

# St. Michael Parish

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## Spread God's Love and Compassion



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

*John 12: 26*

## Father Frank's Fire

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."* Like a good teacher, Jesus often used images and examples to help illustrate his message.

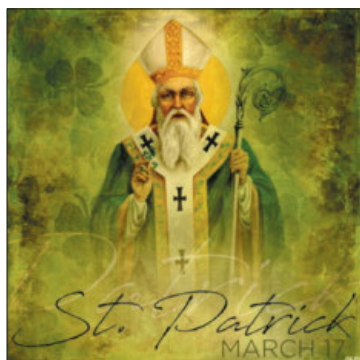
The scriptures speak to us about sacrifice; about putting the needs of others before our own. Parents know this very well; often times they put their own needs and desires second as they take care of their children. They do so willingly, without bitterness or resentment. They sacrifice for their children. Our society is also encountering a new type of sacrifice – adult children taking care of their aging and ill parents. This situation also requires a significant amount of patience on the part of the caregiver, as well as on the part of the one in need of care. Adult children sacrifice their time and treasure to care for the needs of their parents.



Unfortunately, we live in a society that does not value sacrifice. Everything around us keeps shouting, “live for the moment,” “live for yourselves,” and “take as much as you can.” I believe it is attitudes like these that have contributed to the decline of respect in our society. This attitude ignores the needs of others and focuses only on ourselves. These messages are contrary to the gospel. Jesus reminds us that we are not to live for ourselves, but we are to live for others – in essence dying to ourselves so that others may live. Just as a grain of wheat – when it dies to itself – only then can it produce an abundant harvest. The same is true for us; only when we sacrifice for others can we bear abundant fruit.

It is important to be aware of the fruits of our efforts. If our efforts bring about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, we can be assured that we are following the Holy Spirit – for these are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. If the fruit of our efforts bring about anger, bitterness, resentment, greed, jealousy, envy, rivalries or factions, then we are not following the Holy Spirit but some other spirit that is not of God. Let us always be open to the working of the Holy Spirit among us.

### Two Great Saints



Happy St. Patrick's Day. This is a great day to celebrate Irish heritage. The Fifth Sunday of Lent ranks higher in the liturgical calendar than the memorial of St. Patrick. The Irish immigrants came to the United States with great courage, pride, and faith, and they were able to overcome many obstacles and prejudices. This should be a reminder to us of those who face the same obstacles and prejudices in our country today.

On this day, consider the life of St. Patrick, the great patron of Ireland. Patrick's faith was so strong, his love for the Church so deep, that he changed a nation forever. May we have the courage and the faith of Patrick so that we, too, can change the world. St. Patrick, pray for us!

Tuesday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of 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 Holy Father with a solution.

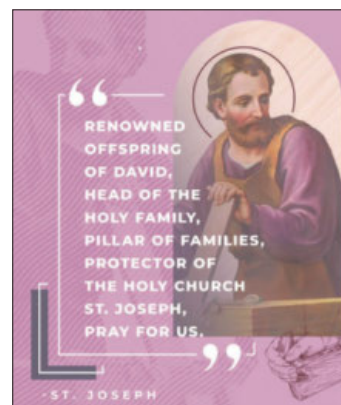
Pope Francis says to us, “Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.” Think of how many people in our lives that do so much for us and often go unnoticed. They are in our midst – the many volunteers that work so hard behind the scenes so that we can celebrate Mass and the other Sacraments. The same is true for so many that sacrifice their time for others. St. Joseph, husband of Mary, protector of the Holy Family and patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

Next weekend is Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. This is the most sacred time in the Church’s year. Holy Week has the most moving liturgies, as we are invited to enter into the Paschal Mystery. We are not spectators, but we are a part of these great events of salvation history. The reading of the Passion reminds us of Christ’s great love for all.

In Christ’s Passionate Love,

Fr. Frank



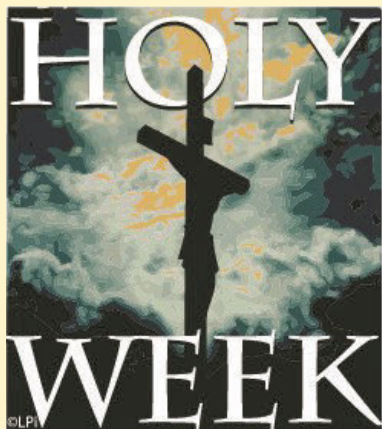
## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### Passion/Palm Sunday

#### Regular Mass Times

Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
and 1:30 PM (Mass in Spanish)



### THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

No morning Masses on Holy Thursday,  
Good Friday or Holy Saturday

### Holy Thursday, March 28th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer (*Liturgy of the Hours, not Mass*)  
7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows until Midnight*  
11:45 PM Night Prayer

### Good Friday, March 29th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer (*Liturgy of the Hours, not Mass*)  
11:30 AM Celebration of the Lord’s  
Passion-in Spanish (*includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion*)  
1:00 PM Bi-Lingual Living Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord’s  
Passion-in English (*includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion*)  
7:30 PM Celebration of the Lord’s  
Passion-in English (*includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion*)

### Holy Saturday, March 30th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer (*Liturgy of the Hours, not Mass*)  
2:30 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets & Food  
(*in English and Spanish*)  
7:30 PM Bi-Lingual Solemn Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday, March 31st

#### Regular Mass Times

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM  
and 1:30 PM (Mass in Spanish)

*Extra seating for the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses  
will be available in the Multipurpose Room*



## 5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

In today's first reading, Jeremiah says: "No longer will they have to teach their friends and relatives how to know the Lord." Really? Are we so assured of our faith today, and of what God wants us to do and how to live out our faith? Do we no longer have to teach others to know the Lord? What is the truth?

If we listen daily to the media, we are bombarded by conflicting messages. Even the leaders of our Church sometimes disagree about what to teach. But this is the thing . . . "Christ Jesus, when He was in the flesh, became the source and salvation for all who obey Him." Do we still believe that Jesus is our source and salvation?

In today's gospel, Jesus' public ministry is concluding. A request from some Greeks symbolizes/signals that the nations of the world now want to know Jesus! The time is ripe, and the world desires Him. Jesus' mission is fulfilled and He will be glorified by losing His life and by making of Himself an offering for others.

Fast forward to today and today's politically charged world. The Catholic Christian faith, and God's Love and Compassion, now spread throughout the world, and people still seek the truth. People want to know the price of salvation. Let's pray for God's message to break through any confusion our world may be experiencing. Jesus tells us how: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am there also will my servant(s) be."

- How well am I following Jesus?
- Why do I choose to be a Catholic Christian?



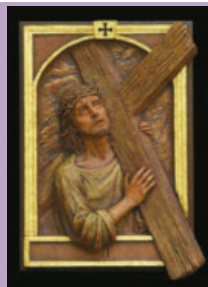
### Readings for the Week March 17, 2024

Sunday:	Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33
Monday:	Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 1-11
Tuesday:	<i>Solemnity of St. Joseph:</i> 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
Wednesday:	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59
Friday:	Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56
Palm Sunday:	Mk 11: 1-10; Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Mark 14: 1—15: 47



Think of the strongest magnet in the world and let's imagine that it is Jesus. The drawing power of even the strongest magnet reminds me of something that Jesus taught about Himself. He draws people to Himself. The people who were following Jesus didn't understand why Jesus had come to earth. They thought that he had come to set up an earthly kingdom. But Jesus didn't come to build up an earthly kingdom; his kingdom is heavenly. He came to earth to die for our sins, so that we could become part of his heavenly kingdom right here on earth. Jesus knew that the day of his crucifixion and return to heaven was near, so he spoke to his followers and said, "I am troubled now." Jesus wondered: "What should I do?" Should I pray to the Father and ask him to save me? No, this is the very reason that I came—and when I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself." The Bible reminds us that Jesus gave us that message so that we would know how He was going to die.

*Let us learn from Jesus and pray: Jesus, in times of trouble, let us be drawn to You like a magnet. Amen.*



**Stations of the Cross**  
will be prayed in the Church on  
Friday, March 22  
at the following times:

4:00 PM in English  
6:00 PM in Spanish

### 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?  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### 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

### Monday, March 18

- Women's Faith Sharing/English—6:30 p.m.—Commons
- St. Michael Pro-Life Ministry—7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room West

### Tuesday, March 19

- Holy Hour with Diving Mercy Chaplet & Benediction—3:30 p.m.—Chapel

### Wednesday, March 20

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

### Friday, March 22

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

### Saturday, March 23

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-9:00 a.m.—Small Gym
- Passion Play-at 4:30 p.m. Mass—Church

### Sunday, March 24

- Passion Play-at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses—Church

**For more information on our programs, visit our website at [www.saintmike.com](http://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, 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.

### Please Pray For

*Those who have died and their families*

Sr. Maura Lowrey, RSM, cousin of Bill Patterson

Linda (Linn) Miller

Joseph Maschek, stepfather of Rusty Scheel

If you want to add a name to the list of sick or recently deceased, there is a link on the parish web site at [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com). You may also call the parish at 708-349-0903. Names are kept on the sick list for five weeks. Those who have died recently are listed for one week.

If you need a Mass card and/or someone to be prayed for at a specific Mass, please come to the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are unable to go out, you may call the parish office at 708-349-0903 with the request and to make arrangements for your donation and, if needed, a Mass card.

You may notice that a name on the Sick List no longer appears. Very often that is because the person or their family has called to let us know that the person is better, had a good surgery, is in remission or has healed.





**Join us for  
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR  
With Divine Mercy Chaplet  
and Benediction**

**This Tuesday, March 19  
3:30 p.m. in the Chapel**

**Join Women of Faith  
to deepen your love  
for the Blessed Virgin Mary**



All women of the parish are welcome to join us for a study of "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons**. Learn about Mary's role in salvation history and the role she continues to play in our lives today. Below are the dates of our upcoming sessions:

**English**

This Monday, March 18  
Monday, April 15  
Monday, April 29  
Monday, May 23

**Spanish**

Monday, April 8  
Monday, April 22  
Monday, May 6  
Monday, May 20

Visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/womens-faith-sharing/> for more information.



**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 MALADY, 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 **EUCCHARISTIC 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](mailto:jsobol@steseton.com).



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



**Let's Show Up For Jesus!**



### **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 Chapel 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](mailto:StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com).



# CONFIRMATION

*With gratitude and praise to our Lord,  
these candidates were Confirmed on March 16, 2024  
by Most Reverend Francis J. Kane,  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Chicago*

Addison **Anne** Aguinaga  
Morgan **Therese** Alberts  
David **Andrew** Alqazaha  
Brendan **Fabian** Bartolotta  
Samuel **Nicholas** Basiorka  
Taylor **Anne** Benoit  
Abigail **Bernadette** Briscoe  
Jeffrey **Joseph** Bryant Jr.  
Kelly **Bridget** Carr  
Olivia **Genevieve** Carroll  
Sophia **Joan** Castaneda  
Aleah **Guadalupe** Castellanos  
Amanda **Cecilia** Castellanos  
Connor **Matthew** Collins  
Taylor **Francis** Connolly  
Maci **Marie** Conry  
Sofia **Joan** Cosentino  
Ann **Anastasia** Cullen  
Brady **Michael** Dahl  
Taylor **Elizabeth** Dean  
Aubrey **Genevieve** Deverick  
Ethan **Nicholas** DiNello  
Max **Damien** Fahey  
Claire **Cecilia** Faifer  
Natalia **Teresa** Faron  
Matthew **Anthony** Flood  
Sophia **Olivia** Gasior  
Ava **Ann** Gentile  
Angelica **Marie Rose** Gonzalez

Alexa **Maria** Greenhill  
Kayla **Maria** Greenhill  
Isabella **Anne** Gutkowski  
Reese **Theresa** Guzior  
Zachary **Francis Xavier** Hamelen  
Shannon **Jane** Harring  
Addison **Cecilia** Hartman  
Violet **Teresa** Hassan  
Adam **Sebastian** Hoak  
Aisley **Mary** Houlihan  
Alexander **Paul** Huff  
Nicholas **Augustine** Huie  
Olivia **Faustina** Janociak  
Sofia **Josephine** Janociak  
Favian **Hildegard** Juarez  
James **Andrew** Kizior  
Abigail **Margaret** Kovac  
Lukas **Matthew** Kudirka  
Olivia **Lynn** Leise  
Alexandra **Catherine** Lombard  
Reagan **Mary** Louis  
Amelia **Elizabeth** Macias  
Olivia **Maria** Macias  
Olivia **Dominic** Mallery  
Nicholas **Augustine** Maranto  
Maelin **Charlotte** Marran  
Vincent **Anthony** Mase  
Aiden **Christopher** McCann  
Brody **John** McLaughlin

# CONFIRMATION

Ainsley <b>Therese</b> Messina	Cesar <b>Jude</b> Sanchez
Mary <b>Mary Magdelene</b> Mitoraj	Leonel <b>Nicholas</b> Sanchez
Derek <b>Matthew</b> Mraz	Calista <b>Thomas</b> Sartori
Mackenzie <b>Clare</b> Mutch	Dominic <b>Joseph</b> Schilling
Savannah <b>Rose</b> Mutch	Milla <b>Cecilia</b> Schumacher
James <b>Peter</b> Nagle	Fiona <b>Francis</b> Sheeran
Tyler <b>Sebastian</b> Naroleski	William <b>Joseph</b> Skog
Connor <b>Declan</b> Nellis	Lina <b>Francis Xavier Cabrini</b> Sniegowski
Geonney <b>Joan</b> Nikolopoulos	Lilia <b>Kathleen</b> Spano
Lauren <b>Rose</b> O'Brien	Logan <b>Francis</b> Taras
Logan <b>Michael</b> Padayao	Andrew <b>Thomas Aquinas</b> Trivadar
Isabella <b>Anastasia</b> Padilla	Nolan <b>John</b> Torgerson
Matthew <b>Lucas</b> Para	Chase <b>Sebastian</b> Tylka
Sophia <b>Rose</b> Perez	Sofia <b>Guadalupe</b> Valle
Quinn <b>Nicholas</b> Pfeiffer	Xavier <b>Juan Diego</b> Vasquez
Nicholas <b>Sebastian</b> Pigatto	Thomas <b>Miguel Pro</b> Vega
Faith <b>Margaret</b> Pierson	Christopher <b>Paul</b> Walsh
Daniela <b>Teresa</b> Ramirez	Liam <b>Patrick</b> Watson
Benjamin <b>Michael</b> Roessler	Brian <b>Anthony</b> Wojkowski
Courtney <b>Elizabeth Ann</b> Rubino	Brooklyn <b>Elizabeth</b> Wojkowski
Ava <b>Grace</b> Ruggio	Grace <b>Genevieve</b> Wurster
Grace <b>Anne</b> Rybak	

**Dear Parishioners of St. Michael Parish:**

**We are truly grateful for your prayers throughout our journey to receive God's sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for us in our journey of faith, and know we will be praying for you and your families.**

**God's peace be with you always,  
The Newly Confirmed**







**St. Michael's March Hospitality  
and Ministry Fair Was Hosted  
and Served by St. Michael's  
Wonderful Music Ministry**

**Many Thanks to  
Orland Park Bakery  
for their Generous Donation  
of the Delicious Baked Goods  
and Sandwiches**

Visit <https://saintmike.com/gallery-2024/hospitality-weekend-march-2024/> to see all of the photos.

**... And a Special Thank you to all who helped with the Ministry Expo  
on the weekend of March 2-3.**

We want to express gratitude to each Ministry who staffed a table and talked to interested parishioners; the Expo Committee led by our Chair Mary Jo Murray and her helpers Nina McGowan and Pat Chuchla, for keeping us on point; those who helped setup, decorate and clean up the Multipurpose Room; the Hospitality and Music Ministries for making everyone feel welcome by serving food and beverages; the Parish Pastoral Council for their support and participation in reviving our Parish Ministry Fair; our wonderful Maintenance Staff; and Fr. Frank, Fr. Geoffrey and Fr. Daniel for personal invitations during their Masses.

We also want to extend a huge, special thank you to our parishioners who attended and showed interest in the ministries represented. And finally, a big thank you to the Holy Spirit for His help with everything!



# Father Daughter Dance

## "The Best Day"

To view all of the photos from the Father-Daughter Dance, please visit the photo gallery on the St. Michael Parish website at <https://saintmike.com/gallery-2024/father-daughter-dance-2024/>



## BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

DONATE  
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**Wednesday  
April**

**3**

**2:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.**



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St. Michael Concert Series  
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**"MUSIC OF CZECHIA"**  
FEATURING WORKS BY  
SMETANA,  
DVORAK, JANACEK,  
AND LOUDOVA  
**MARCH 17, 2024 AT 4:30PM**

The poster features a dark blue background with a faint, golden sunburst pattern. Two circular portraits of women are positioned on either side of the central text. The woman on the left is wearing a black lace top, and the woman on the right is wearing a red dress. The text is centered and framed by decorative golden lines.

## ST. MICHAEL MUSIC MINISTRY

### Why You Should Make a Joyful Noise and Sing at Mass

#### Reason #2: Singing is powerful.

Singing is powerful! St. Augustine is often attributed with the quote "He who sings, prays twice." When we sing, we engage our worship in a new way. The rosary, with its repeated prayers, can be a way to meditate on the mysteries of each decade: You don't have to think about the prayers while you recite them, and it allows you to meditate instead on the mystery. Music can do this for us as well: When we sing, we can release our thoughts and just let the music carry our prayers to God.

If you feel inspired to learn more about and become  
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# St. Michael *Pro-Life* Ministry

Please Join Us For Our Next Meeting  
This Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m.  
Ministry Room West

*“Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life.”*

— Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), 1995



St. Michael's Pro-Life Ministry fully agrees with Pope St. John Paul II's sentiments. Because of this, we participate in prayer vigils outside of abortion clinics; collect funds for the Women's Centers through the annual baby bottle collection; support Aid for Women with fundraisers, including our upcoming baby shower; organize 40 Days for Life vigils; and pray and educate others through speakers and videos.

If you are interested in joining us in our mission, please attend our next meeting on March 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Ministry Room West. If you have questions, please contact Pat Kovacs at 708-460-8238 or via email at [Scibereen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Scibereen@sbcglobal.net).



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# El Espíritu del Padre Frank

*"En verdad, en verdad os digo, que si el grano de trigo no cae en la tierra y muere, queda sólo como grano de trigo; pero si muere, produce mucho fruto."* Como buen maestro, Jesús solía utilizar imágenes y ejemplos para ayudar a ilustrar su mensaje.

Las Escrituras nos hablan de sacrificio, de anteponer las necesidades de los demás antes que las nuestras. Los padres lo saben muy bien, muchas veces ponen sus propias necesidades y deseos en espera al cuidar de sus hijos. Lo hacen de buena gana, sin amargura ni resentimiento. Se sacrifican por sus hijos. Nuestra sociedad también se enfrenta a un nuevo tipo de sacrificio: hijos adultos que cuidan de sus padres ancianos y enfermos. Esta situación también requiere una gran cantidad de paciencia por parte del cuidador y de quien necesita atención. Los hijos adultos sacrifican su tiempo y sus tesoros para atender las necesidades de sus padres.

Lamentablemente, vivimos en una sociedad que no valora el sacrificio. Todo lo que nos rodea sigue gritando: "Vivamos el momento", "Vivamos para nosotros mismos" y "Tomen todo lo que puedan". Creo que actitudes como éstas han contribuido a la disminución del respeto en nuestra sociedad. Esta actitud ignora las necesidades de los demás y se centra sólo en nosotros mismos. Estos mensajes son contrarios al evangelio. Jesús nos recuerda que no debemos vivir para nosotros mismos, sino que debemos vivir para los demás; en esencia, morir a nosotros mismos para que otros puedan vivir. Así como un grano de trigo, cuando muere a sí mismo, sólo entonces podrá producir una cosecha abundante. Lo mismo es cierto para nosotros; sólo cuando nos sacrificamos por los demás podemos dar frutos abundantes.

Es fundamental ser conscientes de los frutos de nuestros esfuerzos. Si nuestros esfuerzos producen amor, gozo, paz, paciencia, bondad, fidelidad, gentileza y dominio propio, podemos estar seguros de que estamos siguiendo al Espíritu Santo, porque estos son los frutos del Espíritu Santo. Si el fruto de nuestros esfuerzos produce ira, amargura, resentimiento, avaricia, celos, envidia, o rivalidades, entonces no estamos siguiendo al Espíritu Santo sino a algún otro espíritu que no es de Dios. Estemos siempre abiertos a la obra del Espíritu Santo entre nosotros.

## Dos Grandes Santos

Feliz día de San Patricio. Este es un día de inmenso orgullo al celebrar la herencia irlandesa. El Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma ocupa un lugar especial en el calendario litúrgico, superando incluso al día de San Patricio. Recuerde a los inmigrantes irlandeses que superaron numerosos obstáculos y prejuicios con valentía, orgullo y fe en su inquebrantable deseo de construir una nueva vida en los Estados Unidos. Su viaje debería inspirarnos a mantenernos firmes frente a los desafíos y prejuicios que persisten en nuestro país hoy.

En este día, reflexionemos sobre la vida de San Patricio, el venerado patrón de Irlanda. La fe de Patricio fue un faro de fortaleza, su amor por la Iglesia un testimonio de sus creencias profundamente arraigadas y sus acciones cambiaron una nación para siempre. Que su historia nos inspire a abrazar el mismo valor y fe, capacitándonos para tener un impacto duradero en el mundo. ¡San Patricio, humildemente pedimos tus oraciones!

El martes 19 de marzo es la Solemnidad de San José, esposo de María. Este es un día celebrado por muchas nacionalidades, especialmente italianos y polacos. El Papa Francisco tiene una intensa devoción por San José, el proveedor y protector de la Sagrada Familia. En su oficina (según me han dicho, ya que nunca me han invitado a entrar), el Papa Francisco tiene una estatua de San José que está durmiendo. Nos parece extraño, pero tiene sentido que hasta los santos tengan que dormir. Cada vez que el Santo Padre tiene un problema complejo que no sabe cómo manejar – lo coloca bajo el durmiente San José – confiando en que guiará al Santo Padre con una solución.

El Papa Francisco dice: "Cada uno de nosotros puede descubrir en José –el hombre que pasa desapercibido, una presencia diaria, discreta y escondida– un intercesor, un apoyo y una guía en tiempos de dificultad". Piense en cuántas personas hacen tanto por nosotros y muchas veces pasan desapercibidas. Están entre nosotros: los muchos voluntarios que trabajan tan duro detrás de escena para que podamos celebrar la Misa y los otros Sacramentos. Lo mismo ocurre con muchos que sacrifican su tiempo por los demás. San José, esposo de María, protector de la Sagrada Familia y patrón de la Iglesia Universal, ¡rueda por nosotros!

## Domingo de Pasión (de Ramos)

El próximo fin de semana es el Domingo de Pasión y el inicio de la Semana Santa. Este es el momento más sagrado del año de la Iglesia. La Semana Santa tiene las liturgias más conmovedoras ya que estamos invitados a entrar en el Misterio Pascual. No somos espectadores, pero somos parte de estos grandes acontecimientos de la historia de la salvación. La lectura de la Pasión nos recuerda el gran amor de Cristo por todos.

En el Amor de Cristo,

Padre Frank

# Confirmación

Que la bendición de Dios este con estos jovenes y que El Espíritu Santo guíe sus vidas por el camino de la paz.

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## MINISTERIO HISPANO ST MICHAELS

### Via Crucis - Viernes

Durante la cuaresma el viacrucis en Español será a las 6:00 pm. En la Iglesia (con excepcion Marzo 8 y 16 en la capilla). Todos son bienvenidos.

### Cirios Pascuales

Recuerda comprar el tuyo para la Semana Santa ser bendecido con el fuego de la Vigilia Pascual.



### Horario Semana Santa

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

### Confesiones en Español

Marzo 16 y 23 a las 3:00 pm.  
 Confesiones para Niños de Primera Comunión serán el Abril 8 a las 6:00 pm



### Peregrinación

#### ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ.

El Sábado 23 de Marzo, iremos a rezar el Via-crucis a St John Indiana, donde existe un hermoso camino de la Cruz. Saldremos a las 9 am de la Parroquia San Michael's. Inscríbete despues de misa.



### Masses for the Week — March 16 to March 24

<b>Saturday 3/16</b>	8:30 AM	Bob & Bernice Morin	Marilyn Mayer	
	4:30 PM	Walter Kasch John Kredis	Alicia Ortiz Aniela Zak	Pedro Velada
<b>Sunday 3/17</b>	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
	1:30 PM	Ramiro Martinez Tostao	Othon Quinones	
<b>Spanish →</b>				
<b>Monday 3/18</b>	6:30 AM	Special Intention for Fr. Frank Kurucz		
	8:00 AM	Henry Nonaka		
<b>Tuesday 3/19</b>	6:30 AM	Sr. Marietta Umlor		
	8:00 AM	Pablo Alejano	Donald Flynn	George Coyle Beloved Friends
<b>Wednesday 3/20</b>	6:30 AM	People of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Fr. Paul Burak		
<b>Thursday 3/21</b>	6:30 AM	James Anthony Mannion		
	8:00 AM	Araceli Buendia	Special Intention for Camille Carpenter	
<b>Friday 3/22</b>	6:30 AM	Fr. Bill Finnegan		
	8:00 AM	Theresa E. Corcoran		
<b>Saturday 3/23</b>	8:30 AM	Deacon Jim Janicek		
	4:30 PM	Theresa Baker	Judith Cislo	Rosemary Conlon
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<b>Sunday 3/24</b>	7:30 AM	Elsamma Jose	Tommie J. Olson	Special Intention for Zofia
	9:30 AM	LeRoy Giovanazzi	Mary Igoe	Rogelio & Basilio Laput
		Joseph P. Connelly	Roy & Jimmy Tiggelaar	
	11:30 AM	Frank Knapczyk	Anthony Tadin	Pierson & Pecho Families
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### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

In anticipation of Easter Sunday, our deadlines for that bulletin is earlier than usual.

All content for the  
**Easter Sunday March 31** bulletin is due  
**This Monday, March 18 at 9AM**

Please contact Bulletin Editor Kathy Guarino at  
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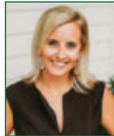
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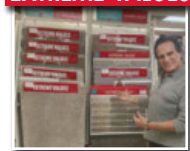
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### Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturdays 8:30 a.m.

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary

Monday through Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and  
Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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Monday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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### Religious Education March Office Hours:

Weeks of March 11 & 18:  
Mon., Tues., and Thurs.—2-8pm; Fri: 9am-3pm  
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Our Religious Education Coordinator is Kelly  
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Emails will be answered in a timely manner.

### Parish Office Hours:

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
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