



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH

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**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17



## Father Frank's Fire

Today's readings speak to us about love. Jesus tells us what true Christian love is and not only does Jesus tell us what authentic love is, he showed us with his very life. Jesus tells us, "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" Is this not what Jesus did when he opened his arms on the cross? Did he not give us an example to follow – laying down our lives for another?

Every time I hear this gospel, I think of my parents. I feel that my parents both laid down their lives for their children. My dad worked in a factory and my mom was a homemaker. In particular, my mom's entire life was her family. She did not have a career and we lived on my dad's salary. Very seldom did we go on vacation, except once a year we went fishing in Michigan. We did not go out to dinner and we survived with one car. We had one bathroom for a family of five.

My parents sacrificed so that their children could have a better life. I think this is an example of the true meaning of Jesus' words today, "*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" I think today we should be mindful of all the people that have sacrificed for us, to make our lives better.

### Prayer Teams

Just a reminder that I would like to form prayer teams that would be available after Mass to pray for others. Instead of coming to the priest and asking for a prayer sometime in the future – the prayer teams will be available and offer the prayer with the asker. I know some may feel reluctant to pray for others because they may not have the words. But there is nothing to fear, as there is no wrong-way to pray.

In order to form this ministry, I will need volunteers to form prayer teams. No experience is necessary. Formation will be offered so that the prayer intercessors become comfortable praying with others. Remember Jesus says that where two or three gather in his name – he will take his place among them.

I ask that you think about if God is calling you to be part of a prayer team. I would like to invite you to an **initial meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30PM**. I do ask that you call the parish office at 708-349-0903 to register or email me at [fatherfrank@saintmike.com](mailto:fatherfrank@saintmike.com) so that I can determine an adequate space to meet.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Frank



**Join us for  
EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR  
With Rosary and Benediction  
This Tuesday, May 7  
7:00 p.m. in the Chapel**

As part of the **National Eucharistic Revival**, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, we want to know of parishioners who are interested in attending the **National Eucharistic Congress** this summer



**The National Eucharistic Congress, the first in 83 years, takes place July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis.** Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of impact sessions for the morning and breakout sessions for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful revival sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening. **To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress**, please visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

**If you are interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress with others from our Vicariate**, please send an email to Fr. Geoffrey at [frgandama@saintmike.com](mailto:frgandama@saintmike.com).

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## 6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

"God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him." But how do we know that the Risen Christ—God in our midst—still lives with us in this day and age? It's simple! Through the love that we show for one another. If we truly love each other, our love will bring

forth new life! All the world will know! But does that even seem possible in today's world where selfishness and meanness abound? Do we truly know God's love? Do we feel God's Holy Spirit working in our lives each day? This idea was an earth-shaking development in the Church's idea of those who were invited to participate in the life of Christ and in the community of His believers.

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit fell upon ALL who were listening to the Word — Jews and Gentiles alike! This mission of our church today still calls us to share in the life, love and mission of Jesus. And as the gospel tells us, if we keep Jesus' commandments, we will surely bear fruit that will remain for others to taste and see.

This mission of the Church began in the household of Cornelius and continues today, as each person chooses to be an active part of the life and work of Jesus. Christian love demands sacrifice and is costly in terms of personal commitment. Loving like Christ means giving our lives for others, just as Jesus gave His life for us. Even children know that self-sacrificing love is something very special indeed!

- How am I living through, with, and in Jesus' love?
- How will I extend the love of Jesus to others this week?
- How has Christian love changed my life?



### Readings for the Week

May 5, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17
Monday:	Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26—16: 4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Jn 12-15;
Thursday:	Acts 18: 1-8; Jn 16: 16-20
Friday:	Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16: 20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20

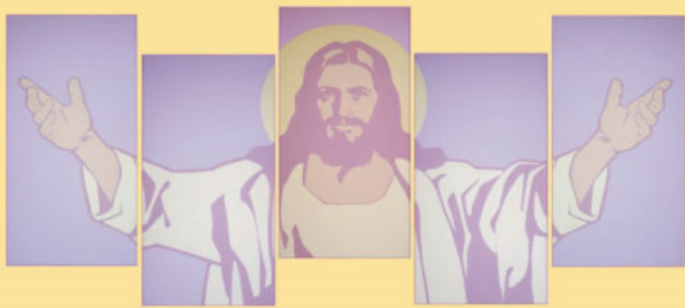


I remember when I was young, my friends and I enjoyed making friendship bracelets. They were a little difficult to make, at first, but I remember my friend taking the time to show me how to do it. She enjoyed showing me how to make them because she also enjoyed her hobby. She showed me how to make different patterns in the braid. Then, when I was done with my masterpieces, she would praise me for my work. It was a really nice gesture on her part to teach me how to make them. Then we would give them away to other friends, and they would smile and be grateful for the gift. Our joy came in seeing them wearing the bracelets and wanting more of them to share with their friends. Wouldn't you say that it feels good to show someone how to do something that you enjoy doing yourself?

When Jesus taught us about love, I believe he felt the same way as my friend did. He knew that his purpose on earth was to teach us how to love one another. He told many different stories (or parables) so that people would understand why it was so important to love one another. He spent so much time preaching to people about the importance of love. He wanted us to know that God loved us all the same. Let's think about that for a second. God loves US so much that He sent us Jesus to teach US how to love. It seems like such an easy thing to do; love one another.

However, when you turn on the news, it can be a bit sad to see how many people simply don't know how to follow the commandments or try to love one another. It can be hard to love someone who is cruel, mean or who doesn't look like us. We can easily break a commandment if we take our sights off of Jesus. So, in those moments where you find it hard to love, close your eyes and ask God to help you. Ask Him what would Jesus do right now? How would he react if someone did this to him? It is important to do this because Jesus was perfection, and he never did anything wrong. So, if we use Jesus as our guide, we will stay loyal to the commandments. God will always lead us to love, but we have to focus on Him so that we act with love.

*Let's pray: God, thank you for sending me Jesus to show me how to love ALL of the people I encounter. Amen.*



**St. Michael Parish Easter Season Prayer**

God of abundant Life,  
 you bring us Easter joy,  
 inviting us to give witness  
 to your Son's continuing presence  
 in our world.  
 May we strengthen Your Body here on earth,  
 as we act with humility and patience,  
 and live in Your abiding love.  
 We are Your children now,  
 and with Your Holy Spirit in our midst,  
 we will enjoy eternal life.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Oración de Pascua de la Parroquia de San Miguel**

Dios de vida abundante  
 que nos traes la alegría pascual,  
 invitándonos a dar testimonio  
 de la presencia continua de tu Hijo  
 en nuestro mundo.  
 Permite que fortalezcamos  
 Tu Cuerpo aquí en la tierra,  
 mientras actuamos con humildad y paciencia,  
 viviendo en Tu amor permanente.  
 Somos tus hijos ahora  
 y con Tu Espíritu Santo  
 en medio de nosotros;  
 disfrutaremos de la vida eterna.  
 Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amen.



May is the Month of Mary for the global Catholic Church. Here are a few ways you can honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Month of May:

- Pray the Rosary Daily;
- Make a Marian Shrine;
- Plant a Marian Garden;
- Learn about Marian Apparitions;
- Have a Go-To Marian Prayer;
- Pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary; and/or
- Complete a Marian Consecration.



**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:*

**Leeann Abramowicz, Jennifer Bailey, John Baker, Dorothy Basta, John Basta, Joyce Benbenek, Kathy Bruss, Loretta Ciszak, Eileen Cocco, Aileen Collura, Mary DiFilippo, Robert Foster, Manuel Galvan, Linda Hindman, Fran Hoak, Carole Holding, Lisa Johnston, Rose Kessen, Joan Korpics, Celeste Koszut, Joan Krasneck, Sylvia Krepton, Beth Kwiatkowski, Robert Levinthal, Tom Logan, Mark Lunn, Fr. Robert Mair, Tom Mallon, Rich McCasland, June Merritt, Donna Micun, Alice Prendergast, Lisa Reader, AJ Rother, Maria Rzonca, Cara Scanlon, Jennie Vaccarell, Aleksandra Waresiak, Donna Wilczek, Robert Wyleta**  
 and those injured in service to their country.

**Please Pray For**

*Those who have died and their families*  
**Charlene Contanzo**  
**Donald Holley**  
**Fredric Martino, husband of Susan**



**Funerals & Memorials at St. Michael in April 2024**

**Salvatore Camodeca**  
**Michael Hanrahan**  
**Timothy Kut**  
**Edward McNamara**  
**Marjorie O'Malley**  
**Carl Smith, Jr.**  
**James Vlaming**  
**Audrey Zarembski**



## COMING UP THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Saturday, May 4

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex

### Sunday, May 5

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales-Before and after all Masses—Narthex

### Monday, May 6

- Women's Faith Sharing/Spanish—6:30 p.m.—Commons

### Tuesday, May 7

- Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction—7:00 p.m.—Chapel
- Digging Deeper Adult Faith Formation—7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East

### Wednesday, May 8

- Bible Study-7:00 p.m.—Commons

### Thursday, May 9

- Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting-7:00 p.m.—Ministry Room East

### Saturday, May 11

- Men's Scripture Sharing-7:00 a.m.—Ministry Room West
- Feeding The Hungry Food Sorting-8:45 a.m.—Small Gym
- St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex
- Youth Ministry Mother's Day Flower Sale-Before and after 4:30 p.m. Mass—Narthex/Outside Church

### Sunday, May 12

- Young Peoples Liturgy of the Word (YPLW)-during 9:30 a.m. Mass—Church and Chapel
- St. Michael School Raffle Ticket Sales-Before and after all Masses—Narthex
- Youth Ministry Mother's Day Flower Sale-Before and after all Masses—Narthex/Outside Church

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

## NOTICE OF EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR THE MAY 19 & MAY 26 ISSUES

Content for the **May 19** issue is due  
**THIS MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 9 A.M.**

Content for the **May 26** issue is due  
**THIS THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 9 A.M.**

Thanks so much for your cooperation.



**In April we welcomed  
into our faith community...**

*Mac Alexander Caton*

Son of Courtney and Matthew

*Juliana Nicole Corsi*

Daughter of Danielle and Michael

*Mavis Joanne Dixon*

Daughter of Nikolas

*Charlotte Rose Flowers*

Daughter of Kristen and Connor

*Layla Rayne Flowers*

Daughter of Kristen and Connor

*Sebastian Banuelos Gonzalez*

Son of Lucia and Roberto

*Leon Edward Palafox*

Son of Jenna and Edward

*Luna Sofia Palafox*

Daughter of Jenna and Edward

*Vivian Anne Pearce*

Daughter of Rebecca and Matthew

*Roman John Robinson*

Son of Taylor and Brett

*Ryder Jae Wiktor*

Son of Taylor and Kyle



**We also welcomed the following  
New Parishioners in April**

**Agustin & Maria Carrera**

**Ruben & Yolanda Diaz DeLeon**

**Brendan & Emily Forde**

**Jose & Luz Hernandez**

**Matthew & Rhea Kososki**

**Aldo & Samantha Lanto**

**Xavier Robles & Kara Melvin**

**Robert & Gail Poole**

**Doreen Wolak**



**All Catholic Men  
18 and Older  
Are Welcome To Join The  
Knights of Columbus  
Bishop Sheen Council 10858**


Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at St. Michael. Please join us at one of our meetings:

- **This Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Ministry East Room**
- **Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in the Ministry East Room**

**All Are Welcome!**

For more information, visit our website at <https://saintmike.com/knights-of-columbus/>.

**Discover your mission.**  
[kofc.org/join](https://kofc.org/join)





**Register Today for  
SCUBA  
Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28, 2024**

“Scuba” will take the kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they’ll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

**To Sign Up,**  
visit our VBS website at  
<https://saintmike.com/vacation-bible-school/>.

**Questions?**  
Email [rkoch@saintmike.com](mailto:rkoch@saintmike.com).



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



**SVdP Bundle Weekend  
May 18 & 19**

We are collecting gently-used and new clothing, shoes, small household items, toys, games, books and sporting gear to help the needy in our area. **Kindly place the items in plastic bags or boxes, or on hangers, and bring them with you to Mass on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19.** St. Vincent de Paul members and student volunteers will be on hand before and after all Masses to unload your vehicle.

*“The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.”*  
- Pope Francis



St. Michael's Concert Series  
At St. Francis in Orland Park

Presents:

**KONTRAS STRING QUARTET  
& Michael Finlay, Piano**

**Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.**



The Kontras Quartet with pianist Michael Finlay is one of the most sought-after chamber ensembles in the Chicagoland area. Join us for their performance of the magnificent Brahms F minor piano quartet and a dynamic program of string quartets!

***Please note change of venue:  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park***

*Our concert series is currently operating on free will donations. In order to continue to bring these talented artists, sponsors and private donations are needed and welcome. Please contact Gary Patin at [gpatin@saintmike.com](mailto:gpatin@saintmike.com) if you would like to become a sponsor or benefactor.*

Don't Miss Our  
**Celebration Choir**

**Sunday, May 19  
at 9:30 AM Mass**

You may have seen the choir loft looking VERY full from time to time. Occasionally we combine the Contemporary Ensemble with the Adult Choir and we call this new group the Celebration Choir. Please come and hear this dynamic and awesome group at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

The  
**Good News** from  **St. Michael School**



St. Michael School students wrapped up their March study of the **Virtue of Respect** when they returned from Easter break. Pictured here are those students who were selected by their homeroom teachers as true examples of **“recognizing the dignity of all people.”** Virtues lessons in Religion classes also focused on learning about several saints: St. Damien of Molokai, St. Jean Jugan and Pope John Paul II. The kiddos also enjoyed being given a situation to be resolved with the most respectable actions. We encourage all of our parish families to discuss the Virtue of Respect so that our children can be examples to all ages of “recognizing the dignity of all people.”

# Quest Families Olympics



The teens learned about team work while competing in fun challenges, getting ready for the Paris Olympics this summer.



## Quest Council Senior Awards Banquet

Congratulations St. Michael Quest Council seniors! They were presented with awards at a banquet in their honor for their contributions to Youth Ministry through Catechesis, Justice and Service, Parish Leadership Development, and Prayer and Worship. The seniors are Zach Barrett, Bridget Bartolotta, Claire Donnell, Samantha Glover, Ethan Highfill, Maggie Hughes, Katie Karsky, Sean Larkin, Catherine McAleenan, Ella McHugh, Sara Niedziela, Kate Nolan, Isabella Para, Madeline Skalitzky and Olivia Skalitzky.



**“Let us build a house where love can dwell.”**

**JOIN US FOR THE  
5TH ANNUAL MULTI-PARISH  
HOME BUILD MISSION PROJECT  
JUNE 21 & 22 at  
INCARNATION/ST. TERRENCE PARISH  
4300 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Place, Alsip , IL 60803**

**Hosted by the VICARIATE V Parishes:**  
St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Julie Billiart,  
St. Michael, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr and Incarnation/St. Terrence

**SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE  
DURING THE WEEK  
Monday-Thursday — 9am-3pm**



**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS  
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS  
BUILDING COMMUNITIES  
BUILDING HOMES**

During this weekend, we will do more than build a house. We will come together as a faith community. We will pray, laugh, renew old friendships and build new relationships.



**WEEKEND AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

*Adults 18 or Older Only on Friday*

**12 Noon** Project set up  
Lumber delivery  
**1:00 PM** Measure and cut  
lumber  
**3:00 PM** Build Leader  
Training

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

*Children Welcome with Adult*

**8:00 AM** Registration  
**8:30 AM** Opening Prayer  
**9 AM-12 PM** Work Detail  
**12:00 PM** Lunch  
**2:00 PM** Load walls for  
Departure;  
Unload walls at

**ROLES AVAILABLE**

- Parking/Clean up
- Cutters
- Builders/Leaders
- Hospitality
- Loaders

***No Previous Experience  
Required***

**For more information:** Contact Dan Davis at [danrph80@gmail.com](mailto:danrph80@gmail.com) or 847-224-5470

# First Holy Eucharist



*Elena Grace Allen*  
*Addison Lorraine Behncke*  
*Madelyn Elizabeth Beverly*  
*Aaron Randall Borgardt*  
*Dylan Robert Brdar*  
*Ava Diane Cabral*  
*Ian James Cabral*  
*Mia Elizabeth Calandriello*  
*Ethan Castellanos*  
*Richard Henry Christiansen III*  
*Savannah Luz Christiansen*  
*Hannah Clare Clemens*  
*Juliana Nicole Corsi*  
*Jane Judith Cosme*  
*Elizabeth Anne Davis*  
*Jeremiah Christian Delgado*  
*Lila Maureen Dillon*  
*Brody George Dragel*  
*Lucy Jane Drzonek*  
*Violet Ann Ellis*  
*Mia Isabella Esparza*  
*Leo Estrada*  
*Naomi Serena Ford*  
*Violet Lydia Kay Fredin*  
*Joshua Adam Gentile*  
*Vincent Nicholas Geraci*  
*Rian Nicole Goldstein*

*Victoria Gonzalez*  
*Hailey Marie Graff*  
*Owen Louis Graham*  
*Moises Guzman*  
*Quinn Addison Heinze*  
*Fiona Kathleen Herbert*  
*Diana Grace Herpy*  
*Zoey Ryan Hewson*  
*Emily Kristina Jankowski*  
*Adrian Evan Jimenez*  
*Christian Juarez*  
*Vivian Marie Katsoulakis*  
*Natalie Ariel Kehoe*  
*Nathan Joseph Kehoe*  
*Miranda June Kickert*  
*William Henry Kickert*  
*Sean Alexander Kikilas*  
*Alex Javier Kowalski*  
*Sara Cristina LeBel*  
*Andrew James LePretre*  
*Olivia Lee Lesniak*  
*Jacqueline Rose Listro*  
*Brooklyn Rose Loman*  
*Neala Marie Lynch*  
*Vesta Marchertas*  
*Sofia Marie Masini*  
*Colton Rodolfo Masters*



*St. Michael Parish joyfully celebrates God's children  
in grades two through seven who are receiving the sacrament of Holy Eucharist  
for the first time on May 4th or this summer.*

*Maeve Elizabeth Masterson  
Bianca Sophia Michalak Made-  
line Grace Mikso  
Hannah Laney Milligan  
Sophia Maria Molina  
Mia Danielle Morsovillo  
Gabrielle Rose Mozden  
Rory Thomas Mozden  
Nathaniel Navarro  
Alexander John Nissen  
Grace Catherine Novotny  
Claire Louise Nowakowski  
Finn Daniel O'Brien  
Rosalind Margaret O'Connor  
Jack Michael O'Donnell  
Kaitlyn Rose Okragly  
Ethan Osvaldo Ordaz  
Nadia Palacz  
Enzo Anthony Palermo  
Michael Christopher Patterson  
Christian Humberto Perez  
Nicholas Cruz Perez  
Jane Frances Petraitis  
Cosette Quinn Pizzurro  
Eviana Faith Przybyl  
Sofia Marie Radvila  
Oscar David Ramirez*

*Dylan Christopher Randich  
Zavien Daniel Reda  
Natalie Theresa Redlich  
Nicholas James Redlich  
Benjamin Edward Rooney  
Mae Eileen Russo  
Emma Lucia Salas  
Christian Arreola Sanchez  
Natalie Sanchez  
Danielle Elizabeth Senf  
Ayden Edward Serafin  
Luca Robert Sheposh  
Julian Romeo Serna  
Dylan James Siwek  
Owen O'Connor Smith  
Margaret Rose Sonneveld  
Morgan Marie Soso  
Jakub Marcin Stachnick  
Jonathan Alonzo Tamayao  
Grant Thomas Tivadar  
Connor Patrick Tuscher  
Steven Christopher Vanco  
Lucille Grace VanRaden  
Nina Elizabeth Vega  
Victoria Rose Vesely  
Blake Anthony Wagner  
Harper Leland Williams*



*Thank you St. Michael Parishioners for your continued prayers for God's grace for  
these children and their families that they will return to the Lord's table every Sunday.*

*St. Michael Youth Ministry is sponsoring a  
**Mother's Day Hanging Basket Flower Sale**  
 Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12  
 At All Masses*



**11" Specialty Baskets**  
 \$25.00



**12" Combination Garden Baskets**  
 \$30.00



**14" Geranium Combo Garden Baskets**  
 \$40.00

Hanging Flower Baskets are from Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery

*Thank you for your support!*

**Saving Our Forest Preserves**  
**Join South West InterFaith Team (SWIFT)**  
**At Palos Park Woods – North**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

Saturday, May 18, 2024 will be a great day for you to join us. We start at 8:30AM and work until 12:00 Noon. Meet up is in the parking lot East of Kean Ave., just South of Rt. 83/ Cal Sag Rd. We will be removing Invasive Species.

Please make sure to wear sturdy shoes for hiking off trail, long pants, socks that go up over the ankles. Long sleeves are good; woody plants can be scratchy. Bring your own water bottle; snacks will be provided. Tools and gloves will be provided; you can bring your own gloves.

**TO SIGN UP:**

Please email Thelma Hoogland at [Mhoog@SBCglobal.net](mailto:Mhoog@SBCglobal.net) no later than **May 14<sup>th</sup>** so that we have sufficient equipment for everyone. **Kids under 8 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult. Do you need service hours for school? Sign up!**



*SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches & mosques located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago. Visit [www.swiftinterfaith.com](http://www.swiftinterfaith.com) for more information.*





## St. Dymphna

Patron Saint for those with Mental Afflictions

*Pray for us!*

### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

and the Feast day of St. Dymphna, patron saint of those with mental afflictions, falls on May 15th. The story of St. Dymphna is both a tragic yet inspiring story about how a community can support those with mental illnesses. As we know, for many there is an increase in mental health concerns especially for those dealing with mental health illnesses and their families. We can learn from what happened with Dymphna and her father in the town of Gheel, Belgium back in the 13th Century. Copies of this story are available on the kiosk in the St. Michael Parish Narthex. Communities of faith can be instrumental in helping one another.

**Let us pray:** St Dymphna, we ask you to intercede for us with God, that we may be given peace and strength of mind, body and spirit. Pray that we may experience the love and support of the faith community we are part of. Pray that governments around the world will recognize the need for better mental health services in their local communities. Amen. (Deacon Tom Lambert, Chicago Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness, [www.catholicmhm.org/chicago](http://www.catholicmhm.org/chicago)).

### St. Michael Parish’s Mental Health Awareness Ministry Will Host Two Gatherings in May

- **On Wed. May 15th**, the feast day of St. Dymphna, we will gather at 12:00 noon in our Chapel to pray the rosary. As we pray, many others across the Archdiocese of Chicago and our country will also be praying.
- **On Wed. May 22nd** at 7:00pm in our Chapel, we will gather for our 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month ministry get-together. Come and pray for all with mental health afflictions and their family and friends who care for them.



Mark Your Calendar and Join Us For Our May Parish Hospitality Hours Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 In the MPR (big gym) Following All Masses

Graciously Hosted by the St. Michael Mental Health Awareness and Feeding the Hungry Ministries

Enjoy parishioner made/provided goodies, as we gather together for conversation, fun and fellowship. Renew old friendships and make some new friends!

### BAKERS/FOOD DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDED

In his letter today St. John says: “Let us love one another.” How better to show love than by feeding each other spiritually and physically.

**Please complete and drop off or send the following information to the parish office.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to be a part of St. Mike’s baking/goodie team on a regular basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring food for May Hospitality.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring food to share once in a while.

*Please specify below how often you wish to be called or when you can bring food.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly

\_\_\_\_\_ For the following months: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide food to share with diabetics or gluten-intolerant guests. *(Please remember to mark that your donation is for diabetics or is gluten-free.)*

**Thank you for your donations of time and talent. We are grateful.**

## El Espiritu del Padre Frank

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del amor. Jesús nos dice qué es el verdadero amor cristiano y Jesús no solo nos dice qué es el amor auténtico, sino que nos lo mostró con su propia vida. Jesús nos dice: *“Nadie tiene mayor amor que este: dar la vida por los amigos”*. ¿No es esto lo que hizo Jesús cuando abrió los brazos en la cruz? ¿No nos dio un ejemplo a seguir: dar la vida por otro?

Cada vez que escucho este evangelio, pienso en mis padres. Siento que mis padres dieron sus vidas por sus hijos. Mi papá trabajaba en una fábrica y mi mamá era ama de casa. En particular, toda la vida de mi mamá fue su familia. Ella no tenía carrera y vivíamos del salario de mi papá. Muy rara vez íbamos de vacaciones, excepto una vez al año que íbamos a pescar a Michigan. No salimos a cenar y sobrevivimos con un coche. Teníamos un baño para una familia de cinco.

Mis padres se sacrificaron para que sus hijos pudieran tener una vida mejor. Creo que este es un ejemplo del verdadero significado de las palabras de Jesús hoy: *“Nadie tiene mayor amor que este: dar la vida por los amigos”*. Creo que hoy deberíamos ser conscientes de todas las personas que se han sacrificado por nosotros para mejorar nuestras vidas

### Grupos de Oración

Sólo un recordatorio de que me gustaría formar equipos de oración que estarían disponibles después de la Misa para orar por los demás. En lugar de acudir al sacerdote y pedirle una oración en algún momento en el futuro, los equipos de oración estarán disponibles y ofrecerán la oración con quien la pide. Sé que algunos pueden sentirse renuentes a orar por otros porque tal vez no tengan las palabras adecuadas. No hay nada que temer, ya que no existe una forma correcta de orar.

Para poder formar este ministerio, necesitaré voluntarios para formar equipos de oración. No es necesaria experiencia. Se ofrecerá formación para que los intercesores de oración se sientan cómodos orando con los demás. Recuerde que Jesús dice que donde dos o tres se reúnan en su nombre, él ocupará su lugar entre ellos.

Te pido que pienses si Dios te está llamando a ser parte de un equipo de oración. Me gustaría invitarlos a una **reunión inicial el martes 28 de mayo a las 6:30 p.m.** Le pido que llame a la oficina parroquial al 708-349-0903 para registrarse o envíeme un correo electrónico a [fatherfrank@saintmike.com](mailto:fatherfrank@saintmike.com) para que pueda determinar un espacio adecuado para reunirnos.

En el amor de Cristo,

Padre Frank

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### Fr. Timothy Anastos

Fr. Tim Anastos is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the assistant chaplain at the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He serves as a eucharistic preacher for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Fr. Tim earned a bachelor's degree in linguistics

from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He previously served as parochial vicar of Mary Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge, Illinois. Fr. Tim releases *Reel Homilies*, one-minute reflections on the Sunday Mass readings through the lens of Church tradition, pop culture, and self-improvement with Spirit Juice Studios.



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### Confesiones en Español

Viernes 17 de Mayo a las 6:00 pm  
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<b>Sunday 5/5</b>	7:30 AM	Marilyn Wetzig	Robert Sandowski
	9:30 AM	Margaret Creaton Andrew J. Juskin	John Burke, Jr. Mary Lee Faupel
	11:30 AM	Elisabetta Vari	Carol Leninger
<i>Spanish</i> →	1:30 PM	Ramiro Martinez Tostado	Salvacion Aragon Irene Forty
<b>Monday 5/6</b>	6:30 AM	Maria Niemiec	
	8:00 AM	Daniel Hiter	Cecil Thomas Robert (Coach) Craig
<b>Tuesday 5/7</b>	6:30 AM	Stratton Family	
	8:00 AM	Giovanni Fragale	Mani N. Thomas Cafferty
<b>Wednesday 5/8</b>	6:30 AM	Mental Health Awareness Ministry	
	8:00 AM	Margaret Mary Koskan	Frank Stryczek
		Special Intention for Katherine Moran Flaherty	
<b>Thursday 5/9</b>	6:30 AM	Don Donovitch	
	8:00 AM	Fr. Pat Brennan	Hardie Maffei Richard Walczak
<b>Friday 5/10</b>	6:30 AM	Irene Radecky	Maria Niemiec
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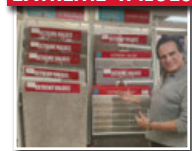
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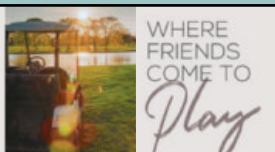
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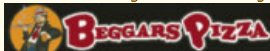
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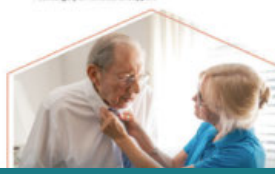


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Saturday Evening: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. (Spanish)

### 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.

**First Saturday Devotions** in reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Rosary and  
Divine Mercy chaplet after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Recorded Masses for Sundays and Daily Prayer  
Service** can be viewed at [www.saintmike.com](http://www.saintmike.com).

### Adoration Chapel is open

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.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Every Saturday -- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Confesiones:** 2do y cuarto sabado del mes 3:00 -  
4:00 p.m.

**Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction** are  
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 May Office Hours:

Week of May 6 - Mon, Tues, and Fri - 1-6pm; Week of May  
13 - Mon - 10a-6pm; Tues - 4-6pm; Fri - 10am-4pm; Week of  
May 20 - Mon - 10a-6pm; Tues 2-6pm;  
Office closed Thursday, May 23 - Thursday, May 30  
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.**  
**Please note that the Church Building is closed  
every Friday from 12:00 - 1:45 p.m.**  
You may leave a voicemail at any time at  
708-349-0903 or email [contact@saintmike.com](mailto:contact@saintmike.com)  
with questions or to request information.

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