

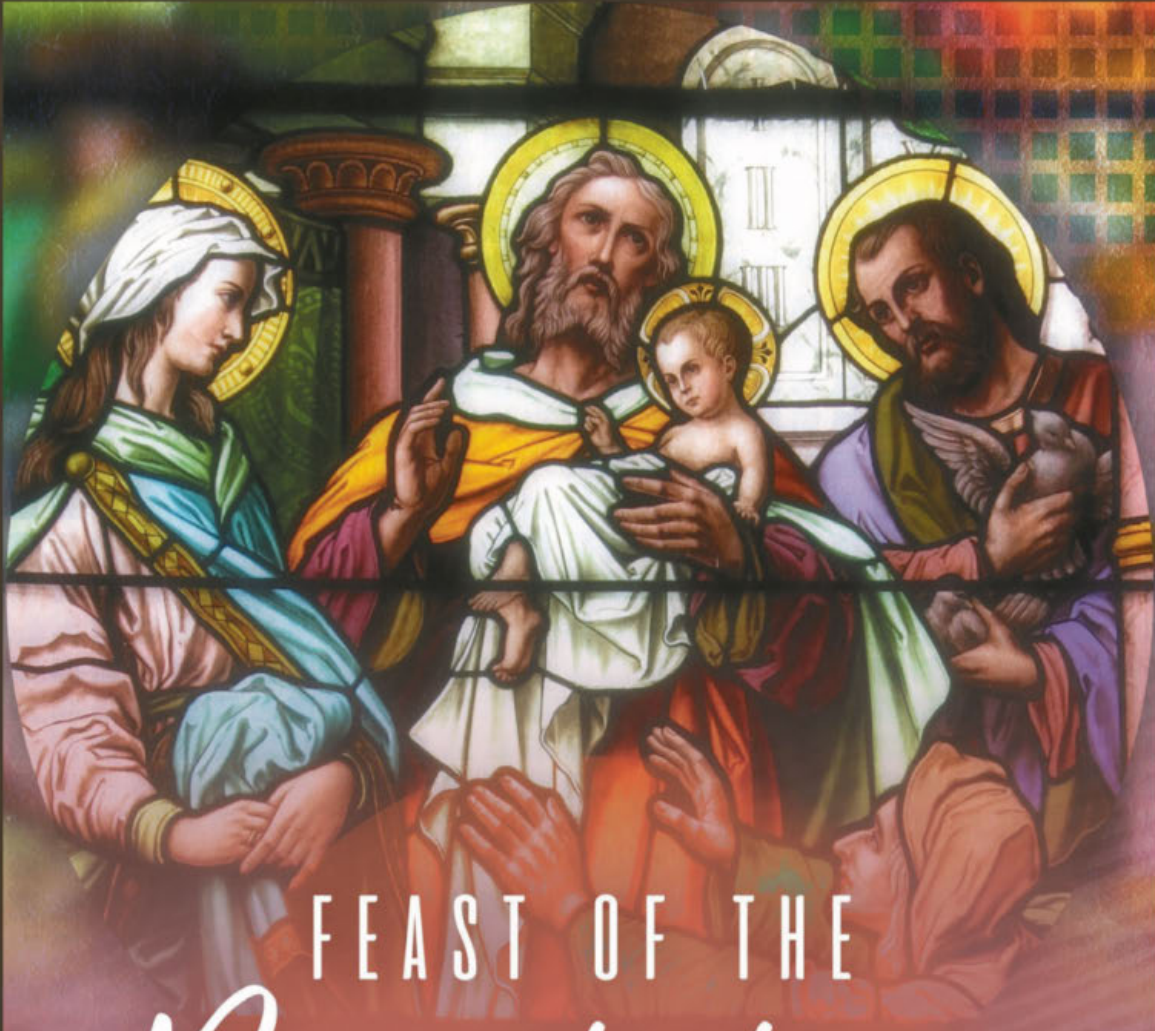
# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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FEAST OF THE  
*Presentation*  
of the Lord

## Father Frank's Fire

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple and present him to God in the same way parents bring their children to the Church for baptism. The Presentation indicates that Mary and Joseph were faithful Jewish people and followed Mosaic Law (The Law of Moses). Luke tells us that they offered a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. What is interesting is that the Mosaic Law required a year-old lamb to be offered. The family who could not afford a lamb offered a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. This is a clear indication that the Holy Family was not wealthy.

Simeon and Anna were present in the temple. They were faithful and both of them prayed for the salvation of Israel. Many people pray for our world. Members of religious orders spend hours a day praying for the salvation of the world. When was the last time you prayed for the conversion of the world? We seem to pray for our intentions or the intentions of someone we know. The entire world needs prayer, and Simeon and Anna provide a model for us to follow.

Simeon was so grateful for beholding the child Jesus that he offers this beautiful prayer:

Now Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and glory for your people Israel.

Simeon was promised that he would not see death until he saw the Promised One. The Word of God was fulfilled in Jesus. This same prayer is prayed during Night Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours is the prayer that priests, deacons, religious and many lay people pray daily. This Canticle is an acknowledgement that we have experienced the Savior in Jesus.

The encounters with Simeon and Anna are a way for Luke to present Jesus to both the Jewish people and the Gentiles. Jesus, Mary and Joseph return to Nazareth. The implication of the Presentation is that Jesus was raised as a faithful Jew and became well-versed in their laws and religious traditions.

Joseph and Mary raised Jesus in the practice of their faith. They taught Jesus the traditions, laws and practices. It is assumed that they also taught Jesus by example. Today families want to pass the teaching of the faith to the parish school and religious education programs. Yet it is in the home where children learn about the faith. It is by the example of our parents that we learn how to practice our faith. This is not the sole responsibility of teachers and catechists. If what is taught in the classroom is not practiced at home – it is lost or forgotten.

During the baptismal ritual parents are asked this simple question:

In asking for Baptism for your child,  
you are undertaking the responsibility  
of raising him/her in the faith,  
so that, keeping God's commandments,  
he/she may love the Lord and his/her neighbor  
as Christ taught us.  
Do you understand this responsibility?

This may be a simple question, but one accepts a tremendous responsibility – a responsibility that does not transfer to others. Our actions or inactions speak louder than words. ***Have you passed on our beautiful Catholic faith by both your words and your actions?***

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

Many families in our parish have received or will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. (This is not a scam!) The theme of this year’s appeal is **“Together We Bring Hope.”** On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who received funding from the Appeal, I wish to thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring hope.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal also funds services that are of great help to St. Michael Parish.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world, is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. ***The weekend of Feb. 15 & 16 is commitment weekend.*** As in prior years, we shall hear a recorded message from Cardinal Cupich and then have an opportunity to make a commitment to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our goal for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal was \$126,535 and, as of Jan. 21, 2025, \$202,530 was collected. We went over our goal and St. Michael will be receiving a rebate for going over our goal amount. ***I want to thank all of our generous donors that have helped to make the Annual Catholic Appeal a success.*** I ask you to join me in contributing to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

In Christ’s love,

Fr. Frank




**Annual Renewal of  
Wedding Vows  
Saturday, Feb. 15  
During the 4:30 p.m. Mass**

**All married couples  
will be invited to  
renew their wedding vows**



**Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 10858  
of Saint Michael Parish**



**CELEBRATING  
SCOUT SUNDAY  
This Sunday Feb. 2, 2025  
at 11:30 a.m. Mass**

*The Scout Law teaches:*  
A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. A Scout is faithful in their religious duties and respects the beliefs of others.

Scouts BSA designates the Sunday before Feb. 8, which is Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday. This is the primary day to praise the contributions of children and adults in Scouting.

*Thank you Father Frank and St. Michael Parish  
for recognizing the importance of Scouting  
to our community.*

**Yours in Scouting,  
Orland Park Troop 318      Orland Park Pack 372  
St. Michael's Pack 381**





**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

### Please Pray For The Sick

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

Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta,  
John Basta, Bernie Bittner, Kathy Bruss,  
Kevin Bushnell, Vince Candelerio,  
Patricia Chuchla, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura,  
Mary DiFilippo, James Dunne, Francene Fricano,  
Diane Gneda, 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, Patty McQuinn,  
Donna Micun, Art Morgan, Mary Anne Nievera,  
Dennis Noga, Rich O'Toole, Fred Pawlak,  
Ignacia and Moises Perez, Alice Prendergast,  
Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca,  
Cara Scanlon, Kevin Scanlon, Louise Sullivan,  
Nicole Torgerson, Jennie Vaccarell, Naty Velada,  
Violet, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak,  
Donna Wilczek, Lawrence Wojcik, Tom Wojcik  
and those injured in service to their country.

### Please Pray For

*Those who have died and their families*

Robert (Bob) Foster  
Arlene Gelfo  
Brendan Nelligan, brother-in-law of Carol Robin  
Betty Redwinski, mother of Janette Walsh



### Readings for the Week Feb. 2, 2025

Sunday: *The Presentation of the Lord*  
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11;  
Lk 5:1-11

Many years ago, according to the Jewish law, if the firstborn child was a boy, the infant would be consecrated to God to show their love and respect for Him. When parents did this, they would commit themselves to raise the child in the faith and dedicate their lives to God. Mary and Joseph trusted God, but they may not have known exactly what to do. Yet they continued to follow the tradition of their faith and followed God's Law by presenting Jesus in the Temple.



Mary held many things in her heart and fear was one of them. She knew that Jesus was destined to do great things, and that he also would suffer. But how and when would he suffer? Despite these fears, Mary continued to say "yes" to God. Mary wants all of us to know and love her son Jesus. She may not have understood her exact role in God's plan, but she raised Jesus in the best way she knew how. Mary following sacred traditions was one step of many she took.

I think that while our parents may not always have all the right answers either, they did choose to baptize us and bring us to church, and they want us to learn about Jesus. This is their way of following what they know to be true and respectful to God. Many people turn away from God because life isn't working out the way that they think it should. We must try our best to focus on God during the most difficult times in our lives. He is always there and He is listening; we just need to allow Him to work within us. Let us trust OUR earthly parents and guardians in leading us to the right path. Knowing God and behaving like Jesus is something we should strive to do daily.

Jesus suffered a lot. Mary knew that suffering would be part of her son's life but, rather than run away from it, she chose to continue to trust in God and worship Him. She knew that God wanted us to understand Him. She also knew that Jesus would be the One to help us to do this. We, too, will suffer. It is part of life. However, we must choose to take that suffering and look to God for guidance and strength.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, help us to be drawn to you. Help us to understand that suffering is a part of life but we should look to you to help us through what we don't understand.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Saturday, Feb. 1

- **Men's Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Ministry Rooms
- **Adult Trivia Night**-6:30 p.m.—Commons, MPR, Small Gym

### Sunday, Feb. 2

- **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

### Tuesday, Feb. 4

- **Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction**-7:00 p.m.—Church
- **Evangelization Ministry** -7:00 p.m.—Commons

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

- **Bible Study**—7:00 p.m.—Commons

### Thursday, Feb. 6

- **St. Michael Parents & Tots Playgroup**—9:30 a.m.—Commons
- **Youth Ministry Co-Ed Volleyball**—7:00 p.m.—MPR

### Friday, Feb. 7

- **St. Michael Concert Series**-7:00 p.m.—Church
- **Hispanic Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico Hispano**-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East

### Saturday, Feb. 8

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

### Sunday, Feb. 9

- **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



## Join us for Eucharistic Holy Hour This Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m. In the Church

Fr. Geoffrey will lead all gathered in Eucharistic Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction. Please join us for this beautiful time to receive God's grace, healing, mercy and comfort, as we lift our spirits up to Jesus!



## Join us for WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY This Wednesday @ 7PM in the Commons All Are Welcome!

Please join us each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for a deeper insight into the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. There's a video presentation followed by discussions about the video and the readings. We hope you can join us!

## Pre-K through 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade Children JOIN US FOR YOUNG PEOPLES' LITURGY OF THE WORD (YPLW) Every Sunday In English at 9:30AM Mass and In Spanish at 1:30PM Mass

Every Sunday throughout the year (*except Palm Sunday and Easter*), children of St. Michael Parish from Pre-K through 4th Grade are invited to participate in **Young Peoples' Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)** in English at the **9:30 AM Mass** and in Spanish at the **1:30 PM Mass**. Before the First Reading the children are called forward, blessed and sent to the Chapel. They listen to the Word of the Lord proclaimed by their peers. Then the YPLW Facilitator leads a reflection/discussion on the readings and how they apply to the lives of the children. **Children do not need to register to participate in YPLW. Just bring them to Mass and send them out to the chapel with the other children & the YPLW leader.**



**- ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -  
ORDER OF THE ELECT**

*“The Order of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who, upon hearing the proclamation of the mystery of Christ as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, consciously and freely seek the living God and undertake the journey of faith and conversion. By God’s power and their own preparation they will be strengthened with spiritual help and at the proper time will fruitfully receive the Sacraments.”*

**Second Vatican Council**

Since the fall, 15 adults from St. Michael Parish have been meeting weekly to learn more about our Catholic faith. Three 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. A few weeks ago at Mass, we formally “accepted” our Catechumen into deeper study and discussion. As we are all in need of conversion throughout our lives, we all are encouraged to join with these adults in scrutinizing our own lives and to pray for God’s ongoing grace.

As we introduce each of our Candidates (*those who will be completing their sacraments*), as well as our Catechumen (*those who will be baptized and receive their sacraments*), we ask for your continuing prayers.



*Alison Barron  
OCIA Catechumen  
St. Michael Parish*

**My Name is Alison Barron ...**

I am a healthcare marketer, a wife and the mom to two wonderful daughters who are 4- and 5-years-old. Our family life is always buzzing with energy, and we cherish finding moments of connection and peace together. I joined OCIA at this time because it feels like the right season of my life to grow spiritually and deepen my relationship with God. As my daughters grow, I want to set an example of living a faith-centered life and ensure they have a strong spiritual foundation. It has been inspiring to see how the Church’s traditions and values can guide families to grow closer to God together, and I’m eager to learn more about how to incorporate these teachings into our everyday family life.

*As a Catechumen in our OCIA program, Alison will receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – at 7:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday, April 19. As a parish family, we ask you to support, affirm and encourage Allison through your prayers.*



**We welcomed the following new parishioners to our parish in January:**

- Timothy & Mariana Clasby
- Fernando & Manuela Cruz
- Cody & Megan Gestes
- Matthew & Jamie Kita
- Arturo & Claudia Morales
- Pamela Nolan
- Sean & Marjorie Noonan
- Victor & Carolina Ruiz
- Irene Cabrera Sauno
- Deirdre Keary-Taylor



**Funerals & Memorials at St. Michael  
in January 2025**

- Lucille Carroll
- Evelyn Fernandez
- Robert Foster
- Joanne Frigo
- Arlene Gelfo
- Madonna “Donna” Kouba
- Eileen V. Leake
- Michael Lipowski
- Kenneth M. Saliga
- Anne A. Uhrina
- Connie Weber



St. Michael Concert Series  
Presents:  
**NATALIA KAZARYAN**  
PIANO  
FRIDAY, FEB. 7 AT 7:00 PM



PERFORMING AN ALL-RAVEL PROGRAM:  
JEUX D'EAU,  
PAVANE POUR UNE INFANTE DÉFUNTE &  
GASPARD DE LA NUIT

Saint Michael Parish  
14327 HIGHLAND AVE.  
ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

Join us on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Michael for a magnificent celebration of beloved composer Maurice Ravel's 150th birthday! **As part of the St. Michael Concert Series, we are thrilled to host pianist Natalia Kazaryan, performing an all-Ravel program** featuring selections from the composer's most iconic piano pieces including *Jeux d'eau*, *Pavane pour une infante défunte*, and *Gaspard de la nuit*. This recital is part of her North American tour featuring the complete cycle of Ravel's piano music.

A graduate of the Paris Conservatory, where she studied with a protégé of Ravel himself, Ms. Kazaryan is well-known as an expert interpreter of his works. She has been praised by *The New York Sun* for her "prodigious ability" and *Nice-Matin* for her "fascinating" and "elegant" artistry. With her deep connection to Ravel's artistry and an international career gracing prestigious venues, Ms. Kazaryan promises an unforgettable evening.

Admission is free, with donations graciously accepted to support the ongoing mission of the St. Michael Concert Series.

*In order to continue to host these talented artists, sponsors and private donations are needed and welcome. Please contact Gary Patin at [gpatin@saintmike.com](mailto:gpatin@saintmike.com) if you would like to become a sponsor or benefactor.*



**In January we welcomed the following children who were baptized into our faith community...**

***Timothy James Clasby, Jr.***  
Son of Timothy and Mariana

***John Brian Fesh***  
Son of Nicholas and Jeana

***Mateo Tetteh Gorleku***  
Son of Jamir and Victoria

***Mia Ailani Urquizo Joj***  
Daughter of Cecilio and Yenifer

***Danica Trishelle Noonan***  
Daughter of Eric and Cherisa

***Lucas Grant Polodna***  
Son of Robert and Leslie

## Peter the Rock



### HOW THE MESSIAH TRANSFORMED A MAN

**Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr  
17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

This one-man show tells the story of the Apostle Peter, imprisoned in a Roman jail and reflects on his life with Christ. With humor and pathos, the show presents Peter's strengths and weaknesses.

**A free will donation will go to St. Vincent de Paul**



## Mark Your Calendars For Our February Hospitality Hours Saturday, Feb. 15 & Sunday, Feb. 16

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

**Special Thanks go out to Orland Park Bakery  
For its Generous Donations of Delicious Baked Goods & Sandwiches**

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 Ministry Leads: Ellie Olson: [ero1958@yahoo.com](mailto:ero1958@yahoo.com) or 708-699-7224; and Laura Macias: [macias.l@comcast.net](mailto:macias.l@comcast.net) or 773-485-1018. Thank you!



### The Relevance of the Church

Join the Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC) for one of three Zoom discussions on the relevance of the Church.

**Our goal is to hear the voices of 200 or more women.** Discussion will address the following:

- How relevant is the Church in the lives of women today?
- What are three essential things a parish must have in order to be relevant (or more relevant) in women's lives?
- How has the practice of your faith changed since the pandemic? In what ways has your parish continued to or failed to nurture you in your new practices?

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation. To register, please scan the QR code or click on your desired session below.



**Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 7-8:30 PM - [bit.ly/AWCVOW0219](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0219)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 25 - 7-8:30 PM - [bit.ly/AWCVOW0225](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0225)**

**Monday, March 3 - 7-8:30 PM - [bit.ly/AWCVOW0303](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0303)**

The Archdiocese Women's Committee is an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. It serves as an advisory committee that works directly with Cardinal Cupich.

### Mental Health Awareness Ministry **FEBRUARY PRAYER GATHERING** Wednesday, Feb. 26 7:00pm in the Chapel

If you or someone you love is struggling and/or living with mental health afflictions, members of our Mental Health Awareness Ministry are here

to accompany you with compassion, prayer and holy listening. We gather in our parish chapel the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We each light a candle and offer prayer intentions, praying through the intercession of St. Dymphna. We then listen to and reflect on scripture, followed by praying together the rosary, a Chaplet or Stations of the Cross with meditations for those with mental illness and their families.

**All are welcome to join us at our next gathering.**

For more information, visit

<https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/>.







## Youth Ministry Mission Trip

### Information Meeting on Feb. 19 at 7pm

### Trip Dates: June 1-7, 2025

### Trip is Open to All Freshman through Seniors

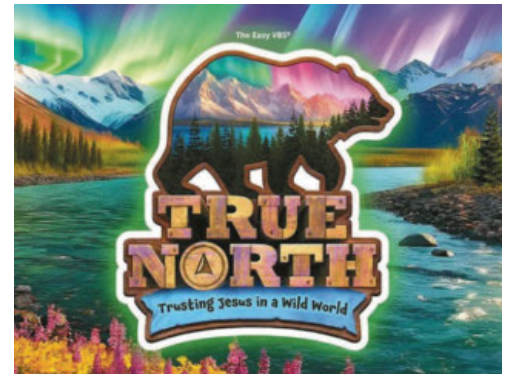
Youth Ministry will be travelling to Charleston, West Virginia, to work for Habitat for Humanity this summer. We will be going Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. An information meeting about the trip is Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the Teen Room at 7:00pm. All Freshmen through Seniors are welcome to attend the week of service. Please contact Youth Minister Rose Koch for more information at [rkoch@saintmike.com](mailto:rkoch@saintmike.com).



## Mark Your Calendar for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27, 2025

### TRUE NORTH

*Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*



*Finding your way in a world gone wild.*

We have – our true north!

Give your kids a rock-solid foundation and

Point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

Volunteers are needed . . . adults, teens & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Please contact Rose Koch at [rkoch@saintmike.com](mailto:rkoch@saintmike.com) for more information.

VICARIATE V  ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

### LITURGY TRAINING



## CAN YOU SERVE AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR AT ST. MICHAEL?

### Liturgy Training Sessions are Feb. 11-13, 2025

Each one of us is called to serve our Lord and grow His church here on earth and perhaps you're being called to serve at our Masses as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or a Lector. Our Vicariate for the Archdiocese of Chicago is offering a **Initial Liturgy Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors.**

Sessions will be held on Feb. 11-13, 2025, from 7-9 p.m. at Incarnation/St. Terrence Parish, 4300 W. 119th Place, Alsip.

**ALL** attend the session on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. on the scriptural foundation and the overview of the liturgy. Initial Training for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m. Initial Training for Lectors will take place on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 7-9 p.m. To register, visit <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>.

For more information about being a Liturgical Minister at St. Michael, please contact Susan O'Connell at [soconnell@saintmike.com](mailto:soconnell@saintmike.com) or 708- 349-0903, ext. 672.

## El Espiritu del Padre Frank

Hoy celebramos la Presentación del Señor. María y José llevan a Jesús al templo y lo presentan a Dios de la misma manera que los padres llevan a sus hijos a la Iglesia para el bautismo. La Presentación indica que María y José eran judíos fieles y seguían la Ley Mosaica (la Ley de Moisés). Lucas nos dice que ofrecieron un par de tórtolas o dos pichones. Lo interesante es que la Ley Mosaica exigía que se ofreciera un cordero de un año. La familia, que no podía permitirse un cordero, ofreció un par de tórtolas o dos pichones. Esto es una clara indicación de que la Sagrada Familia no era rica.

Simeón y Ana estaban presentes en el templo. Eran fieles y ambos oraron por la salvación de Israel. Mucha gente ora por nuestro mundo. Los miembros de las órdenes religiosas pasan horas al día orando por la salvación del mundo. ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que oraste por la conversión del mundo? Parece que oramos por nuestras intenciones o por las intenciones de alguien que conocemos. El mundo entero necesita oración, y Simeón y Ana nos ofrecen un modelo a seguir.

Simeón estaba tan agradecido al contemplar al niño Jesús que ofreció esta hermosa oración:

Ahora pues, Señor, puedes dejar ir a tu siervo  
en paz, conforme a tu palabra,  
porque han visto mis ojos tu salvación,  
la que has preparado a la vista de todos los pueblos;  
luz para revelación a las naciones,  
y gloria para tu pueblo Israel.

A Simeón se le prometió que vería la muerte hasta que viera al Prometido. La Palabra de Dios se cumplió en Jesús. Esta misma oración se reza durante la Oración de la Noche de la Liturgia de las Horas. La Liturgia de las Horas es la oración que los sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y muchos laicos rezan diariamente. Este Cántico es un reconocimiento de que hemos experimentado al Salvador en Jesús.

Los encuentros con Simeón y Ana son una manera para Lucas de presentar a Jesús tanto al pueblo judío como a los gentiles. Jesús, María y José regresan a Nazaret. La presentación implica que Jesús fue criado como un judío fiel y llegó a conocer bien sus leyes y tradiciones religiosas.

José y María criaron a Jesús en la práctica de su fe. Le enseñaron las tradiciones, leyes y prácticas. Se supone que también le enseñaron con el ejemplo. Hoy en día, las familias quieren transmitir la enseñanza de la fe a la escuela parroquial y a los programas de educación religiosa. Sin embargo, es en el hogar donde los niños aprenden sobre la fe. Es mediante el ejemplo de nuestros padres que aprendemos a practicar nuestra fe. Esto no es responsabilidad exclusiva de los maestros y catequistas. Si lo que se enseña en el aula no se practica en casa, se pierde o se olvida.

Durante el ritual bautismal se les hace a los padres esta sencilla pregunta:

Al pedir el Bautismo para tu hijo,  
asumes la responsabilidad  
de educarlo en la fe,  
para que, guardando los mandamientos de Dios,  
ame al Señor y al prójimo  
como Cristo nos enseñó.  
¿Entiendes esta responsabilidad?

Puede que sea una pregunta sencilla, pero uno acepta una enorme responsabilidad, una responsabilidad que no se transfiere a los demás. Nuestras acciones o inacciones hablan más que las palabras. ***¿Ha transmitido usted nuestra hermosa fe católica con sus palabras y sus acciones?***

### Campaña católica anual

Muchas familias de nuestra parroquia han recibido o recibirán el correo de la Campaña Católica Anual del Cardenal Cupich. El tema de la Campaña de este año es “Juntos traemos esperanza”. En nombre de aquellos a quienes sirven los ministerios, parroquias y escuelas que recibieron fondos de la Campaña, deseo agradecerles por su generosidad.

La Campaña Católica Anual ofrece una oportunidad para unirse a otros y afirmar que “juntos traemos Esperanza.” además de proveer para ministerios y servicios en toda la Arquidiócesis, la Campaña Católica Anual también financia servicios que son de gran ayuda para la Parroquia de San Miguel.

Al contemplar los muchos dones que Dios nos ha dado, también deberíamos reflexionar sobre nuestra gratitud. Su apoyo financiero para el trabajo de nuestra parroquia, nuestra Arquidiócesis y la Iglesia en todo el mundo es una forma de expresar esta gratitud. Por favor, done lo que pueda a la Campaña Católica Anual de 2025. **Como en años anteriores, el fin de semana del 15 y 16 de febrero es el fin de semana de compromiso.** Escucharemos un mensaje grabado del Cardenal Cupich y luego tendremos la oportunidad de comprometernos con la Campaña Católica Anual de 2025.

Nuestra meta para la Campaña Católica Anual de 2024 era de \$126,535 y al 21 de enero de 2025, se habían recaudado \$202,530. Superamos nuestra meta y St. Michael recibirá un reembolso por superar nuestra meta. **Quiero agradecer a todos nuestros generosos donantes que han ayudado a que la Campaña Católica Anual sea un éxito.** Les pido que se unan a mí para contribuir con la Campaña Católica Anual de 2025.

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**Masses for the Week — February 1—February 9**

<b>Saturday 2/1</b>	8:30 AM	Feria & Ilagan Families		
	4:30 PM	Cheryl Lenart-Cann Lyle Warchol	Nicholas Schuber Ruben Rosso, Jr., Elsa Garcia & Jaime Garcia Quinpanar	Michael Ahl Alice Dzurisin
<b>Sunday 2/2</b>	7:30 AM	Purificacion Ilagan	Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski	Bill, Nancy & David Jungles
	9:30 AM	Patrick Murphy Mary Carmody	Thomas Russell Ignatius Brennan	
	11:30 AM	Rita Hilliard	L.D. Lappin	Patricia Erbach
<i>Spanish</i> →	1:30 PM	Gente de St. Michael		
<b>Monday 2/3</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Bill Finnegan		
	8:00 AM	Thomas K. Crotty	Amparo Toranzo	
<b>Tuesday 2/4</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Leo Lyons		
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<b>Wednesday 2/5</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	William "Bill" Baker	Robert Kohlstedt	
<b>Thursday 2/6</b>	6:30 AM	Deacon Jim Janicek		
	8:00 AM	Larry Hartigan	Clair V.	
<b>Friday 2/7</b>	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	People of St. Michael Parish		
<b>Saturday 2/8</b>	8:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	4:30 PM	Patricia Erbach Pedro Velada	Judi Hannon Deceased of Velada Family	Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski
<b>Sunday 2/9</b>	7:30 AM	Hank Bauer	Evelyn Fernandez	
	9:30 AM	Christopher Lechowicz Chuck Hopper	Lisa Stokes John O'Connell	Mary Carmody
	11:30 AM	John Bandyk	Teresa H. Panelo	John & Catherine Walczak
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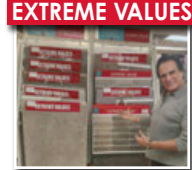


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