# Celebrating National Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2024

and Our Parish School



# St. Michael School

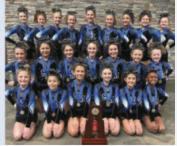












# Father Frank's Fire

This year, the Sunday gospel readings are from St. Mark. One of the elements of Mark's gospel is that the disciples never quite understand who Jesus is. They struggle throughout the gospel and often make mistakes and false assumptions. It is not until the Cross that they finally realize that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Ironically, the unclean spirit quickly recognizes Jesus, "I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" Amazing.

Many people think like the unclean spirit, so many people are afraid of God. "Have you come to destroy us," asks the unclean spirit. How many times have we asked the same question? It seems that it is easier for us to

believe in a vengeful angry God, than in a God full of mercy and compassion. We, too, are like the disciples in Mark's gospel – and we really do not fully understand who Jesus is. Again, when we look at the Cross. we finally realize that Jesus is not about judgment and condemnation, but rather about love and mercy. No, Jesus did not come to destroy us; Jesus came to give us new life. I pray that we may be able to see the power of the Cross at work in our lives and have the understanding that our God truly loves us.



## **Catholic Schools Week**

This week we observe Catholic Schools Week in our parish. During this time, we highlight our parish school's mission and traditions. It is a time for us to celebrate because we have an excellent parish school.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." The theme is a fitting message for our times, underscoring the Christ-centered foundation and academic excellence of Catholic schools. Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, to love God and neighbor and to enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by the example of faith.

I am proud of our school. It is in the dedication of our principal Mr. Paul Smith, and the teachers, staff, school advisory board members and benefactors, that ensure St. Michael School remains open and viable. It is in the hard work and accomplishments of our students who, day by day, are learning and growing in Christ and gaining a values-filled education. It is in the commitment of our parents, guardians and volunteers who give of their time and talents to help make St. Michael School excellent.

#### **Beware of Scams**

The news media keeps on reminding us to be aware of potential scams. Scammers are trying to steal your money through lies and deceit. Sadly, with technology the scammers are getting more creative and more clever. I have already mentioned several times about emails coming from someone pretending to be me. The scammer asks you to do me a favor. If you reply, you will receive another email informing you that I am extremely busy and I need to help out a family in need. The email will ask you to purchase for me gift cards and, so that you are not troubled, send a picture of the gift card with the number and PIN visible. Once you send this information, the money is gone and there is no way to get it back. They typically ask for large amounts such as \$300 in Google or iTunes gift cards.

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Please note that the only legitimate email from anyone at St. Michael is from an address that ends with @saintmike.com or @saintmike.org. If they are not from these addresses, than they are fraudulent. Do not engage with these people.

The scammers are now getting bolder. Parishioners are also getting text messages from me asking for similar favors. Again, beware; I do not regularly give out my mobile number so if you get one – there is a high probability it is not from me.

It is sad that people are willing to prey on the good nature of others. They take advantage of the trusted relationship between a pastor, rabbi or imam and their congregations. I just ask that you be careful and be aware of potential scammers.

# **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!) 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 answer the call "Together at the table." 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 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. As in prior years, the weekend of Feb. 10 & 11 is commitment weekend. We shall hear a recorded message from Cardinal Cupich and then have an opportunity to make a commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our goal for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal was \$124,273 and, as of Jan. 1, 2024, \$182,092 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 who have helped to make the Annual Catholic Appeal a success. I ask you to join me in contributing to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank

# The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Annual Renewal of Wedding Vows Saturday, Feb. 10 During the 4:30 p.m. Mass

All married couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows







# **Prayer for Married Couples**

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other.

Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust.

Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths.

May we forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

# Taking Home the Sunday Scriptures 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

The book of Deuteronomy is the last book of the Torah or the Law of Moses. It is a repetition or summary of the law given by Moses at Mt. Sinai right before he died. Today's reading from Deuteronomy predicts or prophesies a great prophet. For Christians with hindsight and much scriptural and theological background, we recognize that the prophet who will come is Jesus.

In the gospel today, the disciples travel with Jesus to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry. A disturbed man interrupts a sermon Jesus was giving in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Jesus speaks sharply and with authority to the evil spirit, who leaves the man, and the man miraculously recovers. This was most impressive to all who witnessed it, and it made Jesus famous throughout the region. This gospel story reminds us of the prophet promised in the first reading who will convey God's words with authority.

The healing experienced by the man with the unclean spirit gave rise to the most important question that anyone can ask: Who is this Jesus? What is this that He does? Today we know the answer. Jesus is the prophet promised by God to Moses. Jesus is the one to whom we should listen this day. Jesus is the one who speaks with God's authority. Jesus is the one who is still saving us in the midst of all that is going on in our lives and in our world.

- What has Jesus done lately in my life that caused me to sit back in amazement?
- Why did this surprise me? What was I expecting when I asked Jesus' help?
- How did it change my thinking about who Jesus is?



# Readings for the Week Jan. 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1: 21-28 Monday: 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30, 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 1: 9-10, 14b, 24-5a, 30—19:3

Mk 5: 21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6 Thursday: Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mk 6: 7-13

Friday: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3: 1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34

Sunday: Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23;

Mk 1: 29-39



Listen and learn – it's an expression many of us have heard. In order for us to learn how to do something, we need to listen to the instructions on how to do it. "Comprehension"

means to understand what you just heard and apply it to whatever it is you are doing. Many times, we listen to our teachers or parents speak, but we may not apply it to our daily life. For instance, we have heard our parents say to wear our helmets when we ride our bikes, but we may not comprehend why it is so very important to do so. We need to wear our helmets in the event that if we do fall off our bikes, we have the protection we need to stay safe if we fall!

One of the first times Jesus spoke was in the synagogue. The people were amazed to hear him speak; people came from all over to hear him. In those days, there were people that some believed had demons or unclean spirits in them. The people tried to remove the demons, but rarely were they successful. But when Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man's body, they listened. Because of this, many people became followers of Jesus. Not only did they listen to Jesus speak, but they started to change the way they lived their lives – for the better! They comprehended or understood!

Jesus wants all of us to go to heaven. He was never really interested in what people owned or the things that they did. Jesus was mainly concerned about how everyone got along with one another. Imagine that! Jesus wants us to live in heaven with our Father. In order for us to do this, we have to listen to what He says to live better lives as Christians!

We weren't around when Jesus was walking here on Earth. Lucky for us, some wonderful people wrote things down as they happened to share with us many years later. These stories can be found in the Bible. This is where we can read and learn about Jesus. We can learn about the miracles he performed, the speeches he gave and how he lived his life. It is up to us to listen, learn, comprehend and apply all that we have learned about Jesus to our daily lives. It can be very difficult to live just like Jesus because he was so perfect, but we can try our best to serve one another with a kind smile, a friendly gesture or simply by talking about our faith in Jesus. We have a lot to say! Let others know about your love for Jesus so that this world can be the place God intended it to be.

Let's pray: Dear God, help me to listen to Jesus' words. Help me to use His words to guide the way that I live my life. Amen.

# COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

## Saturday, Jan. 27

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym

#### Sunday, Jan. 28

- St. Michael School Open House –after 9:30 a.m. Mass— Commons and School
- St. Michael Concert Series-4:30 p.m.—Church

## Monday, Jan. 29

Women's Faith Sharing/Spanish—6:30 p.m.—Commons

# Tuesday, Jan. 30

 Digging Deeper Adult Faith Formation -7:00 p.m.— Ministry Room East

# Wednesday, Jan. 31

Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

# Thursday, Feb. 1

Youth Ministry Co-Ed Volleyball—7:00 p.m.—MPR

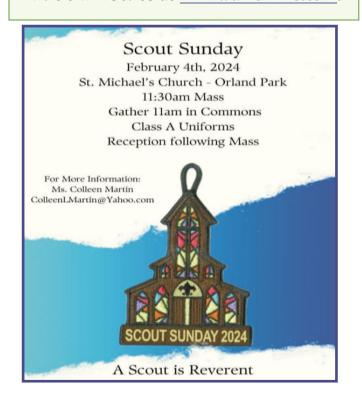
# Saturday, Feb. 3

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym
- Adult Trivia Night-6:30 p.m.—MPR, Small Gym & Commons

#### Sunday, Feb. 4

Scout Sunday Mass-11:30 a.m.—Church

For more information on our programs, visit our website at www.saintmike.com.





# **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, Juan Pablo Barajas,
Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Tom Berta,
Kathy Bruss, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura,
Lucia Diaz, Mary DiFilippo, Donald Flynn,
Fran Hoak, Carole Holding,
Lisa Johnston, Joan Korpics, Celeste Koszut,
Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal,
Mark Lunn, Joelee MacMaster, Fr. Bob Mair,
Tom Mallon, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun,
Alice Prendergast, Jack Radecky, AJ Rother,
Maria Rzonca, Sarah, Cara Scanlon,
Nicholas Schuber, Henry Scibor, Jennie Vaccarell,
Naty Velada, Aleksandra Waresiak,
Donna Wilczek, Audrey Zarembski, Angel Zavala,

# **Please Pray For**

and those injured in service to their country.

Those who have died and their families

LeRoy Giovanazzi Mercede Madey Patricia Neubauer Soon Ja Pawlikowski, wife of Robert Charles E. Ruffetti, husband of Barbara



# Wednesdays at 7pm In the Commons

Please join us each week for a deeper insight into the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. There's a video presentation, followed by discussions about the video and readings.

# **MEN'S SCRIPTURE SHARING**Saturday at 7am in Ministry Room West

Join us Saturday mornings at 7am to discuss the following Sunday Scripture readings - what they mean and how they apply to our daily life.

We finish in time for the 8:30 am Mass.

# Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

This year St. Michael and Our Lady of the Woods Parishes have joined to introduce seven Candidates and Catechumen. In addition, St. Michael welcomes two members to the Spanish RCIA program. They have all been studying since September to learn more about our Catholic faith. As you read their personal stories, please offer welcome and support by your prayers.



Eric Anderson St. Michael



Jaycie Shake Our Lady of the Woods



Robert Arriaga St. Michael



Dayla Arriaga St. Michael



Genesis Olvera
Our Lady of the Woods



Elizabeth Franco St. Michael



# Nick Espey Our Lady of The Woods

I grew up in Vermont and love to ski – I have been skiing since I was two and have even jumped out of a helicopter to ski! Having a shared faith is important for my wife and I. I grew up in a non-



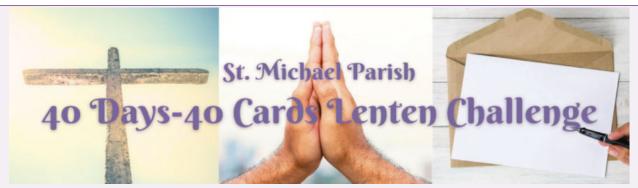
denominational church and a lot of the topics have been a great refresher from what I learned as a kid. I have especially enjoyed learning about the differences in the Catholic faith.



# Samantha Aquirre St. Michael

I am 32, married, have four children, and I am in nursing school. My husband and I want to get married in the church and before doing that, I want to finish the RCIA program. I want to set an example for

my children. I like meeting every Sunday for Mass. I love how it has brought my family closer to God.



# 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 "40 Days-40 Cards 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 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 <a href="https://saintmike.com/lenten-challenge-form">https://saintmike.com/lenten-challenge-form</a> 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 <a href="https://saintmike.com/40-days-40-cards-lenten-challenge/">https://saintmike.com/40-days-40-cards-lenten-challenge/</a>.

This program begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Prayer Angels need to sign up by Feb. 7.

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



St. Michael Concert Series is excited to host award-winning pianist Alex McDonald this Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the church. The concert is free and open to the public.

Since his orchestral debut at age 11, Dr. Alex McDonald has soloed with the Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de Mexico, Louisiana Philharmonic, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Utah Symphony Orchestra, among others. He is currently the festival

director for Basically Beethoven, a thriving summer concert series in the Dallas Arts District. He was a participant in the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, a Teaching Fellow at Juilliard School and has taught at Texas Woman's University and Richland College.



# CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAYBREAK CENTER SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the first Saturday of every month a group of 8th graders & high school students from our parish prepare and serve lunch at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen in Joliet. We

will be going on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 8:00am until 1:00pm. If you are a teen and would like to lend a hand, please email Therese Hansen to register at hansentherese12@gmail.com. You need to email your name and phone number; Therese will contact you.

We leave from St. Michael's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Deadline for sign up is this Wednesday, Jan. 31. Transportation will be provided.

# CAN YOU HELP WITH SHEPHERD'S TABLE?

Our teens will be serving homemade meatballs and mostaccioli for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please donate eggs, bread crumbs, minced garlic, fresh parsley, grated parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, onions, mostaccioli, marinara sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, ranch dressing, French bread, butter, canned green beans, fresh fruit, homemade desserts, and liters of pop. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

> Please place your donations in the Narthex kitchen on Thursday, Feb. 1 & Friday, Feb. 2 from 8:00am to 8:30pm.

St. Michael Youth Ministry thanks you for your generosity.









**BINGO & DINNER FUNDRAISING EVENT** FRIDAY, FEB. 9 IN THE COMMONS Doors open at 5:30 p.m. First game starts at 6:30 p.m.

A hamburger or cheese burger dinner can be purchased for \$7.00

Dinner includes burger, chips, cookie and drink. An additional sandwich can be purchased with a dinner for \$3 more. Come early for dinner, only 80 sandwiches will be made.

Purchase 10 Bingo Games for \$20 Prizes include gift cards, merchandise and/or cash

BINGOL The last game's prize: Four (4) tickets to a Bulls Game (Level 100 Seats; total value approx. \$800)

Food & Games can be bought at the door: cash or check.

Please RSVP to KofCCouncil10858@gmail.com

Children are welcome but only those 18 and older can claim prizes.

This fundraiser supports the Knight's many charitable programs at St. Michael, including Coats for Needy Kids, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and the Keep Christ in Christmas and Free Throw contests.



# Join Us for St. Michael School's Adult Trivia Night 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!

- When & Where: Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ St. Michael School (MPR, Small Gym and Commons)
- **Check In:** 6:30pm / **Game On**: 7:00pm
- Price: \$35/person and 12 people/table (\$420 per table)

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, Visit <a href="https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=qhbubra0kcy#/home/">https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=qhbubra0kcy#/home/</a>

Questions? Contact Megan Guyette - megan\_guyette@yahoo.com



Dear Father Frank and St. Michael Parishioners.

It's a cold and snowy day and I can't help but think that the generosity of the people of St. Michael has made it possible for us to help so many people stay safe and warm on a day like this. Because you continue to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we are able to help families with rent, mortgage payments and utilities when they call. Your generous donations to the Thanksgiving collection, the Poor Boxes, the Christmas Giving Tree and the Lenten Crosses, as well as individual

checks written as memorials or simply out of the kindness of your heart, keep our treasury large enough to help when called upon.

In addition to financial aid, we were able to give an average of 32 families huge gifts of food at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to the food drives sponsored by St. Michael's Student Council, and Religious Ed (RE) and QUEST families, these distributions included food for a holiday dinner, plus multiple boxes of pantry items, and grocery and gas gift cards. At Easter, kids in the families received baskets made by the Youth Ministry; at Christmas, the kids received gifts purchased with money donated by our RE families. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus made several financial donations throughout the year and purchased coats for the kids we help.

The substantial donations of holiday meals from Jewel at 131<sup>st</sup> St., Thanksgiving Turkeys from Richards Building Supply in Chicago, and regular donations of meat from Longhorn Steakhouse, as well as bags of groceries left outside the pantry by you, our parishioners, make it possible to provide for the people who call our hotline looking for help.

Your kindness and generosity to people that you will never know is truly heartwarming. We thank you, we pray for you and hope that with your continued generosity, we will be able to make a difference in people's lives.

God Bless you all,

Lynne Wojcik St. Vincent de Paul Society

# El Espiritu del Padre Frank

Este año, las lecturas del evangelio dominical son de San Marcos. Uno de los elementos del evangelio de Marcos es que los discípulos nunca entienden quién es Jesús. Luchan a lo largo del evangelio y a menudo cometen errores y suposiciones falsas. No es hasta la Cruz que finalmente se dan cuenta de que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios. Irónicamente, el espíritu inmundo reconoce rápidamente a Jesús: "¡Sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios!" Asombroso.

Mucha gente piensa como el espíritu inmundo. Mucha gente tiene miedo de Dios. "¿Has venido a destruirnos?," pregunta el espíritu inmundo. ¿Cuántas veces nos hemos hecho la misma pregunta? Parece que nos resulta más fácil

creer en un Dios vengativo y enojado que en un Dios lleno de misericordia y compasión. Nosotros también somos como los discípulos del evangelio de Marcos - y realmente no entendemos completamente quién es Jesús. Nuevamente, cuando miramos la Cruz, finalmente nos damos cuenta de que Jesús no se trata de juicio y condenación sino de amor y misericordia. No, Jesús no vino a destruirnos, sino que Jesús vino a darnos nueva vida. Oro para que podamos ver el poder de la Cruz trabajando en nuestras vidas y comprender aue nuestro Dios realmente nos ama.



#### Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

Esta semana observamos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas en nuestra parroquia. Durante este tiempo, destacamos la misión y las tradiciones de nuestra escuela parroquial. Es un momento para celebrar porque tenemos una excelente escuela parroquial.

El tema de este año es "Escuelas católicas: unidas en la fe y la comunidad". El tema es un mensaje apropiado para nuestros tiempos, que subraya el fundamento cristocéntrico y la excelencia académica de las escuelas católicas. Las Escuelas Católicas tienen el propósito específico de formar a los estudiantes para que sean buenos ciudadanos del mundo, amen a Dios y al prójimo y enriquezcan a la sociedad con la levadura del evangelio y con el ejemplo de la fe

Estoy orgulloso de nuestra escuela. Es la dedicación de nuestro director, el Sr. Paul Smith, los maestros, el personal, los miembros del consejo asesor escolar y los benefactores lo que garantiza que la escuela St. Michael permanezca abierta y viable. Está en el arduo trabajo y los logros de nuestros estudiantes quienes, día a día, están aprendiendo y creciendo en Cristo y obteniendo una educación llena de valores. Está en el compromiso de nuestros padres, tutores y voluntarios que dan su tiempo y talentos para ayudar a que la Escuela St. Michael sea excelente.

## Cuidado con las estafas

Los medios de comunicación siguen recordándonos que estemos atentos a posibles estafas. Los estafadores intentan robarle su dinero mediante mentiras y engaños. Lamentablemente, con la tecnología los estafadores se están volviendo más creativos e inteligentes. Ya he mencionado varias veces acerca de los correos electrónicos provenientes de alguien que se hace pasar por mí. El estafador te pide que me hagas un favor. Si responde, recibirá otro correo electrónico informando que estoy muy ocupado y necesito ayudar a una familia necesitada. El correo electrónico le pedirá que compre tarjetas de regalo para mí y, para que no tenga problemas, envíe una foto de la tarjeta de regalo con el número y el PIN visibles. Una vez que envía la información, el dinero desaparece y no hay forma de recuperarlo. Por lo general, solicitan grandes cantidades, como 300 dólares en tarjetas de regalo de Google o iTunes.

Tenga en cuenta que el único correo electrónico legítimo de cualquier persona en St. Michael es el de una dirección que termina en @saintmike.com o @saintmike.org. Si no son de estas direcciones, son fraudulentas y no involucran a estas personas.

Los estafadores ahora son cada vez más audaces. Los feligreses también reciben mensajes de texto míos pidiendo favores similares. Nuevamente, tenga cuidado; No doy mi número de móvil con regularidad, por lo que si obtienes uno, es muy probable que no sea mío.

Es triste que la gente esté dispuesta a aprovecharse del buen carácter de los demás. Aprovechan la relación de confianza entre un pastor, rabino o imán y sus congregaciones. Sólo les pido que tengan cuidado y estén atentos a posibles estafadores.

# Campaña Católica Anual



Muchas familias de nuestra parroquia han recibido o recibirán el correo de la Campaña Católica Anual del Cardenal Cupich. (¡Esto no es una estafa! ) En nombre de aquellos atendidos por los ministerios, parroquias y escuelas que recibieron fondos de la Campaña, me gustaría agradecerles por su generosidad.

La Campaña Católica Anual ofrece la oportunidad de responder al llamado "Juntos en la Escuelas Católicas mesa". Además de brindar ministerios y servicios en toda la Arquidiócesis, la Campaña Unidos en Fe y Comunidad Católica Anual también financia servicios que ayudan enormemente a la Parroquia St. Michael.

Al contemplar los muchos dones de Dios, debemos reflexionar en nuestra gratitud. Su apoyo financiero al 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 2024. Como en años anteriores, los fines de semana del 10 y 11 de febrero son fines de semana de compromiso. Escucharemos un mensaje grabado del Cardenal Cupich y luego tendremos la oportunidad de comprometernos con la Campaña Católica Anual de 2024.

Nuestra meta para la Campaña Católica Anual de 2023 fue \$124,273; al 1 de enero de 2024 se recaudaron \$182,092. Superamos nuestra meta y St. Michael recibirá un reembolso por exceder el monto de nuestra meta. Quiero agradecer a nuestros generosos donantes que ayudaron a que la Campaña Católica Anual fuera un éxito. Les pido que se unan a mí para contribuir a la Campaña Católica Anual de 2024.

En el Amor de Cristo

Padre Frank

# MINISTERIO HISPANO ST MICHAELS

# Cena- Baile de San Valentin

Ven al baile de San valentin este año 2024. Disfruta de una deliciosa cena, bebidas ilimitadas (barra abierta), mariachi y DJ. Tendremos rifas y boleto para el Sábado, 10 de Febrero. Boletos disponibles despues de la misa de 1:30 pm

# Clase pre-bautismal

Nuestra próxima clase pre-bautismal será el Lunes, 5 de Febrero a las 7:00 pm.



# Entrenamiento de Lectores y Ministros de Comunión

El Lunes 29 de Enero a las 6:30 pm en la Iglesia.

# Confesiones en Español

Sabado 27 de Enero - 3:00 pm



# Masses for the Week — January 27 to February 4

Saturday 1/27	8:30 AM 4:30 PM	People of St. Michael Giuseppe Musto Santo Garbo	Richard Della Croce Mark Zuro	William & Mary Morrissey
Sunday 1/28	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Ann Guarino William Morrissey Joanne Harlin	Margaret Creaton Rosalie Skokay Pedro Velada	Alice Dzurisin Edorado Coppla
Spanish →	11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Elfrieda Vlaming Rosa Campos Elvira Botello	Caryl O'Connor Intencion Especial por Lu Nestor Diaz	Stanley Gizewski cia Diaz
Monday 1/29	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Zofia Bednarz Vargo Family	Margaret M. Fagan Robert Chubb, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chubb
Tuesday 1/30	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor Jerome Kornusky	Dennis Gerwing	
Wednesday 1/31	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Fr. Paul Burak Fricano Family	DeLaFont Family	
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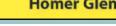


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