

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH



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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP YOUR  
**CROSS.**

MATTHEW 10:38

## FR. FRANK'S FIRE

In last weekend's Gospel we were told, *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul."* This was difficult for us to hear as many are afraid of death, especially death by violence. Jesus reminded us not to be afraid of physical death, but to be afraid of losing our relationship with God and hence – the heavenly Kingdom.

This weekend we are in for more difficult teachings. Three times Jesus says, *"is not worthy of me."* Those who place family, friends and even their lives above their relationship with Christ are *"not worthy of me."* This can rattle us to the core and many may feel it is an unreasonable request of Jesus. Yet, the Lord invites us to take a risk and not to rely on another person, but to rely on God alone.

If this is not enough, Jesus asks us to be generous to the prophet and the disciples. For us this translates into donating to our local parish as we are called to be prophets and disciples of today. We have all heard that the Protestants are taught to tithe, that is giving 10% of their income to their church. When we are asked don't we often get that little voice in us saying, "What if I give now and I do not have anything in case of sickness or an emergency? Who will help me if I cannot help myself? These are all valid questions, but again the Lord asks us to take a risk and be generous to others.

The teachings of Jesus are often difficult. They were difficult for the first disciples to hear and yet deep in our hearts we know that Jesus has the words of everlasting life. With God's grace and our willingness to open ourselves to Christ's teachings – may we be found worthy of Him.

### The 4<sup>th</sup> of July

On Saturday, we celebrate Independence Day – the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. 250 years ago, the Declaration of Independence was signed. I remember when I was in grammar school back in 1976, we celebrated the nation's bi-centennial. This was an important milestone in our nation's history. It seems that we have lost that sense of patriotism. Perhaps it is apathy and we take our freedom for granted or the political divisions in our nation keep us further apart from one another.

This certainly is a time for us to be grateful to God for the gift of our freedom and to be grateful to the many brave men and women who have offered their lives on the battlefield. I would like to share with you the opening collect (prayer) for Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July:

Father of all nations and ages,  
 we recall the day when our country  
 claimed its place among the family of nations;  
 for what has been achieved we give you thanks,  
 for the work that still remains we ask your help,  
 and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation,  
 grant that, under your providence,  
 our country may share your blessings  
 with all the people of the earth.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God for ever and ever, AMEN.



The part of the prayer that strikes me most is "for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help." This helps us realize that everything we have and everything we do relies on God's providence.

# FR. FRANK'S FIRE, G2G UPDATE & THE WORD

## Fr. Frank's Fire Continued

I know that true freedom comes from the Cross of Christ. We have been freed from tyranny – not of a monarch, but the tyranny of sin and death. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus “*dies no more; death no longer has power over him.*” Because of our belief in Jesus, death has no power over us as well. Our freedom as children of God has come at a great cost. Just as our freedom as a nation came from the blood on the battlefield, our freedom as Christians comes from the blood of the Cross. Do not underestimate the cost of the Cross – there never has been and there will never be a greater love.

As we celebrate Independence Day, with barbeques and fireworks, let us also be grateful to God for giving us this great country. May we use our freedom wisely and in accordance with the law of God, the law of love.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be observed as a national holiday on Friday, July 3. We will have only one Mass that day at 8:00 a.m. The parish buildings, as well as the Adoration Chapel will close at 10:30 a.m. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will maintain our regular schedule with morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. (celebrating Independence Day) and our evening Mass at 4:30 p.m. celebrating the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. There is however a change in our confession schedule for Saturday, July 4. Confessions will not be heard during the afternoon. Confessions will be heard in the morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please note that this is for July 4<sup>th</sup> only. We will return to our regularly scheduled confessions on Saturday, July 11.

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Frank

## THANK YOU!

St. Michael recently concluded the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Our parish successfully completed the campaign by raising \$2,797,655 for 116% of goal. We could not have done it without the generosity of our faithful parishioners and dedicated volunteers.

The funds raised through the campaign will support the following initiatives at our parish:

This campaign will also support spiritually renewing parishes, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

If you need to adjust your pledge or have any questions regarding your pledge, please reach out to the campaign office at (312) 534-8500.

We look forward to keeping parishioners up to date on campaign news and projects over the next five years!

Thank you for your support!

## GRACIAS!

San Miguel recientemente concluyó la campaña De generación en generación: Responder al llamado. Nuestra parroquia completó con éxito la campaña al recaudar \$2,797,655 para el 116% de la meta. No podríamos haberlo hecho sin la generosidad de nuestros fieles feligreses y dedicados voluntarios.

Los fondos recaudados a través de la campaña apoyarán las siguientes iniciativas en nuestra parroquia:

Esta campaña también apoyará la renovación espiritual de las parroquias, apoyará a nuestros sacerdotes, y ayudará a comunidades vulnerables.

Si necesita ajustar su compromiso o tiene alguna pregunta con relación a su compromiso, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la campaña al (312) 534-8500.

¡Esperamos mantener a los feligreses informados sobre las noticias y los proyectos de la campaña durante los próximos cinco años!

¡Gracias por su apoyo!



### Our Priorities

- Creating Accessible Welcome
- Enhancing Our Worship
- Preserving Our Parish Facilities
- Strengthening Evangelization

### Nuestras Prioridades

- Creación de una recepción accesible
- Mejorar nuestro culto
- Preservar nuestras instalaciones parroquiales
- Fortalecimiento de la evangelización

GENERATION  
TO GENERATION:  
ANSWER THE CALL

## Readings of the Week ©LPI

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

**Monday Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/ Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

**Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

# LET US PRAY & THIS WEEK



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

**Casey Para**

**Patricia A. Phelan**  
*Aunt of Michael Kiehl*

**Rafael Villalobos**

**Joan Zmich**  
*Mother of Denise Maty*



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

**Irma Almanza, Marie Andrews, John Baker, Glenn Bailey, John Basta, Marci Batsakis, Anthony Belmonte Sr., Cheryl Boyle, Alex Brandt, Vince Candeler, Patricia Chuchla, Loretta Ciszak, Aileen Collura, Carole Gacek, Joyce Gerk, Diane Gned, David Iron, Lisa Johnston, Richard Jurasek, Rose Kessen, Celeste Koszut, Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Janice Licata, Elizabeth Limanowski, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Joan Zamiska McClive, Patty McQuinn, Donna Micun, Sandra Molina, Josephine Nirchi, Kenneth Osowski, Patricia Osowski, Denise Ostrowski, AJ Rother, Cara Scanlon, Ofelia Sevilla, Susan Stratton, Nicole Torgerson, Hank Veith, Naty Velada, Violet, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik, Lucille Wrobel, and those injured in service to their country.**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, FEAST OF ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA**

7 a.m. Scripture Study, Ministry Room West  
8:15 a.m. Feeding Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym  
9:15 a.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace, Ministry Room West  
3 - 4 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 29 FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30, FEAST OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH**

2:30 - 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, MPR

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, FEAST OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA THURSDAY, JULY 2**

**FRIDAY, JULY 3, FEAST OF ST. THOMAS ONLY ONE MORNING MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8 A.M. ON 7/3/26**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AND BUILDING CLOSED (AFTER MORNING MASS) IN OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4TH**

**SATURDAY, JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY, SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**

**8:30 A.M. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED, (Confessions immediately after 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

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  
**Note: Due to the holiday, no afternoon confessions. They will be held immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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.



# HEY, KIDS! MARRIAGE BANNS & MINISTRY

## Hey, Kids!

This Gospel reading of Matthew always makes me think about my relationship with God. It makes me wonder if I love Him enough. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me..."



I have to ask myself, "Do I love God more than my children and my parents?" I know that I would do just about anything for my children. I also know that I adore my parents and am so grateful for all that they have done for me. Does this mean that I love them more than God? I don't think so. I think that my love for God is a reflection of how I love my children. I do good for my children as a service of my love for God. I am raising my children to love God. I am teaching them to pray, to be good people and to be thankful for the gifts that they have. When they go to school, I ask God to protect, guide and comfort them throughout their day. I am constantly asking God for help in raising them. I am constantly involving God in precious moments with my children.

Now, the best gift I can give my parents is show them that I love God; it is what they taught me to do. I love God in the way they raised me to love Him, if not more. Why is it important for my parents to see me love God? I think it is safe to say that life is full of ups and downs. Our parents know that about life. If our parents know that we love God, they know we will look to Him when we need Him.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for teaching us about Jesus; he showed us how to love with your eyes and heart. Amen.



Nicole Finn  
&  
Tyler  
Lindbeck

July 11, 2026



## DONATE BLOOD

Tuesday  
June  
30

2:30 PM - 7:00 PM

EVERY 2 SECONDS  
in the U.S., someone  
needs blood.  
Your donation provides  
hope, healing, and life to  
patients in our  
community.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST.  
MICHAEL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE  
WE NEED \*24 DONORS\* TO REACH  
OUR GOAL!

Every donation can save up to 3 lives.  
Multi-Purpose Room  
14327 HIGHLAND  
ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

\*GOVERNMENT PHOTO ID REQUIRED\*

Appointments appreciated! Walk-Ins welcomed! To  
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# MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

## St. Basil/Visitation Summer Food Drive



This picture was taken at the St. Basil/Visitation Pantry. The pantry was EMPTY – not a thing on their shelves. This is the usual situation this time of the year since children normally receive breakfast and lunch at school. During the summer their parents must provide these meals.

Our annual summer food drive for St. Basil/Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2. Please be as generous as you are able since the need is glaring.

Gift cards for Jewel will be accepted, as well as non-perishable food.

IF YOU ARE BRINGING FOOD, PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN THE MINISTRY ROOM WEST the weekend of August 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let's help our sister parish fill their pantry and feed those who are hungry. Thank you.

**Urgent Call for Support!**  
Food Donations are  
Desperately Needed  
on  
Saturday and Sunday,  
August 1 & 2, 2026

Drop off food donations to  
St. Michael Church  
14327 Highland Ave.,  
Orland Park  
on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Gift Cards can be dropped off  
to the church office during  
business hours,  
or they can be placed in the  
baskets during the weekly  
collections at all masses.



## FORTIFY YOUR FAMILY

Practical tools for calmer communication, stronger relationships, and deeper connection.  
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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](mailto:brucki.patricia5@gmail.com)

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



## Helping God's Elderly Children Have a Happier Summer



To support the residents at a local nursing home, can you give any of the following by July 5th?

**Blankets, Large Print Word Search Books, Design Coloring Books, Colored Pencils, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Lotion, Packaged Snacks.**

You can place your donations in or behind the green bin in the narthex. Any questions, reach out to **Kelly Martinez** at [kmartinez@saintmike.com](mailto:kmartinez@saintmike.com)



ST. MICHAEL PARISH  
MEN'S



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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

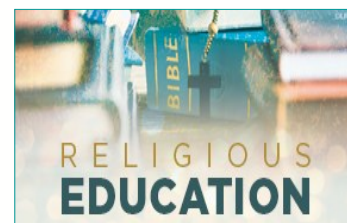
## St. Michael's 2026-27 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

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.**



# MINISTRY

## SICK LIST UPDATES

It has come to our attention that there are names on the sick list that may need to be removed. We haven't heard any updates on their health in some time. If your loved one's name is on the list and you would like it to remain on there, please email: [bulletineditor@saintmike.com](mailto:bulletineditor@saintmike.com) by 6/30/26.

If you have a new name to add, you can email it to the same address listed above. Going forward, unless otherwise requested, the names will be on the list for five weeks, and then removed. Thank you.



**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!



## 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.



## DID YOU KNOW...

...That the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Michael has **FOUR (4) Poor Boxes** in the Church Building?



*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

**Matthew 25:40**

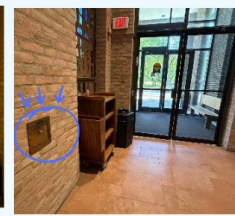
**We are so grateful for your ongoing support and encourage you to continue using one of our four Poor Boxes, which are located:**

1. Near the stairs and publications table at the main entrance to the Narthex;
2. By the Highland Avenue entrance to the church/Narthex;
3. By the Narthex entrance to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry; and
4. Near the handicapped accessible church entrance on the north side of the campus.

**Thanks to you** – the parishioners of St. Michael Parish who donate money to our conference by using these Poor Boxes – our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is able to serve approximately 40 low-income families in our community on an ongoing basis by providing:

- Food, toiletries and household products from our food pantry;
- Financial assistance for rents, mortgages and utilities;
- Resources to other social services and organizations; as well as love, prayer and support as they navigate their journeys.

Your donations also help with many other programs we offer to help those in need in our area.



**To learn more about our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, visit <https://saintmike.com/st-vincent-de-paul-society/>**

## EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

En el Evangelio del fin de semana pasado, se nos dijo: “*No teman a los que matan el cuerpo, pero no pueden matar el alma*”. Esto nos resultó difícil de escuchar, ya que muchos temen a la muerte, especialmente a la muerte violenta. Jesús nos recordó que no debemos temer a la muerte física, sino a perder nuestra relación con Dios y, por ende, el Reino de los cielos.

Este fin de semana nos encontramos ante enseñanzas difíciles. En tres ocasiones, Jesús dice: “*no es digno de mí*”. Aquellos que ponen a la familia, a los amigos e incluso sus propias vidas antes que su relación con Cristo “*no son dignos de mí*”. Esto puede sacudirnos profundamente, y muchos podrían sentir que es una exigencia irrazonable por parte de Jesús. Sin embargo, el Señor nos invita a arriesgarnos y a no depender de otras personas, sino únicamente de Dios.

Por si esto fuera poco, Jesús nos pide que seamos generosos con el profeta y con los discípulos. Para nosotros, esto se traduce en hacer donaciones a nuestra parroquia local, ya que estamos llamados a ser profetas y discípulos de hoy en día. Todos hemos oído decir que a los protestantes se les enseña a diezmar, es decir, a entregar el 10 % de sus ingresos a su iglesia. Cuando se nos plantea esto, ¿acaso no surge a menudo en nuestro interior una vocecita que dice: «¿Y si doy ahora y me quedo sin nada en caso de enfermedad o emergencia? ¿Quién me ayudará si no puedo valerme por mí mismo?»? Son preguntas válidas, pero, una vez más, el Señor nos pide que nos arriesguemos y seamos generosos con los demás.

Las enseñanzas de Jesús suelen ser difíciles. Resultaban difíciles de escuchar para los primeros discípulos y, sin embargo, en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón sabemos que Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Que, con la gracia de Dios y nuestra disposición a abrirnos a las enseñanzas de Cristo, seamos hallados dignos de Él.

### El 4 de Julio

El sábado celebramos el Día de la Independencia: el 4 de julio. Hace 250 años se firmó la Declaración de Independencia. Recuerdo cuando estaba en la escuela primaria, allá por 1976, cuando celebramos el bicentenario de la nación. Fue un logro importante en la historia de nuestro país. Parece que hemos perdido ese sentido de patriotismo. Quizás sea apatía, o que no valoramos nuestra libertad, o bien que las divisiones políticas en nuestra nación nos distancian unos de otros.

Este es, sin duda, un momento para agradecer a Dios el don de nuestra libertad y a los muchos hombres y mujeres valientes que han ofrecido su vida en el campo de batalla. Quisiera compartir con ustedes la oración inicial de la Misa del 4 de julio:

Padre de todas las naciones y de todos los siglos,  
 recordamos el día en que nuestra patria  
 reclamó su lugar entre la familia de las naciones;  
 por lo que se ha logrado, te damos gracias;  
 por la labor que aún queda por hacer, te pedimos tu ayuda;  
 y así como nos has llamado de entre muchos pueblos a ser una sola nación,  
 concédenos que, bajo tu providencia,  
 nuestra patria comparta tus bendiciones  
 con todos los pueblos de la tierra.  
 Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,  
 que vive y reina contigo  
 en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,  
 Dios por los siglos de los siglos. AMEN.



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## EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

La parte de la oración que más me impacta es: "*Por lo que se ha logrado, te damos gracias; por la labor que aún queda por hacer, te pedimos tu ayuda;*", ayúdanos a comprender que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que hacemos depende de la providencia de Dios.

Sé que la verdadera libertad proviene de la Cruz de Cristo. Hemos sido liberados de la tiranía, no de un monarca, sino de la tiranía del pecado y la muerte. San Pablo nos recuerda que Jesús "*ya no muere; la muerte no tiene poder sobre él*". Gracias a nuestra fe en Jesús, la muerte tampoco tiene poder sobre nosotros. Nuestra libertad como hijos de Dios ha tenido un alto precio. Así como nuestra libertad como nación surgió de la sangre derramada en el campo de batalla, nuestra libertad como cristianos proviene de la sangre de la Cruz. No subestimen el precio de la Cruz: jamás ha habido ni habrá un amor más grande.

Al celebrar el Día de la Independencia con barbacoas y fuegos artificiales, demos gracias a Dios por habernos dado esta gran nación, y que usemos nuestra libertad con sabiduría y conforme a la ley de Dios, la ley del amor.

El 4 de julio se celebrará como día festivo nacional el viernes 3 de julio. Ese día tendremos una sola Misa a las 8:00 a. m. Las instalaciones de la parroquia, así como la Capilla de Adoración, cerrarán a las 10:30 a.m. El 4 de julio mantendremos nuestro horario habitual, con la Misa matutina a las 8:30 a.m. (celebrando el Día de la Independencia) y la Misa vespertina a las 4:30 p.m., celebrando el 14.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Sin embargo, habrá un cambio en el horario de confesiones para el sábado 4 de julio: no se escucharán confesiones por la tarde. Las confesiones se atenderán por la mañana, después de la Misa de las 8:30 a.m. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que esto aplica únicamente al 4 de julio; retomaremos nuestro horario habitual de confesiones el sábado 11 de julio.

En el amor de Cristo,  
P. Frank

**Parish Office Hours**

June: Monday - Friday,  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

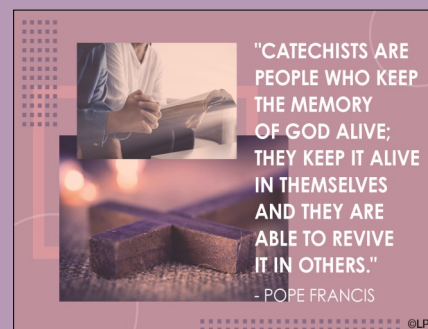
In July, on Fridays, the office will  
close at 1 p.m.  
In addition, the building will close  
at 5 p.m. daily.

### JULY EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming summer holidays, we have early bulletin deadlines. Please submit entries by:

- Tuesday, June 30  
for Sunday, July 12
- Friday, July 10  
for Sunday, July 19

Thank you for your help and support!



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

Contact Kelly Martinez,  
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708-349-0903 ext. 633.

# MINISTERIO HISPANO SAN MIGUEL

## Proximos eventos

- Rosario por las vocaciones todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla de adoración, todos cordialmente invitados.
- Consagración a la Virgen Maria para Adultos - Julio 8 al 16. Consagracion el dia 19 de Julio.
- **Consagración para Niños a la Virgen Maria: 4 Domingos a partir de Junio 28.**



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 Bendice mi hogar con tu luz,  
 que cada palabra sea suave,  
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 y cada día sembrado de amor.  
 Aleja todo lo que robe la armonía  
 y permite que reine la paciencia, el respeto y la  
 unidad.  
 Que tu paz, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento,  
 habite en nosotros hoy y siempre.  
 Amén.

### Taller de Consagración la Virgen Maria

El taller dará inicio el 8 de julio con la Novena y concluirá el 16 de julio, en la Fiesta de la Virgen del Carmen.  
 La Consagración se realizará el 19 de julio en la Misa de 1:30 p.m.  
 Consagrarse a María es abrir el corazón, confiarle nuestra vida y dejarnos guiar por su amor maternal hacia Cristo.  
 Regístrese con Norma Villalobos a la salida de Misa en los próximos domingos. ¡Todos están invitados!

### 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**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Joseph M. Scheidler Memorial "Face the Truth" Tour 2026

This summer the Pro-Life Action League will sponsor the Joseph M. Scheidler Memorial Face the Truth Tour at various locations in the Chicago area, holding pictures of beautiful unborn babies along with signs showing the victims of abortion. Join us as we show our fellow citizens that the victims of abortion are members of the human family just like the rest of us! Come to any of the sites listed below and we'll give you a sign to hold.

- Wednesday, July 8th: South/Southwest Suburbs**
- 9:00-10:30 **Flossmoor/Olympia Fields**  
Governors Highway and Vollmer Road
- 11:30-1:00 **Orland Park**  
159th Street and La Grange Road
- 3:00-4:30 **Mokena**  
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More info: <https://proliferaction.org/event/ftt2026/>

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



Feeding the Community

Thank you to all who have **donated brown paper bags for our weekly food donations.** The brown handled grocery bags are an ongoing need and we appreciate your support. Bags can be left in the green bin in the narthex.

All are invited to come to help on **Saturdays from 8:30-9:15 a.m.**, to come check it out, see what happens, and what it's like. 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.



## 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, July 4th 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 1.

### SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

SHEPHERD'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP – Our teens will be making cheeseburgers, oven-baked potatoes, baked beans, salad, and desserts for lunch at the Soup Kitchen this month. Please donate **sliced American cheese, hamburger buns, bacon, russet potatoes, cans of baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, hamburger pickles, sweet white onions, olive oil, ketchup, mustard, fresh fruit, homemade desserts, and liters of pop.** **\*\*\*Due to the holiday week and special hours, place your donations in the Narthex Kitchen on Wednesday, July 1 and Thursday, July 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.\*\*\***

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## JUNE 27 - JULY 5, 2026

<b>Saturday, 6/27</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Kaydee Ryan	Mary C. McPolin	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory	
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Mary Ellen Liebewein	Don Latronica	Leroy DeBrakeleer	
<b>Sunday, 6/28</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Joanne Lanigan	Kathleen Murphy		
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Mary Ellen Sheehan	Special Intention for Dawn Piergies		
		Ashley Pappas	Marie Hortsman	Paul Eitler	
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Linda Pendleton	Dennis C. Dellaria	Thomas Metz	
Rich Michalak		Christine Muldoon	Delia Sblendorio		
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	Lillian Gribble	Virginia, Martin & Brian Fox		
<b>Monday, 6/29</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Special Intention for Thomas Kenny			
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Anita Auskalnis			
<b>Tuesday, 6/30</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Francis Gibbons	Special Intention for Theresa Kenny		
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Stanley M. Zawadski	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
<b>Wednesday, 7/1</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory			
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Phil Varnagis	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
<b>Thursday, 7/2</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Kathy Provenzano	Frank Veltri		
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Leonore Rodriguez	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
<b>Friday, 7/3</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory			
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Henry Nonaka	Kathleen Blanchfield	Special Intention for Nicole T. Reed	
<b>Saturday, 7/4</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Gina Bendivenga	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	Living & Deceased Members of the 6th Battalion 32nd Artillery C-Battery			
<b>Sunday, 7/5</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Michael Durkin	Feria & Llagan Families	Joseph Preibis	
		Erailia Savinovich	Gloria Gorski	Richard Della Croce	
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Bob Alpert	Jim Hill		
		Charles Mezatis	Alice Dzursin	Mary Ellen Sheehan	
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Barbara Brady				
	Rene Beauchamp	Christine Muldoon	William, Nancy & David Jungles		
	Shanin Karsky				
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Donald Gross	Lillian Gribble	Jean Bova		
	Dennis Konieczyn	Stanley M. Zawadski			
		Br. Patrick Martin			



The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd** in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The office will reopen on **Monday, July 6th**. **Have a safe and Happy 4th!**

### Blessing for the Summer

Praise God! Pour Your mercy upon this season, Lord! As the days fill with sun, fill our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we gather to share story and song, campfires and connection, be with us. Bless our work, our rest, and our play in Your goodness. Amen.

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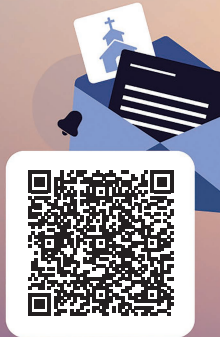


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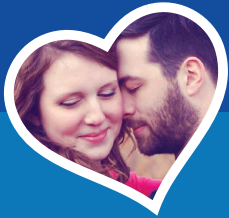
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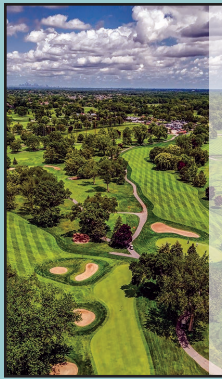


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7/4/26, after 8:30 a.m. Mass only)

**Confesiones:** 2do y cuarto sabado del mes 3-4 p.m.

**To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or**

**Memorial Masses:** Call the Parish office,  
708-349-0903.

**Ministers of Care** are available to bring Holy  
Communion to the homebound who are unable to  
attend Mass. Call the Parish office, 708-349-0903.

**Religious Education July Office Hours:**

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

**The week of 7/13, closed.** Appointments can be made at  
other times if needed. All voice messages and emails  
will be answered in a timely manner. Kelly Martinez,  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Fridays in July, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

You may leave a voicemail at any time at  
708-349-0903 or email [contact@saintmike.com](mailto:contact@saintmike.com)  
with questions or to request information.

## NEED HELP?

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** provides emergency  
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bills. Call 708-349-0903, ext. 669; **San Vicente de  
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## BULLETIN DEADLINES

In July, there are early bulletin submission deadlines due to  
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