to forgive someone who has hurt you badly. For me, it takes a lot of time and prayer to forgive - but I always try my best to forgive because it does bring me closer to Jesus. When forgiveness takes the place of the anger, I feel peace within my heart and soul. Anger never gives peace - it only brings more feelings of pain. Forgiveness is the only way to feel peace. Praying to Jesus will always get you there. What did Jesus say we should do if we are guilty of any of these things? He said, "If you are presenting your offering to God and you remember that you have said something that hurt another person, leave your gift at the altar and go and ask forgiveness from that person. Then come back and offer your gift to God." God would much rather have YOU feel peace than have the gifts for His church. How beautiful is that? Before we give our offering today, perhaps we should ask ourselves a few questions. Have I been angry with someone this week? Have I had any arguments lately? Have I called someone a bad name? Have I said something about someone that wasn't true? If so, ask God to forgive you and go to the person you hurt and ask that person to forgive you. When we do that, God will be pleased with your offering. Remember, when you ask someone for forgiveness, try your very best to never do it again. That is how sins are truly forgiven. "Forgiving" is a wonderful thing to do. It doesn't mean that we are okay with people being mean to us. That is definitely NOT what God is saying. However, he wants YOU to be able to say that you are done feeling angry about whatever someone has done to hurt you. You now want to move on to focus on happiness and peace. Heavenly Father, help us to guard against hateful and hurtful words. Forgive us as we ask those who have hurt us to forgive us as well. Help us to remember that when we give our gifts to You, in church, that we are doing it with a clean and forgiving soul! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE PRAY & WHAT'S HAPPENING



We pray for those who have died and their families:

Rosemary Anhalt
Wife of James

Mary DiFilippo
Sister of Bea Troxill

Philip Guest
Husband of Joan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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:

Buck Adams, Irma Almanza, Marie Andrews, John Baker, Glenn Bailey, John Basta, Anthony Belmonte Sr., Cheryl Boyle, Alex Brandt, Vince Candelerio, Patricia Chuchla, Loretta Ciszak, Aileen Collura, Carolyn Edison, Joseph Evers, Carole Gacek, Joyce Gerik, Lisa Johnston, Nancy Junker, Richard Jurasek, Rose Kessen, Celeste Koszut, Sylvia Krepton, Gary Latronica, Robert Levinthal, Janice Licata, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Joan Zamiska McClive, Sandra Molina, Patty McQuinn, Donna Micun, Bill Nebel, Mary Anne Nievera, Kenneth Osowski, Patricia Osowski, Jesse Peña, Alice Prendergast, Marley Robles, AJ Rother, Stanley Rys, Kevin Scanlan, Cara Scanlon, Ofelia Sevilla, Joe Steiskel, Tomas Surico, Nicole Torgerson, Hank Veith, Naty Velada, Violet, Judy Walker, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik, Lucille Wrobel, and those injured in service to their country.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, VALENTINE'S DAY

- 7 a.m. Scripture Study, Ministry Room West
- 8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Ministry Rooms E&W
- 9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Commons North
- 3-4 p.m. Confessions, Confessional Rooms
- 4:30 p.m. Mass/KOC, Renewal Vows Married Couples, Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, PRESIDENTS' DAY
(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 7 p.m. Evangelization/Scripture Study, Commons North

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, ASH WEDNESDAY

- Mass with Distribution of Ashes: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., (6 p.m. in Spanish) & 7:30 p.m.**
- Liturgy of the Word with Ash Service, 10 a.m., & 4 p.m.**
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West
- 6:30 p.m. English Bible Study, Commons C
- 7 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble Choir, Chapel-**Room Change**
- 7 p.m. Hispanic Choir, Ministry Room East

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19,

- 10 a.m. Parent & Tot Play Group, North Commons
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Angel Rosary, Chapel
- 7 p.m. High School Volleyball, MPR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20,

- 4 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (in English), Church**
- 5 p.m. **Soup for the Soul, Ministry Rooms East & West**
- 6 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (in Spanish) Church**
- 6 p.m. Doors Open, 7 p.m. Start, Bunco Night, Small Gym
- 6 p.m. Missionaries of Christ, Commons C

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 7 a.m. Scripture Study, Ministry Room West
- 8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Ministry Rooms E&W
- 9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Commons South
- 3-4 p.m. Confessions, Confessional Rooms
- 4 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sales, Before & After Mass, Narthex

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
- 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sales, Before & After All Masses, Narthex
- 4:30 p.m. St. Michael Concert Series, Church

Do you have an entry for your parish ministry group, meeting or event you would like to add to the calendar? E-mail them to **Pilaar Pantoja, Bulletin Editor,** at bulletineditor@saintmike.com

WE THANK, WELCOME & PRAY



We welcomed the following new parishioners in January

Nicholas & Anna Burkhardt

Peter & Jasmine Graff

Richard & Carol McCasland

Jose & Brenda Nunez

Ezequiel & Adriana Ruiz

Heriberto & Rose Silva

Conor & Brenna Welsch



In January, we welcomed these children who were baptized into our faith community...

Ella James Alfini

Daughter of Joseph and Patrice

Zander Joseph Berge

Son of Timothy Berge and Allison Martino

Alessandra Irene Look

Daughter of Robert and Victoria

Nash Michael Pratl

Son of Thomas and Emma

Colette Reilly & Charles Ryan Purpura

Children of Richard and Jessica

Valentina Zavala-Cerna

Daughter of Richard and Jessica



Funerals & Memorials in January at St. Michael

Salamon Calderon

Lauretta Ichniowski

Irene Loftus

Gloria Massaro

Clifford Randall

Stephen Rozelle

Francesca Savarino

Laverne M. Stefanski

Thomas Zajac

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for Your Financial Support!

**Our Parish Contributions for January 2026 = \$156,374.35
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LENT

THIS LENT, ON FRIDAYS
AFTER THE 4 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
 JOIN US FOR

SOUP

FOR THE SOUL

CONVERSATION TOGETHERNESS
 FREE FUN
 FRIENDSHIP CAMARADERIE

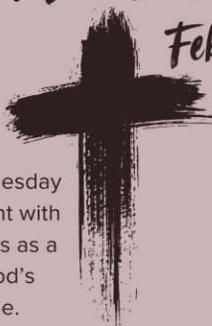
NOURISHMENT FOR BODY AND SPIRIT

St. Michael Church
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Fraturdays, February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, & 20
 Ministry Rooms East and West

St. Michael Parish
Ash Wednesday
 February 18, 2026



Join us for the Ash Wednesday Services as we begin Lent with prayer, fasting, and ashes as a sign of humility and God's grace. All are welcome.

6:30 a.m. Mass with the distribution of Ashes
8 a.m. Mass with the distribution of Ashes
10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Ash service
4 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and Ash service
6 p.m. Mass with the distribution of Ashes (in Spanish)
7:30 p.m. Mass with the distribution of Ashes (in English)

Ashes are distributed after the homily at each of the services.



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BRIGID 2026

Welcome that Heals. Hope That Empowers.



St. Brigid Lenten Day of Reflection

"To Heal Our Wounds and Green the Earth Again"
 hosted by Still Point community with speakers from Solas Bhríde Christian Spirituality Centre, Ireland

Saturday, March 7, 8 am - 4 pm
 Brookfield Zoo, Chicago
 Grand Vista Room in the James & Elizabeth Bramsen Tropical Forests Building




Join us for input, prayer, animal encounters & woodland walks, as we:

- Explore how St. Brigid of Kildare models Pope Francis's call for an ecological conversion of heart and mind (*Laudato Si*).
- Embrace the sacredness and interconnectedness of all living beings.
- Converse with the Brigidine Sisters & Staff of Solas Bhríde (Light of Brigid) as they speak of spiritual and ecological healing.
- Discuss justice and discern steps to care for our common home.

Questions? 

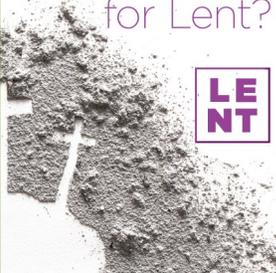
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 Old St. Patrick's Church www.oldstpats.org/friendsofstbrigid.html

Cost: \$85 pp



What are you planning on doing for Lent?



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**Please Help Our Sharing Parish,
Those Served by our SVdP and
Other Charitable Organizations This Lent**

**PICK UP
LENTEN CROSSES
IN THE NARTHEX**

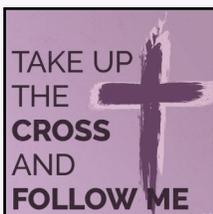
STARTS ASH WEDNESDAY

During the season of Lent we are once again reminded of our need to commit ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are the practices which have always been a part of our Lenten experience, and these are the practices which prompt us to consider personal change and renewal in our lives.

The Social Concerns Ministry will place crosses with requests from our sharing parish St. Basil/Visitation, as well as from St. Vincent de Paul, Aid for Women, and other local charities in the Narthex beginning on Ash Wednesday. You may select a cross as an expression of your commitment to the practice of almsgiving.

We will continue to place crosses in the Narthex during the season of Lent. **Please return your unwrapped package, with the cross attached, at your convenience before Palm Sunday (March 29.)** We ask that any gifts you bring be new. Please place gift cards in the collection basket or turn them in at the parish office. Please do not leave them in the Narthex.

**Thank you for being the
hands and feet of Jesus this
Lent.**



Stations of the Cross

will be prayed at St. Michael Parish during Lent at the following times in church:

**In English, on Fridays at 4PM
In Spanish, on Fridays at 6PM**



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SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY,
MARCH
27**



**The Lenten Fish Fry is
returning to St Mikes!
WHERE: THE MPR
WHO: All are welcome!
More details to come!**



EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

En la primera lectura de este fin de semana, se nos recuerda una vez más uno de los mayores dones que Dios nos ha dado: el libre albedrío. Dios no nos obliga a hacer nada. Sirácides escribe: “*Si quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; ellos te salvarán.*” Esto, por supuesto, implica que, si lo deseamos, podemos elegir no seguir los mandamientos. En ese caso, no obtendremos la salvación, sino la condenación. “*Ante el hombre están la vida y la muerte, el bien y el mal; lo que elija, eso se le dará.*” Una vez más, tenemos la opción de vivir como Dios nos ha pedido o no. El libre albedrío nos da la posibilidad de elegir. Con la elección vienen las consecuencias: vida o muerte. ¿Cuál vas a elegir?

Jesús nos da varios ejemplos de cómo la ley humana no es suficiente. La ley humana dice que no debemos matar, pero Jesús va más allá y dice que la ira en nuestro corazón también está mal. Las leyes humanas dicen que el adulterio es incorrecto, pero Jesús va más allá y nos recuerda que debemos mostrar respeto mutuo y no usarnos unos a otros para nuestro propio beneficio.

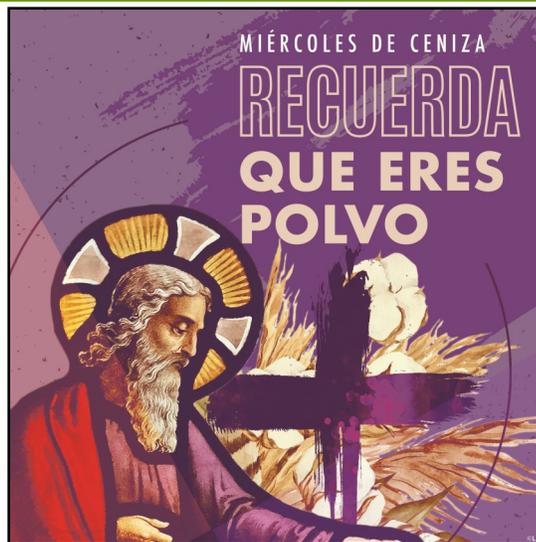
Las decisiones forman parte de la vida cotidiana. Algunas son pequeñas y relativamente insignificantes, pero otras son extremadamente importantes. En nuestro complejo mundo, las decisiones no siempre son tan sencillas como nos gustaría. A veces, debemos tomarnos el tiempo para reflexionar sobre las consecuencias de nuestras decisiones o de nuestra indecisión. Esto, por supuesto, requiere paciencia y oración. Si estamos dispuestos a entregarnos al poder del Espíritu Santo, nuestras decisiones se vuelven más claras. Como ocurre con todo lo bueno, esto requiere tiempo y esfuerzo de nuestra parte. Pidamos a Dios que nos guíe en todas nuestras decisiones, ya que algunas de ellas pueden tener consecuencias eternas.

Miércoles de Ceniza

Este miércoles 18 de febrero es Miércoles de Ceniza. Nos marcamos con ceniza para recordar quiénes somos: pecadores, y al igual que las ramas secas, anhelamos la llegada de la primavera, la llegada de una nueva vida. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para reconocer nuestra necesidad de arrepentimiento y volver al Señor. La Cuaresma no es solo un tiempo para “renunciar” a algo, sino un tiempo de decisión: decidirnos por la conversión y regresar a Dios. Durante la Cuaresma, estamos llamados a purificarnos a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación y las disciplinas tradicionales de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. La parroquia de San Miguel ofrecerá varias oportunidades para renovar y fortalecer nuestra fe durante la Cuaresma. Tendrán la oportunidad de recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, rezar el Vía Crucis y participar en otras actividades de oración.

El Tiempo Santo de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina discretamente el Jueves Santo, antes de la Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor. Durante cuarenta días, nos preparamos para celebrar el gran día de Pascua, la fiesta más importante de todo el año litúrgico. Con la Misa de la Cena del Señor, entramos en un nuevo tiempo litúrgico, el *Triduo Pascual* (los tres días santos) que nos conduce intensamente a la gloria de la Pascua. En el corazón del año litúrgico se encuentra el *Triduo Pascual*; todos los demás tiempos litúrgicos conducen a estos días sagrados o se derivan de ellos. **Les invitamos a que marquen en sus calendarios estas fechas y se unan a nosotros para celebrar estos días santos: 2, 3 y 4 de abril, y la alegría del Domingo de Pascua, 5 de abril.** Luego celebraremos la Pascua durante cincuenta días, hasta el día de Pentecostés, el 24 de junio.

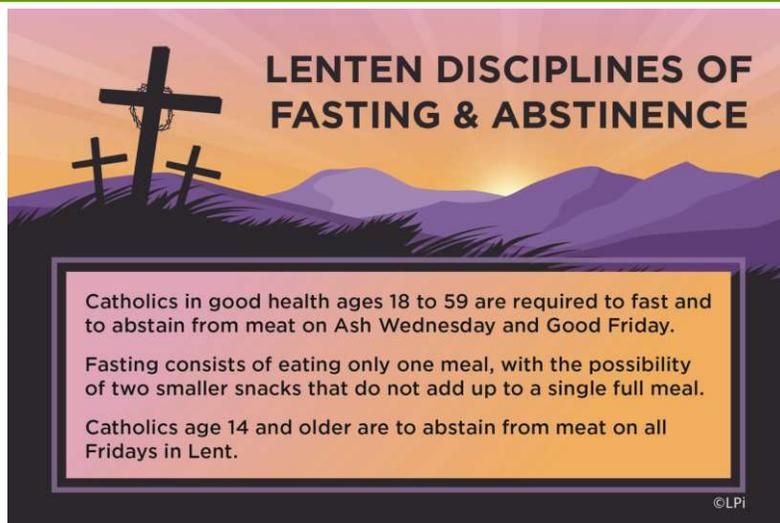


EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

Reglamento de Cuaresma

Los católicos mayores de 14 años deben **abstenerse** de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. Además, el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de **ayuno**. Los católicos mayores de 18 años y menores de 59 deben hacer solo una comida completa. Se | permiten dos comidas más pequeñas si son necesarias para mantener las fuerzas, según las necesidades de cada persona. El ayuno es una antigua disciplina de la Iglesia y, combinado con la limosna y la oración, nos ayudará a prepararnos para celebrar la Pascua.

Les exhorto encarecidamente a que no desperdicien estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, sino que los aprovechen al máximo. Utilicen las diversas oportunidades de oración para profundizar su relación con Cristo. Cada año, Dios nos concede este tiempo para nuestra renovación y conversión. ¿Qué hay más importante que nuestra alma? ¡Que nos levantemos de las cenizas del pecado y revivamos con el fuego de la fe que recibimos en Pentecostés!



Índice de Formación de Discípulos

En la parroquia de San Miguel, estamos en un camino para conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en nuestra comunidad parroquial. Juntos, debemos abrazar la visión de Cristo para el discipulado misionero, para que nuestra parroquia prospere y sea un lugar donde otros puedan crecer juntos en la fe.

El primer paso en este proceso consiste en evaluar nuestras mayores fortalezas y oportunidades, ¡y ahí es donde entra en juego el Índice de Formación de Discípulos! El Índice de Formación de Discípulos es una importante herramienta de encuesta que le invita a reflexionar sobre su camino de discipulado aquí en San Miguel. El Índice de Formación de Discípulos está diseñado para:

- Invitar a los feligreses a reflexionar sobre su camino de discipulado.
- Permitir que el liderazgo parroquial tome decisiones basadas en datos.
- Ayudar a los feligreses a crecer en su fe.

La encuesta, que dura entre 10 y 15 minutos, estará disponible a través de un enlace en línea del 18 de febrero al 31 de marzo. Les pedirá que reflexionen sobre su propio crecimiento espiritual y les permitirá compartir su perspectiva sobre los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para ayudarlos a crecer en su relación con Cristo. Todas las respuestas serán confidenciales y la parroquia solo recibirá información sobre la comunidad en general. Compartiré el enlace con ustedes en el boletín del próximo fin de semana, cuando la encuesta esté disponible. También habrá encuestas en papel para quienes no puedan completarla en línea.

Juntos, debemos adoptar la visión de Cristo sobre el discipulado misionero para que nuestra parroquia prospere y sea un lugar donde otros puedan crecer juntos en la fe.

La parroquia de San Miguel participó en esta encuesta hace tres años. Los resultados ayudarán al personal parroquial y al consejo pastoral a atender las necesidades espirituales de nuestra comunidad.

En el Amor de Cristo,

P. Frank

MINISTERIO HISPANO SAN MIGUEL

CUARESMA

La Cuaresma es un tiempo litúrgico de preparación en la Iglesia Católica que dura 40 días, desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta antes del Jueves Santo. Es un camino espiritual que nos prepara para la Semana Santa y la Pascua, que es la celebración más importante de la fe cristiana: la Resurrección de Jesús.

¿Por qué existe la Cuaresma?

La Iglesia la instituyó para ayudar a los cristianos a convertir el corazón, es decir, a volver a Dios con más sinceridad. Tiene raíces muy antiguas, inspiradas en la Biblia: Jesús ayunó 40 días en el desierto antes de comenzar su misión (Mt 4,1-11). Los 40 años del pueblo de Israel en el desierto, tiempo de prueba y purificación. Los 40 días de Moisés y Elías en encuentro profundo con Dios. El número 40, en la Biblia, simboliza prueba, purificación y preparación.

¿Para qué sirve la Cuaresma?

La Cuaresma existe para que el creyente: Revise su vida y su relación con Dios y con los demás. Reconozca sus errores y pida perdón. Se prepare interiormente para vivir la Pascua con un corazón renovado. Por eso es un tiempo más sobrio, reflexivo y penitencial.

Los tres pilares de la Cuaresma

La Iglesia propone tres prácticas concretas:

1. Oración 🙏 Para acercarnos más a Dios y escucharlo.
2. Ayuno 🍷 Para aprender a dominar el corazón y recordar que Dios es lo esencial.
3. Limosna ❤️ Para amar concretamente al prójimo, especialmente al necesitado.

Signos importantes

- Color morado: simboliza penitencia y conversión.
- Miércoles de Ceniza: recuerda que somos frágiles y necesitamos a Dios.
- No se canta el Gloria ni el Aleluya: como gesto de espera y recogimiento.

Proximos eventos

- Feb 18: MISA MIERCOLES DE CENIZA A LAS 6:00 PM (DIA DE GUARDAR).
- Feb 22: Retiro de Primera Comuni3n 9:00 am a 2:30 pm.
- Todos los Mi3rcoles: Santo Rosario por las Vocaciones ante el Santisimo a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla de Adoraci3n.

RETIRO DE CUARESMA 2026

No se pierda esta oportunidad tener un tiempo de encuentro con usted mismo y con Dios.

Nuestro retiro de Cuaresma ser3 el S3bado, Marzo 7, 2026 de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm. Sacerdote predicador invitado. Inscripciones comienzan la primera semana de Febrero en el Narthex despu3s de la Santa Misa.

Donaci3n para el lunch: 15 D3lares.

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ - VIACRUCIS 2026

Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma (Empezando Febrero 20, 2026 a las 6:00 pm) tendremos las estaciones de la Cruz en la Iglesia.

Ofrece el camino de la Cruz en oraci3n por tus intenciones y las de tu familia. Todos son bienvenidos.

HORA SANTA EN ESPAÑOL

Ven a la Hora Santa, una hora para Dios. Oraci3n, meditaci3n, cantos y un momento de encuentro con Jesus Eucaristia.

Viernes, Febrero 20, 2026 a las 7:00 pm.

Confesiones: 6:00 pm.



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“Baptism, the door to life and to the Kingdom, is the first Sacrament of the New Law, which Christ offered to all that they might have eternal life, and which, together with the Gospel, he later entrusted to his Church when he commanded his Apostles: ‘Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’”

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Dignity of Baptism

Since the Fall, 21 adults from St. Michael Parish have been meeting weekly to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Nine English-speaking adults have been meeting with other adults from Our Lady of the Woods Parish, while 12 Spanish-speaking adults have been meeting weekly with Deacon Abel. As we are all in need of conversion throughout our lives, we are all encouraged to join with these adults in scrutinizing our own lives and to pray for God’s ongoing grace.



My Name is Jasmina Rauen...

I am a widow, mother of 4 boys, and Gamma of 3 boys and our angel, Christine Grace. I’ve worked at Jewel for 35 years. I had a health scare last year and decided I wanted to be closer to my family in the Catholic faith. I’ve been surprised at how I look forward to coming to church every Sunday and how it fulfills my start of the week.

**Jasmina Rauen, OCIA Catechumen
St. Michael Parish**



My Name is Nevaeh Ramos...

I am 23 and work at a salon as a hair apprentice. I’m kind of quiet but if there’s a conversation I can most definitely talk! I decided to join OCIA at this time because I had a strong calling to the Catholic faith. I grew up Pentecostal but always felt out of place. I’ve learned that not everything is literal and not everyone speaks in tongues. I learned that it’s ok to question.

**Nevaeh Ramos, OCIA Catechumen
Our Lady of the Woods Parish**



My name is Hyon (Eddie) Bourret...

I emigrated from the Republic of South Korea. I am 66 years old and retired. I enjoy walking daily and having lunch with friends. My family is Catholic and I realized that there is a lot to learn. I am enjoying learning more about being Catholic this year.

**Hyon (Eddie) Bourret, OCIA Catechumen
St. Michael Parish**

As Catechumen in our OCIA program Jasmina, Nevaeh, and Hyon will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026. As a parish family we ask you to support, affirm, and encourage Jasmina, Nevaeh, and Hyon through your prayers.

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MINISTRY

FAMILY MASS

We invite all parish, SMS, RE, and Youth Ministry families to our parish's third "FAMILY MASS" on **Sunday March 1st at 9:30 a.m.** As with the first two 'Family Masses', on Dec. 7th and Jan. 10th, members of many families will serve before, during, and after this Holy Mass as Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, in the Choir, and with hospitality after Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet and rejoice in the Holy Sacrament together, to share our love of Christ and God-given gifts in our community.



A Family Prayer

God made us a family.
 We need one another.
 We love one another.
 We forgive one another.
 We work together.
 We play together.
 We worship together.
 Together we use God's word.
 Together we grow in Christ.
 Together we love all people.
 Together we serve God.
 Together we hope for Heaven.
 These are our hopes and ideals.
 Help us to attain them, oh God,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

All High School Students are invited to take part in the Passion Play. The live presentation of the Passion of Our Lord is presented at the Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, March 28th & 29th. Teens are needed for acting and music.

Auditions will be Tuesday, February 24th & Wednesday, February 25th from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Teen Room. You need to only come one night to audition.

If you are unable to attend but would like to be involved in the play call Rose Koch at the Youth Ministry Office, 708-349-0903 ext. 650, rkoch@saintmike.com

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MASS INTENTIONS

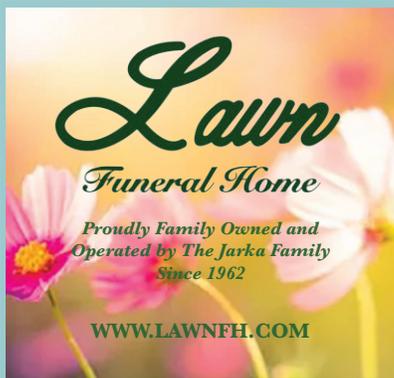
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Saturday 2/14	8:30 AM	Lena Cocco	Yasmine Ariana Molina	Mark Lunn
	4:30 PM	Don Latronica Cotter Family	Robert McCarthy Ruben Rosso Jr.	Lauricella Family Ann McConnell Rosso
Sunday 2/15	7:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	9:30 AM	Bob Klein Joyce Bauer	Sr. Marietta Umlor	Dan Calandriello & Family
	11:30 AM	William Flaherty Priests & Deacons of St. Michael Parish	Johanna Fitzgerald	Carole Holding Special Intention for Tomas Surico
Spanish	1:30 PM	Margarita Cervantes	Special Intention for Itxel Guerrero	
Monday 2/16	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Steve G. Larena	William Harrington	Margaret Lappin
Tuesday 2/17	6:30 AM	Special Intention for Michael Durante		
	8:00 AM	Irene Marcello-Evans	Vincent Cocco	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 2/18	6:30 AM	Charles W. Cummins		
	8:00 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
Thursday 2/19	6:30 AM	Robert Tesmond, Sr.	Alphonse Toranzo	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
Friday 2/20	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
Saturday 2/21	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	4:30 PM	Don Latronica	Kaz Scibor	
Sunday 2/22	7:30 AM	Thomas F. Kelly		
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	11:30 AM	Bridget Coyle	Mary DiFilippo	Special Intention for Tomas Surico
Spanish	1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Michael		

Prayer After Eucharist

My Jesus, I firmly believe I have received Your Body and Blood.
 I bow down my soul before You and adore You.
 With St. Peter, I say, "My Lord and My God."
 I thank you, O Good Jesus, for Your mercy to me.
 You have died to save me from sin, and now You have given me Yourself.
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
 O my sweet Mother Mary! Help me to thank Him.
 O My Guardian Angel and my Patron Saint! Help me to be thankful to my God.
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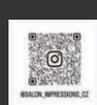


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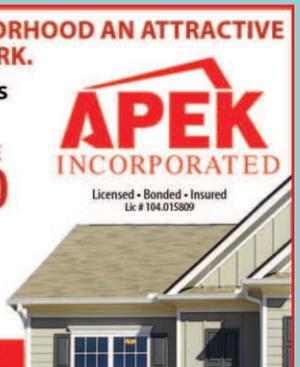
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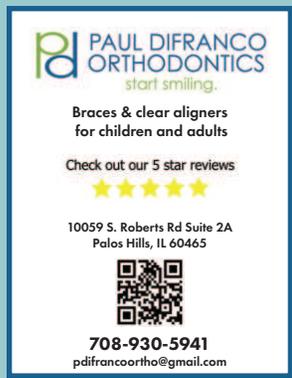
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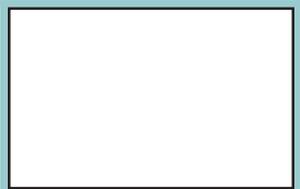


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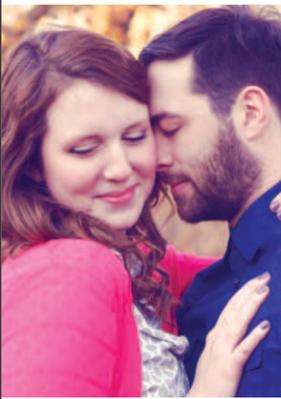
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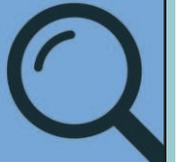
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Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8 a.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

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

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament Second Tuesday of each month 6 p.m.

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

Adoration Chapel is open

Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.,
Saturdays 7 a.m-5 p.m. Sunday 7 a.m-3 p.m.

Confessions: Every Saturday 3-4 p.m.

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To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Memorial Masses: Call the Parish office, 708-349-0903.

Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound who are unable to attend Mass. Call the Parish office, 708-349-0903.

Religious Education Office Hours

The week of Feb. 23: Mon, Tue 1-8 p.m.; Wed 1-6 p.m.; Thurs 5-8 p.m.
The week of Feb. 16: Tues, Thurs 1-6 p.m. All voice messages and emails sent to Kelly Martinez, 708-349-0903, x 633 will be returned promptly. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., no receptionist is on duty. Please call 708-349-0903 for assistance.)
During the school year the Church Building is closed every Wednesday from 12 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

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

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