

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

• 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT •

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FR. FRANK'S FIRE

The gospel today tells the story of the temptations of Christ. I think that each of us has been tempted to do or say something that we knew was wrong. Perhaps we were tempted to lie, or to cheat in a game, on a test, or even on our income taxes. Perhaps we tried to take the easy way out or succumbed to peer pressure to drink or try illegal drugs. Perhaps we sought physical pleasure through inappropriate relationships. Temptations are all around us and it is difficult to stay strong and solid in our faith. Many people when caught doing something wrong quickly dismiss their action by saying, “the devil made me do it.”

Today, Jesus encounters the devil and is tempted. Jesus had been fasting and praying for a long time and I am sure that he was weak. Jesus, being fully human, also had weaknesses and the devil knew exactly what they were – just as he does for us. However, the good news is that Jesus was victorious against the devil – because he placed his hope and trust in God alone! Jesus knew that it was only through the power of prayer and the grace of the Holy Spirit that he would prevail.

The same holds true for us. The good news is that Jesus shows us that we can be victorious over our temptations. We do not have to submit to the ways or pressures of the world and not even the taunts and temptations of the devil have power over us. If we choose to use the power of prayer and the grace of the Holy Spirit there is nothing that we cannot do and there is nothing that can harm us. Let us take an example from Jesus on how to be strong against the power of evil.

The Holy Season of Lent

On Ash Wednesday, we were 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.

You will notice a change in the liturgy during the season of Lent. The green vestments have been replaced with violet to remind us of the somberness of the season. The Gloria is omitted, and the word *Alleluia* is not said or sung during Lent. All of this preparing us for Easter glory, where we boldly proclaim that we are an Alleluia people, who have been saved by the Cross of Jesus and are called to new life in the joy of God’s Spirit.

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? Is it money, friends, summer homes, vacations, sports, or television? Recall the words of Christ – be prepared for you do not know the day or hour. How much more time are you willing to gamble? May we rise from the ashes of sin and come alive with the fire of faith given to us at Pentecost!



FR. FRANK'S FIRE

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week!

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a 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.

You can take the survey online with this link: <https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p5xx18>

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up your survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the Narthex and in the Parish Office. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off at the Parish Office.

At St. Michael, we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in detail, as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.

The survey is available now through March 31. All responses are anonymous and the parish will receive information about the community as a whole.

Yours in the Crucified Christ,
Fr. Frank

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.



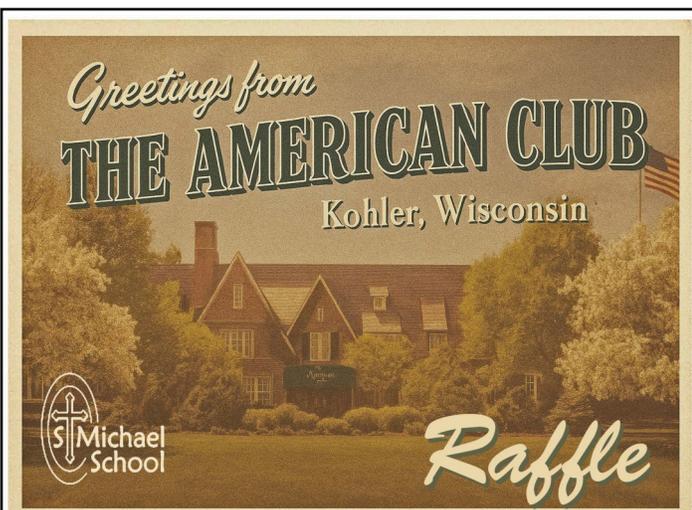
THE WORD, WE PRAY & HEY, KIDS

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17, Rom 5:12-19, 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc8, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9



Hey Kids! Lent season is upon us - giving us all the opportunity to become closer to God. Lent is 40 days to help us prepare for not only those being baptized on Easter but also a focus on getting ourselves ready to renew our own baptismal promises. We do this through three Lenten sacrifices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When I was a young child, I had a gloomy image of Lent. I thought Lenten sacrifices were something to dread or complain out. I thought it was a punishment to take away my favorite toys or to give up my time with my friends to help others. Looking back, I was selfish and did not really understand why we make these sacrifices. Over time, I learned that our attachments to things or behaviors get in the way of our relationship with God. It is a time to grow closer to God and it strengthens our relationship with Him. Through the years, all the almsgiving, prayer and fasting has only helped me grow closer to God. I pray this for you too. We are called to live simply during Lent and sacrifice like Jesus did for us. This Lenten season, what can you go without that draws you away from God? What can you do to draw you closer to Him? Use the time when you are fasting to pray and reflect on Jesus. If you give of your time to help others, try to imagine Jesus at your side helping you give love to others. Jesus is all love - help spread His love to all those in need of it. Help make this world a beautiful place by acting more like Jesus. May God bless you and draw you closer to Him. May all see the Light that shines within you. Amen.



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Winner will be drawn Friday, February 27, 2026 live on Instagram

Questions Contact: smsschoolboard@saintmike.org

All federal, state and local income taxes are the sole responsibility of the individual winner



HOSPITALITY

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

February 28 after 4:30 p.m. Mass & March 1 after all Masses

Missionary Families for Christ Ministry will be hosting and serving refreshments. We'd greatly appreciate your donations of baked goods, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, mini sandwiches and fruit. If you can contribute items for our Hospitality Weekend, please contact: Ellie Olson, ero1958@yahoo.com, 708-699-7224 or, Laura Macias, macias.l@comcast.net, 773-485-1018. Thank you.

WE PRAY & WHAT'S HAPPENING



We pray for those who have died and their families:

Joseph M. Evers

Husband of Mary

Father of David, Margaret and Maureen

Richard W. Pisarski Sr.

Father of Julie Meehan and Richard Jr.

Mary A. Tuminello

Mother of Gina

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, Maria Tomasa Alvarez, Marie Andrews, John Baker, Glenn Bailey, John Basta, Anthony Belmonte Sr., Cheryl Boyle, Alex Brandt, Vince Candelero, Patricia Chuchla, Loretta Ciszak, Aileen Collura, Carolyn Edison, Carole Gacek, Joyce Gerk, Lisa Johnston, 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, Patty McQuinn, Donna Micun, Sandra Molina, Bill Nebel, Mary Anne Nievera, Kenneth Osowski, Patricia Osowski, Alice Prendergast, AJ Rother, Kevin Scanlan, Cara Scanlon, Ofelia Sevilla, Joe Steiskel, Nicole Torgerson, Hank Veith, Naty Velada, Violet, Judy Walker, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Lawrence Wojcik, Lucille Wrobel, and those injured in service to their country.



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 **CANCELED**
- 3-4 p.m. Confessions, Confessional Rooms
- 4 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Sale, 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, FEAST OF ST. POLYCARP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9 a.m. Hooks and Needles, Ministry Room East
- 7 p.m. Teen Passion Play Auditions, Teen Room
- 7 p.m. Evangelization/Scripture Study, Commons North

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West
- 6:30 p.m. English Bible Study, Commons C
- 6:30 p.m. Mental Health Awareness Ministry, Chapel
- 7 p.m. Teen Passion Play Auditions, Teen Room
- 7 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble Choir, Church & Min Room W
- 7 p.m. Hispanic Choir, Ministry Room East

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 10 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Room East
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir, Church
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Angel Rosary, Chapel
- 7 p.m. High School Volleyball, MPR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 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
- 7 p.m. Father Daughter Dance, Small Gym
- 7 p.m. Hispanic Bible Class, Ministry Room West

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 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, **CANCELED**
- 11 a.m. First Reconciliation, Church
- 3 - 4 p.m. Confessions, Confessional Rooms
- 4 p.m. Ticket Sales for Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Narthex

Hospitality after 4:30 p.m. Mass in MPR

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Hospitality after all Masses in MPR

- 7 a.m. Ticket Sales for Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Family Mass

LENT



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

PICK UP LENTEN CROSSES IN THE NARTHEX

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 has placed 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. 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.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The Lenten Fish Fry is returning to St Mikes on **Friday, March 27th**. It will be held in the MPR and all are welcome. Ticket sales will be held before and after all weekend masses in the coming weeks. Stay tuned.

FISH FRY

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

SOUP

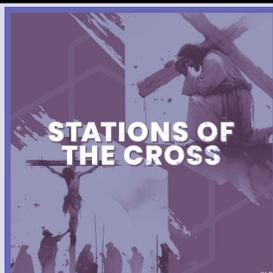
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Frídays, February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, & 20
Ministry Rooms East and West



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



THE SEASON OF LENT

El Tiempo de Cuaresma
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EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

El Evangelio de hoy narra las tentaciones de Cristo. Creo que todos hemos sido tentados a hacer o decir algo que sabíamos que estaba mal. Quizás fuimos tentados a mentir, a hacer trampa en un juego, en un examen o incluso en la declaración de impuestos. Quizás intentamos tomar la salida fácil o sucumbimos a la presión social para beber o probar drogas ilegales. Quizás buscamos placer físico mediante relaciones inapropiadas. Las tentaciones nos rodean, y es difícil mantenernos fuertes y firmes en nuestra fe. Muchas personas, cuando son descubiertas haciendo algo malo, rápidamente desestiman su acción diciendo: "El diablo me obligó a hacerlo."

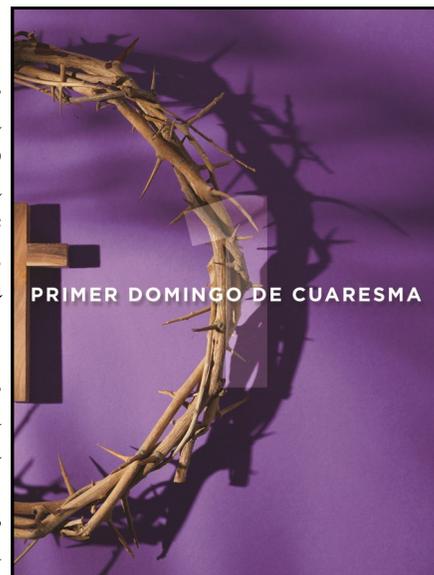
Hoy, Jesús se enfrenta al diablo y es tentado. Jesús había estado ayunando y orando durante mucho tiempo, y estoy seguro de que era débil. Jesús, siendo plenamente humano, también tenía debilidades, y el diablo sabía exactamente cuáles eran, al igual que las conoce por nosotros. Sin embargo, la buena noticia es que Jesús salió victorioso contra el diablo, ¡porque puso su esperanza y confianza solo en Dios! Jesús sabía que sólo mediante el poder de la oración y la gracia del Espíritu Santo podría prevalecer.

Lo mismo aplica a nosotros. La buena noticia es que Jesús nos muestra que podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones. No tenemos que someternos a las costumbres ni a las presiones del mundo, y ni siquiera las burlas y tentaciones del diablo tienen poder sobre nosotros. Si elegimos usar el poder de la oración y la gracia del Espíritu Santo, no hay nada que no podamos hacer ni nada que pueda dañarnos. Tomemos el ejemplo de Jesús sobre cómo ser fuertes contra el poder del mal.

El Tiempo Santo de Cuaresma

El Miércoles de Ceniza, fuimos marcados con ceniza para recordarnos quiénes somos, pecadores, y como las ramas secas, anticipamos 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: decidir por la conversión y volver a Dios. Durante la Cuaresma, estamos llamados a purificarnos mediante el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y las disciplinas tradicionales de oración, ayuno y limosna.

Notarás un cambio en la liturgia durante la Cuaresma. Las vestimentas verdes han sido reemplazadas por violetas para recordarnos la solemnidad de la época. Se omite el Gloria y no se recita ni se canta la palabra Aleluya durante la Cuaresma. Todo esto nos prepara para la gloria de la Pascua, donde proclamamos con valentía que somos un pueblo Aleluya, salvados por la Cruz de Jesús y llamados a una nueva vida en la alegría del Espíritu de Dios.



Les animo encarecidamente a no desperdiciar estos próximos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, sino a aprovecharlos al máximo. Aprovechen las diversas oportunidades de oración para profundizar su relación con Cristo. Cada año, Dios nos da este tiempo para nuestra renovación y conversión. ¿Qué es más importante que tu alma? ¿El dinero, los amigos, las casas de verano, las vacaciones, los deportes o la televisión? Recuerden las palabras de Cristo: prepárense para quienes no saben el día ni la hora. ¿Cuánto tiempo más están dispuestos a arriesgar? ¡Que resurgimos de las cenizas del pecado y revivamos con el fuego de la fe que se nos dio en Pentecostés!

EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

¡La encuesta del Índice de Creadores de Discípulos está abierta esta semana!

Nuestra parroquia está en un camino para conocer, amar y servir a Cristo como comunidad parroquial. Juntos, debemos abrazar la visión de Cristo para el discipulado misionero para que nuestra parroquia pueda prosperar y ser un lugar donde otros crezcan 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 Hacedores de **Discípulos (IMD)**. El **IMD** es una importante herramienta de encuesta que te invita a reflexionar sobre tu trayectoria de discipulado aquí en San Miguel.



Puedes realizar la encuesta en línea a través de este enlace: <https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p5xx18>

- Tus aportaciones ayudan a fortalecer nuestra parroquia.
- Los resultados ayudan a los líderes a prepararse para el futuro.

Si prefieres una copia impresa, puedes recogerla después de las misas diarias y dominicales. Encontrarás una copia en el Nártex y en la Oficina Parroquial para entregarla. Por favor, déjala en la Oficina Parroquial.

En San Miguel, somos bendecidos de muchas maneras. Juntos, identificaremos nuestras fortalezas y oportunidades en detalle, mientras nos esforzamos por crecer en el discipulado misionero.

La encuesta está disponible desde ahora hasta el 31 de marzo. Todas las respuestas son anónimas y la parroquia recibirá información sobre la comunidad en su conjunto.

En la Paz de Cristo Crucificado,

P. Frank

REGISTER TODAY FOR

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Consider this a "Spa Day for your Soul"
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presents



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Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m - 3 p.m.

at St. Michael Parish

Retreat Cost: \$35

(includes breakfast, lunch and all materials)

Thank you to our Community for your support of the St. Michael's Women's Retreat. We have reached maximum capacity for this event and are no longer accepting registration. If you would like to be put on the waitlist for the retreat, please send an email to [Kathy Guarino at kathyguarino1063@gmail.com](mailto:kathyguarino1063@gmail.com) We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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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

- Todos los Miércoles: Santo Rosario por las Vocaciones ante el Santísimo a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla de Adoración.
- Marzo 7 - 9:00 am a 3:00 pm - Retiro de Cuaresma.
- Marzo 9 - Servicio de Reconciliación parroquial (Confesiones). 6:15 pm

RETIRO DE CUARESMA 2026

No se pierda esta oportunidad tener un tiempo de encuentro con usted mismo y con Dios. **Nuestro retiro de Cuaresma será el Sábado, Marzo 7, 2026 de 9:00 am a 3:00 pm. Sacerdote predicador invitado.** Inscripciones comienzan la primera semana de Febrero en el Narthex después de la Santa Misa. Donación para el lunch: 15 Dólares.

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 oración por tus intenciones y las de tu familia. Todos son bienvenidos.



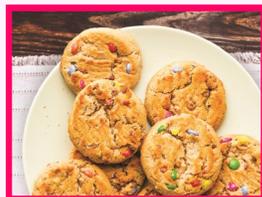
PEREGRINACION ANUAL A LAS ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ - ST JOHN.

El Sabado 28 de Marzo, ultimo dia de cuaresma iremos como cada año a las estaciones de la Cruz en St John Indiana. Por favor, guarde la fecha en su calendario mas información en las siguientes semanas. Gracias.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

THIS WEEKEND!

Girl Scout Cookies will be for sale before and after masses on Feb 21st and 22nd!



We'll have your favorites and the newest cookie too! Please consider stopping by our table in the Narthex and support your local Girl Scout troops!

Cookies are \$6 a box and cash, card, zelle accepted.

St. Michael Concert Series

THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

THIS SUNDAY, FEB 22!
4:30 PM

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“By his Death and Resurrection, Christ has opened for us a wellspring of holiness and grace. This gift is made available to us in an especially powerful way in the Church’s Sacraments. The Sacraments of Initiation are those through which Christians receive birth, growth and nourishment.”

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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 Cheyenne Jordan...



I love to travel and experience new things. I have been a flight attendant for ten years and I get to learn and see so many different perspectives. I have thought about OCIA for a while and was tired of feeling like I was half committing. I am ready to embrace my faith. I am eager to dive deeper and learn more about the beauty and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Cheyenne Jordan
OCIA Candidate
Our Lady of the Woods Parish

My Name Jacob Helman...



I am 25 years old. I am trying to learn guitar and play sports. Two years ago a friend invited me to St. Michael’s and I’ve been attending ever since. I decided to join OCIA to learn more about Catholicism and to further my faith. I want to learn why we do certain traditions and why they are important.

Jacob Helman
OCIA Candidate
St. Michael Parish

As Candidates in our OCIA program Cheyanne and Jacob will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at 7 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026. As a parish family we ask you to support, affirm and encourage Cheyenne and Jacob through your prayers.

YOUTH & PARISH MINISTRY

PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

All High School Students are invited to take part in the Passion Play.

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.

To get involved, call Rose Koch at the Youth Ministry Office, 708-349-0903 ext. 650, rkoch@saintmike.com



VIP/Father Daughter Dance A Night in Paris

For all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls at St. Michael School & Parish

Friday, February 27th 7-9pm

St. Michael Small Gymnasium
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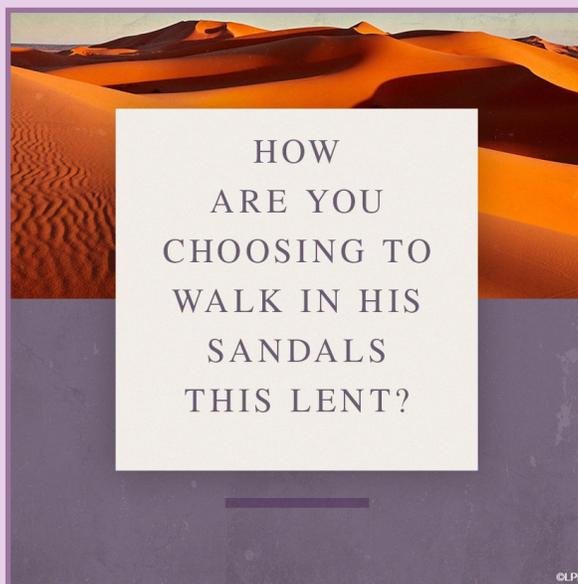
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Sunday 2/22	7:30 AM	Thomas F. Kelly		
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	11:30 AM	Bridget Coyle	Mary DiFilippo	Special Intention for Tomas Surico
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Monday 2/23	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
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Tuesday 2/24	6:30 AM	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
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Wednesday 2/25	6:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Helen Juirasek		
Thursday 2/26	6:30 AM	Special Intention for Karen Wojcik		
	8:00 AM	Barbara Duffy	Special Intention for Jhavon George	Holy Poor Soul in Purgatory
Friday 2/27	6:30AM	Parishioners of St. Michael		
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