

St. Michael Parish

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JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



“They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.”

-Mt 2:10

Father Frank's Fire

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and epiphany simply means revelation. Today we celebrate the revelation that Jesus Christ is the true Light of the World, and salvation is meant for everyone and not for a select few. The Epiphany of the Lord is God's revelation to the Gentiles that Jesus is the Savior of the world. The wise men presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were not ordinary gifts, but gifts fit for a king. The wise men from the East represent us, the Gentiles, recognizing Jesus as our Lord, Savior, and King. Jesus is the only star that we should follow because once we find Christ, we have found what we are truly longing for, the only One who can bring us fulfillment and joy.

I pray that we all recognize Jesus as our Savior. Let us make a commitment today to follow the true Star – the true Light of the World – Jesus Christ. Our world is filled with so many lights that are contrary to the gospel. These lights give us the illusion that we are safe. The world's lights are often brighter and more appealing to our senses than the gentle and tender light of faith. So many prefer the lights of the world because there is no challenge or call to conversion. In the end, all the world's lights will burn out and turn to dust, leaving those who trusted in these false lights in darkness. The only light that will remain is Christ. The choice is ours to live in the Light of Christ or to live in the darkness of the world.

Christmas

We had a wonderful celebration of Christmas, and the Church was filled with many guests and visitors. It was good to see our college students return. The Church looked beautiful, and the liturgies and music truly gave praise to God. I am so grateful to all those who helped make Christmas such a joyful celebration. My hope is that we can continue the Christmas celebration all through the year, for Christ is truly with us.

The Gift of Cultural Traditions

The weeks before Christmas are often filled with many cultural traditions and St. Michael is blessed to be able to share them. On Dec. 12 we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe has a place of importance in the lives of our Hispanic community, and they were able to share with us their tradition.

The narthex had a beautiful representation of the apparition of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac. The image of Our Lady in the Church was beautifully decorated for her feast. Fr. Daniel did an excellent job of making the evening Mass a truly bilingual event. English speakers would not feel excluded if they attended. I hope that for our next celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, more of our English-speaking community will attend. Thank you for sharing the wonderful tradition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Filipino community celebrated their tradition of Sambang Gabi. This is a celebration of nine days of Masses leading up to Christmas, in anticipation of Christmas. Each of these Masses are celebrated in a different parish and all are welcome to attend. The entrance rite is so beautiful, as each parish participating has a "star lantern" that is fashioned out of bamboo and paper. These lanterns symbolize the preparing of our hearts to welcome and receive Christ our Light on Christmas. After a parish hosts one of the nine Masses, their star lantern becomes part of the entrance procession. This year St. Michael had the third Mass so there were not a lot of lanterns. Thank you to the Filipino community for allowing us to share in this beautiful tradition.

Let us continue to enjoy one another's culture. Let us not be afraid to learn from each other, as all cultures have a richness that can benefit others.

Christmas Gifts

In today's gospel, the wise men left their gifts at the foot of the manger. I wish to thank all of those who have left their Christmas gift at the foot of the altar. I will report on the total Christmas collection in a few weeks, as your Christmas offerings continue to come in. If you have not made your offering to the parish, there is still time to do so. May we realize that the Star followed by the Magi leads all to the doors of St. Michael Church.

Wishing you a joyful and prayerful New Year,

Fr. Frank

Taking Home the Sunday Scriptures The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

What's your point? We get that question a lot. We can ramble at times or become disjointed in our thoughts. When reading and hearing Sunday Scriptures, we often find the nutshell by looking at the responsorial psalm or the Gospel acclamation. From Psalm 72 we hear "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." The verse for the Gospel acclamation is Matthew 2:2: "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." We need to see the light, and to follow with our actions and our words. In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives: two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization in our world today. What one group sees as good for our nation or world, those with opposing views think will wreck the country.

The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and tried to find a way to follow it and discover the newborn king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country. He wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ Child. On a more personal level, depending on our perspective, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes. Clearly, it took time for the Magi to get to their destination. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ." Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if it takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way to Him? What gifts do we have to offer to Him in homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ Child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from all that leads us astray.



Readings for the Week Jan. 7, 2024

Sunday:	Solemnity: The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12
Monday:	The Baptism of the Lord Is 55: 1-11; or 1 Jn 5: 1-9
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4: 1-11; Mk 1: 40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8: 4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1; Mk 2: 13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42



Every Christmas we set up our Christmas decorations and we watch in enjoyment. We unpack our Nativity sets and place them for all to see. The shepherds are set in place and the three wise men, whose names are said to be Balthasar, Melchior and Casper, come to seek Baby Jesus. Yet, I have to wonder, have we ever really stopped to understand who these men really are? The answer lies in the Epiphany of the Lord. The three wise men came from a nearby kingdom seeking the birth of our Savior and King. They are important because they were not only diplomats (an important person) bearing peace offerings; they were wise men on a spiritual quest to find their true king and the source of true Wisdom. They were wise because after they heard the King was born, they wanted to worship and honor him.

The story says they went to Jerusalem and asked some priests there if they knew where to find the King. The priests knew where Jesus was to be born because they had been told by the prophet Micah. They told the wise men they would find the new King in Bethlehem. The wise men did not have a map to guide them. They had something even better. God gave them a STAR to guide them. The wise men followed the directions of the priests and followed the star that God gave them, and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshipped him.

Wise men, women, boys and girls are still searching for Jesus. There are people who want to help—people like priests and religious education teachers and friends. There is no map to help us find Jesus, and there is no star to follow. Sometimes our lives are beyond difficult, or even heartbreaking. Where is our map? We are looking for Jesus. What we do have is God's Holy Word in the Bible. What we do have is the Holy Spirit! We have the ability to help each other and love each other, regardless of any difficult times. Pick up the phone and call that person who may be all alone. Leave a gift on the doorstep of someone less fortunate (yes, even after Christmas). Give and you shall receive. This is how we seek Jesus now. Let us be wise like the three wise men knowing we will find the true and only source of wisdom and happiness—Jesus and God's Word!

Let's Pray: Dear Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. Let us seek you when we are lost. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, Jan. 6

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym
- Youth Ministry Coat Collection for St. Basil/Visitation Parish — Before & After 4:30 Mass — Narthex
- PPC Hospitality Hours-After 4:30PM Mass—Commons

Sunday, Jan. 7

- Youth Ministry Coat Collection for St. Basil/Visitation Parish — Before & After All Masses — Narthex
- PPC Hospitality Hours-After all Masses—Commons
- QUEST Mass and Celebration-5:00 p.m.—Church and Small Gym

Monday, Jan. 8

- Women's Faith Sharing/English—6:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

Tuesday, Jan. 9

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

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Thursday, Jan. 11

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

Saturday, Jan. 13

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym
- Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest—3:00 p.m.—Small Gym

**For more information on these and other programs at St. Michael Parish,
Please 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:

John Baker, Juan Pablo Barajas,
Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Tom Berta,
Kathy Bruss, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura,
Mary DiFilippo, Donald Flynn, Fran Hoak,
Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Joan Korpics,
Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton,
Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Fr. Bob Mair,
Tom Mallon, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun,
Alice Prendergast, Jack Radecky, AJ Rother,
Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Nicholas Schuber,
Vinceza Silvio, Jennie Vaccarell, Phil Varnagis,
Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek,
Keith Michael Yelnick, Audrey Zarembski,
Angel Zavala,
and those injured in service to their country.

Please Pray For

Those who have died and their families

Donald Brann, father of Carol McCasland
Margaret Creaton, sister of Joe Morrissey and aunt
of Cathy Lebert & Joe, John & Mike Morrissey
Robert Kelly, Sr.
John Lapka, husband of Arlene
Jim Quinn, brother of Tom and brother-in-law of
Kathy



**Parish Hospitality Weekend
This Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 6 & 7
All Are Welcome To Join Us In The Commons
For Fellowship & Refreshments
Following All Masses**

Our **Hispanic Ministry** will be hosting this Hospitality Weekend and providing baked goods and snacks.



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

St. Michael Parish is looking for people who enjoy praying with and bringing the Eucharistic to parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in nursing homes. **Training is provided** and will take place at **Our Lady of the Woods Parish on Jan. 23, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 from 4:45 to 8:00 p.m.**

To register for the training, visit at <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>. To learn more, please contact Cee Cee Van Hecke at cvanhecke@saintmike.com or at 708-349-0903.



**How is god calling you to serve?
Join Us For Diaconate Inquiry Night
Monday, Jan. 22, 2024 at 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!

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

**¿Cómo te llama Dios a servir?
Únase a nosotros para la noche de consultas
sobre el diaconado
Lunes, 22 de enero de 2024 a las 7 p.m.
St. Michael Ministry Room East**

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!

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto:
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**Hooks & Needles
Prayer Shawl Ministry
This Tuesday, Jan. 9
9 a.m. in Ministry Room East**



We make and donate shawls, blankets, hats and scarves to parishioners and others in need of God's love and comfort. We have knitters and crocheters of all skill levels - from beginners to experienced. **Everyone is welcome.**



Wedding Banns

*Margaret J. Flaherty & David Michaels
Jan. 20, 2024*



All 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are invited to Youth Ministry Student Trivia Night

Date: Friday, Jan. 26, 2024

Place: St. Michael Gym

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Cost: \$10.00

Deadline for sign up is Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024

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 of the group. If you are not a member of a group check 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 Youth Ministry website at <https://saintmike.com/youth-ministry-trivia-night/> 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 WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 to the Parish, Youth Ministry or School Office. Questions: call 708-349-0903, Ext. 650, or email rkoch@saintmike.com.

Spreading Comfort & Joy To Those In Need

We wish to thank the many ministries and parishioners at St. Michael that helped **Spread Comfort & Joy** to people in need in our community this Advent.

Here are just a few of the ways we were able to bring the joy of Jesus to many of our brothers and sisters.

Through the **Service Ministry's Annual Sharing Tree** and the generosity of many parishioners, hundreds of people served by seven different outreach organizations received Christmas gifts, much-needed supplies, and gift cards for groceries and gas. The organizations you helped include:

St. Basil/Visitation Parish and Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Marillac Center

St. Coletta's of Illinois;

The Learning Center

Oak Forest Nursing Home

St. Michael **Quest Families** bought Christmas gifts for 26 children served by our sister parish St. Basil/Visitation.



Our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** provided all the fixings for Christmas dinner, plus three boxes of food to 32 families in need in Orland Township. Families also received wrapped gifts for their children and extra gift cards for other purchases.

Religious Education (RE) families and catechists donated \$941 that was used to purchase Christmas gifts for children served by our St. Vincent de Paul conference.



St. Michael parishioners donated 109 blankets and 190 goody bags for the elderly served by Harmony and Avantara Nursing Homes in Palos Heights. The **St. Michael Morning Rosary Prayer Group** delivered the goodies to the nursing homes, while our **Children's Choir** performed Christmas carols for the residents.



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.



*Genesis Olvera
Our Lady of the Woods*



*Samantha Aguirre
St. Michael*



*Nick Espy
Our Lady of the Woods*



*Jaycie Shake
Our Lady of the Woods*



*Robert Arriaga
St. Michael*



*Dayla Arriaga
St. Michael*

Erik Anderson St. Michael

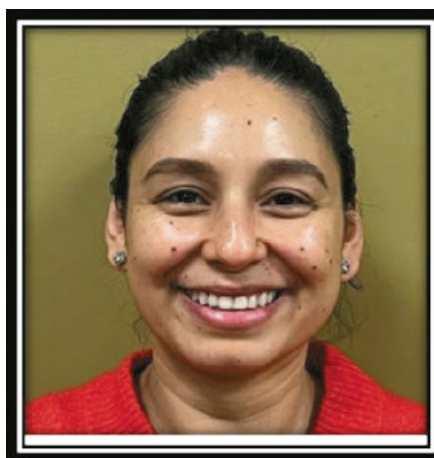
I am the father of three beautiful children and enjoy spending time with my family. Having attended St. Michael for a number of years, I decided to explore the Catholic faith.

I enjoy learning about the different prayers and how prayer is important to spiritual health.



Elizabeth Franco St. Michael

I am a woman, a wife and a mother of four children. I always dreamed of having my sacraments. Two years ago my mother passed away and, in that moment, I felt the



spiritual necessity of learning more about God. I have loved this program so much! Deacon Abel and his wife have shown us and nurtured us to love our Christian faith.



St. Michael Co-Ed High School Volleyball

We are now forming a Co-Ed High School Volleyball Team. Freshman through seniors are invited to play from January to March. We play other parish teams in the area. **All are welcome so invite your friends to join with you.**

To sign up, download and complete the permission form on the Youth Ministry website at <https://saintmike.com/high-school-sports/> or pick up a form in the Parish Office. Bring the completed permission form to the first game.

Games begin This Thursday, Jan. 11 at St. Michael
QUESTIONS? Contact Youth Minister Rose Koch at 708-349-0903 ext.#650, or rkoch@saintmike.com.



YOUTH MINISTRY COAT DRIVE

For St. Basil/Visitation
This Weekend

Jan. 6 & 7 at all Masses

We will be accepting gently-used coats for men, women and children.

Bring them with you to Mass

Thank you for your support.



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Contest — Next Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m.
Open to all children 9– to 14-years-old

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Free Throw Contest** for all boys and girls ages 9- to 14-years-old on **Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024 at 3 p.m. at St. Michael School**. Participation certificates will be given to all participants and prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring boys and girls in each age bracket. All participants **need to have their parent or guardian complete a sign-in form before competing**. The form below can be completed and brought to the competition or forms will be available on the day of the competition. Winners from our contest, as well as from other Council contests in our area, will compete in the **District Competition**, which will be on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at 2 p.m. at St. Michael School.

Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

<input type="checkbox"/> Boys	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls	Council # <u>10858</u>	AGE: <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14	Note: This same form must be used for the Council, District and Jurisdiction Competition — please be sure it is passed on accordingly.
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Name of Entrant _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____ Email _____ Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No. 10858

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed



ST. MICHAEL APOLOGETICS GROUP presents

Where We Got the Bible

A three-session presentation
by Dr. Brant Pitre, Ph.D.

- Why are there different Bibles and which one is the real Bible?
- Where is that in the Bible? I believe in the "Bible alone."
- Why should the Bible be taken as a rule of faith at all? How do I know the Bible is inspired by God and not just the product of man?

This Monday, Jan.8
7 pm in the Ministry Rooms
All are welcome!
Bring a Friend or Family Member

Visit our website at
<https://saintmike.com/apologetics/>
for more information.



Sign Up Today To Be An Altar Server!

Training Sessions are Jan. 9 & Jan. 22
Students need only attend one session

St. Michael Parish has a need for Altar Servers at our weekend Masses, especially at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and the 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays. Students in 3rd through 8th Grades are invited to serve and training is provided. Altar Server Training will be held on Tuesday, Jan.9 and Monday, Jan. 22 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Students need only attend one training session.

For more information about the Altar Server Ministry and to sign up for one of the training sessions, please contact Susan O'Connell at 708-349-0903, ext. 672, or at soconnell@saintmike.com.



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.

New this year: Participate in the team theme contest! Create a theme for your table and dress the part. From Mardi Gras, Barbie or Chicago White Sox to 80's, Friends or elegant dinner party ... the more creative the better. Best team theme wins a prize!

To buy tickets, visit <https://bngn.blackbaud.school/?id=qhbubra0kcy#/home/> or scan this code



Questions? Contact Megan Guyette - megan_guyette@yahoo.com



El Espiritu del Padre Frank

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor, y epifanía significa revelación. Hoy celebramos la revelación de que Jesucristo es la Luz genuina del mundo y que la salvación es para todos y no para unos pocos elegidos. La Epifanía del Señor es la revelación de Dios a los gentiles de que Jesús es el Salvador del mundo. Los reyes magos presentaron obsequios de oro, incienso y mirra. Estos no eran obsequios ordinarios, sino obsequios dignos de un rey. Los magos de Oriente nos representaron a nosotros, los gentiles, reconociendo a Jesús como nuestro Señor, Salvador y Rey. Jesús es la única estrella que debemos seguir porque una vez que encontramos a Cristo, hemos encontrado lo que honestamente anhelamos: el Único que puede traernos plenitud y gozo.

Oro para que todos reconozcamos a Jesús como nuestro Salvador. Comprometámonos hoy a seguir la verdadera Estrella, la genuina Luz del Mundo, Jesucristo. Nuestro mundo está lleno de tantas luces contrarias al evangelio. Estas luces nos dan la ilusión de que estamos a salvo. Las luces del mundo son a menudo más brillantes y más atractivas para nuestros sentidos que la suave y tierna luz de la fe. Muchos prefieren las luces del mundo porque no hay desafío ni llamado a la conversión. Al final, todas las luces del mundo se apagarán y se convertirán en polvo, dejando a quienes confiaron en estas luces falsas en la oscuridad. La única luz que quedará es Cristo. La elección es nuestra: vivir en la Luz de Cristo o en las tinieblas del mundo.

Navidad

Tuvimos una maravillosa celebración de Navidad y la Iglesia se llenó de muchos invitados y visitantes. Fue bueno ver regresar a nuestros estudiantes universitarios. La Iglesia se veía hermosa y las liturgias y la música realmente alababan a Dios. Estoy muy agradecido con todos aquellos que han ayudado a hacer de la Navidad una celebración tan alegre. Espero que continuemos la celebración navideña durante todo el año, porque Cristo verdaderamente está con nosotros.

El regalo de las tradiciones culturales

Las semanas previas a Navidad suelen estar llenas de muchas tradiciones culturales y St Michael tiene la bendición de poder compartirlas. El 12 de diciembre celebramos la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la patrona de las Américas. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe tiene un lugar importante en la vida de nuestra comunidad hispana y pudieron compartir con nosotros su tradición.

El nártex tenía una hermosa representación de la aparición de Nuestra Señora a San Juan Diego en el cerro del Tepeyac. La imagen de Nuestra Señora en la Iglesia fue bellamente decorada para su fiesta. P. Daniel hizo un trabajo excelente al hacer de la misa de la tarde un evento verdaderamente bilingüe. Los angloparlantes no se sentirían excluidos si asistieran. Espero que más miembros de nuestra comunidad de habla inglesa asistan a nuestra próxima celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Gracias por compartir la maravillosa tradición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Nuestra comunidad filipina celebra su tradición de Sambang Gabi. Esta es una celebración de nueve días de misas previas a la Navidad, en anticipación a la Navidad. Cada una de estas Misas se celebra en una parroquia diferente y todos son bienvenidos a asistir. El rito de entrada es tan hermoso ya que cada parroquia participante tiene una "linterna de estrella" hecha de bambú y papel. Estos faroles simbolizan la preparación de nuestros corazones para acoger y recibir a Cristo, nuestra Luz en Navidad. Después de que una parroquia celebra una de las nueve misas, su linterna estrella se convierte en parte de la procesión de entrada. St Michael celebró la tercera misa este año, por lo que había pocas linternas. Gracias a la comunidad filipina por permitirnos compartir esta hermosa tradición.

Sigamos disfrutando de la cultura de los demás. No tengamos miedo de aprender unos de otros, ya que todas las culturas tienen una riqueza que puede beneficiar a otras.

Regalos de Navidad

En el evangelio de hoy, los reyes magos dejaron sus regalos a los pies del administrador. Deseo agradecer a todos aquellos que han dejado su regalo de Navidad al pie del altar. A medida que continúen sus ofrendas navideñas, informaré sobre la colección navideña total en unas semanas. Si no ha hecho su ofrenda a la parroquia, todavía hay tiempo para hacerlo. Que nos demos cuenta de que la Estrella, seguida por los Reyes Magos, conduce a todos hasta las puertas de la Iglesia de San Miguel.

Les deseo un Año Nuevo alegre y lleno de oración,

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



Reserve la Iglesia Primero.

Les recordamos a todos nuestros queridos feligreses que siempre que vayan a organizar una celebración religiosa y familiar deben reservar primero la Iglesia y la disponibilidad del día y hora. Así mismo, para reservar sacramentos deben hacerlo con tiempo ya que los tramites toman tiempo y los cupos para reservar se agotan rapidamente al principio del año. Muchas gracias.

Cofradia Guadalupeana

Regresamos a nuestras juntas bi-semanales el próximo jueves 18 de Enero a las 6:15 pm. Tendremos tema de aprendizaje.



Educacion Religiosa (Catecismo)

Regresamos a las catequesis el 11 de Enero. No olviden practicar las oraciones para los niños de primera comunión y confirmación.





Masses for the Week — January 6 to January 14

Saturday 1/6	8:30 AM	Daniel Hiter	Virginia Walczak	Special Intention for Fran Hoak
	4:30 PM	Elfrieda Vlaming	Jim & Jean Foley Family	William & Mary Morrissey
		Roberto Ortiz	Patrick Joseph McPartlin	
Sunday 1/7	7:30 AM	Joyce Parisi		
	9:30 AM	Bill Morrissey	Kevin O'Finn	William, Nancy & David Jungles
		Rich Della Croce	Scott Kiecana	
Spanish→	11:30 AM	Jack Payton	Patrick McPartlin	Michael Sheeran
	1:30 PM	Araceli Duran	Jose Garcia	Antonio Ruiz
Monday 1/8	6:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory & Kitchin Family		
	8:00 AM	Patrick Hortsman	Ann Sowa	Bob Pierson and Pat Pierson
Tuesday 1/9	6:30 AM	Mary Peters		
	8:00 AM	Bernadine Kudia	Alicia Ortiz	Beverly Humenik & friends in Purgatory
Wednesday 1/10	6:30 AM	Betty Murray		
	8:00 AM	Maria Kutty Kuriakose	Special Intention for Jerome Antony	
Thursday 1/11	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Pedro Velada		
Friday 1/12	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Marie Hortsman	Jeanne Domagala	Rodney Vickers
Saturday 1/13	8:30 AM	Lissykutty	Dolores J. & Creseniw	Mercedes R. & Rufino Z. Urela
	4:30 PM	Margaret Conlon	William & Mary Morrissey	Elfrieda Vlaming
		Special Intention for Loreta G. Larena		Gail Ulcigrai
Sunday 1/14	7:30 AM	Rose Marie Kedzuf	Mary Ann Michele	Albert Jurasek
	9:30 AM	William Morrissey	Gregory Beeson	Richard Della Croce
		Mike Sheerin	Michael Capuano	
Spanish→	11:30 AM	Patrick McDonough, Sr.	Robert & Caryl O'Connor	Special Intention for Sheeran Family
	1:30 PM	Gente de St. Michael		



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Peace for Our Time Musical Prayer

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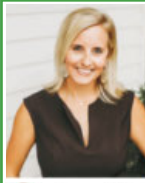
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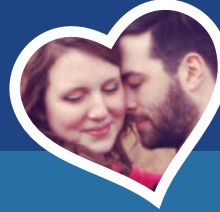


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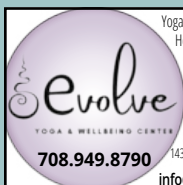
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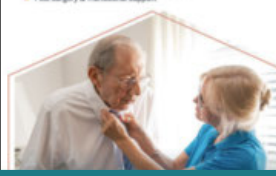


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