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SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 2025



7th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

Father Frank's Fire

Some of Jesus' teachings are difficult for us to accept. Sometimes we are tempted to simply dismiss them as being just too impossible to follow. Today's gospel lays the foundation for Christian love and charity – a teaching that is difficult, and yet one that is at the essence of who Christ is. Jesus tells us, “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” This is preposterous – you have to be kidding – Jesus wants me to love those who would harm me?

Authentic Christian love is perplexing to our society. Society tells us that we must protect ourselves from our enemies, get them before they get you, and never place yourself in a vulnerable position. The scriptures tell us to do just the opposite. Christian love is a virtue – it is not something that we can readily attain without prayer, the proper disposition of our hearts or the grace of the Holy Spirit. This is where our actions speak louder than our words.

Why is this so important for us? The way we treat others is the same way that God would treat us. So many times, we rattle off prayers and we do not even understand the words we are saying. Did you know that in the “Our Father” we pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”? In our prayer, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. Therefore, if we forgive unconditionally, then we are asking God to forgive us unconditionally; if we refuse to forgive, then we ask God not to forgive us.

There are times when we feel it is impossible to forgive. Perhaps a spouse, family member, friend, neighbor, business associate or someone we admired betrayed us. We may have thought, “I will never forgive them for what they did to me!” Or “I’ll show them how long I can stay angry.” Or even “They will pay for what they did to me!” Ironically, when we hold on to our anger, the only one we hurt is ourselves. Anger often turns into bitterness, rage, resentment and revenge. These feelings keep stirring within us and can literally make us ill.

Jesus offers us a way out of this vicious cycle. The only way out is to forgive those who have hurt us. This is no easy task, and we cannot do it without God's grace. With God, all things are possible. We are approaching the Holy Season of Lent – perhaps this is the time to work on forgiving the person or persons who have hurt you – you know... the ones that you just cannot seem to forgive. There is an old hymn that puts today's gospel into simple words: “They will know we are Christians by our love.” During this time, look to Jesus crucified. Jesus showed us that it could be done. He forgave those who beat and killed him. We should follow his example.

Eileen Cocco – The Face of Christ

Eileen Cocco, wife of Deacon Tony, passed away on Feb. 9, 2025. I am deeply saddened by her passing, as I know many of you are. Eileen dedicated her life to her family and to the parish family of St. Michael. Let us take comfort in the words of St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians:

“Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but, we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed...”

‘Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O Death is your victory?

Where, O Death is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”



For the truth is that death does not have the final word. Life does because of the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. Eileen believed this with her whole being, and while she endured the Cross of suffering, she always kept the faith.

Deacon Tony and Eileen were married for 66 years, and their partnership was not only in the home but also in their shared love of ministry here at St. Michael. Eileen began the Elizabeth Ministry, and she helped with baptisms and RCIA. She also was a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and a Minister of Communion to the Homebound, to mention only a few of ministries that she was involved in.

Her only desire was to constantly give of herself. Eileen was an excellent listener who always took time to be present to people. A professional teacher by trade for 38 years, she also taught so many on how to be a disciple by her example. One of Eileen's favorite scripture passages is from the Book of the Prophet Micah, Chapter 6 Verse 8: *"You have been told, O Mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."* Eileen not only liked this scripture; she lived by it.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen. Let us also pray for Tony her husband, their five children, their spouses and their 14 grandchildren. Thank you, Eileen, for being a true disciple of Christ and a true friend to many. Your love and life are a reflection of God's love for us. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Our world is brighter and filled with more love and joy because of you. It goes without saying – you are already missed – we love you!

In Christ's love,

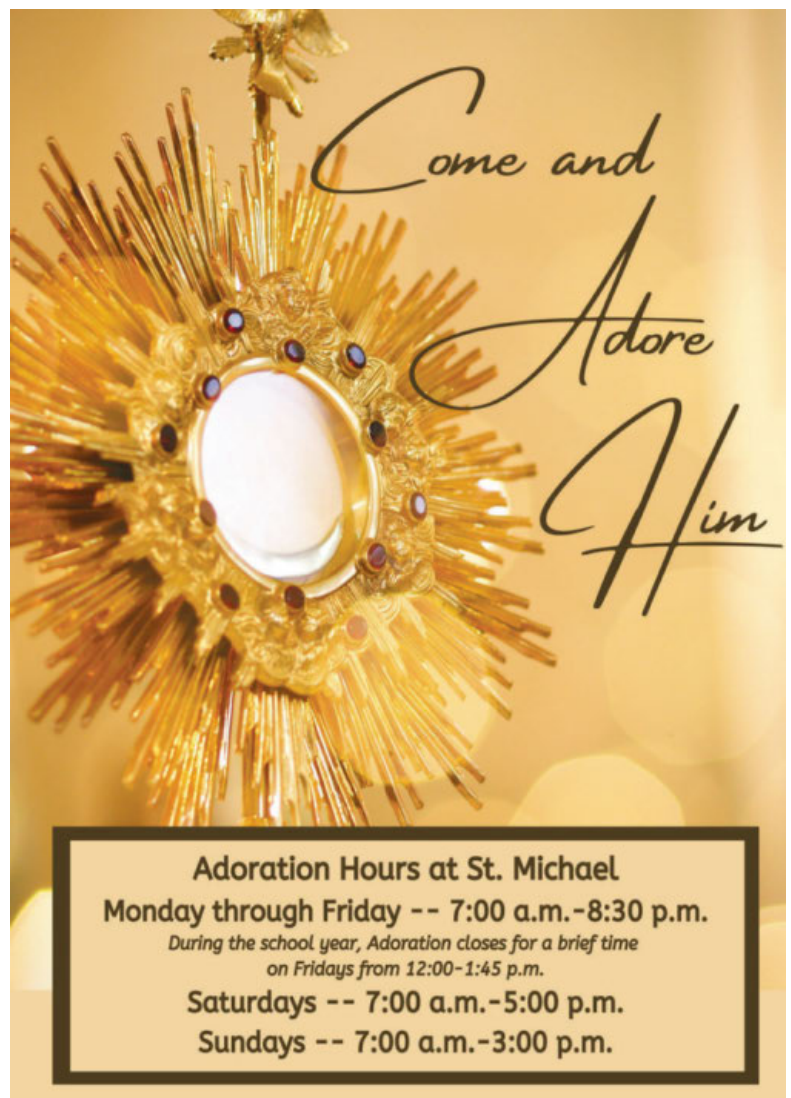
Fr. Frank

 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Miércoles de Ceniza^{CLM}

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be distributed at St. Michael Parish during the following Masses and Prayer Services:

- ✝ 6:30 AM Mass
- ✝ 8:00 AM Mass
- ✝ 10:00 AM Prayer Service
- ✝ 4:00 PM Prayer Service
- ✝ 6:00 PM Mass in Spanish
(*Misa en Español*)
- ✝ 7:30 PM Mass



Come and Adore Him

Adoration Hours at St. Michael
Monday through Friday -- 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
During the school year, Adoration closes for a brief time on Fridays from 12:00-1:45 p.m.
Saturdays -- 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays -- 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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 power of Christ:

Irma Almanza, Marie Andrews, Barbara Armijo,
Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta,
John Basta, Bernie Bittner, Kevin Bushnell,
Vince Candelero, Patricia Chuchla,
Aileen Collura, Colette Connolly, Mary DiFilippo,
James Dunne, Francene Fricano, Gloria Gorski,
Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Joan Kaminski,
Rose Kessen, Darryl Klock, Celeste Koszut,
Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Roger Krzyzowski,
Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Kathy Lynn,
Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich,
Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun,
Art Morgan, Audrey Niec, Mary Anne Nievera,
Dennis Noga, Alice Prendergast, Debbie Rogers,
AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Kevin Scanlan,
Cara Scanlon, Louise Sullivan, Jennie Vaccarell,
Tom Waliczek, Mary Pat Walsh,
Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek,
Lawrence Wojcik, Tom Wojcik,
Salvatore Zambuto, Sr.,
and those injured in service to their country.

If you want to add a name to the list of sick or recently deceased, please call the parish at 708-349-0903. Names are kept on the sick list for five weeks. Those who have died recently are listed for one week.

If you need a Mass card and/or someone to be prayed for at a specific Mass, please come to the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 pm. If you are unable to go out, you may call the parish office at 708-349-0903 with the request and to make arrangements for your donation and for a Mass card, if needed.



Wedding Banns

Pamela Martinez & Ryan Cronin
Feb. 22, 2025



Have you ever had mercy on someone? Mercy is when you have compassion or forgiveness for someone who has wronged you in some way, and yet you choose to let it go and move on. It sounds easy when you read it, but have you ever really tried? Have you loved someone when they are mean to you? Have you forgiven someone when they have hurt you? Have you given someone a gift without expecting something in return?

These all sound a little upside down and opposite of how most of us live. God wants me to love and forgive someone that has hurt me? He wants me to give without wanting something in return? How is that possible and why? Let's think about that. How do you feel when someone hurts you? Think about the emotions that you feel. Sad, angry, hurt are a few emotions that come to mind. Those are all emotions that make us feel down.

God doesn't want you to feel down; He wants you to feel up! It doesn't mean that we should allow people to hurt and take advantage of us. What it means is that we have the ability to control our feelings, and how we handle situations and people. Now think about the times you have been treated nicely, or been forgiven for doing something wrong, or given a gift without the giver wanting something back? How does THAT feel? What emotions do you feel? Happy, loved and grateful are what come to mind. Those are all positive feelings.

When people hurt us, it is incredibly hard to let it go. But when we react with LOVE and MERCY – it helps us heal and to feel good. It is ok to feel ALL the emotions listed – but how we act is what is most important.

Imagine this: A little girl hits a little boy. The little boy hits her back. She hits him again. He hits her back again. This cycle continues on and on, and they just end up crying because they are both hurt. Now imagine this: A little girl hits a boy. The boy says, "Please stop. I care about you. Don't treat me like that. Be nice." And he gives her a hug. It's safe to think that the little girl would stop her bad behavior. But the main thing is that the little boy stopped the cycle of being mean. He chose to be kind, patient and loving. He chose to act like Jesus.

Let's remember to say this prayer: "Gentle and loving God, help me to be patient, kind and loving at all times, just like you are with me. Help me to forgive those that have hurt me – just like you forgive me when I hurt you. Thank you for always having mercy on me. I love you, Jesus!"

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, Feb 22

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

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 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. 25

- Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry—9:00 a.m.—Ministry Room East

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Bible Study—7:00 p.m.—Commons
- St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Monthly Gathering—7:00 p.m.—Chapel

Thursday, Feb. 27

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

Friday, Feb. 28

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

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 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



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

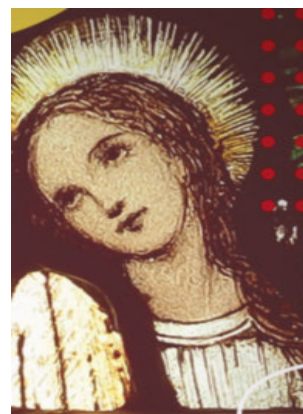
Please join us for a deeper insight into the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. There’s a video presentation followed by discussions about the video and the readings. We hope you can join us!



Readings for the Week Feb. 23, 2025

- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
- Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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



St. Dymphna
Patron Saint for those with Mental Afflictions
Pray for Us

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, visit

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

Moving Forward In Hope

Join us for an evening of

Prayer, Connection & Hope

Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

Connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward In Hope
Tuesday, February 25th, 2025
7-8pm via Zoom

REGISTER AT

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/6DUSqcsScS_OHGAK0WSQe1A#/registration

Or contact Deacon Tom Lambert at olmcinfo2@aol.com



- ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -

PREPARING ADULTS WHO WERE BAPTIZED AS INFANTS AND DID NOT RECEIVE CATECHESIS FOR CONFIRMATION AND THE EUCHARIST

“The preparation of uncatechized adults demands a lengthy period in which the faith poured into them at Baptism ought to grow. In order to attain maturity and be fully formed through the pastoral instruction that is handed on to them, their own Christian life must be strengthened by an appropriate formation offered to them.”

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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. 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.



Kyle Stogin
OCIA Candidate
St. Michael Parish

My Name is Kyle Stogin...

I am 26-years-old. I work full time as a barber and part-time as a bartender. I recently proposed to my now fiancé, and we both want to get married in the Church and raise our children Catholic. I joined OCIA because I was baptized Catholic but never received my other sacraments. I want to learn more about the sacraments and the history of the Catholic faith.

As a Candidate in our OCIA program, Kyle will receive the Sacraments of 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 Kyle through your prayers.



Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! We’ve helped tens of thousands married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you, too, if you are willing to work on your marriage. Both husband and wife are required to attend the program. Our next program weekend is Feb. 28–March 2, 2025, at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, Ill.

To register, call us today at **815-246-2060** or email us at JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org.
For More Information on Retrouvaille, visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>.



What Is God Calling You To Do This Lent?

Consider Praying for People in Need

Lent is right around the corner and St. Michael Parish is excited to once again offer the **St. Michael Prayer Angel Lenten Challenge.** Please join us as a Prayer Angel to spread Jesus' love, hope and healing this Lent through the power of prayer and kindness.

Prayer Angels will pray for a different Prayer Recipient each day during Lent **and** send that person a card in the mail. And as a Prayer Angel, you can nominate someone to be a Prayer Recipient. **Prayer Recipients** are people you know who are going through a difficult time or just need to be lifted up to our Lord each day during Lent.

To Sign Up as a Prayer Angel and nominate a Prayer Recipient, you can:

- Visit <https://saintmike.com/lenten-challenge-form> and complete the form;
- Email Kathy Guarino at kathyguarino1063@gmail.com; or
- Call Kathy at 708-349-0903, ext. 634.

You will receive an email within a few days with more information.

For more information, visit <https://saintmike.com/prayer-angel-lenten-challenge/>

This program begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Prayer Angels need to sign up by Wednesday Feb. 26.

Thank you so much for sharing your gifts and love of Jesus this Lent!

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Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC)

VOICES OF WOMEN

The Relevance of the Church

Join the Archdiocese Women's Committee for one of these 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.



Tuesday, Feb. 25 - 7-8:30 PM - bit.ly/AWCVOW0225

Monday, March 3 - 7-8:30 PM - 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.

A poster for the Young Adult Frassati Fellowship. It features a portrait of a man in clerical attire. The text includes: "VERSO L'ALTO", "YOUNG ADULT FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP", "MEET BL. PIER GIORGIO", "FEBRUARY 26TH 6:30-8PM", "FATHER GUBBINS CENTER", "16651 94TH AVE. ORLAND HILLS", "Learn about Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati and read scripture connected to his life!", "Scan the QR code for more info", and a QR code at the bottom left.



One of the intentions our Religious Education students pray for during their end-of-class Rosary is for all who currently serve in or are being called by God to serve a vocation in the Catholic Church. Gratefully, many of our Religious Ed students were blessed by visits from a couple of priests and religious sisters, including:



Fr. Michael Joyce, O. Carm, Director of Vocations for the Order of Carmelites of Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary; **Fr. Dan Korenchin**, Associate Pastor at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish; and **Sr. Anne Marie** and **Sr. Mary Ann** of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowac, Wisc. They shared their personal vocation stories, stressing the important role of parents and family in living their faith and discerning their vocation, and helped our students learn to discover how God is calling each one of them to serve in His Church.

Calling All High School Students DON'T MISS PASSION PLAY AUDITIONS

All High School Students are invited to take part in our annual Passion Play. The live presentation of the Passion of Our Lord will be presented at the Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, April 12th & 13th. Teens are needed for acting and music.

**Auditions will be held
Monday, March 10 & Tuesday, March 11
from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Teen Room.
You need to come only one night to audition.**



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

For all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Girls at St. Michael School & Parish



“Little Miss Magic”



VIP/Father Daughter Dance

Friday, Feb. 28 – 7- 9 p.m.

St. Michael Small Gymnasium

Cost: \$25/couple, \$5 each additional daughter

Semi-Formal Attire—Country & Western Theme

Dinner, Desserts and Refreshments will be served

Professional photos starting at 7:00pm

\$20/couple, \$10 group photos

All photo costs are payable to photographer at dance

Volunteers Needed For Set-up and Decorating

High School students are welcome to volunteer for service hours.

To Register for the Dance and Sign Up as a Volunteer,

Visit <https://saintmike.com/junior-high-events/>

Or complete the form below and return it to the Parish or School Office by Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

*****Call/email Kristin Dillon with questions at (312) 735-6023 or kriskoch12@aol.com.**

Girl's Name and Grade _____ Phone _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ (payable to “St. Michael Youth Ministry”)

Top 4 song requests for DJ to play:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

_____ **YES! I can volunteer for set up and decorating.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

El Espíritu del Padre Frank

Algunas de las enseñanzas de Jesús nos resultan difíciles de aceptar. A veces, nos sentimos tentados a descartarlas por considerarlas imposibles de seguir. El evangelio de hoy sienta las bases del amor y la caridad cristiana, una enseñanza difícil pero que, sin embargo, está en la esencia de Cristo. Jesús nos dice: “Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a quienes los odian”. Esto es absurdo; ¿es broma? ¿Jesús quiere que ame a quienes me harían daño?

El amor cristiano auténtico desconcierta a nuestra sociedad. La sociedad nos dice que debemos protegernos de nuestros enemigos, vencerlos antes de que ellos nos venzan a nosotros y nunca ponernos en una posición vulnerable. Las Escrituras nos dicen que hagamos exactamente lo contrario. El amor cristiano es una virtud; no es algo que podamos alcanzar fácilmente sin la oración, la disposición apropiada de nuestro corazón o la gracia del Espíritu Santo. Aquí es donde nuestras acciones hablan más que nuestras palabras.

¿Por qué es esto tan importante para nosotros? La manera en que tratamos a los demás es la misma manera en que Dios nos trataría a nosotros. Tantas veces, recitamos oraciones que ni siquiera entendemos las palabras que decimos. ¿Sabías que en el Padrenuestro oramos: “Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a quienes nos ofenden”? En nuestra oración, le pedimos a Dios que nos perdone como nosotros perdonamos a los demás. Por lo tanto, si perdonamos incondicionalmente, le pedimos a Dios que nos perdone incondicionalmente; si nos negamos a perdonar, le pedimos a Dios que no nos perdone.

Hay momentos en los que nos parece imposible perdonar. Tal vez un cónyuge, un familiar, un amigo, un vecino, un socio o alguien a quien admirábamos nos traicionó. Tal vez hayamos pensado: “¡Nunca los perdonaré por lo que me hicieron!”. “Les mostraré cuánto tiempo puedo permanecer enojados”. “¡Pagarán por lo que me hicieron!”. Irónicamente, cuando nos aferramos a nuestra ira, el único al que lastimamos es a nosotros mismos. La ira a menudo se convierte en amargura, rabia, resentimiento y venganza. Estos sentimientos siguen agitando dentro de nosotros y literalmente pueden enfermarnos.

Jesús nos ofrece una salida de este círculo vicioso. La única salida es perdonar a quienes nos han hecho daño. No es una tarea fácil y no podemos hacerlo sin la gracia de Dios. Con Dios, todo es posible. Nos estamos acercando a la Santa Cuaresma; tal vez sea el momento de trabajar en perdonar a la persona o personas que te han hecho daño; ya sabes, a aquellas a las que parece que no puedes perdonar. Hay un antiguo himno que expresa el evangelio de hoy en palabras sencillas: “Sabrán que somos cristianos por nuestro amor”. Durante este tiempo, miremos a Jesús crucificado. Jesús nos mostró que se podía hacer. Perdonó a quienes lo golpearon y lo mataron. Debemos seguir su ejemplo.

Eileen Cocco – El rostro de Cristo

Eileen Cocco, esposa del diácono Tony, falleció el 9 de febrero de 2025. Estoy profundamente entristecido por su fallecimiento, como sé que muchos de ustedes lo están. Eileen dedicó su vida a su familia y a la familia parroquial de St. Mochael. Encontremos consuelo en las palabras de San Pablo en su primera carta a los Corintios:

“Presten atención, que les voy a contar un misterio: No todos moriremos, pero todos seremos transformados en un instante, en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, cuando suene la trompeta final. Pues la trompeta sonará, y los muertos serán resucitados incorruptibles, y nosotros seremos transformados...”

‘La muerte es devorada por la victoria.

¿Dónde, oh muerte, está tu victoria?

¿Dónde, oh muerte, está tu aguijón?’

Ya que el aguijón de la muerte es el pecado, y la potencia del pecado, la ley. Mas a Dios gracias, que nos da la victoria por el Señor nuestro.”



La verdad es que la muerte no tiene la última palabra, la tiene la vida, gracias a la cruz y la resurrección de Jesús. Eileen lo creyó con todo su ser y, aunque soportó la cruz del sufrimiento, siempre mantuvo la fe.

El diácono Tony y Eileen estuvieron casados durante 66 años y su relación no se limitaba solo al hogar, sino también a su amor compartido por el ministerio aquí en St. Michael. Ella inició el Ministerio Elizabeth, ayudó con los bautismos, RCIA, lectora, ministra Eucarística, ministra de la Comunión y con los confinados en el hogar, por mencionar solo algunos ministerios en los que participó.

Su único deseo era entregarse constantemente. Era una excelente escuchando y siempre se tomaba el tiempo para estar presente con las personas. Profesora de profesión durante 38 años, también enseñó a muchos cómo ser discípulos con su ejemplo. Uno de los pasajes bíblicos favoritos de Eileen es del Libro del Profeta Miqueas, capítulo 6, versículo 8: *“Se te ha dicho, oh hombre, lo que es bueno y lo que el Señor exige de ti: solamente practicar la justicia, amar la bondad y humillarte ante tu Dios”*. A Eileen no solo le gustaba este pasaje bíblico, sino que vivía según él.

Por favor, sigan rezando por el descanso del alma de Eileen. Oremos también por Tony, su esposo, sus cinco hijos, sus esposas y sus 14 nietos. Gracias, Eileen, por ser una verdadera discípula de Cristo y una verdadera amiga para muchos. Tu amor y tu vida son un reflejo del amor de Dios por nosotros. Gracias por compartir tus dones con nosotros y, hasta que nos volvamos a encontrar, que Dios te sostenga en la palma de su mano. Nuestro mundo es más brillante y está lleno de más amor y alegría gracias a ti. No hace falta decirlo, ¡ya te extrañamos, te amamos!

En el Amor de Cristo,

P. Frank

Ministerio Hispano St Michaels

Retiro de Cuaresma en Español

Guarde la fecha para el Retiro de Cuaresma - **Sábado, Marzo 8, 2025.** Regístrese después de la Misa de 1:30 pm con Mary. Donación para el Almuerzo 15 dólares.

Como ganar jubileo de la Esperanza 2025?

Ofrece la Indulgencia por ti mismo o por una persona fallecida.

- 1 Visita una Iglesia de peregrinación conmemorativa del Jubileo 2025. San Michael es una de las Iglesias
- 2 Confesión sacramental antes o después de visitar el lugar de peregrinación designado.
- 3 Recibir la Eucaristía en la Misa, antes, durante y después de visitar un lugar de peregrinación
- 4 Rezar el Credo y Rezar por las intenciones del Papa Francisco (terminar con el Padre nuestro y Avemaria)
- 5 Hacer una obra de caridad



Confesiones para Jóvenes de Confirmación.

Los jóvenes del Segundo año de **Confirmación** que recibirán el Sacramento este año deben venir mandatoriamente **las confesiones el día 3 de Marzo a las 6:00 pm.**





Masses for the Week — February 22 to March 2

Saturday 2/22	8:30 AM	Geronimo Manalo, Jr.		
	4:30 PM	Casey Venhuizen Nora Gardner	Bob Miles Marianne & Fred Pawlak – 60 th Wedding Anniversary	Special Intention for Mary DiFilippo
Sunday 2/23	7:30 AM	Fr. Jerry Kroeger, OP	Kathleen Varnagis	Gerald Refermat
	9:30 AM	Robert Foster Gerry Wassong	Colleen Versetto Donna Kouba	Dan Swatkowski
	11:30 AM	Bridget Coyle	Kaz Scibor	Special Intention for Patricia O'Connell
	1:30 PM	Special Intention for Evelyn Sandoval's 15th Birthday		
Spanish →				
Monday 2/24	6:30 AM	Gerard Manalo		
	8:00 AM	Dolores Pastrana	Angie Jaronczyk	
Tuesday 2/25	6:30 AM	Fr. Leo Lyons		
	8:00 AM	Helen Jurasek	Special Intention for Jhaxon George	
Wednesday 2/26	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	Louise Narcisi		
Thursday 2/27	6:30 AM	Deacon Jim Janicek		
	8:00 AM	Special Intention for Tammy Thomas		
Friday 2/28	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	Louise Narcisi	People of St. Michael Parish	
Saturday 3/1	8:30 AM	Feria & Ilagan Families	Wieslawe "Wesley" Lobo	
	4:30 PM	Fr. Bill Finnegan Fr. Ed Cronin	Sr. June Secor Trooper Clay Carns	Fr. Paul Burak
Sunday 3/2	7:30 AM	Alice Dzurisin	Gerald Refermat	
	9:30 AM	Mary Carmody Colleen Ryan	Eva Ricci	Bill, Nancy & David Jungles
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