### St. Michael Parish

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025



### **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

### Father Frank's Fire

In today's gospel, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His garments became dazzling white and Jesus was changed before their eyes. On the mountain, Jesus showed his disciples his glory. What is important for us to remember is that Jesus' glory is also our destiny. Jesus invites us to share his glory and be a part of the divine life.

The white garment Jesus wears is the same white garment of our baptism. For it is through the waters of baptism that we are made clean. Lent provides us with the opportunity to keep our baptismal robes clean and dazzling white. Please do not let these 40 days pass without performing some acts of penitence. By spending some time in prayer and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can be assured that your robes will be ready for Easter glory.

Never be afraid of seeking God's forgiveness. Our God loves us so much that forgiveness is assured for those who seek it with sincerity of heart. Be opened to God's grace this Lent and you will be amazed at how your life will be changed; you will be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

### **Fasting**

Fasting is one of the traditional disciplines of Lent. Fasting is abstaining from certain foods, activities or luxuries as a form of self-discipline, and in solidarity with the sufferings of Jesus. This is a spiritual exercise designed to prepare us to celebrate Easter joy. Fasting for the purpose of "weight loss" is not considered Christian fasting. During my life, I have given up some of my favorite foods. As a child, I gave up candy. As I grew older, that changed to fried foods or pizza. The period of fasting did not really help me change because as soon as Easter arrived – I went back to these favorites.

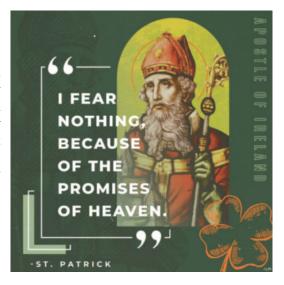
Instead of the usual "giving up" something that we enjoy, Pope Francis offers us some other ways to fast during Lent.



- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

#### St. Patrick's Day

On Monday we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Irish immigrants came to the United States with great courage, pride and faith, and they were able to overcome many obstacles and prejudices. Many of today's immigrants are also trying to overcome obstacles and prejudices. On Monday we uplift Patrick as a man of extraordinary faith and devotion. St. Patrick devoted himself to God. The best way to pay tribute to St. Patrick is to imitate his example and be more like him, dedicated to spreading our faith. This is the new evangelization. St. Patrick, pray for us!



### St. Joseph's Day

On Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day celebrated by many nationalities, but especially the Italian and Polish. Pope Francis has a strong devotion to St. Joseph, who was the provider and protector of the Holy Family. In his office (so I am told, as I have never been invited in), Pope Francis has a statue of St. Joseph who is sleeping. Seems strange to us, but it makes perfect sense that even the saints have to sleep. Every time the Holy Father has a difficult problem that he does not know how to handle – he places it under the sleeping St. Joseph – trusting that he will guide the Pope with a solution. I received a replica of the sleeping St. Joseph from a parishioner many years ago. It is a constant reminder to me that rest is important. St. Joseph, patron of the Church and unborn children, pray for us!



In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank

### Finding Hope in Your Life this Jubilee Year with Schoenstatt Ministries

As part of the **Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement and Women's Ministry**, St. Michael Parish recently hosted its first Magnificat Day retreat that focused on the Jubilee Year of Hope. The retreat theme -- "**Becoming an Anchor of Hope**" -- fit perfectly with St. Michael being a Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee Year.



Fr. Geofrey presented a reflection titled "Shrines of Hope," which was centered on every Schoenstatt member seeing their everyday activities in the light of becoming a saint. Through their home Shrines dedicated to the Blessed Mother, the Schoenstatt Mothers place God firmly at the center of their homes by inviting our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope, to take residence in their families. They aspire to bear Christ to the world, as our Blessed Mother did and continues to do. The home Shrines become a physical place to encounter God and *God's hope for the world*. Hope is rooted in God's promise of love and protection. We hope to trust God's promise, knowing what God has done for us in the past, and knowing that God floods our lives with courage and strength amidst trials of our everyday life.

As a lay apostolic movement of moral and religious renewal in the Catholic Church, Schoenstatt works to renew the Church and society in the spirit of the Gospel. It seeks to reconnect faith with daily life, especially through a deep love of Mary, the Mother of God. A Schoenstatt Mother's Ministry was established in Orland Park in 2003, when both married and single women began meeting at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. The group now meets at our parish and welcomes other women to learn more and get involved in its many renewal opportunities, including visits to its shrines

and its Covenant of Love, a recognized form of Marian consecration to the Catholic Church.

Come and see what the "Covenant of Love" is all about. Gatherings will take place one Monday evening a month — April 7, May 19 and June 9 — from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the North Commons.

For more information on Schoenstatt Mothers and Women's Ministries, please contact Laura Flaherty at <a href="mailto:flahertyfam5@yahoo.com">flahertyfam5@yahoo.com</a> You also can pick up a Schoenstatt brochure in the Kiosk outside the Parish Office or visit the Schoenstatt Movement of Wisconsin and Illinois website at <a href="https://schoenstatt-wisconsin.us">https://schoenstatt-wisconsin.us</a>.





### 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 power of Christ:

Irma Almanza, Marie Andrews, Barbara Armijo, Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Bernie Bittner, Kevin Bushnell, Vince Candelero, Patricia Chuchla, Aileen Collura, Olivia Daly, Mary DiFilippo, Gloria Gorski, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Joan Kaminski, Rose Kessen, Darryl Klock, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Roger Krzyzowski, Robert Levinthal, Mark Lunn, Kathy Lynn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Bill Marich, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland, Donna Micun, Art Morgan, Audrey Niec, Mary Anne Nievera, Bill Norwell, Alice Prendergast, Debbie Rogers, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Kevin Scanlan, Cara Scanlon, William Schmid, Louise Sullivan, Nicole Torgerson, Jennie Vaccarello, Naty Velada, Violet, Mary Pat Walsh, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Lawrence Wojcik, Tom Wojcik, Salvatore Zambuto, Sr.,

and those injured in service to their country.

### Please Pray For

Those who have died and their families

Charles Holton, brother of Jim Holton and Mary Jo Knipp Daniel McWeeny, husband of Jane **Rose Marie Pittner** Barbara Ruffetti



### Readings for the Week March 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1:

Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Solemnity of St. Joseph — 2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,

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Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Saturday: Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12;

> Lk 13:1-9. Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; In 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,

40-42

Have you ever experienced a day so wonderful that you never wanted it to end? Perhaps this wonderful day brought you so much happiness that you wanted it to last forever. We have all experienced days like this but we

know they eventually do end.

Speaking of wonderful days, can you imagine what it must have been like for Jesus' disciples whenever they witnessed miracles? Those must have been amazing and wonderful days. Each of our days, like the disciples' days, come to an end and a new one begins. Every day with Jesus was an exciting experience, as the disciples followed him.

The Gospel today tells us of a day Jesus and his disciples took a trip up a mountain that proved to be one of the most exciting and wonderful journeys ever! On that day, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up onto a mountain to pray. As Jesus was praying, something very strange and powerful happened. The gospel says that Jesus' face and appearance began to change, and His clothing became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly, two men appeared — Moses and Elijah — and they began talking to Jesus. Moses was a very important lawgiver and Elijah was God's prophet, and both had gone to Heaven long ago. They were talking to Jesus about how he was going to die. Peter could not believe his eyes, how could Moses and *Elijah be there?* 

Peter was so awestruck that he told Jesus that he thought that they should stay there on the mountain and build three tents - one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Peter wanted to stay in the presence of these three and enjoy the day for as long as he could. That seems like something we would all want to do, but it was not God's plan. Peter didn't understand that this wonderful experience on the mountain was not meant to last. It was not a place to stop and set up camp, but a starting place for God's greatest gift -- the gift of salvation. The main message that Moses and Elijah gave to the disciples was, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

You and I will have many wonderful experiences as we follow Jesus. The most important thing to do is to listen to what we know about Jesus. Trust His plan and know that He is always with us. Remember, when we follow Jesus and accept Him as our Lord and Savior, the best is yet to come! Trust in God! Trust God's Plan.

Let's Pray: Heavenly Father, we thank You for all our wonderful and not so wonderful experiences. You allow us to enjoy and learn as we walk each day with your son Jesus. Help us follow Him wherever He leads us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Saturday, March 15

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym

### Sunday, March 16

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30
   a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW) - durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

### Tuesday, March 18

 Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction-3:30 p.m.—Church

### Wednesday, March 19

• **Bible Study**-7:00 p.m.—Commons

### Thursday, March 20

- St. Michael Parents & Tots Playgroup—9:30 a.m.— Commons
- Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry—7:00 p.m.— Ministry Room East
- Jubilee of Hope Presentation by Dr. Jenny DiVivo—
   7:00 p.m.—Church

### Friday, March 21

- Stations of the Cross in English—4:00 p.m.—Church
- Via Crucis en Español/Stations in Spanish—6:00 p.m.— Church
- Hispanic Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico Hispano-7:00 p.m.
   —Ministry Room East
- St. Michael Concert Series-7:00 p.m.—Church

#### Saturday, March 22

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Ministry Rooms
- Parish Hospitality Hours-After 4:30 p.m. Mass—MPR
- Youth Ministry Supports Molly's Miracle-Before & after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

### Sunday, March 23

- Parish Hospitality Hours-After all Masses—MPR
- Youth Ministry Supports Molly's Miracle-Before & after all Masses—Narthex
- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30
   a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- Hispanic Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra de los Jóvenes (YPLW) - durante la Misa de la 1:30 p.m.—Ministry Rooms

### Lenten Reconciliation Services at

St. Michael Parish will be held

Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8

at 6:15 PM in the Church



Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Michael Parish every Friday during Lent In English

Fridays at 4:00 PM in the Church

In Spanish

Fridays at 6:00 PM in the Church Stations in Spanish on April 4th will be in the Chapel



Join us for Eucharistic Holy Hour This Tuesday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m. In the Church

Fr. Geofrey will lead all gathered in Eucharistic Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Please join us for this beautiful time to receive God's grace, healing, mercy and comfort, as we lift our spirits up to Jesus!



Mark You Calendars for March Hospitality Hours Next Saturday & Sunday March 22 & 23

In The MPR Following All Masses

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Special Thanks go out to ORLAND PARK BAKERY

For its generous donations of baked goods and sandwiches to our February Hospitality Hours

### ST. MICHAEL PARISH - ORLAND PARK AN OFFICIAL JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMAGE SITE

### **PRESENTS**



### "HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH"

Presented by Dr. Jenny DeVivo

### Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 7 p.m. In the Church

In the face of great changes in the church, church history and the calling of our baptisms show us that God continues to make all things new. We can look to the future with hope, confidence, and trust in God's faithfulness and the continuation of the narrative of salvation.



Dr. Jenny DeVivo, OblSB, Ph.D., is the Vice-President of Mission and Heritage at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, and is responsible for the Catholic identity of the university and its Mercy heritage. She is a biblical scholar, spiritual director and Benedictine Oblate with St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minn.



The St. Michael Concert Series is thrilled to present an enchanting evening with local pianist Jacob Adams, who is one of today's leading authorities on ragtime and an accomplished composer in the genre. He will present a concert at St. Michael on Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the church. A veteran performer at major ragtime festivals nationwide, including the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, Adams has composed more than 90 original ragtime works and brings an unparalleled depth of knowledge to this uniquely American art form. Adams will take us beyond the familiar strains of Scott Joplin, delving into the works of lesser-known ragtime and more contemporary composers Whether you're a devoted ragtime enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this promises to be a wonderful and charming evening of music!

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 <a href="mailto:atgpatin@saintmike.com">gpatin@saintmike.com</a> if you can assist with our endeavor. Thank You!

Please Help Our Sharing Parish, Those Served by our SVdP and Other Charitable Organizations This Lent



# PICK UP LENTEN CROSSES IN THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND

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 will place crosses with requests from our sharing parish St. Basil/Visitation, as well as from St. Vincent de Paul, Aid for Women, and other local charities in the Narthex beginning on Ash Wednesday. 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 (April 13). 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

Join Us for Hooks & Needles Prayer Shawl Ministry



### This Thursday, March 20 7PM in Ministry Room East

Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting – whether it be novice or advanced – is invited to join us! We share patterns, meet new people and laugh together. Since 2005 we have donated thousands of shawls and hats to parishioners, local hospital cancer and hospice units, the neo-natal unit for struggling newborn infants, to soldiers overseas, Hines VA hospital, Shepherd's Table, American Heart Association and more. Hope to see you there!



Family and friends will host a benefit for long-time parishioner Molly Flynn, who is battling ALS, and her family. Called Molly's Miracle, the benefit will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2025, from 1-6 p.m. at Gaelic Park. Your support, however big or small, is deeply appreciated.

St. Michael Youth Ministry will be in the Narthex March 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup> to offer ways of support for Molly's Miracle.

Please pray for the Flynns and Molly's Miracle! More information is available at <a href="https://mollysalsmiracle.com">https://mollysalsmiracle.com</a>.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT dePAUL

Helping Our Friends & Neighbors in Need

### Request for Help from Our St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) of St. Michael has been asked by District 10 of St. Vincent to organize a parish-wide collection of specific toiletry items for the **BEDS+** facility on Cicero Ave. in Chicago (formerly the Aloha Motel).

BEDS+ provides for vulnerable individuals who need help to stabilize their lives through housing and support services, and they are in need of the following FULL-SIZE TOILETRIES:

- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bath Soap



Please place your donations in the marked box outside the SVdP Pantry located in the Narthex.

We are ever grateful for the generosity of our St. Michael Parish. Thank you. SVdP and the St. Michael Conference

### Vicariate V, Deanery E, Lenten Season Offerings

The parishes of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Damian, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart, St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, united as One Body in Christ, and all that lead us to the Eucharist.

#### Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131<sup>st</sup> St., Orland Park, 708-361-4754, ourladyofthewoods.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm/Distribution of Ashes (in the church), 1:00-3:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross and Soup during Lent, Fridays, 6:30 pm
- Taizé Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 7, 6:30 pm
- Parish Mission, "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered," led by Father Mike Foley, March 10-11-12, 6:30 pm. (Sacrament of Reconciliation, Tuesday, March 11)
- Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 4:30-7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service, Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm (Confessions ministered in English and Polish)

#### St. Damian, 5250 W. 155th St., Oak Forest, 708-687-1370, www.stdamianchurch.org

- Women's Club-Fat Sunday Bingo, March 2, 12:30-3:30 pm
- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Prayer Services with Ashes Distribution, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, March 31, 7:00 pm
- Parish Mission, April 6 and April 7, 7:00 pm

#### St. Elizabeth Seton, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Park, 708-403-0101, www.steseton.com

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm
- Ash Wednesday Prayer Service w/Distribution of Ashes: Noon, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Fridays, 7:00 pm
- Adoration and Confession, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, Fridays, 8:00-8:55 am, Saturdays, 3:30-5:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Sunday, March 23, 2:00 pm
- Peter the Rock, Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 pm
- Men's Club Fish Fry, Friday, April 11, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Tenebrae Prayer Service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm

#### St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd., Orland Park, 708-460-0042, www.sfaorland.org

- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm
- St. Peregrine Novena, Mondays (except March 24 and April 14), 7:00 pm
- Rosary for Life, First Saturday of the month, 10:00 am
- Lenten Mission, "Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given: Understanding the Mystery of our Salvation in the Eucharist," led by .Fr. Paul Shelton, Sunday, March 23 and Monday, March 24, 7:00 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am and Monday, April 14, 7:30 pm
- Tenebrae Service, Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm

#### St. George, 6707 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park, 708-532-2243, www.stgeorge60477.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 8:15 am, 7:00 pm/Prayer Service with Ashes Distribution: 3:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4, 7:00 pm
- Soup and Theology, Tuesdays during Lent, 6:30 pm
- Parish Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm
- Musical Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 28, 7:00 pm

### St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, 708-429-6767, www.stjulie.org

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm
- .Continuous Distribution of Ashes from 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Word Services w/Ashes at 12 Noon, 4:30 pm
- Wednesday Lenten Evening Masses, 6:30 pm each week, in the Chapel
- Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Wednesday, March 26 depart 8:30 am (Call St. Julie Church to register/max. 30 pilgrims)
- Filipino Pabasa Devotion with Continuous Chanting of the Passion of Christ, Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 am-6:30 pm

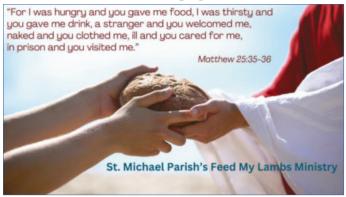
#### St. Michael, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, 708-349-0903, www.saintmike.com

- Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5) English: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 7:30 pm; Spanish: 6:00 pm/Distribution of Ashes, 10:00 am, 4:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, Fridays, English: 4:00 pm; Spanish, 6:00 pm
- Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour: Tuesday, March 18, 3:30 pm; Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 pm; Tuesday, April 15, 3:30 pm
- Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Monday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 8, 6:15 pm
- · Concert Series, James Adams presents a History of Ragtime, Friday, March 21, 7:00 pm

### St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, 17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, 708-342-2400, www.ststephentinley.com

- Ash Wednesday (March 5) Masses (English): 8:00 am, 12 Noon, and 6:00 pm/Polish Mass, 7:30 pm.
   Prayer Services (English) with Ashes Distribution, 7:00 am and 4:00 pm
- Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross: (English) 8:30 am, 6:30 pm/(Polish) 7:30 pm (No evening Stations March 7 and April 4)
- Solemnity of St. Joseph Masses (March 19): (English) 8:00 am/(Polish) 7:00 pm
- Lenten Mission (English) "What We Receive," led by Deacon Allen Tatara, March 23-24-25, 7:00 pm
- · Communal Reconciliation Service w/Individual Confessions, Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 pm
- Lenten Mission (Polish), led by Monsignor Jerzy Karbownik, April 6, 12:30 pm; Mass; April 7-8-9, 7:00 pm
- Shrine of Christ's Passion, St. John, IN, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, \$55/pp includes transportation and lunch.
   (Call the St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish office to make a reservation)

### Please Help Us Feed the Hungry this Lent



As part of your Lenten almsgiving, would you giving non-perishable food consider support Pro Labore Dei's mission to feed the hungry? You can drop your donations at the parish office or by the brown paper bag collection bin in the Narthex any Our parish's Saturday morning food time. sharing ministry team will include your donation in our weekly delivery of food to Labore Dei's distribution site Pro Posen. Through the intercession of St. John Joseph of the Cross, we pray we always know the importance of taking care of the poor and giving from our blessings to help them in their time of need. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact Kelly Martinez at kmartinez@saintmike.com with guestions.

# A TIME OF REFLECTION WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ



### This tour features a powerful message inspired by the parables of Jesus

Location: Tennessee Performing Arts Center Nashville, TN

Date: Wednesday, May 21st - leaving St. Stephen at 7:00am
(17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487)

**Event:** Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm **Returning:** Friday, May 23rd in the evening

Price: \$210.00 and includes bus transportation, tickets to event, daily breakfast, one lunch and a kickback hour at 5:30pm with food and drinks (Hotel stay not included)
(A non-refundable \$100.00 deposit will be needed when you book this trip at the Parish Office)

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel: Dury Inn & Suites of Nashville (Airport location)

Double Occupancy: \$138.00 per night (2 night stay)

Single King Size: \$147.00 per night (2 night stay - Only five

single rooms are available)

(We have a block of 25 rooms on hold, you will pay for your own room upon arrival with your credit card)

Contact Brian Conlin of St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish at (708) 342-2400 x135 to reserve your spot.

Limit of 50 tickets available.



The Knights of Columbus Chicago Archdiocese Chapter held Clergy Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, March 2, with Cardinal Blase Cupich as a guest speaker, along with State Deputy Jeff Peters and Chicago Archdiocese Chairman Jeff Griggs. Many Knights from Chicago Area Councils and Assemblies, and their Chaplains, attended this event, KofC's Council 10858's Grand Knight Bob Chio, Sir Knight Dan Davis and Brother Knight Mark Davis, and their wives, attended this event along with Council Chaplain Fr. Geofrey Andama. Additionally, Chicago Archdiocese Chapter President Dan Davis presented a check for \$10,000 to the Cardinal for Catholic Charities.









### - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -RITE OF ELECTION OR ENROLLMENT OF NAMES

"At the beginning of Lent is held the "Election" or "Enrollment of Names" at which, having heard the testimony of godparents and catechists, with the catechumen confirming their intention, the Church discerns their state of preparation and decides whether they may proceed to the Paschal Sacraments. It is called "Election" because the admission made by the Church is founded on election by God, in whose name the Church acts."

> The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Second Step: Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names





Congratulations to St. Michael and Our Lady of the Woods Candidates and Catechumen, who are now referred to as our "Elect." They participated in the Rite of Election on March 9 at Holy Name Cathedral and were received by Cardinal Cupich.

We are rapidly approaching Holy Saturday when they will receive sacraments and officially join our Catholic community. Please continue to pray for them in these final weeks.



## AYS 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 **25.000** saved babies:
- More than 150 closed facilities: and
- More than 250 converted workers.

### **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 - 8pm daily

Richard Mantoan at 40dsfl@gmail.com or Local contact:

Pat Kovacs at 708-460-8238

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

www.40daysforlife.com/en/flossmoor

Come by the Vigil Site Any Time or Join St. Michael's Pro-Life Ministry at Flossmoor Planned Parenthood on Wednesday, April 9.

It is our obligation to be the protectors of the unborn.



# St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry MARCH PRAYER GATHERING

Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm in the North Commons

We will be praying the **Stations of the Cross** for persons with mental and addiction illnesses, and

their families and friends.

If you or someone you love is struggling and/or living with mental health afflictions, members of our Mental Health Awareness Ministry are here to accompany you with compassion, prayer and holy listening. We gather on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us at our next gathering. For more information, visit <a href="https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/">https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/</a>.

Ministerio de
Concientización sobre la
Salud Mental
de St. Michael
REUNIÓN DE
ORACIÓN DE MARZO
Miércoles 26 de marzo a
las 7:00 p.m. en el
North Commons

Rezaremos el **Vía Crucis** por las personas con enfermedades mentales y adicciones, y por sus familiares y amigos.



St. Dymphna Santa Patrona de los que sufren Afecciones Mentales Ruega por nosotros

Si usted o un ser querido está luchando o viviendo con problemas de salud mental, los miembros de nuestro Ministerio de Concientización sobre la Salud Mental están aquí para acompañarlo con compasión y oración. Nos reunimos el cuarto miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en nuestra próxima reunión.

Para obtener más información, visite https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/.



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

Whether you've recently been widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or you've been widowed for some time, JOYFUL AGAIN is a program

designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

Joyful Again is for both men and women of all ages who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. This unique retreat/workshop will be held at two different locations in the next few months and all are welcome!

What: Joyful Again 2-Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: April 5-6, 2025 -St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL

June 28-29, 2025 - St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park, IL (overnight accommodations not available)

For more information on upcoming retreats, visit our website at <a href="www.joyfulagain.org">www.joyfulagain.org</a>; call us at 708-354-7211; or e-mail us at <a href="joyfulagain7211@gmail.com">joyfulagain7211@gmail.com</a>.

### The Good News from



### St. Michael School



Congratulations to the St. Michael School Virtue winners for February. The Virtue for February was *Honesty* and these students were chosen by their teachers for being trustworthy and true.

Our students in 4th & 5th grades brainstormed words and ideas that they associate with the virtue of honesty and then worked in small collaborative groups to create an honesty story board depicting how a child and parents work together to overcome challenges through honesty.



### Dads & Daughters Danced the Night Away at the "Little Miss Magic" Father Daughter Dance











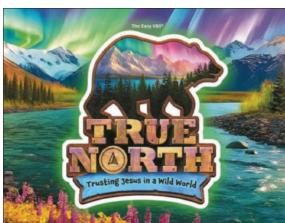


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### El Espiritu del Padre Frank

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús se transfigura ante Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Sus vestiduras se tornan de un blanco resplandeciente y Jesús se transforma ante sus ojos. En la montaña, Jesús mostró su gloria a sus discípulos. Lo que es importante que recordemos es que la gloria de Jesús es también nuestro destino. Jesús nos invita a compartir su gloria y a ser parte de la vida divina.

La vestidura blanca que usa Jesús es la misma vestidura blanca de nuestro bautismo, porque es a través de las aguas del bautismo que somos purificados. La Cuaresma nos brinda la oportunidad de mantener nuestras vestiduras bautismales limpias y de un blanco resplandeciente. Por favor, no dejes pasar estos cuarenta días sin realizar algunos actos de penitencia. Al pasar algún tiempo en oración y recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, puedes estar seguro de que tus vestiduras están listas para la gloria de la Pascua.

Nunca tengas miedo de buscar el perdón de Dios. Nuestro Dios nos ama tanto que el perdón está asegurado para quienes lo buscan con sinceridad de corazón. Ábrete a la gracia de Dios esta Cuaresma y te sorprenderás de cómo cambiará tu vida. Serás transformado a imagen y semejanza de Cristo.

### Ayuno

El ayuno es una práctica tradicional de la Cuaresma. El ayuno consiste en abstenerse de ciertos alimentos, actividades o lujos como forma de autodisciplina y solidaridad con los sufrimientos de Jesús. Se trata de un ejercicio espiritual diseñado para prepararnos para celebrar la alegría de la Pascua. El ayuno con el propósito de "perder peso" no se considera ayuno cristiano. Durante mi vida, he dejado de comer algunos de mis alimentos favoritos. Cuando era niño, dejé los dulces a medida que crecí y eso cambió a los alimentos fritos o la pizza. El período de ayuno no me ayudó mucho a cambiar porque, en cuanto llegó la Pascua, volví a comer estos alimentos favoritos.

En lugar de "renunciar" a algo que disfrutamos, el Papa Francisco nos ofrece otras formas de ayunar durante la Cuaresma.



- Ayuna de palabras hirientes y di palabras amables.
- Ayuna de tristeza y llénate de gratitud.
- Ayuna de la ira y llénate de paciencia.
- Ayuna de pesimismo y llénate de esperanza.
- Ayuna de las preocupaciones y ten confianza en Dios.
- Ayuna de quejas y contempla la sencillez.
- Ayuna de presiones y sé constante en oración.
- Ayuna de amargura y llena tu corazón de alegría.
- Ayuna de egoísmo y sé compasivo con los demás.
- Ayuna de rencores y reconcíliate.
- Ayuna de palabras y calla para que puedas escuchar.

#### Día de San Patricio

El lunes celebramos el día de San Patricio. Los inmigrantes irlandeses llegaron a los Estados Unidos con gran valentía, orgullo y fe en que fueron capaces de superar muchos obstáculos y prejuicios. Muchos de los inmigrantes de hoy también están tratando de superar obstáculos y prejuicios. El lunes ensalzamos a San Patricio como un hombre de fe y devoción extraordinarias. San Patricio se dedicó a Dios. La mejor manera de rendir homenaje a San Patricio es imitar su ejemplo, ser más como él, dedicados a difundir nuestra fe. Esta es la nueva evangelización. San Patricio, ¡ruega por nosotros!



#### Día de San José

El miércoles celebramos la solemnidad de San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María. Es un día celebrado por muchas nacionalidades, pero especialmente por los italianos y los polacos. El Papa Francisco tiene una fuerte devoción por San José, que fue el proveedor y protector de la Sagrada Familia. En su despacho (así me han dicho, ya que nunca me han invitado a entrar) el Papa Francisco tiene una estatua de San José durmiendo. Nos parece extraño, pero tiene todo el sentido que incluso los santos tengan que dormir. Cada vez que el Santo Padre tiene un problema difícil que no sabe cómo manejar, lo coloca debajo del San José dormido, confiando en que guiará al Papa con una solución. Recibí una réplica del San José dormido de un feligrés hace muchos años. Es un recordatorio constante para mí de que el descanso es importante. San José, patrono de la Iglesia y de los niños no nacidos, ¡ruega por nosotros!



En el Amor de Cristo

P. Frank

### Ministerio Hispano St Michaels





El Sábado, Abril 12
iremos al Santuario de
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### Como ganar jubileo de la Esperanza 2025?

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- Visita una Iglesia de peregrinación conmemorativa del Jubileo 2025. San Michael es una de las Iglesias
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    - Recibir la Eucaristía en la Misa, antes, durante y después de visitar un lugar de peregrinación
      - Rezar el Credo y Rezar por las intenciones del Papa Francisco (terminar con el Padre nuestro y Avemaria)
        - 5 Hacer una obra de caridad



Via-Crucis cada Viernes.

Ven y reza con nosotros el Santo Viacrucis
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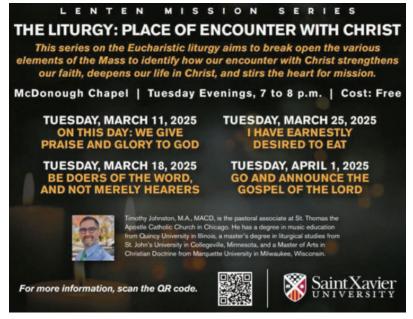
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Viernes, Marzo 21 - 6:00 pm Sábado, Marzo 22 - 3:00 pm



#### Masses for the Week — March 15 to March 23

Saturday 3/15	8:30 AM 4:30 PM	Deacon Jim Janicek Cindy Fairchild Jim & Rita Thompson	Walter Kasch Joan Korpics	Marguerite L. Quinn
Sunday 3/16	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	Gerald Refermat Florence Motyka Scott Skarbek Dolores, Robert & Billy Gorski	Irene Dubina Joseph Chiaramonte Colleen Ryan La Vaughn Hayser	Trooper Clay Carns Jessika Kramska
Spanish $ ightarrow$	1:30 PM	Alicia Ortiz	,	
Monday 3/17	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Fr. Leo Lyons Peggy Barrett	John Malone	Colleen Ryan
Tuesday 3/18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Fr. Paul Burak Anthony DeChellis Special Intention for Fr. Frank	John Cannatello Kurucz	
Wednesday 3/19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	People of St. Michael Parish Gerry Venhuizen	Michael Zaglifa	
Thursday 3/20	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention for Pauliana ( Deacon Jim Janicek	Obrochta	
Friday 3/21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor Fr. Bill Finnegan		
Saturday 3/22	8:30 AM 4:30 PM	Araceli Buendia Edgar Hield Mary Rizzo	Eileen Cocco Theodore Kucharski	Lucia Gianoli
Sunday 3/23	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	John Radecky, Sr. Therese Baker Colleen Ryan	Gerald Refermat Theresa & Bob Chubb Bernie & Ginger Bittner-50th W	JoAnn Laskowski Frank De La Font 'edding Anniversary
Spanish $ ightarrow$	11:30 AM 1:30 PM	Anthony Marino Gente de St. Michael	Susan Formosa	Giuseppina Minnicino



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**Holy Hour with Benediction** is being celebrated twice a month on Tuesdays at either 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in Church. Please visit the website for dates and times.

**To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Memorial Masses**, call the parish office at 708-349-0903.

### **Religious Education March Office Hours:**

Week of March 17: Mon, Tues, Wed 1-6pm; Thurs 5-8pm

Week of March 24 – No set office hours but emails and voice messages will be answered each day.

Our Religious Education Coordinator is Kelly Martinez (email: <a href="mailto:kmartinez@saintmike.com">kmartinez@saintmike.com</a>). Emails will be answered in a timely manner.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

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