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JULY 19, 2026



## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.’” - Mt 13:29-30

## FR. FRANK'S FIRE

Jesus often used parables in his preaching to get his disciples to think about and to ponder his message. Last week we heard the parable about the sower and this week we hear about weeds growing alongside the wheat.

As any farmer or gardener knows – weeds are not good. I remember that as a child I would go over to my grandparents' house and pull weeds. It was an awful job. The purpose was simple – rid the garden, the grass, and the flowerbeds from those terrible weeds. They were ugly and unsightly; they destroyed everything. They had to go!

Jesus offers a different perspective, *“if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.”* Jesus suggests that you let them grow together, this would seem very strange to any farmer. However, Jesus is acknowledging that among the people of God there is often evil. There are those that are hostile to God, to believers, and even to goodness. Some are just indifferent (it does not matter if I am good, it does not matter if I pray or it does not matter if I go to Mass) – and by their actions, behaviors, attitudes, and example they endanger the wheat, the people of God.

Why would Jesus want the weeds and the wheat to be together? I believe it is a gift of hope. Once again, Jesus offers evil a chance to change. Perhaps by watching the wheat grow in faith, their hearts may be converted. Perhaps this is their opportunity to encounter the living God among God's people.

This sometimes is difficult for us to accept. Many families have what we often refer to as “bad apples.” The bad apples are those that have taken a wrong turn in their faith life or perhaps in life in general. They have caused harm and division to the family, to the Church, or to the neighborhood. Sometimes they are so toxic that they lead others astray. Sometimes our initial reaction is to just “kick them out” as if we were pulling weeds. I think Jesus is saying that we should engage them, pray for them, and with God's grace, perhaps they will change and become like the wheat for the harvest.

God is forgiving, but he is also just. Sometimes we think that we do not have to change now, as we have lots of time to do so. Still others do not think that it matters at all. Even in the message of hope, the possibility for change, there is a warning for those who do not heed God's Word, *“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”* We have lost the sense of sin. The Gospels keep reminding us to enter the narrow gate. We need to pray, to be nourished by Word and Sacrament, and we need to live lives according to the Commandments as Christ taught us. Are you ready for the final harvest?

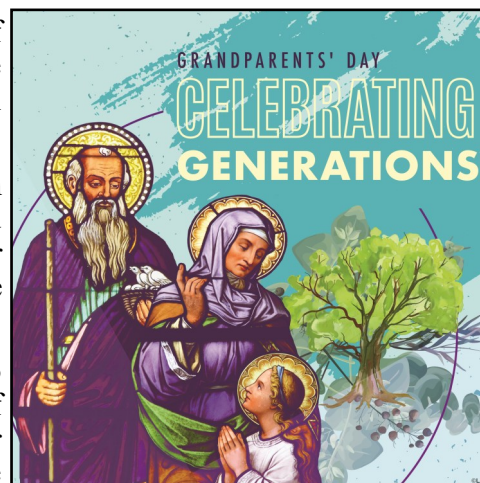
### Odds and Ends

Next weekend the Church celebrates the sixth World Day of Grandparents and Elderly. This day was instituted in 2021 by Pope Francis as an opportunity to show the elderly the closeness of the Church and to value their contribution to families and communities.

Pope Leo has chosen the theme, “I will not forget you” from Isaiah 49:15. In a statement from the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, the Holy Father chose this theme “to emphasize how God's love for every person never fails, not even in the frailty of old age.” We will have a blessing for all grandparents and for those who are young at heart.

Soon it will be August and many of our parishioners will be off to college. Some returning and some for the first time. The weekend of August 1 and 2 there will be a blessing for all of those leaving for college. It seems as if school begins earlier and earlier each year, so we are going to do the blessing in early August.

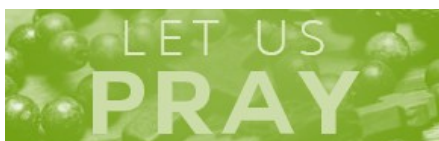
In Christ's love,  
Fr. Frank



# LET US PRAY, THE WORD, HEY, KIDS!

## Readings of the Week

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43, 13:24-30  
**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76, 77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



**We continue to remember the sick, the infirm and all those recommended to our prayers; and especially the following, that they may experience the healing power of Christ:**

**John Basta, Patricia Chuchla, Loretta Ciszak,  
 John Duda, Fabian Gamino, Joyce Gerk,  
 Richard Jurasek, Gary Kermer, Robert Kochalka,  
 Celeste Koszut, Sylvia Krepton,  
 Elizabeth Limanowski, Lizette Masters,  
 Rich McCasland, Josephine Nirchi,  
 Kenneth Osowski, Patricia Osowski,  
 Denise Ostrowski, AJ Rother, Dawn Schraeder  
 Susan Stratton, Hank Veith, Karen Wojcik,  
 Lawrence Wojcik, George Zima  
 and those injured in service to their country.**

If you would like to add your name or the name of someone who is ill to be remembered in prayer, e-mail [bulletineditor@saintmike.com](mailto:bulletineditor@saintmike.com). If you are making the request for someone else, please have the permission from the person you are making the intention for. Unless requested otherwise, they will remain on the prayer list for five weeks. Thank you.

## Hey, Kids!



As you probably know, one of the biggest enemies of a good garden is weeds. Weeds rob the soil of the nutrients that help your plants grow and many times they will choke out good plants. What can you do? You cut them down, but if you do that, you may accidentally chop down some of the good plants. Another way to rid weeds is to use weed killer. The biggest problem with weed killer is it generally does not know the difference between a weed and a good plant. Sometimes, it kills every plant it touches. It's best just to leave the weeds alone until it is time to harvest the crop; then you can separate the weeds from the good plants.

One day, Jesus told a parable that compared his church to a garden that was infested with weeds. Sometimes there may be people in the church that don't really belong. They do things that are not very loving and they don't seem to believe what the Bible teaches. They may sometimes say hateful things about others or act out and try to hurt them. They are like weeds in a garden. In his story, Jesus said that we shouldn't worry about pulling up the weeds that grow around us. If we do, we may do more harm than good. He suggests that we leave the weeds for God to take care of and concentrate on doing what he wants us to do, which is producing good fruit.

We must try our best to not let the actions of others affect the good things we do in our lives. Sometimes, when we see someone doing something evil, we may feel the need to do something evil in return. Or we may feel upset that they are getting away with bad things. This is not the way to live like Jesus. We must stand up for what is right, but we must do so respectfully and in the name of Jesus. When it is all over, God will be with us - He will know all that we did in His name and we will be rewarded for it.

It may seem like this is something only adults deal with. However, even kids can come across someone who is just very hard to deal with. You may not even want to go to school because you don't want to deal with that one student in your class that is just so mean. This Gospel is a perfect example to reflect on. Just because someone may be unpleasant doesn't mean that you should not participate in something. We should try our best to make every situation work out to our benefit. We can't let someone's bad behavior impact the good that we can get out of something.

Dear Father, help us to love one another and leave the judging in your hands. Help us to grow each day to resemble, reflect and reveal Your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

# WE PRAY, WE THANK & THIS WEEK



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

*We pray for those  
who have died  
and their families:*

**Molly A. Flynn**

*Wife of Michael,*

*Mother of Morgan, Casey, Megan, Michael, & Caroline*

**Diane Van Eck**

*Mother of James, Thomas, Linda, & Tricia*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Evening Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed at the Marian Garden (weather permitting) at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday nights; July 21 and 28. Bring your lawn chair and come together to say these most powerful prayers.



*Lauren Surin  
&  
Kevin Langland  
July 25, 2026*

## THANK YOU

**For Your Financial Support!**  
**Our Parish Contributions for**  
**JUNE 2026 = \$112,617.63**  
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St. Michael visit: [https://](https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmikeop)

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Text "Give" to 708-292-0433

## This Week

### SATURDAY, JULY 18

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West

8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym

9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Ministry Room East

9:30 a.m. Schoenstatt Meeting (at St. Francis Parish)

3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

### SUNDAY, JULY 19, 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Mass**

**1:30 p.m. Mass (in Spanish)**

9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel

### MONDAY, JULY 20

### TUESDAY, JULY 21, FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

6:30 p.m. Rosary, Marian Garden

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

### THURSDAY, JULY 23, FEAST OF ST. BRIDGET

6 p.m. Women of Faith Meeting, Marian Garden

### FRIDAY, JULY 24, FEAST OF ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

### SATURDAY, JULY 25, FEAST OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West

8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym

9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Ministry Room East

3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

**4:30 p.m. Mass**

### SUNDAY, JULY 26, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Mass**

**1:30 p.m. Mass (in Spanish)**

9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel



If you are a chair or lead a Ministry Group at St. Michael and would like to submit an item for the "What's Happening" column, please email them to: [bulletineditor@saintmike.com](mailto:bulletineditor@saintmike.com) two weeks in advance of your program/event. Thank you.

# MINISTRY



## Catholic Charities DAYBREAK CENTER/SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Every month a group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders & High School students prepare and serve lunch at the Shepherd's Table - Soup Kitchen in Joliet. Our next visit will be on **Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.** If you are a teen and would like to lend a hand, please email Therese Hansen at [hansentherese12@gmail.com](mailto:hansentherese12@gmail.com) to register by July 29.

## SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP. Our teens will be making BBQ chicken for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please donate russet potatoes, bacon, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, rolls, butter, fresh fruit, homemade desserts, liters of pop, ranch dressing, packets of Italian seasoning, olive oil.

Place your donations

in the Narthex kitchen on

Thursday, July 30th and Friday, July 31st

from 8:00am to 5:00pm

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE for your generosity!

St. Michael Youth Ministry



## Off to College . . .

Youth Ministry wants to stay in touch!!! Please fill out this form and drop it at the Parish Office, e-mail it to [amartino@saintmike.com](mailto:amartino@saintmike.com), or mail it to St. Michael Youth Ministry, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, IL 60462. Let's stay in touch! If you were on the mailing list last year you need to fill out a new form with any changes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ College/University \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_



## The Schoenstatt Women

The next Schoenstatt Women Orland Park meeting is on **Saturday, July 18th, 2026 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** in the Great Room (to the right of the main entrance.)

The group will finish discussing the last few chapters from the book about Schoenstatt's Founding Father, "Joseph Kentenich, A Life on the Edge of the Volcano." In the next several bulletins, we will feature testimonials from Schoenstatt Women stating what they love about this Marian spirituality and how it has made a difference in their life and faith journey!



**The Adoration Chapel is open Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturdays 7 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.  
(unless otherwise noted)**



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT dePAUL**  
Helping Our Friends & Neighbors in Need



## Toiletry Collection for Beds Plus

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is sponsoring a drive to collect toiletries for the people living in the Beds+ transitional housing facilities.

**Items needed:**

**Full Size - Men's and Women's Deodorant, Men's and Women's Body Wash, Shampoo, travel size Hand Sanitizer**



Beds+ has an abundance of toothbrushes and paste, dental floss, body lotion and bar soap. Storage space is limited, please **DO NOT** donate these things. Please deposit needed supplies in a box on the table outside the StVdP pantry in the narthex throughout July. As always, St. Vincent dePaul is grateful for your willingness to help!



## MINISTRY

**ST. MICHAEL PARISH  
MEN'S**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**RETREAT  
RETIRO**

**Saturday,  
November 7th  
2026**

**"WE'RE CALLED TO  
BE SAINTS -  
SEEING JESUS  
THROUGH MARY."**

**PRESENTER  
FR. JOE  
NOONAN**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT GARY OLSON, [GOLSON2001@YAHOO.COM](mailto:GOLSON2001@YAHOO.COM),  
708-699-7273 OR DEACON TONY COCCO, [ETCOCCO@AOL.COM](mailto:ETCOCCO@AOL.COM), 708-212-8483

***St. Basil/Visitation Summer Food Drive***

**Saturday and Sunday,  
August 1 & 2, 2026**

**Non-perishable food and Jewel Gift cards will be accepted.  
Food items can be dropped off to St. Michael Church  
(Ministry Room West) the weekend of August 1 & 2.**

**Gift cards can be dropped off to the Parish office or placed in  
the collection baskets during weekend masses at anytime.**

**Let's help our sister parish fill their pantry and feed those who  
are hungry. Thank you.**

**WOMEN  
OF FAITH**

**NEXT MEETING:  
THURSDAY, JULY 23,  
6-8 P.M. AT THE  
MARIAN GARDEN**

We are very excited to be meeting over the summer. The next Women of Faith gathering will be held in the **Marian Garden on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m.** (rain date: July 30) in the Marian Garden. Feel free to bring a friend and a lawn chair. Hope to see you then!

**DATE CHANGE NOW ON SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 9TH!**

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**DATE CHANGED TO  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 - 6 PM**

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### SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Saturdays, 7 A.M. - Min. Room West** All are welcome! Join us on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Ministry Room West (No Wednesday nights in July,) to discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings what they mean and how they apply to our daily life.

# OCIA & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Adults, have you always wanted to complete making your sacraments?

St. Michael parish will begin offering preparation for sacraments for adults this Fall. This will require some commitment to attend a weekly information and discussion program, but it will be worth your efforts when you complete (or begin?) your sacramental journey on Holy Saturday. For more information contact the parish office 708-349-0903 or Donna 708-403-2122.



## FORTIFY YOUR FAMILY

Practical tools for calmer communication, stronger relationships, and deeper connection.  
Faith + Brain Science for parents and kids

- 🧠 Understand how kids' brains work
- ❤️ Build trust and emotional safety
- 🗣️ Learn practical communication skills
- 📖 Rooted in Catholic faith and the Beatitudes

A two day mini retreat for parents and their children together at St. Michael's in the MPR.

August 5-6 | 6-8pm | Parents and their teens ages 12-college age

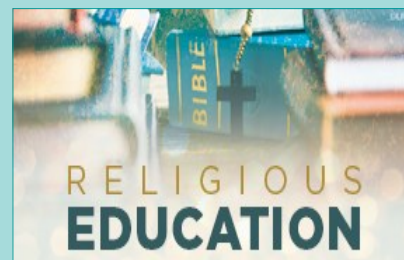
August 11-12 | 6-8pm | Parents and their kids ages 8-11 years

Led by Patti Brucki - Veteran educator, retreat leader, and expert on the teenage brain.

Space is limited — register early

Questions? Email Patti Brucki at brucki.patricia5@gmail.com

Follow QR code to Register. Cost is \$50 per family.



## St. Michael's 2026-27 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

### Registration Now Open

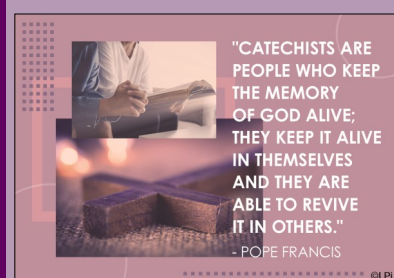
For Children In 1st - 9th Grades - a journey of growing in love and faith of our Lord, in their domestic church and in our community.

To learn about the two program options for your child and family and the schedule of 2026-27 RE sessions

Visit: [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com) and click on the Religious Education page.

**Returning Families** If your family has been enrolled in St. Michael Religious Education **within the past four years**, you can conveniently register your children online at <https://saintmike.com/religious-education-registration/>

**New Families** If your family is enrolling in St. Michael's Religious Education Program for the first time, or if it's been more than four years since your children have been enrolled in RE at St. Michael, you will need to contact: Kelly Martinez, Coordinator of Religious Education, prior to registering. Email [kmartinez@saintmike.com](mailto:kmartinez@saintmike.com) or call her at 708-349-0903, ext .633.



Is God calling you to serve as a Catechist, Catechist Aide, or Office Aide — for Monday or Tuesday evening sessions?

Contact Kelly Martinez,  
[kmartinez@saintmike.com](mailto:kmartinez@saintmike.com) or  
708-349-0903 ext. 633.

## EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

Jesús a menudo utilizaba parábolas en su predicación para invitar a sus discípulos a reflexionar y meditar sobre su mensaje. La semana pasada escuchamos la parábola del sembrador, y esta semana escuchamos sobre la cizaña que crece junto al trigo.

Como sabe cualquier agricultor o jardinero, la maleza no es buena. Recuerdo que, de niño, iba a casa de mis abuelos a arrancar malas hierbas. Era una tarea terrible. El objetivo era sencillo: librar el jardín, el césped y los parterres de flores de aquella maleza tan desagradable. Eran feas y de mal aspecto; lo destruyen todo. ¡Había que eliminarlas!

Jesús ofrece una perspectiva diferente: *“Si arrancan la mala hierba, podrían arrancar también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta la cosecha”*. Jesús sugiere dejarlos crecer juntos; esto parecería muy extraño para cualquier agricultor. Sin embargo, Jesús reconoce que, entre el pueblo de Dios, a menudo existe el mal. Hay quienes son hostiles hacia Dios, hacia los creyentes e incluso hacia el bien. Algunos son simplemente indiferentes (no importa si soy bueno, si rezo o si voy a misa) y, con sus acciones, comportamientos, actitudes y ejemplo, ponen en peligro al trigo, es decir, al pueblo de Dios.

¿Por qué querría Jesús que la mala hierba y el trigo estuvieran juntos? Creo que es un don de esperanza. Una vez más, Jesús ofrece al mal la oportunidad de cambiar. Quizás, al ver crecer al trigo en la fe, sus corazones puedan convertirse. Tal vez esta sea su oportunidad de encontrar al Dios vivo en medio del pueblo de Dios.

A veces nos resulta difícil aceptar esto. Muchas familias tienen lo que a menudo llamamos “ovejas negras” o “manzanas podridas”. Son aquellas personas que han tomado un rumbo equivocado en su vida de fe o, tal vez, en la vida en general. Han causado daño y división en la familia, en la Iglesia o en el vecindario. A veces resultan tan tóxicas que llevan a otros por mal camino. En ocasiones, nuestra reacción inicial es simplemente “expulsarlas”, como si estuviéramos arrancando malas hierbas. Creo que Jesús nos dice que debemos acercarnos a ellas, rezar por ellas y que, con la gracia de Dios, tal vez cambien y lleguen a ser como el trigo para la cosecha.

Dios es misericordioso, pero también es justo. A veces pensamos que no tenemos que cambiar ahora, que disponemos de mucho tiempo para hacerlo. Otros, en cambio, creen que eso no tiene importancia alguna. Incluso en este mensaje de esperanza y de posibilidad de cambio, existe una advertencia para quienes no escuchan la Palabra de Dios: *“Recojan primero la mala hierba y átenla en manojos para quemarla; pero recojan el trigo en mi granero”*. Hemos perdido el sentido del pecado. Los Evangelios nos recuerdan constantemente que debemos entrar por la puerta estrecha. Necesitamos orar, alimentarnos de la Palabra y de los Sacramentos, y vivir conforme a los Mandamientos, tal como Cristo nos enseñó. ¿Estás preparado para la cosecha final?

### Otros Asuntos

El próximo fin de semana, la Iglesia celebra la sexta Jornada Mundial de los Abuelos y de los Ancianos. Esta jornada fue instituida en 2021 por el Papa Francisco como una oportunidad para mostrar a los mayores la cercanía de la Iglesia y valorar su contribución a las familias y comunidades.

El Papa Leo ha elegido el lema “No me olvidaré de ti”, tomado de Isaías 49, 15. En un comunicado del Dicasterio para los Laicos, la Familia y la Vida, se explica que el Santo Padre escogió este tema “para subrayar cómo el amor de Dios por cada persona nunca falla, ni siquiera en la fragilidad de la vejez”. Ofreceremos una bendición para todos los abuelos y para aquellos que se sienten jóvenes de corazón.

Pronto llegará agosto y muchos de nuestros feligreses partirán hacia la universidad; algunos regresan y otros van por primera vez. El fin de semana del 1 y 2 de agosto se impartirá una bendición para todos aquellos que se marchan a la universidad. Parece que las clases comienzan cada año más temprano, por lo que realizaremos la bendición a principios de agosto.

En el Amor de Cristo,  
P. Frank



# MINISTERIO HISPANO SAN MIGUEL

## Proximos eventos

- Registraciones Abiertas para Sacramentos y para formación de Adultos que necesitan Sacramentos.
- El mes de Agosto regresa el horario habitual de la Iglesia y el Rosario por las Vocaciones tambien como cada Miercoles a las 6:30 pm.
- Sept 18, NOCHE MEXICANA - Compre sus boletos después de Misa. Es un Cena - Baile para compartir como Comunidad parroquial.

## Necesitamos de ti como Voluntario.

¡Te invitamos a servir en nuestra comunidad!

Buscamos voluntarios para Catequistas, Ujieres o algun otro Ministerio que Dios te este llamando a servir. Tu tiempo y tu fe pueden hacer una gran diferencia en la vida de otros.



Para registrarte, favor de comunicarse con Patty Rentería en la oficina parroquial llamando al 708-349-0903 Ext 619

## Inscripciones para Sacramentos 2026-2027

Registre sus niños y jóvenes para los sacramentos de Bautismo, primera Comunión y confirmación.

Para registrarte, favor de comunicarse con Patty Rentería en la oficina parroquial llamando al 708-349-0903 Ext 619



## Brown Paper Bags and Saturday Morning Food Sorting for Feeding the Hungry

Thank you to all who have donated brown paper bags for our weekly food donations. The brown handled grocery bags are an ongoing need. Bags can be left in the green bin in the narthex. We appreciate your support. All are invited to come to help on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:15 a.m.** People can come on any Saturday, as they're able, and don't have to commit to every Saturday. As we each give on a day here and there, we serve God together for all of the days he gifts us.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**  
*Helping Our Friends & Neighbors in Need*

Dear Parishioners,

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference works with the Orland Township to help residents of Orland Park. When we get a call for help on our StVdP hotline, we always ask the caller if they have been to the Township first. The Township is sometimes able to help more than we could. Unfortunately, because of a delay in the distribution of funds from the state, the Township has no money to help our neighbors. This snafu leaves us with a much heavier burden. We're in a major dilemma. Due to rising prices of food and rent (as high as \$3000 for some locations,) our bank account has dropped to an all-time low.

The generosity of St. Michael parishioners has ALWAYS been amazing. Since January 2026, we have answered 55 phone calls. Of those calls, we were able to help 19 families with rent/mortgage, utilities and pantry visits. 24 additional people needed assistance with food, gas and grocery gift cards. 20 of the calls were from people outside our boundaries and they were provided resource information and directed to other parishes or the central office of SVdP. Generally, the township would possibly have helped some of these people. As I type this request, there are two calls on my computer waiting to be answered. We are fast approaching a time when we won't be able to answer these calls. Please consider helping so that we are able to continue to do Jesus' work on earth. Non-perishable food items can be left outside the SVdP Pantry in the Narthex. Monetary and grocery gift card donations can be left in the poor boxes, the Parish office, and in collection baskets during weekend masses. Checks can be made out St. Michael - St. Vincent de Paul. All donations, big and small are greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

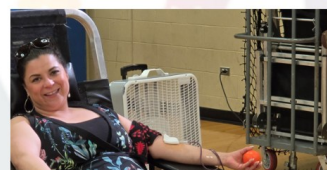
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**Sunday, August 9, 2026**

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| <b>When:</b> Sunday August 9, 2026 – 2:00 to 5:00pm     | <b>Food Fun Games</b>                   |
| <b>Where:</b> Peace Memorial Church Grounds             | <b>Join us for an afternoon of fun!</b> |
| <b>What:</b> Barbeque, games for kids of all ages, fun! |                                         |
| <b>Who:</b> SWIFT Congregation members & invited Guests |                                         |

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| <b>Peace Memorial Church</b><br>10300 W. 131st St, Palos Park<br>For Information / Rain Cancellation, please contact Leslie Carey:<br><a href="mailto:les35nok@live.com">les35nok@live.com</a> -- (708)267-7622 | <b>Free Will Offering*</b><br>*There are no tickets to purchase for this event. However, you may drop off any amount you wish at the Picnic in the Free Will Offering jar to help with SWIFT expenses and programs. |
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| <b>Please Bring With You</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Side-dish (salad, pasta, anything) ... enough for your family &amp; a little bit to share, or</li> <li>Dessert ... enough for your family &amp; a little bit to share (<b>NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE REGARDING DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:</b><br/>*If you have any dietary restrictions (Halal – Kosher – Vegetarian - Food Allergies, etc), please be sure to check with SWIFT Leaders or Food Preparer of any side-dish regarding its ingredients!</p> <p>Halal Hamburgers &amp; Hot Dogs at Grilling Station:<br/><b>Served from 2pm-4pm only</b></p> | <b>Registration</b><br>Sign up with SWIFT Representative at your Place of Worship.<br><b>Head-count needed by Monday, August 3, 2026</b> |
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# MASS INTENTIONS

## JULY 18 - JULY 26, 2026

|                 |          |                                                              |                              |                          |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday, 7/18  | 8:30 AM  | Special Intention for Dennis Cleofe                          |                              | Elizabeth & Mathew Kutty |
|                 | 4:30 PM  | Blessing for 50th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Arlene Kramer |                              |                          |
| Sunday, 7/19    |          | Kevin McWeeny                                                | Adrienne Noga                | Joanne Lanigan           |
|                 | 7:30 AM  | Denis Ryan                                                   | Dorothy Basta                |                          |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | Shanin Karsky                                                | Thomas Joseph Metz           | Pat Phelan               |
|                 |          | Celia Pajowski                                               |                              |                          |
|                 | 11:30 AM | Anne T. Pond                                                 | John "Jack" Reed             | Donald Gross             |
| Spanish         |          | Belem Rosso                                                  | Jean Bova                    | Roberta Rosemary Foster  |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Parishioners of St. Michael                                  |                              |                          |
| Monday, 7/20    | 6:30 AM  | James L. Koskan                                              |                              |                          |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory                                 |                              |                          |
| Tuesday, 7/21   | 6:30 AM  | James L. Koskan                                              |                              |                          |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | Bob Frabizio                                                 | Theresa Selmer               | Harriet Barabasz         |
| Wednesday, 7/22 | 6:30 AM  | James L. Koskan                                              |                              |                          |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | John "Jack" Reed                                             | Pauline Koskan               | Mark Steinmetz           |
| Thursday, 7/23  | 6:30 AM  | James L. Koskan                                              | Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory |                          |
|                 |          | Frank, Angie & Bogdan Jaronczyk                              |                              |                          |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | Larry Cox                                                    | Kevin Wojcik                 | Ariel Bregaudit          |
|                 |          | Erlina Romaquin                                              |                              |                          |
| Friday, 7/24    | 6:30 AM  | James L. Koskan                                              |                              |                          |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | Loretta G. Larena                                            | Dorothy Basta                | Jose & Leopoldo Romaquin |
| Saturday, 7/25  | 8:30 AM  | Nenita Harris                                                | James L. Koskan              | Shirley Johnson          |
|                 | 4:30 PM  | Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #10858   |                              |                          |
|                 |          | Special Intention Leo & Rosan                                |                              |                          |
| Sunday, 7/26    | 7:30 AM  | Robert Doherty                                               | Denis Ryan                   | Molly Flynn              |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | John J. Burke                                                | Shanin Karsky                | Pat Phelan               |
|                 |          | Special Intention for Cindy Barczak                          |                              |                          |
|                 | 11:30 AM | Donald Gross                                                 | Jean Bova                    | Rani Thomas              |
| Spanish         |          | Philomina V.                                                 | Siby Ponnezhan               | Baby Joshua Finno        |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | Living & Deceased Members of the Venezio Family              |                              |                          |

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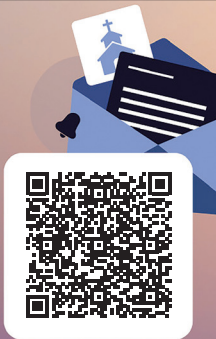


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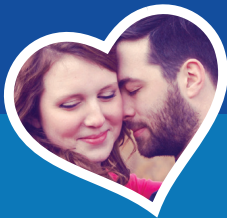
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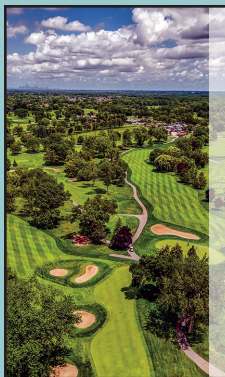


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### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8 a.m.  
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#### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

Monday through Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass and  
on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

#### Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: No Holy Hour in July.

**First Saturday Devotions** in reparation to the  
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**To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or  
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**Ministers of Care** are available to bring Holy  
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#### Religious Education July Office Hours:

Tues, Wed - 1-5 p.m., Thurs - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Appointments can be made at other times if needed. All  
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