

St. Michael Parish

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Spread God's Love and Compassion



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

“God so loved the world that he gave His only Son,
So that everyone who believes in Him might not perish,
but might have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Father Frank's Fire

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Where has the time gone? The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as *Laetare Sunday*. *Laetare* simply means rejoice. This Sunday sets a tone of joyful anticipation for the Easter mystery, as do the Rose vestments that are worn this weekend.

A major theme in John's gospel is the difference between light and darkness. Jesus is the true light of the world and he has come to lead us out of the darkness of our sins. We are to walk in the light, to be part of the light and to radiate that light to everyone we meet.

Often times we find ourselves in the darkness of our own sinfulness. We are filled with anger, jealousy, greed, envy, rivalries and acts of selfishness. We know that they are wrong, and yet we seem to be stuck in the darkness. Today's gospel states clearly, *"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light."* Wow, what an indictment of human nature.

Why do we prefer darkness? Why do we prefer to live in the past rather than move into the light of Christ? Why do we choose to wallow in self-pity and in our wounds instead of saying "ENOUGH – I want to live in Christ's light?" This Lent I challenge all of you to walk away from the darkness and walk into the brightness of God's light. Say to yourselves, "I will not live in fear or anger. I will not live being suspicious of everyone and everything. I will not live in guilt or shame – NO, I WILL LIVE as a follower of Christ!"

How can we be so confident? Today's scripture gives us the confidence that we need, *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."* The words of Jesus give us the assurance that we are truly loved and cared for by God. Jesus came to give us life so that we can live it to the fullest. If Jesus did not come to condemn, why are we so willing to condemn others? I invite you to make a firm resolution today to be open to the movement of God in your lives and to embrace God's gifts of forgiveness, love and compassion. Our response to God's abundant gifts is to share them with others. God's gifts are never meant for ourselves, but instead they are meant for the world. May we have the courage to share Christ's Light with all we meet.

Sacramental Beauty

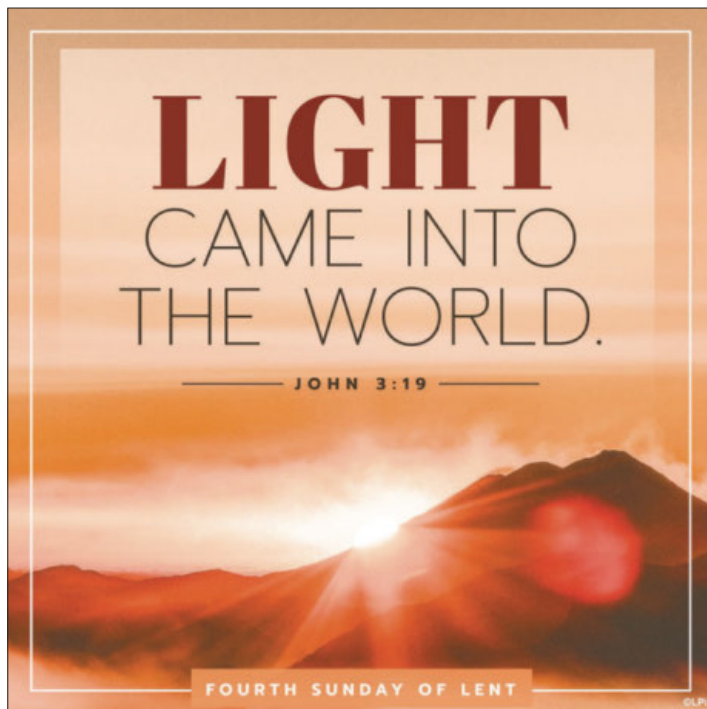
- SACRAMENTS -



St. Michael Parish has a lot to rejoice about! This weekend, our second graders received the gift of their First Reconciliation. This is part of their final preparation for First Holy Communion. There is great joy when we hear the words, "Your sins are forgiven!" If you have not been to Confession for a while – Lent is the perfect opportunity to go.

There is an abundance of God's mercy. Confessions are available on Saturday, March 16 and Saturday, March 23 from 3:00 to 4:00PM. Please do not miss the opportunity to receive this precious gift of forgiveness.

On Friday, March 15, we welcome Bishop Mark Bartosic for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Spanish-speaking students. On Saturday, March 16, we welcome Bishop Frank Kane for the Sacrament of Confirmation for our English-speaking students. What a wonderful week when so many will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I ask you to pray for those to be confirmed this week.



Catherine's Caring Cause

Our second collection this weekend will be taken up for Catherine's Caring Cause that is run by two Sisters of Mercy. Catherine's Caring Cause seeks to help migrants seeking asylum in the United States. This organization finds an apartment for a sponsored family, provides case management for legal and medical needs and support for mentors. The organization provides rent and utilities for six months and furnishings for the apartment. It also helps mentor and acclimate the new arrivals to their new environment, as well as prepares the family to assume the financial and other responsibilities when the six months of support has been completed.

This weekend will be a one-time collection and all of the monies will be forwarded to Catherine's Caring Cause. During Lent, monetary donations will be accepted at the parish office and in the weekly collection – please clearly mark envelopes "Catherine's Caring Cause." While this may not do much to provide a solution, we can help to reduce some suffering.

In Christ's Passionate Love,

Fr. Frank

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Please Pray for our Elect



Our Elect (left to right): Antonio Lopez, Erik Anderson, Samantha Aguirre, Elizabeth Franco, Dayla Arriaga and Robert Arriaga

On Holy Saturday, these six catechumen and candidates will be received into the Catholic Church. They are in the final few weeks of preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. As part of their preparation, these Elect (*as we now call those to be baptized and those who will complete their Catholic initiation or to be received into full communion from another Christian denomination*) have willingly shared their stories with us and we invite you pray in a special way for each of these Elect throughout Lent.

If you are willing to do a little something extra, you are encouraged to write a letter of support and encouragement. Send or deliver your letters to the St. Michael Parish office labeled, "Letter for Elect (name)."

May their journeys remind us that God is always calling us into a deeper relationship. May they also serve to remind us that we have many reasons to celebrate our Catholic tradition. **All are welcome to join us at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30, 2024.**

4th Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Today's passage from Ephesians is a magnificent statement of the Good News.

The rationale for being a Christian can be no clearer than this—by God's grace we have been saved. Paul assures us today that our salvation is not a commodity that we have earned or worked for. We have been taken out of darkness into the light of eternal life solely because of God's loving grace.

As followers of Christ, we choose to live lives of good deeds as a fitting thanksgiving for all we have been given. God loves us so much, and has saved us! The gospel reminds us that this free gift of salvation was given when God sent his only begotten Son, who then gave up his own life freely so that none of us might perish.

Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, is our reminder that we have been saved ... gratuitously. And through God's great mercy, compassion and love, we are destined to live forever. This Lent may we accept the challenge to walk toward the light, reject the darkness of evil and seek God's truth. Let us be signs of Christ's loving presence for others as we Spread God's love and compassion.

- When and how do I know that God loves me so much? What signs point to God's great love for me and for all his people?
- What can I do to be a better "sacrament," or sign, of healing in my family? In my Community? In my Workplace?
- When and how do I hear the messengers sent to me by God?



Readings for the Week March 10, 2024

Sunday:	2 Chr 36: 14-16; 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21
Monday:	Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5 17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47
Friday:	Wis 2: 1a; 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33



One of the hardest things I have ever tried to do is to act like Jesus. He is **so perfect**. So many stories in the bible tell of the many cruel people all around Jesus. But never once did he act like them. He was always loving, forgiving and kind to those he encountered. But it's so hard to act like Jesus when people are cruel to us, isn't it?

Today's Gospel from St. John is probably one of the most popular. Why did God send Jesus to earth to walk among us? God sent us Jesus **because He loved us so much**. God didn't want to lose us to darkness. He wants us to be in heaven with Him. He wants us to know that as long as we believe, we will live forever in heaven with God.

God did not send Jesus to tell us how much he disapproves of our behavior. He sent us Jesus to show us **HOW** to live and **HOW** to love and respect one another. In doing this, Jesus suffered a lot to show us the truth about God so that we, too, could be saved.

Every time I see Jesus hanging on the cross, I think about how much that must have hurt. I feel a lot of emotions. The first emotion is sadness. Sadness because Jesus just wanted us to love one another. The second emotion is disappointment. I'm disappointed that our fellow human beings hated the idea of believing in God so much, that they did this to Jesus. But then I feel the emotion of hope. Hope that all that Jesus did for us will allow us to be with God in heaven. The final emotion I feel is determination. I am determined to listen to and to follow the Word of God.

However, like I said – it can be so hard to follow Jesus, the Word, when the world around you can seem so cruel. You can feel alone if you are constantly feeling like nothing is going your way. But look at Jesus on the cross. Did it look like things went the way he imagined? I am sure Jesus was sad and disappointed to see the anger that people had.

But Jesus was happy to change the hearts of many, and he remained hopeful and determined to do God's will. He **SAVED SO MANY PEOPLE** – and He is saving each one of us, too! There is a lot of beauty all around us and that should be our focus each and every day. Don't let the dark actions of others take away the beauty that surrounds you. Even when times are tough, look to Jesus to help give you the strength. If Jesus can handle the pain on the cross, you can handle anything that comes your way, with love and forgiveness.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, help me to be determined to love like Jesus. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel

Monday, March 11

- Women's Faith Sharing/Spanish—6:30 p.m.—Commons
- Apologetics—7:00 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

Tuesday, March 12

- Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry—9:00 a.m.—Ministry Room East
- Digging Deeper Adult Faith Formation—7:00 p.m.—Commons

Wednesday, March 13

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- Stations of the Cross in English—4:00 p.m.—Church
- Via Crucis en Español —6:00 p.m.—Chapel

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- St. Michael Concert Series-4:30 p.m.—Church

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

NOTE:

Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW) will not be held on Palm Sunday, March 24 or Easter Sunday, March 31



Please Pray For The Sick

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

Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta,

John Basta, Tom Berta, Kathy Bruss,

Kathy Campbell, Eileen Cocco,

Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, Jim Diver,

Fran Hoak, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston,

Joan Korpics, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck,

Sylvia Krepton, Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn,

Tom Mallon, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun,

Carol Murphy, Alice Prendergast, Greg Puriski,

AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon,

Jennie Vaccarell, Aleksandra Waresiak,

Donna Wilczek, Audrey Zarembski,

and those injured in service to their country.



St. Michael Ministry for Mental Health Awareness MARCH PRAYER GATHERING

**Wednesday, March 27,
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

All are welcome to our March prayer gathering. We will meet in the North Commons to pray the Rosary and offer petitions for those in need. Following prayer, those present can choose to participate in respectful and confidential sharing with one another.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/> or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.





Stations of the Cross

will be prayed during Lent
at the following times:

In English on Fridays at 4:00 PM
In the Church

In Spanish on Fridays at 6:00 PM
In the Chapel on March 15 and
In the Church on March 22

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St. Michael Lent Prayer

Forgiving God,
you reach out with Your peace,
inviting us to
Spread Your Love and Compassion.
You understand our sinful human nature,
and You love us anyway.
Scatter the clouds and shadows
that obstruct your faithful presence,
and help us to listen for Your Word.
As we work to become better people,
open our hearts to know Your Beloved Son,
and to listen for Your Holy Spirit,
because when You are for us,
who can be against us?
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Vicariate V - Lent 2024



VICARIATE V, DEANERY E LENTEN OFFERINGS

The parishes of Vicariate V, Deanery E - **Our Lady of the Woods, St. Damian, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr** - are offering many Lenten opportunities that will draw us all closer to the Lord during this holy season. To learn more about taking part in these programs, please visit saintmike.com/vicariate-v-lent/.

Pick Up Lenten Crosses in the Narthex

During the season of Lent we are once again reminded of our need to commit ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are the practices which have always been a part of our Lenten experience, and these are the practices which prompt us to consider personal change and renewal in our lives.

The Social Concerns Ministry has placed crosses with requests from our sharing parish St. Basil/Visitation, as well as from St. Vincent de Paul and other local charities, in the Narthex. You may select a cross as an expression of your commitment to the practice of almsgiving.

We will continue to place crosses in the Narthex during the season of Lent. **Please return your unwrapped package, with the cross attached, at your convenience before Palm Sunday (March 24).** We ask that any gifts you bring be new. Please place gift cards in the collection basket or turn them in at the parish office. Please do not leave them in the Narthex.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus this Lent

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 18, 19, 20
7:00-8:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9300 West 167th St., Orland Hills



MONDAY, MARCH 18 - FINDING AND SHARING KINDNESS - KATHY ARDUINO

Do you get so caught up in the day that by the time you sit down in the evening you wonder where all your time has gone? As a wife, mother of 2, and teacher (to name a couple of the hats I wear) you can imagine that this happens to me often! Many years ago, I made it my passion to find and spread kindness in my busy everyday life. The Bible has many references of spreading kindness. My hope is to share ideas and stories from my life that will ignite a feeling in others to spread kindness.



TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - CONFORMING OUR HEARTS TO CHRIST'S HEART - SR. KATE O'LEARY

Every Lent is an opportunity to conform our hearts to Christ's Heart especially in The Paschal Mystery - His Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Sr. Kate O'Leary invites you to journey into the Heart of Christ in The Eucharist - an incredible treasure of our Faith. Come to hear how we can unite our sacrifices and ourselves more closely to Him at Mass.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 - CAREGIVER'S GIFTS - SR. THERESE MALTBY, RSM

The person who provides care shares many gifts with her family member, friend, patient: clinical competence, emotional support, help with ordinary tasks, etc. On any day that giving care is also a giving up: loss of sleep, of energy, of confidence, etc. This same day may also bring many gifts to be received. Wisdom invites us to embrace the gifts received without losing sight of the loss.

Join us for refreshments in the Narthex following our Wednesday Night Mission

Are You Ready for a Local Holy Road Trip?

Following the **National Eucharistic Revival** commissioning at the parish level, as **One Body in Christ** and led by the **Holy Spirit** to center on **The Eucharist**, the Vicariate V Deanery Parishes are collaborating to bring our faith communities together to worship and adore the **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ** that will culminate with a **Eucharistic Celebration**.



Please Join Us for a EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CAR CARAVAN PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Starts at 3:15 PM at St. Michael Parish

Pilgrimage Route *(with Approximate Timings)*

- **Start at 3:15 PM at St. Michael Parish** for a time of Eucharistic Worship and Adoration.
- **Depart St. Michael @ 4:30 PM** in a Car Caravan Procession to **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** (15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park)
- **Arrive at St. Francis at 4:45 PM**

Upon arrival at each parish, we will exit our vehicles and go into the Church to adore the Real Presence of Christ.

- **Depart St. Francis @ 5:25 PM** in Car Caravan Procession to **Our Lady of the Wood Parish** (10732 West 131st. St., Orland Park)
- **Arrive at Our Lady of the Woods at 5:40 PM for 6:00 PM Mass.** Clergy, priests and deacons from the grouping parishes and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard will participate in the Mass.

Feel free to join us or drop off at any point in the Car Caravan Pilgrimage

A Fellowship Gathering with light refreshments will take place at **Our Lady of the Woods Parish** following the Mass. Water and soda will be provided. Donations of snacks and desserts (and some gluten-free items) will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at Our Lady of the Woods Parish Office on Friday, April 12 or Sunday, April 14 between 8:00am-Noon. Please label it *Car Caravan Pilgrimage*. Or you can bring it with you on the Car Caravan Pilgrimage and drop it off before Mass in the Our Lady of the Woods narthex.

TO REGISTER FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

Scan the QR Code and complete the online form , or
Obtain and complete a registration form in the St. Michael Parish Office

All registrations are due by Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Questions? Contact John Sobol at jsobol@steseton.com.



<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



Let's Show Up For Jesus!

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ST. MICHAEL APOLOGETICS GROUP

presents

Biblical Tour of the Mass

Dr. Brant Pitre takes us through the scripture on where we can find the connection of the Liturgy of the Mass.

**This Monday, March 11
7 pm in the Ministry Rooms
All are welcome!**



Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry

**This Tuesday, March 12
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.**



Holy Thursday Visitation to Seven Churches

*Ride with Fr. Geoffrey and others
on Holy Thursday, March 28th*

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10858

**Start with Mass at St. Michael at 7:00 p.m.
and then board a bus going to
the following six churches:**

- St. Augustine, 4130 147th St., Midlothian
- St. Damian, 5250 155th St., Oak Forest
- St. George, 6707 175th St., Tinley Park
- St. Mary, 19515 115th Ave., Mokena
- Our Mother of Good Counsel, 16043 S Bell Rd., Homer Glen
- St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd. Orland Park

***We will enter each church to pray
and then proceed to the next Church.
The trip should take about 3 hours.***

**Parishioners wanting to ride the bus
must RSVP by March 14th
to KofCCouncil10858@gmail.com or call the
Church office at (708) 349-0903**

St. Michael Concert Series Presents

Margarita Rovenskaya

Sunday, March 17

4:30 PM in the Church



Born in Ukraine, Margarita Rovenskaya began studying the piano at the age of six in Chicago. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at Oberlin Conservatory in 2012, a Masters in Piano Studies at New York University in 2014 and a Doctorate of Musical Arts at Rutgers University in 2022.

Ms. Rovenskaya has performed extensively in the U.S. and abroad, with performances in Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall, Merkin Hall at the Kaufman Center, Zimmerli Museum, Ukrainian Museum, Teatro Machiavelli in Sicily and Salmagundi Art Gallery, among others. She is a prizewinner of the WPTA Finland International Competition, Constantine the Great International Competition, American Music Talent Competition, Mary Smart International Concerto Competition and the Chopin Society Malaysia Competition, and continues to champion the music of Czech composers.

Our concert series is dependent on free will donations. To continue to bring these talented artists to our community, sponsors and private donations are needed and welcome. Please contact St. Michael Music Director Gary Patin at gpatin@saintmike.com if you can assist with our endeavor. Thank You!



MISSION TRIP MEETING April 10 @ 7pm

There will be a mandatory meeting for the Mission Trip to Habitat for Humanity in Charleston, West Virginia on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in the Teen Room. Cost of the trip is \$150.00 which must be paid at the meeting to secure your place. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you must send a family member to secure your place.



The trip is scheduled for June 2nd to June 8th. If you have any questions, call 312-735-6017 or e-mail rkoch@saintmike.com.

ST. MICHAEL MUSIC MINISTRY

Why You Should Make a Joyful Noise and Sing at Mass

Reason #3: Singing together unites us.



Singing together unites us. "While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant [or song] is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices." (GIRM, no. 86) Singing together while receiving our Lord reinforces the sacramental nature of the Communion Rite; our unity of mind, heart and body expressed in the unity of our voices. Singing unifies us in a common goal, be it prayer or praise as the body of Christ.

If you feel inspired now to learn more about and become a **vocalist and/or an instrumentalist in our music ministry**, please visit our website for more details at <https://saintmike.com/music-ministry/> or contact Music Director Gary Patin at gpatin@saintmike.com.



February 14-March 24 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion.
- Over **200 abortion** workers converted.
- Over **100 abortion** centers closed.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN FLOSSMOOR!

**Here's how to take part in
40 Days for Life in our community:**

Vigil Location: Outside Flossmoor Planned Parenthood, 19831 Governors Hwy on public property.

Vigil Hours: 8am-6pm during 40 Days for Life

Local Contact: Richard at 40dsfl@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/flossmoor

Join St. Michael's Pro-Life Ministry at Flossmoor Planned Parenthood on March 19

We selected that day because it is the Feast of St. Joseph. He protected Jesus and the Blessed Mother. It is our obligation to be the protectors of the unborn.

Did You Know...

- **Domestic violence happens to people of every educational and socio-economic level?**
- **Domestic violence occurs in all races, religions and age groups?**
- **It happens behind closed doors on the street where you live?**
- **It happens to someone who sits near you in church each week?**



The Saint George Domestic Violence Outreach is looking for volunteers to provide new ideas and **welcomes friends from St. Michael**. The goal of the group is to build awareness; connect victims to services; and conduct and support prevention activities and initiatives. We are a small group with great hopes of helping families out of the bondage of domestic violence. ***But we need the help of caring and compassionate people like you.*** Our work is neither difficult nor time-consuming, but the rewards are infinite.

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. George Parish, 6707 West 175th Street, Tinley Park. We'll meet in the Cahill Center, Mtg Rm #1.

SCHOLARSHIP

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King are offering Catholic high school scholarships for young women whose mothers and/or grandmothers attended Mt. Assisi Academy. **To request that an Application Packet be emailed to you, please contact Carrie Peters at carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net.**

THANK YOU For Your Financial Support Of Our Parish

**Contributions for February 2024
\$161,747**

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El Espíritu del Padre Frank

Hoy es el Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma. ¿A dónde se fue el tiempo? El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma se conoce como *Domingo Laetare*. *Laetare* significa regocijarse. Este domingo establece un tono de gozosa anticipación del misterio pascual, al igual que las vestimentas rosas que se usan este fin de semana.

Un tema importante en el evangelio de Juan es la luz y las tinieblas. Jesús es la verdadera luz del mundo y ha venido para sacarnos de las tinieblas de nuestros pecados. Debemos caminar en la luz, ser parte de la luz e irradiar esa luz a todos los que conocemos.

A menudo nos encontramos en la oscuridad de nuestra pecaminosidad. Estamos llenos de ira, celos, avaricia, envidia, rivalidades y actos de egoísmo. Sabemos que están equivocados y, sin embargo, parecemos estar atrapados en la oscuridad. El evangelio de hoy dice claramente: “*Y este es el veredicto: que la luz vino al mundo, pero el pueblo prefirió las tinieblas a la luz*”. Vaya, qué acusación de la naturaleza humana.

¿Por qué preferimos la oscuridad? ¿Por qué preferimos vivir en el pasado en lugar de avanzar hacia la luz de Cristo? ¿Por qué nos revolcamos en la autocompasión y en nuestras heridas en lugar de decir BASTA – Quiero vivir en la luz de Cristo? Esta Cuaresma, los desafío a todos a alejarse de la oscuridad y acercarse al brillo de la luz de Dios. Diganse a ustedes mismos: No viviré con miedo ni con ira. No viviré sospechando de todos y de todo. No viviré con culpa o vergüenza – NO; ¡VIVIRÉ como seguidor de Cristo!

¿Como podemos estar tan seguros? La Escritura de hoy nos da la confianza que necesitamos: “*Porque no envió Dios a su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por él*”. Las palabras de Jesús nos aseguran que Dios verdaderamente nos ama y cuida. Jesús nos dio la vida para que podamos vivirla plenamente. Si Jesús no vino a condenar, ¿por qué estamos tan dispuestos a condenar a otros? Los invito a tomar hoy la firme resolución de estar abiertos al movimiento de Dios en sus vidas y abrazar los regalos de Dios de perdón, amor y compasión. Nuestra respuesta a los abundantes dones de Dios es compartirlas con los demás. Los dones de Dios nunca están destinados a nosotros, sino que están destinados al mundo. Que tengamos la valentía de compartir la Luz de Cristo con todos.

Belleza Sacramental



¡La parroquia de St. Michael tiene mucho de qué alegrarse! Este fin de semana, nuestros alumnos de segundo grado recibieron el regalo de su Primera Reconciliación. Esto es parte de su preparación final para la Primera Comunión. Hay gran alegría cuando escuchamos: “¡Tus pecados te son perdonados!” Si no te has confesado por un tiempo, la Cuaresma es la oportunidad perfecta para hacerlo. La misericordia de Dios es abundante. Las confesiones están disponibles los sábados 16 y 23 de marzo, de 3:00 a 4:00 p.m. No pierda la oportunidad de recibir este precioso regalo del perdón.

El viernes 15 de marzo le damos la bienvenida al Obispo Mark Bartosic para el Sacramento de la Confirmación para nuestros estudiantes de habla hispana. El sábado 16 de marzo le damos la bienvenida al Obispo Frank Kane para el Sacramento de la Confirmación para nuestros estudiantes de habla inglesa. Qué semana tan maravillosa cuando tantos serán sellados con el don del Espíritu Santo. Les pido que oren por los que serán confirmados esta semana.

Catherine's Caring Cause

Nuestra segunda colecta de este fin de semana se realizará para Catherine's Caring Cause, que dirigen dos Hermanas de la Misericordia. Catherine's Caring Cause busca ayudar a los migrantes que buscan asilo en los



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En al Amor de Cristo,

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Confesiones en Español

Marzo 9, 16 y 23 a las 3:00 pm.

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Via Crucis - Viernes

Durante la cuaresma el
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Marzo 24, **Domingo de Ramos** - 1:30 pm

Marzo 28, **Jueves Santo** - 7:00 pm

Marzo 29, **Viernes Santo** - 11:30 am

Marzo 30, **Vigilia Pascual** - 7:30 pm

Marzo 31, **Domingo de Pascua** - 1:30 pm

Proxima Hora Santa en Abril

Este mes de Marzo no tendremos
hora santa por motivo de las
confirmaciones. Proxima hora
Santa será Abril 18 - 7:00 pm.

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Masses for the Week — March 9 to March 17

Saturday 3/9	8:30 AM	Ana Maria Adkins		
	4:30 PM	Elfrieda Vlaming Carol Leninger	Pedro Velada Sr. Claire Marie Lzerwiec, SSND	Joseph J. Hennessy
Sunday 3/10	7:30 AM	Rose Marie Kedzuf	Mary Ann Michele	Leticia Laxa
	9:30 AM	Maria Kutty Kuriakose Robert Brusich	Richard Della Croce William Hurklotz	Margaret Creaton
	11:30 AM	Dolores Gorski	Frank Lenti	Patricia Nebel
	1:30 PM	Ramiro Martinez Tostao	Luis Hmberto Hernandez Moreno	
Spanish →				
Monday 3/11	6:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory & The Kitchin Family		
	8:00 AM	Stephan Martascello	Special Intention for Antony Family	
Tuesday 3/12	6:30 AM	Edward Hartnett, Sr.	Kathy Favata	
	8:00 AM	Alice Dzurisin	Tom Hudon	
Wednesday 3/13	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Roberto Ortiz	Lissy Kutty	Special Intention for Esther Jacob
Thursday 3/14	6:30 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
	8:00 AM	Patrick Rafferty		
Friday 3/15	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	Bill Vasich	LaVaughn Hauser	Cindy Fairchild
Saturday 3/16	8:30 AM	Bob & Bernice Morin	Marilyn Mayer	
	4:30 PM	Walter Kasch	Alicia Ortiz	Pedro Velada
		John Kredis	Aniela Zak	
Sunday 3/17	7:30 AM	Alice Dzurisin	Raymond Hilger	
	9:30 AM	Bill Morrissey Margaret Creaton	Michael P. Sheeran Robert Brusich	Marion McGreal
	11:30 AM	Luci Palumbo	Jim Thompson	Joseph Chiaramonte
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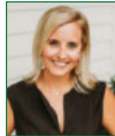
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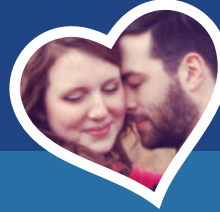


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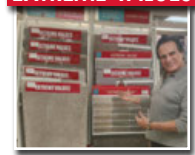
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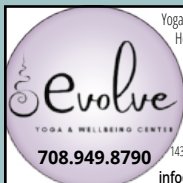
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