



DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

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SUNDAY, JAN. 19, 2025



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU.”**

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Father Frank's Fire

Our Christmas celebration is now over. Last week we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas trees, lights, wreaths and Nativity crèche have been taken down and stored away. Our Church has returned to its beautiful simplicity. We once again enter Ordinary Time. The vestments are green – reminding us that God is present not only in the high and low points, but also in the ordinary events in our lives. We shall continue to observe Ordinary Time until the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Today's second reading reminds us that there are various kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. Each of us has been given a unique gift – a gift that only we have. This spiritual gift is not meant only for us, but it is meant for others. I think we can all agree that it would be tragic if a doctor gifted with healing chose not to practice. It would be unfortunate if a teacher gifted with the ability to work with young students and is effective in their lives chose not to teach at all. Sometimes we do not recognize our own gifts and we need the help of others to point them out.

I urge you to discern the gifts that you have been given. Pray and ask God how you are to use your gifts. Not using a God-given gift is the same as throwing a gift away. How would you feel after searching for weeks for the perfect Christmas gift – and the recipient opened it, looked at it and then tossed it into the trash? You would feel anger and disappointment. How must God feel when we carelessly choose not to share our gifts? Remember the gifts that have been given to us are not meant only for us, but they are meant for the benefit of others. ***Choose to share your spiritual gifts with others today!***

The Wedding Feast at Cana

Our gospel today is the Wedding at Cana and here Jesus performs his first miracle. It seems that at the feast they ran out of wine. Not having a generous supply of wine at a wedding would have been a tremendous embarrassment for the bride and groom, and their families. Mary intercedes and tells Jesus of the dilemma. Jesus completely seems uninterested in the entire situation, but Mary has faith and tells the servers, *“Do whatever he tells you.”* Jesus changes simple water into wine.

This is not only a miracle, but it also is a sign. Wine is a symbol of a banquet, a celebration, a party. This is a sign of baptism. Jesus uses ordinary water and turns it into wine – signifying how the waters of baptism change us so that we can enter the great celebration of the heavenly kingdom – the banquet of life. We are changed into something greater – from sinful humanity to children of God.

Anniversary

January 22 marks the 52nd anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision on *Roe v. Wade*, a decision that led to legalizing abortion in the United States. This decision marked the beginning of a dark period for people of faith.

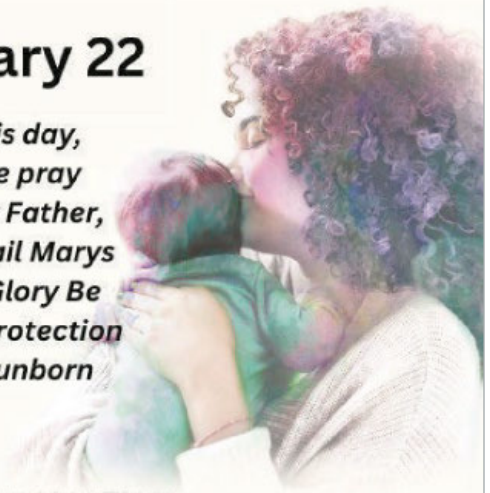
On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned the *Roe v. Wade* decision that made access to an abortion a federal right in the United States. People of faith rejoiced, but this decision did not end abortion. It allows the various States to pass their own laws. This can be considered a victory for Respect Life advocates, but it is a victory in a battle – there is still work to be done.

There are many who have suffered emotional scars because of an abortion. The Archdiocese of Chicago offers a program call Project Rachel that helps those suffering from emotional and spiritual scars of abortion.

Annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22

*On this day,
please pray
the Our Father,
three Hail Marys
and a Glory Be
for the protection
of the unborn*



This program is confidential and free. Project Rachel provides post-abortion healing for mothers, fathers, grandparents and others. Through this program the Church reaches out and offers healing and support to those broken by abortion. If you would like more information about Project Rachel, call 312-337-1962. The Church does not abandon but seeks to bring healing and reconciliation with this wonderful ministry.

It is easy to say, “I am Pro-Life.” The gospel challenges us not only to talk the talk – but also to walk the walk. That means we, as a society, need to help provide for those who cannot take proper care of themselves or their children. Let us commit ourselves to helping spread a culture of life in our world. Let us ask God for the strength and the grace to accept the Church’s teaching on the consistent ethic of life. Let God be God – and we can be his servants treasuring one of the greatest gifts we have – LIFE!

A Jubilee of Hope

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year runs from Dec. 29, 2024 to Dec. 28, 2025. It is the Jubilee of Hope and we are all on a pilgrimage of hope. Jubilee Years are special years of grace and forgiveness; they are years set aside to encourage us to seek God’s mercy, to renew the focus on our spiritual life or even go on a journey – even within our parish boundaries.

Cardinal Cupich opened the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Throughout the year, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated pilgrimage sites. The Archdiocese of Chicago has designated 24 churches and missions as pilgrimage sites and St. Michael has been designated as one of those sites.

Pope Francis has granted special indulgences to the faithful who observe and take part in the celebration of the Jubilee by visiting locations that have been designated as pilgrimage sites. The indulgence is a gift of divine mercy. More information about the Jubilee Year and about the indulgences will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Additional events to celebrate the Jubilee will also be listed as they are planned.

In Christ’s love,

Fr. Frank

PRESCHOOL PREVIEW
THURSDAY 1/23
 Please Join Us
 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Meet the Preschool Staff
 Learn About the Program
 No Registration Necessary

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1/26
 Please Join Us
 9:30 Mass
 10:45 New Family Registration
 10:45-11:45 School Tours
 10:45-12:00 PK-8 Classroom Visits

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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:

Carmen Aguirre, Jennifer Bailey, John Baker,
Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Bernie Bittner,
Kathy Bruss, Kevin Bushnell, Vince Candelero,
Patricia Chuchla, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura,
Mary DiFilippo, James Dunne, Robert Foster, 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,
Rich McCasland, Patty McQuinn, Donna Micun,
Art Morgan, Mary Anne Nievera, Rich O'Toole,
Fred Pawlak, Ignacia and Moises Perez,
Alice Prendergast, Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria
Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Kevin Scanlon, 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

Mary Carmody, mother of Ann Lipuma & John
Carmody, grandmother of Daniel, Erin, Brian,
Kevin & Johnny
Louis DePasquale, husband of Connie and father of
Lou
Evelyn Fernandez, mother of Aileen
Nora Gardner, mother of Lisa Gardner
Madonna "Donna" Kouba, wife of Kenneth
Maria Niemiec, mother of Zofia Olson
Anne A. Uhrina



Readings for the Week Jan. 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Have you ever just flipped through a newspaper? I realize modern times has many of us reading the news from our phones, but the newspaper is a reliable source that is available, no matter if you have wi-fi or not. The newspaper often reports on good news, bad news, sports, weather, stories and more. It is a great way to keep up with what's happening in the world around us.

The Bible is a lot like a newspaper. It gives reports from moments in history and tells stories of things that happened a long time ago. What if we read the Gospel today like it was an article in a daily newspaper? Today's story is from the Gospel of John. The word Gospel means "Good News," so let's imagine that we are reading an article from the *Daily Galilean* or *The Jerusalem Times*. Listen to this headline: "**Wedding Guest Turns Water Into Wine.**" Wow! That sounds interesting; let's read the rest of this story!

On Tuesday, a woman named Mary was in Cana to attend a wedding. A large number of guests, including her son, a man named Jesus, also attended the wedding. Guests at the wedding were reportedly having a good time until the host ran out of wine. At that point, it seemed that the happy celebration might turn into a disaster. Some of the wedding guests thought that perhaps Jesus might have a solution to the problem, so they reported to Him that they were out of wine. When told about the problem, Jesus at first seemed unwilling to do anything, but after some encouragement from His mother, He finally agreed to help.

Eyewitnesses at the wedding reported that Jesus noticed several large water jars nearby and instructed some servants to fill them with water. After the jars had been filled with water, He told them to dump some of the water out of the jars and take them to the man in charge of serving the wine. When the wine steward tasted the water, he discovered it had been turned into wine. Wedding guests were amazed at the turn of events and said that the wine was the best they had ever tasted. As a result of this miraculous event, many people are following Jesus everywhere He goes, and many believe that He even is the long-awaited Messiah.

Well that made a pretty good news story, didn't it? Do you know what is great about this story? Just as Jesus performed a miracle by changing water into wine at the wedding celebration more than 2,000 years ago, He is still working miracles in the hearts and lives of people today. If you will let Him, He will work a miracle in you and you can share with those around you.

Let's Pray: Dear Jesus, work a miracle in all of us today. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, Jan. 18

- **Men's Scripture Sharing**-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- **Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting**-8:45 a.m.—Ministry Rooms
- **Parish Hospitality Hours**-after 4:30 p.m. Mass—MPR

Sunday, Jan. 19

- **Parish Hospitality Hours**-Before and after all Masses—MPR
- **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

Monday, Jan. 20

- **Women of Faith English & Spanish**-6:30 p.m.—Commons
- **Pro-Life Ministry Meeting**-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room West

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- **NCCL Faith Family Initiative Parent Cafe**-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Rooms
- **Senior & Older Adult Activity Ministry**—6:30 p.m.—Commons
- **Evangelization Ministry** -7:00 p.m.—Commons

Wednesday, Jan. 22

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

Thursday, Jan. 23

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

Friday, Jan. 24

- **Hispanic Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico Hispano**-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East
- **Student Trivia Night**—7:00 p.m.—Small Gym

Saturday, Jan. 25

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

Sunday, Jan. 26

- **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

No Holy Hour on Tuesday, Jan. 21

Fr. Geoffrey is currently in Uganda so the Holy Hour that takes place the 3rd Tuesday of the month, which would be this Tuesday, Jan. 21, has been cancelled. The next Holy Hour is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.



**Don't Miss
Parish
Hospitality
This Weekend
In the MPR
After All Masses**

All are welcome in this place!

St. Michael *Pro-Life* Ministry

**Please Join Us For Our Next Meeting
This Monday, Jan. 20 at
7 p.m. in Ministry Room West**

The St. Michael Pro-Life Ministry is a dedicated group of individuals who are committed to protecting life at all stages — from conception to natural death — and we welcome new members who are interested in joining us in our mission.



**Calling all parents of children from
newborn to 18-years-old!
JOIN US FOR PARENT CAFÉ
This Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.
In the Ministry Rooms**

In the fall, parents from St. Michael with children from newborn to 18-years-old completed a survey from the National Community of Catechetical Leaders (NCCL) "Parents & Families at the Center of Faith Formation Project." This project is designed to strengthen faith transmission at home in the first two decades of life. **Thank you to all who completed the survey!**

As the next step in this important project, all parents of children from newborn to 18-years-old are invited to a PARENT CAFÉ, where our NCCL team can get your input on a specific topic of importance. It is an opportunity for parents to be heard and for parish leaders to listen and gain invaluable insight into the values and practices of parents.

Please join us Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the ministry rooms for refreshments and discussion with other parents. Hope to see you there.

How is God Calling You to Serve? Join Us For Diaconate Inquiry Night

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025 at 7 p.m.
St. Michael Ministry Room East



¿Cómo te llama Dios a servir? Únase a nosotros para la noche de consultas sobre el diaconado

Lunes, 27 de enero de 2025 a las 7 p.m.
St. Michael Ministry Room East

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

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

For more information, please contact:

Michael and Donna McDonough
708-403-2122 or dkncpl@aol.com or
Abel and Yolanda Trujillo
773-557-8340 or 773-552-9652

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Ministers of Care Needed to Bring Communion to the Sick & Homebound

St. Michael Parish is looking for people who enjoy praying with and bringing the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in nursing homes. **Training is provided and will take place on Tuesdays, Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4 at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal** The training will be presented by Sr. Gael Gensler, who is currently the pastoral associate at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, and who has been involved in parish ministry for more than 25 years.

To register for the training, visit <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>.

To learn more about this ministry at St. Michael, please contact Cee Cee Van Hecke at St. Michael: cvanhecke@saintmike.com or at 708-349-0903.

Correction — The 1st & 2nd grade Winner of the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest was **Grace Thompson**. We apologize for printing the incorrect name in last weekend’s bulletin.



**Mental Health Awareness Ministry
JANUARY PRAYER GATHERING
This Wednesday, Jan. 22
7:00pm in the Chapel**

All who come for our monthly St. Michael Mental Health Awareness ministry gathering pray for you and your loved ones in any struggles of which God knows. As ministry leader Bernadette Pappas reminds us at each gathering, through prayer we are connected – heart to heart and soul to soul – never alone on this journey. The light from the candles that are lit by those who attend our gatherings reminds us that Christ and the hope He gives is always with us, a never-ending light in the darkness.

All are welcome to join us at our next gathering.

For more information, visit

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

Pray for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts this Saturday, Jan. 18 and goes through Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025. During this week, Christian communities and churches across the globe join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, faithfully abiding by the will of Christ, who prayed “that all may be one” (John 17:21).

During the global ecumenical observance, we encourage you to reflect on Christ's prayer in John 17:21 and **join in praying for one another.**



All 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are invited to sign up for. . .

YOUTH MINISTRY

STUDENT TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 24, 2025

6pm to 8pm

In the St. Michael Gym

Cost: \$10.00

Sign-Up Deadline:

This Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025

Sign up as a group of at least six. Each member of your group must turn in a permission form, \$10.00 and list the members in the group. If you are not a member of a group, check that at the bottom of the permission form and we will assign you to a group. All grades can be members of the same group. **Permission forms are available on the Parish website @ <https://saintmike.com/junior-high-events/> or in the Parish office.**

Pizza will be available. You must order and pay for pizza with your registration. Pop and water will be available for \$1. **You may bring in food.**

All cell phones will be collected and placed in a basket on the table.

Permission slips must be turned in by Jan.

22, 2025 to the Parish Office, Youth Ministry or School Office. Questions: call 708-349-0903 ext. #650, or email rkoch@saintmike.com



January 2025

Dear Father Frank and St. Michael Parishioners,

Thank You. 

2024 was a very busy year for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Because of your wonderful generosity, we were able to help 15 families with rent and mortgage payments, 13 families to avoid shut-off of utilities and 40 families to receive huge gifts of food for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. There were also requests for things like car repair and home health needs. We invite people who ask to come into our pantry regularly to choose food to help them through tight times.

You probably don't realize just how generous you are as a group. We are the recipients of the collections taken at Mass on Holy Thursday and Thanksgiving. We deposit an amazing amount of money from the four poor boxes near each of the entrances and by the pantry. We also receive several thousands of dollars from personal charitable foundations and random checks left in the St. Vincent de Paul mail box in the office. This doesn't include the grocery and gas cards from the Easter crosses and the Giving Tree at Christmas. Our pantry is kept full by parishioners who leave grocery bags filled with basic canned and boxed goods on a regular basis.

The St. Michael Student Council, the Teen Ministry, Quest families and Religious Education Families keep our pantry full with regular food drives and provide Easter baskets and Christmas gifts for kids. The Knights of Columbus generously deliver large checks and purchase winter coats for kids in the families we help. Jewel Osco (131st and LaGrange) and Richard's Building Supply provide Holiday meals and Longhorn Steak House shares frozen meat for our freezer through a corporate "Harvest" program. We also work in concert with the General Assistance Office at Orland Park Township and together, we are able to fill the needs of many families in need.

The list of what we receive — and are therefore able to disperse to people looking for help — seems endless. At the top of that list is YOU!! We thank you and continue to pray for you. We hope that 2025 is a happy and healthy year for you and that you will continue to help bring comfort to your neighbors.

God bless you all,

Lynne Wojcik
St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Michael Parish

Dear St. Michael Parish,

On behalf of everyone at St. Coletta's of Illinois, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of Christmas gifts for the developmentally and intellectually disabled children and adults we serve. Your kindness brought so much joy and light to our participants during the holiday season, and we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and compassion.


The holiday season is a special time of year, and your generosity ensured that each individual we support felt remembered, valued, and celebrated. The smiles on their faces as they opened their gifts were priceless, and it was all because of your caring hearts and dedication to serving others.

Your contribution not only provided gifts but also created cherished memories for our participants and their families. It is through the kindness of supporters like you that we are able to continue our mission of empowering individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to live full and meaningful lives.

Thank you once again for your incredible support and generosity. We are so grateful to count you as part of our extended St. Coletta's family.

Wishing you and your entire parish community a blessed year ahead.

With gratitude and appreciation,


Heather Benedick
CEO
St. Coletta's of Illinois


ST. COLETTA'S
OF ILLINOIS



St. Michael School Adult Trivia Night

SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 2025

CHECK IN: 6:30pm GAME ON: 7:00PM

All are welcome for an evening of fun and friendly competition!

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

Participate in the team theme contest! Create a theme for your table and dress the part. From Mardi Gras or Chicago sports jerseys to the 90's or Hawaiian luau party ... the more creative the better. Best team theme wins a prize!

- **When & Where:** Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ St. Michael School (MPR, Small Gym and Commons)
- **Check In:** 6:30pm / **Game On:** 7:00pm
- **Price:** Tickets are sold by table. Each table costs \$420 (\$35 per person) and seats 12 people.

Please bring your own food for your table. Beer, wine, water and pop will be available for purchase.

Outside Beverages Are Not Allowed. This event is for 21+ only.

To learn more and buy tickets, scan this code

Or visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/test-58>

All proceeds from this event benefit St. Michael School

Questions? Contact Megan Guyette - megan_guyette@yahoo.com



Calling All Grandparents of St. Michael School Athletes

Consider joining the newly created St. Michael Athletic Board

ARCHANGEL CLUB

BLUE LEVEL (\$500)

- FREE admission to all St. Michael HOME sporting events for the 2024-2026 school year
- Wildcat Archangel Club Pin
- "Proud Wildcat Grandparent" Coffee Mug
- Archangel Blanket
- Wildcat Bleacher Cushion

WHITE LEVEL (\$250)

- FREE admission to all St. Michael home sporting events for the 2024-2026 school year
- Wildcat Archangel Club Pin
- "Proud Wildcat Grandparent" Coffee Mug
- Wildcat Bleacher Cushion

Thank you for considering this unique way to support your family and their school, while generating greater affinity between the grandparents of St. Michael student athletes and the school's sports teams.

FULL NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

GRADE

WHO ARE THE GRANDKIDS YOU ARE EXCITED ABOUT SUPPORTING?

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE

ARCHANGEL CLUB LEVEL DONATION:

Blue Level (\$500)

White Level (\$250)

Please circle one and make your check payable to St. Michael School (add ATTN: Mark Bohdan, Athletics in the memo); forms and payment can be dropped at the school or parish office

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Adam Wojcik at adam_wojcik@hotmail.com.

El Espíritu del Padre Frank

Nuestra celebración de Navidad ya terminó. La semana pasada, celebramos el Bautismo del Señor. Los árboles de Navidad, las luces, las coronas y el pesebre de la Natividad se han desmontado y guardado. Nuestra Iglesia ha vuelto a su hermosa sencillez. Una vez más entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario – las vestimentas son verdes – recordándonos que Dios está presente no solo en los momentos altos y bajos, sino en los eventos ordinarios de nuestras vidas. Continuaremos observando el Tiempo Ordinario hasta el comienzo de la Cuaresma, el Miércoles de Ceniza, el 5 de marzo de 2025.

La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que hay varios tipos de dones espirituales, pero el mismo Espíritu. Cada uno de nosotros ha recibido un don único, un don que sólo nosotros tenemos. Este don espiritual no es sólo para nosotros, sino para los demás. Creo que todos podemos estar de acuerdo en que sería trágico si un médico con el don de curar decidiera no ejercer. Sería lamentable si un profesor con el don de trabajar con estudiantes jóvenes y ser eficaz en sus vidas decidiera no enseñar en absoluto. A veces, no reconocemos nuestros propios dones y necesitamos la ayuda de otros para señalarlos.

Te invito a discernir los dones que has recibido. Ora y pregúntale a Dios cómo debes utilizarlos. No utilizar un don que Dios te ha dado es lo mismo que tirarlo a la basura. ¿Cómo te sentirías después de buscar durante semanas el regalo de Navidad perfecto y que el destinatario lo haya abierto, lo haya mirado y lo haya tirado a la basura? Sentirías ira y decepción. ¿Cómo debe sentirse Dios cuando decidimos descuidadamente no compartir nuestros dones? Recuerda que los dones que se nos han dado no son solo para nosotros, sino para el beneficio de los demás. ¡Decide compartir tus dones espirituales con los demás hoy mismo!

La fiesta de las Bodas de Caná

Nuestro evangelio de hoy es la boda de Caná y aquí Jesús realiza su primer milagro. Parece que en la fiesta se les acabó el vino. No tener una generosa provisión de vino en una boda habría sido una tremenda vergüenza para los novios y sus familias. María intercede y le cuenta a Jesús el dilema. Jesús parece completamente desinteresado en toda la situación, pero María tiene fe y les dice a los sirvientes: *“Hagan lo que Él les diga”*. Jesús convierte el agua simple en vino.

Esto no es sólo un milagro, sino también una señal. El vino es un símbolo de un banquete, una celebración o una fiesta. Es una señal del bautismo. Jesús usa agua común y la convierte en vino, lo que significa que las aguas del bautismo nos transforman para que podamos entrar en la gran celebración del reino celestial, el banquete de la vida. Somos transformados en algo más grande: de humanidad pecadora a hijos de Dios.

Aniversario

El 22 de enero se cumple el 52 aniversario de la decisión de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos sobre *Roe v. Wade*. Esta decisión ha llevado a la legalización del aborto en los Estados Unidos. Esta decisión marcó el comienzo de un período oscuro para las personas de fe.

El 24 de junio de 2022, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos revocó la decisión *Roe v. Wade* que convirtió el acceso al aborto en un derecho federal en los Estados Unidos. Las personas de fe se regocijaron, pero esta decisión no acabó con el aborto. Esta decisión permite a los distintos estados aprobar sus propias leyes. Esto puede considerarse una victoria para los defensores del respeto a la vida, pero es una victoria en una batalla: todavía queda trabajo por hacer.

Hay muchas personas que han sufrido cicatrices emocionales debido a un aborto. La Arquidiócesis de Chicago ofrece un programa llamado Proyecto Raquel que ayuda a quienes sufren cicatrices emocionales y espirituales. Este programa es confidencial y gratuito. El Proyecto Raquel brinda sanación postaborto a madres, padres, abuelos y otras personas. A través de este programa, la Iglesia ofrece sanación y apoyo a quienes han sido destrozados por el aborto. Si desea más información sobre el Proyecto Raquel, llame al 312-337-1962. La Iglesia no abandona, sino que busca brindar sanación y reconciliación con este maravilloso ministerio.

Es fácil decir: “Soy pro vida”. El Evangelio nos desafía no sólo a hablar de ello, sino también a actuar. Eso significa que, como sociedad, debemos ayudar a quienes no pueden cuidar adecuadamente de sí mismos o de sus hijos. Comprometámonos a ayudar a difundir una cultura de vida en nuestro mundo. Pidamos a Dios la fuerza y la gracia para aceptar la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la ética coherente de la vida. Dejemos que Dios sea Dios y nosotros seremos sus siervos, atesorando uno de los mayores dones que tenemos: ¡LA VIDA!

Un Jubileo de Esperanza

El Papa Francisco ha declarado un Año Jubilar, que se extenderá del 29 de diciembre de 2024 al 28 de diciembre de 2025. Es el Jubileo de la Esperanza y todos estamos en una peregrinación de esperanza. Los Años Jubilares son años especiales de gracia y perdón; son años reservados para animarnos a buscar la misericordia de Dios, a renovar el enfoque en nuestra vida espiritual o incluso a emprender un viaje, incluso dentro de los límites de nuestra parroquia.

El Cardenal Cupich inauguró el Año Jubilar a nivel local celebrando la Misa en la Catedral del Santo Nombre. A lo largo del año, todos están invitados a participar en el Jubileo visitando lugares de peregrinación designados. La Arquidiócesis de Chicago ha designado 24 iglesias y misiones como lugares de peregrinación. San Miguel ha sido designado como uno de esos lugares.

El Papa Francisco ha concedido indulgencias especiales a los fieles que observen y participen en la celebración del Jubileo visitando lugares que han sido designados como lugares de peregrinación. La indulgencia es un don de la misericordia divina. En futuros boletines se ofrecerá más información sobre el Año Jubilar y sobre las indulgencias. También se irán incluyendo otros eventos para celebrar el Jubileo a medida que se vayan planificando.

En el Amor de Cristo,

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CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

Viernes 17, Enero a las 6:00 pm
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Ven a nuestra Hora Santa en español el Viernes, 17 de Enero a las 7:00 pm. Cantos para adorar al Santísimo Sacramento, reflexiones y tiempo de oración.

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Masses for the Week — January 18 to January 26

Saturday 1/18	8:30 AM	Gilbert Cabello	Benilda Lontok	
	4:30 PM	Michael Ahl Phil Varnagis	Michael Valentine Pat Ward Potocki	Susie Gronski
Sunday 1/19	7:30 AM	Alice Dzurisin	People of St. Michael Parish	
	9:30 AM	Ted Kucharski James Joseph Mottl, Jr.	Linda Mae Graca Jean Marie Harezlak	John F. Bandyk
	11:30 AM	Rita Beintum	Kevin O'Finn	Jeannette Slamp
	<i>Spanish</i> → 1:30 PM	Daniel Hernandez	Heriberto & Eva Garcia	
Monday 1/20	6:30 AM	Fr. Leo Lyons		
	8:00 AM	Laura Murphy	Janet Marie Rees	
Tuesday 1/21	6:30 AM	Karen Brennan		
	8:00 AM	Irene Haggard-Kruse		
Wednesday 1/22	6:30 AM	David Srutowski		
	8:00 AM	John Dillon	LeRoy Giovanazzi	
Thursday 1/23	6:30 AM	Zenaida & Ricardo Bregaudit	Ariel & Erlina Romaquin	Mercedes Ureta & Rufino
	8:00 AM	Christopher Fricano	Theresa & Bob Chubb	Steve & Irma Vargo
Friday 1/24	6:30 AM	Terrence Wall		
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Saturday 1/25	8:30 AM	Mary Kate Coyle	Bernice Van Geenen	
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Sunday 1/26	7:30 AM	Sarah Gallagher	Rev. James E. Flynn	Mary & Bill Morrissey
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