2026 Memorial MASS

On November 7, we remembered our deceased Parishioners, Family Members and Friends who were buried from St. Michael during the last year.*

RAUL ALAMILLO
ANGELICA ALVAREZ
JESUS AMADOR
ROSEMARY ANHALT
LINDA BESSELL
LUKE BIEL
KATHLEEN BLANCHFIELD
WILLIAM BRISCOE
PHYLLIS CAFFERTY
SALAMON CALDERON
FRANK CANNATELLO, SR.
FRANCES CANNON
WILLIAM CONNORS
ROSEMARY DEGEORGE
DENNIS DELLARIA
MARY DIFILIPPO
BERNICE DODGE
ESTHER DOMINGUEZ
MARGE DUSZYNSKI
CAROLYN EDISON
RICARDO ESPINOZA
THOMAS EUBANKS
JOSEPH EVERS
MARTIN FABER
THOMAS FARAGOI
ALLISON FERENZI
WILLIAM FLAHERTY
MOLLY FLYNN
MEGAN FOSTER
DOMINICK FRIGO
ARNOLD GACKI
THOMAS GALVIN

DONATO GENTILE
JOSE GONZALEZ
KATHLEEN GRAAF
CHARLES GROFF, JR.
CAROLE GROSSI
PHILIP GUEST
SHARON GUINAN
MARIA GUTIERREZ
WILLIAM HESKIN
JOSEPH HILL
MICHAEL HRITZ
LAURETTA ICHNIOWSKI
MARIE JACOBS
ANTHONY JAKUBICEK
MARY ANN JOYCE
SHANIN KARSKY
INGA KASSEL
PATRICIA KIMBALL
JOHN KIRKWOOD
LAVERNE KOCH
TONI KOLODZIEJ
CASIMIR KOWALCZYK
LUCILLE KURUCZ
CONNOR LEYDEN
WILLIAM LICHTENSTEIN
IRENE LOFTUS
LEA LUCHINI
VERONICA LYNCH
THOMAS LYONS
PHILIP MANGIARACINA
GRACIELA MARIN
MANUEL MARTINEZ
MARY LOU MARTINUS

GLORIA MASSARO
JOHN MCCARTHY
ROBERT MCGONAGLE
NEDRA MCNAMARA
RICHARD MICHALAK
PATRICIA MIZE
VIRGINIA MOLLO
ROBERT MOTTO
CHRISTINE MULDOON
PATRICK MULLIN
BERNARD MURPHY
JANET MUSA
EVELYN NEGELE
WAYNE NEVEN
MARY ANNE NIEVERA
MARGARET NOWICKI
MARY OCHOA
JAMES O'HARA
CASEY PACA
ELAINE PANFIL
LUKE PAVONE
MARY THERESE PETERSON
GEORGE PETROSKI
PATRICIA PHELAN
TOM PIERSON
RICHARD PISARSKI, SR.
ALICE PRENDERGAST
CLIFFORD RANDALL
JAMES REINDL
DOLORES RADDATZ
ERIC RICKERT
ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ
STEPHEN ROZELLE

PHILIP SANTORO
FRANCESCA SAVARINO
JAMES SCHMIDT
CATHY SCHMIEDL
LEE SCHUMACHER
JOHN SIKMA
JOANNE SMITH
CHARLES STANCIK
JOSEPH STANTON
JOHN STARKEY
LAVERNE STEFANSKI
MAUREEN STRESINSHE
NANCY SULLIVAN
KEVIN SULLIVAN
RUIDOLPH TARRA
JOSEPH TIU
MARY TUMINELLO
ELVIA ULLOA
KATHLEEN UNTERSCHUETZ
GRACE URASKI
DIANE VAN ECK
HENRY VEITH
RAFAEL VILLALOBOS
WAYNE WAITER
MARY PAT WALSH
VIRGINIA WILLIAMS
JOAN WISHBA
JOHN WORTEL
KAREN YUKICH
THOMAS ZAJAC
JOSEPH ZEMBOL
DOROTHY ZINKEL
NANCY ZINKUS
JOAN ZMICH

Names are listed as of the time of print. We apologize for any names inadvertently omitted or inaccuracies.

November 8, 2026
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

ST. MICHAEL PARISH
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FR. FRANK'S FIRE / STATE OF THE PARISH

We are nearing the end of Ordinary Time – in just a couple of weeks, we shall begin the Advent Season. The scripture readings remind us of the end times. We often do not like to think about our own deaths nor the end of the world. While we may not want to acknowledge our own mortality, the scriptures call us to be prepared.

For faithful believers, the end of our lives or even the end of time is not something to dread. The scriptures remind us that God has prepared a place for us in eternity. We are to be ready to accept the call when it comes.

Today, St. Matthew tells us the story of the ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom to come with his bride so that they can go into the house and celebrate. The wise bridesmaids had extra oil for their lamps in case the wait was long. They were watchful even though they fell asleep. The foolish ones did not plan well, and were left out of the celebration because their lamps had gone out.



Matthew ends by telling us, *"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* The Lord invites us to be alert, to be watchful, and to live with hope. Sometimes waiting can be tiresome and yet that is what we are called to do. If we live our lives as Jesus asked, we will be prepared for that day when the Lord calls us home.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Frank

State of St. Michael Parish

Each year, the pastor of every parish is called upon to report "the state of" the parish. In the pages that follow, you will see a glimpse of the financial position of St. Michael Parish for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and 2025. I want to begin by thanking you for your generosity to St. Michael Parish. I am aware that many sacrifice for the good of our parish and I am grateful.

The pastor is charged with the care of the spiritual needs of the parish; he is also entrusted with the parish's resources. I, like you, am called to be a good and faithful steward of the many blessings, resources, and responsibilities that God has entrusted to me. I do not take this lightly.

The major source of revenue for the church is the Sunday and Holyday Collections. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, total collections amounted to $1,874,394. Our total offertory for fiscal year 2025 was $1,850,371. If we compare fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2025 – our offertory is $24,023 or 1.3% higher than last year. Your continued support is a testimony to the generosity of our parishioners.

Overall, the financial results of the parish are good and are indicative of your generosity. The parish's net operating income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is $204,201.

St. Michael Parish has NO debt and all of our financial obligations are current. It is because of your generosity that we stand strong today able to face the challenges that tomorrow will bring.

St. Michael Parish will celebrate the 160th Anniversary of our founding in 2027. We have been a parish since 1867. Our current Church was built in 1969. Our parish buildings have gone through many renovations over the years but the fact remains that our buildings are aging and often need a little more maintenance and repairs. Some may say that the Church is making money, but we have some major projects ahead of us that will require significant investment.

STATE OF THE PARISH

You have heard me say this before, but the parking lot is a major concern. Our parking lot has been repaired, patched, and restriped for many years. The parking lot will have to be replaced. The delay in replacing the parking lot is the planned expansion of 143rd Street. It is unclear if our access from 143rd will be impacted; if so, the parking lot will have to be reconfigured and it does not make sense to do so until the construction is complete. The project appears to be moving forward as the Village of Orland Park is acquiring property to make this happen. We were told that construction would begin in September 2026, but that did not happen. We are in a holding pattern. It appears that to rebuild our parking lot, the cost will exceed $1,000,000. For the past 8 years, we have been putting money aside for this project.

St. Michael Parish has successfully completed the Generation To Generation: Answer the Call Campaign. Our goal was $2,405,000 and we have successfully reached our goal and exceeded it. Pledges are being paid over a five year period. We are already receiving payments, as of September 30, 2026 we have received $316,173.

The case presented was for a new organ for the church and to make the main entrance to the church accessible for those in wheelchairs, walkers, and those that need extra help. We engaged an architect and much to my surprise, there is not enough room to have the ramp that I envisioned, due to ADA requirements. The best option is to install an elevator. The architect has a design for the new entrance and the estimated cost is over $1,000,000. If the pledges are paid as agreed, we should have enough funds to complete both projects. If you have not pledged to the Generation To Generation: Answer the Call Campaign, there is still time to do so. Pledge cards are available in the parish offices and in the narthex.

There is so much more to St. Michael Parish than just its finances. It is through our Outreach Ministries such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Daybreak – Shepherd's Table Ministry and Pro Labore Dei – Feed My Lambs Ministry that the hungry are fed. St. Michael Parish offers a variety of programs, prayer experiences and resources to help with faith formation for all ages. Through our Liturgical Ministries, God is praised and worshiped each day. The Ministers of Care make sure the homebound and hospitalized remain connected to our community. Our parish school and religious education programs are forming the next generation of Catholics – the ones to whom the sacred deposit of faith will be entrusted. QUEST gives teenagers an opportunity to remain connected to the Church during their high-school years. New ministries are forming to meet the spiritual needs of our diverse parish community.

Through the ministry of the Church, we preached the Good News of Salvation, reconciled those in need of forgiveness, cared for the poor, the ill and the dying. We were the face of Christ to many and most of this work, the mission of Christ, is done by you – the parishioners of St. Michael Parish.

I would like to thank the current members of the parish Finance Council who help me sort out the financial details, offer advice, and help me to make necessary decisions. I am grateful for their wisdom and dedication to our parish. A special thank you to Diana Vitela, our Business Manager, for her hard and faithful work to St. Michael Parish – she helps keep the parish operations running smoothly and efficiently. The daily tasks and projects are completed because of her tireless efforts.

You may have noticed that included in your envelope packets is an envelope simply titled "Capital Improvements." This envelope is for those unforeseen costs that the parish often faces. Additional costs include roof repairs, repairs to or replacement of the heating and cooling systems, electrical issues and so on. These and other needs arise unexpectedly and are often not budgeted for – and are paid from parish savings. The "Capital Improvements" envelope will be used only for expenses such as these.

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Thank you for your support and generosity. We have a rich tradition of faithful response to God's calling. We have much to be grateful for. Our past was amazing, and our present and future will be glorious if we continue to work together by sharing our time, talent, and treasure. We cannot expect someone else to do this for us. We must serve as one and be Christ to one another. St. Michael Parish is our spiritual home; I ask for your help so that everything we do may give true honor and glory to God!

Gratefully,

Fr. Frank A. Kurucz
Pastor

ST. MICHAEL PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1 – June 30

	Fiscal Year 2026	**Fiscal Year 2025**
Sunday and Holy Day Collection	$1,604,185	$1,600,516
Christmas Collection	162,364	141.156
Easter Collection	85,245	81,929
Other Collections	25,600	26,770
Stipends and Stole Fees	94,488	84,887
Interest & Investment Income	361,358	191,531
Tuition and Fees	3,856,439	3,664,189
Fund Raising (Net)	136,803	136,950
Other	21,580	116,355
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	**$6,348,062**	**$6,044,283**
Salaries	$3,144,935	$3,087.692
Employee Benefits	1,054,240	991.576
Books & Supplies	213,824	140,507
Administrative Expenses	383,467	414,494
Utilities	132,376	125,163
Maintenance & Building Repairs	485,373	369,768
Altar and Liturgical Supplies	55,753	46,305
Furnishings & Equipment	47,539	52,785
Archdiocesan Assessments	305,947	294,387
Insurance	197,331	186,405
Other Expense	123,076	139,348
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	**$6,143,861**	**$5,848,430**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$204,201**	**$195,853**

THE WORD & HEY, KIDS!

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



The Intercessory Prayer Ministry of St. Michael Parish has resumed meeting and has committed to pray intentionally for others needs.

Prayer Ministers will be available to pray with you after Masses the weekend of November 14 and 15, and in person monthly.

Prayer requests may also be submitted at: https://forms.gle/QvRpr9K3TDfzNNzXA or by emailing Cee Cee, cvanhecke@saintmike.com, or Lisa, lullrich@saintmike.org at the parish office. A paper form is available at the parish office for those who are unable to complete the form online.

Note: Names for the sick list listed in the bulletin for five weeks can still be sent to bulletineditor@saintmike.com. Paid prayer Mass intentions for the deceased, special anniversaries, etc. can still be made through the Parish office. Thank you.

Hey, Kids!



Jesus once told us a story (a parable) about being prepared. Ten bridesmaids took their oil lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Jesus said five of them were foolish because they had their lamps, but did not bring extra oil to put in their lamps. When it was time to meet the bridegroom, they were out of oil. The other five were very wise and brought plenty of oil for their lamps. When it was time to go out and meet the bridegroom, they were ready.

In this story, the bridegroom is Jesus and you and I are the bridesmaids. The story is teaching us that one day we are going to meet Jesus and we must be ready. We do not know when that time is coming. Do you know what we must do to be prepared?

I am realizing more and more that we were made for another world. A world with God. We can be prepared by opening our hearts and inviting Jesus in. We have a God who sent his only Son to save us from the chaos of THIS world. Jesus is the Son who came to bring us to our Father in Heaven, who wants to spend eternity with us. He desires to spend right now with us too. If you can remember this, it can change where we focus our eyes. It will keep our eyes on God's grace and goodness, instead of focusing on all the craziness around us. Our eyes will see the peacefulness of our Lord who desires a close relationship with us.

Let's pray: Heavenly Father, help us to prepare for you. Help us to focus on YOU each day of our lives. Help us to be sincere in our words and actions! Amen.

CONFESSIONS
EVERY SATURDAY
3-4 P.M. AT
ST. MICHAEL

WE PRAY & THIS WEEK



We pray for those who have died and their families:

Jerry E. Dalton
Father of Colleen Aird



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:

John Basta, Carol Cacciato, Patricia Chuchla, Clay Deval, John Dzielski, Mark Fenlon, Maribel Garcia, Joyce Gerk, Jesse Gonzalez, Richard Jurasek, Nick Jirion, Rose Kessen, Gary Kermer, Celeste Koszut, Sylvia Krepton, Lizette Masters, Barbara Mohr, Rich McCasland, Julie Mohr, Mary Mohr, Tom Nelson, Josephine Nirchi, Bill O'Brien, Kenneth Osowski, Patricia Osowski, Denise Ostrowski, Arthur Ozark, Jeanie Pecor, Lupita Ramirez, Timothy Rauen, AJ Rother, Julio Rivera, Susan Sheehy, Jaylene Stephens, Frank Stryczek, Naty Velada, Joyce Walsh, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik, Mark Wojtyla, Bud Wool, Lucille Wrobel and those injured in service to their country.

Prayer intentions may be emailed to:
bulletineditor@saintmike.com
Names will remain on the list for five weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

The weekly evening Rosary group will not meet on Tuesday, November 10, in order to attend Holy Hour. They will resume meeting in the chapel on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

This Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West
8 a.m. Men's Retreat, Commons & Small Gym
8:15 a.m. Food Sorting for Hungry, Ministry Rooms East & West
10 a.m. Annual Memorial Mass, Church
3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals
3:30 p.m. Generations Choir Practice, Choir Loft
4:30 p.m. MASS
Before and After Saturday Vigil and All Sunday Masses:
Lunch Project Return, Star of Bethlehem Wood Gifts Sale, Youth Ministry Poinsettia, Narthex; Hispanic Tamale Pick Up, MPR
NOVEMBER 8, 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. MASS, 1:30 p.m. MASS in Spanish
9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
10 a.m. OCIA, Ministry Room East
10:30 a.m. Alpha Marriage Workshop, Commons
11:30 a.m. Hispanic RCIA, Ministry Room East
4:30 p.m. Concert Series, Trio Boheme Chicago, Church
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9,THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
7 p.m. Apologetics, Ministry Room East
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT
9 a.m. Hooks & Needles, Ministry Room East
6 p.m. Holy Hour, Church
6 p.m. Women's Faith Gathering, Ministry Room East
CANCELED—Evening Rosary
6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep (in English) Cry Room
7 p.m. Scripture Study, Commons North
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, FEAST ST. MARTIN OF TOURS & VETERANS DAY
5 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West
7 p.m. Scripture Group, Commons C
7 p.m. Hispanic Adult Choir, Ministry Room East
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHAT
10 a.m. St. Vincent DePaul Meeting, Ministry Room East
6 p.m. Adult & Contemporary Choirs, Church/Chapel
6:30 p.m. Guadalupano Meeting, Commons C
6:30 p.m. Lunch Making Service Project, Commons
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Ministry Room East
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, FST. ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
7 p.m. Hispanic Bible Class, Ministry Room West
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room East (ROOM CHANGE)
8:15 a.m. Food Sorting for Hungry, Small Gym
10 a.m. Day of Reflection & Prayer, Commons
3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals
4:30 p.m. MASS
Before and After Saturday Vigil and All Sunday Masses:
St. Basil Thanksgiving Food Collection Weekend, Ministry Room West & Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale, Narthex
NOVEMBER 15, 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. MASS, 1:30 p.m. MASS in Spanish
9:30 a.m. Young People's Liturgy of the Word, Chapel
10 a.m. OCIA, Ministry Room East
11:30 a.m. Hispanic RCIA, Ministry Room East
5 p.m. Swift Interfaith Dinner, Commons

THANK YOU TROOPS

Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve . . .

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

United States Air Force	United States Army	United States Marine Corps	United States Navy
Sean Barrett	Raul A.	Anthony Cesaro	Michael W. Beckman
Eric Boele	Carl Brandon	Christian Conroy	Marilyn Cesaro
Kelly Cawley	Joseph L. Budka	Blaine Doran	Brad Chagnon
Ryan Conlon	Brian Candos	Jack Flinchum	Brian J. Draper
Nora Dachota	Jason Cashman	Brian Giaretta	Michelangelo Garcia
Elaine Duddleston	Eileen Cassidy	Kyle Hass	Sean Harlin
Michael A. Gaytan	Mary Cassidy	Michael R. Hryn	Isaiah S. Herrera
David Glass	Jamie Conley	Sean Kaspar	Robert A. Islas, Jr.
Susan L. Janks	Jude Evans	Matthew Kominkiewicz	Jacob Jenkot
Ken Juhl	Mark Fiocca	Robert Kurzweil	Jonathan Kurzweil
Luca Gibson Lauricella	Michael Fiocca	Jason M. Kut	Nicholas LaBarre
Samantha Pronobis	Francisco J. Gaytan	Jordan Legris	Daniel Lennertz
Kyle Radke	Antonio Giron	Ian Markert	Abigail Maki
Tim Schmidt	David Hargitt	Sean McGrath	Jack McMahon
Craig Schober	Patrick Hausner	Matthew A. Morris	Gabriele Miseviciute
John Tomaskovic	Joshua Holer	Jake C. Moylan	Brian P. Molloy
	Matthew Kohn	Ryan Mulcahy	Kara L. Molloy
	Maureen Kohn	Jacob Parisi	Orland W. Morales
	Michael Kohn	John Jacob Peulecke	Bridget T. Riha
	Carly Katalinic	Patrick O. Philipps	Ashley Watson
	Peter Marudas	Gabriel Cole Reece	
	Tristan G. Minster	Martin Roman	
	Andrew Mark Netzel	Kevin Ryan	
	Benjamin Nonaka	Thomas Schueman	
	Misael Reyna	Nicolas Schultz	
	Matthew Shields	Michael Gustav Smith	
	Matthew Tybor	Tom Spain	
	Lorelei Valkenburg	Michael J. Van Wyk	
	Scott T. Zaur	Tyler J. Villa	
		Christian J. Wydajewski	
		Mike Wieland	





We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States. To submit a name to add to this list, please fill out the information below and drop it in the mail to Steven and Marilyn Howard in care of St. Michael Catholic Church, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 or email us at chowy_64@yahoo.com with the information. We would ask that in order to avoid any errors, please be sure to print the information clearly and submit it in writing rather than via a telephone call. Please inform us when a loved one has been discharged in order for us to keep our list up-to-date.

Name:_____

Branch of Service: _____

GIVING & FUNDRAISING

ST. MICHAEL
FAMILY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Mingle Jingle

HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT
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A festive night for moms and parents to shop, sip, socialize and support local businesses.

NOVEMBER 12 | PALOS COUNTRY CLUB 13100 SW HWY, ORLAND PARK | SHOPPING EVENT 6:00 – 9:00 PM

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BINGO!

The Knights of Columbus hosted their semiannual Bingo & Burgers event on Friday, October 2nd at St. Michael. Over 60 attendees came to the event, played Bingo games and enjoyed hamburger dinners while supporting a great cause. The Knights raised over $1,700. $1,000 will be allocated to St. Vincent DePaul Society to purchase coats for children in need. The remainder will be donated towards buying over 60 pizzas for Halloween parties at St. Coletta's and Park Lawn centers for individuals with special needs.

Thank you to all the parishioners who came out to support the event, in addition to the local businesses that donated prizes and funds.

Please thank the following sponsors by supporting their businesses.

Blueberry Hill Cafe 14355 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen
Chesdan's Grille 15764 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen
Germino Dental 9763 W. 143rd St., Orland Park
Hienie's McCarthy's 9869 W. 143rd St., Orland Park
Italian Villa Pizza 9955 144th Pl., Orland Park
Nick's Barbecue 15800 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen
Orland Park Bakery 14850 S. LaGrange Rd., Orland Park
The White Sheep 14335 LaGrange Rd., Orland Park
Weber Grill 14210 LaGrange Rd., Orland Park
X's & O's Sports Grill 6405 W. 127th St., Palos Heights
Special Sponsor, The Aguilar Family

Additional Donations from the Culligan Family, Davis Family, Lenart Family, Mallet Family, Oprzedek Family, Susan O'Connell, Wayne Young & Fr. Frank

THE ANNUAL ST. MICHAEL

Thanksgiving FOOD COLLECTION



The Annual Thanksgiving food collection for our sister parish, St. Basil/Visitation, will take place on the weekend of November 14 & 15, 2026

Please bring your donation of canned and non-perishable foods and place them in the Ministry Room West. Gift cards for Jewel are also appreciated. Please put gift cards in the collection basket or leave them in the Parish Office.

We will be loading up the food on Monday morning, November 16 after the 8 a.m. Mass. We would welcome any help driving or loading.
Thank you! -Social Concerns Ministry

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Schoenstatt Women

The Schoenstatt Women of Orland Park will have their next meeting at **St. Michael from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 in the Commons North.** All women of the parish are welcome to attend and learn more about this International Apostolic Movement of the Catholic Church. We will be concluding our final chapter discussions about a founding generation Schoenstatt young man who desired and strove to become a Saint! Joseph Engling is currently a Blessed of the Catholic Church!

GIVE Thanks

HOLY HOUR



TUESDAY, NOV 10, 2026
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
6 P.M.

We come before God with grateful hearts to express our gratitude for all the blessings and gifts we have been given.

St. Michael Mental Health Awareness Ministry

Our Next Prayer Gatherings:

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 18 & DECEMBER 16 | **7 PM IN THE CHAPEL** (NOTE: DATE CHANGES DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS)

If you or someone you love is struggling and/or living with mental health afflictions we are here with compassion, prayer and holy listening. We offer prayer intentions (and much more) for those with mental illness and their families, praying through the intercession of St. Dymphna.

For additional information on our ministry, please visit https://saintmike.com/mental-health-ministry/ or send an email to StMichaelMHAM@gmail.com.



ST. DYMPHNA
PATRON SAINT FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL AFFLICTIONS
PRAY FOR US.

WOMEN'S Faith Gathering

Connect • Pray • Grow

All women of the parish are invited to join us for a time of faith, fellowship and conversation.

NOTE: DATE CHANGE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
6 PM | MINISTRY ROOM EAST

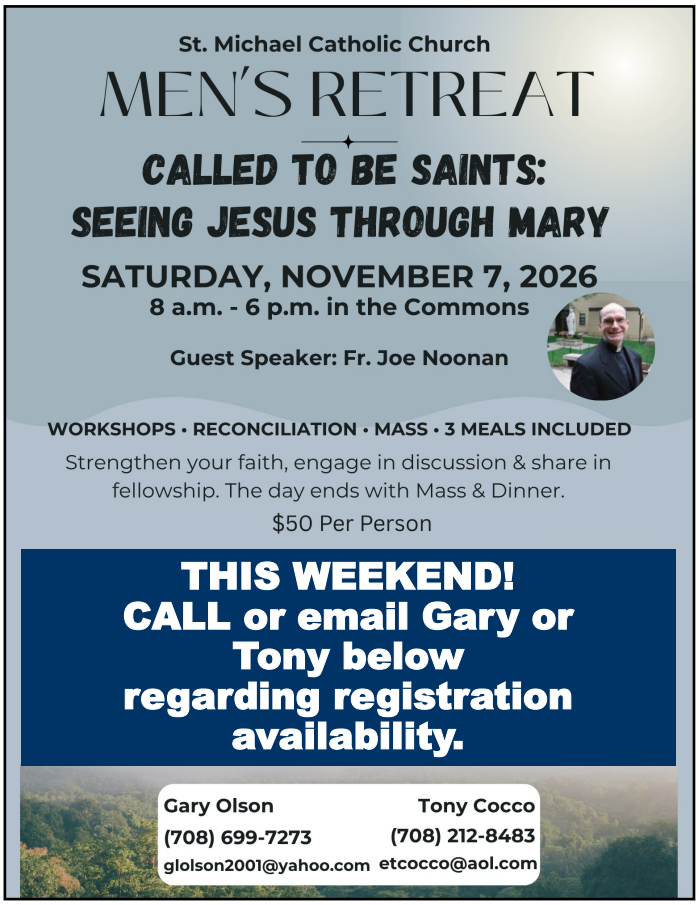
All are welcome!

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts Sale from the Holy Land, November 7 & 8 in the Narthex after Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and after all Sunday Masses.

Proceeds support approximately 600 Christian families in Bethlehem who depend on carving beautiful olive-wood figurines and religious artifacts for their livelihood, needy Catholic schools, clinics, and charitable efforts in the Holy Land. Please show your generosity and solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters.

REFLECTION & PRAYER





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The LOSS program of Catholic Charities will hold an Evening of Remembrance on Monday, Nov. 16, for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

You are invited to join us for music, readings, reflections, and a candle-lighting ceremony at 6:30 pm at
St. John of the Cross Church,
5101 Wolf Rd., Western Springs.

A short gathering and hospitality will follow.

LOSS, Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide, is a non-denominational program that offers counseling and group support to those whose lives have been impacted by suicide.

No RSVP or Registration is required. If you have a question, feel free to email loss@catholiccharities.net



YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Michael Youth Ministry Holiday Poinsettia Sale



We are pleased to present Poinsettias grown by Ted's Greenhouse in Tinley Park, IL. All plants will be delivered with festive gift sleeves. Poinsettias are available in red, pink, white, & marble. All profits to help support Youth Ministry events and activities.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, November 22nd

PICK UP DATE:

Saturday, Dec. 5th — 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

St. Michael Ministry Rooms *(park on Highland Ave.)*

TO ORDER: Please complete the order form below and return it, along with a check made payable St. Michael Youth Ministry, to the Parish Office, collection basket or school. You also can mail it to St. Michael Youth Ministry, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park, 60462. If you have any questions, call 708-349-0903, ext. 650 or e-mail amartino@saintmike.com

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St. Michael Youth Ministry Holiday Poinsettia Sale
ORDER FORM

	Price		*Quantity*		*Total*
Poinsettia 3 + flowers (4.5" pot & 10-12" tall)					
Red	$10	X	_____	=	_____
White	$10	X	_____	=	_____
Pink	$10	X	_____	=	_____
Marble	$10	X	_____	=	_____
Poinsettia 5-7 flowers (6" pot & 14" tall)					
Red	$20	X	_____	=	_____
White	$20	X	_____	=	_____
Pink	$20	X	_____	=	_____
Marble	$20	X	_____	=	_____
Poinsettia 8-9 flowers (6.5" pot & 14-16" tall)					
Red	$30	X	_____	=	_____
White	$30	X	_____	=	_____
Pink	$30	X	_____	=	_____
Marble	$30	X	_____	=	_____
	GRAND TOTAL		_____	=	_____

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MUSIC MINISTRY





Calling All Singers!

We welcome you to be part of our new Generations Choir!
Our next rehearsal and Mass is on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.
Come sing along with seasoned choir members to lead the assembly in song at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

The ONE DAY commitment is simple!
Arrive in the choir loft by 3:30 sharp, with a pencil, your enthusiasm and voice.
Music will be provided!

For more information email
Oneilmary28@gmail.com
Mary O'Neil
Choir Director



EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

Nos acercamos al final del Tiempo Ordinario; en apenas un par de semanas, comenzaremos el tiempo de Adviento. Las lecturas de las Escrituras nos hablan de los últimos tiempos. A menudo, no nos gusta pensar en nuestra propia muerte ni en el fin del mundo. Aunque tal vez no queramos reconocer nuestra propia mortalidad, las Escrituras nos llaman a estar preparados.

Para los creyentes fieles, el final de nuestra vida o incluso el fin de los tiempos no es algo que deba causarnos temor. Las Escrituras nos recuerdan que Dios ha preparado un lugar para nosotros en la eternidad. Debemos estar listos para aceptar el llamado cuando este llegue.

Hoy, San Mateo nos relata la historia de las diez jóvenes que esperaban la llegada del novio con su esposa, para poder entrar en la casa y celebrar. Las jóvenes sensatas tenían aceite adicional para sus lámparas, por si la espera se prolongaba. Ellas permanecieron atentas, aun cuando llegaron a quedarse dormidas. Las insensatas, en cambio, no tomaron previsiones y quedaron fuera de la celebración porque sus lámparas se habían apagado.



Mateo concluye diciéndonos: *"Manténganse, pues, despiertos, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora*". El Señor nos invita a estar alerta, a mantenernos vigilantes y a vivir con esperanza. A veces, la espera puede resultar agotadora; sin embargo, a eso es a lo que estamos llamados. Si vivimos nuestra vida tal como Jesús nos pidió, estaremos preparados para aquel día en que el Señor nos llame a su hogar.

En el Amor de Cristo,

Padre Frank

Early Bulletin Deadlines
November & December 2026 & January 2027

NOVEMBER

- SEND BY FRIDAY 11/06, FOR 11/15, THE 33RD SUNDAY ORD.TIME
- SEND BY TUESDAY 11/10, FOR 11/22, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE SUNDAY
- SEND BY TUESDAY 11/17, FOR 11/29, THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER

- SEND BY MONDAY, 11/23 FOR 12/6, THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- SEND BY WEDNESDAY, 12/2 FOR 12/13, THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- SEND BY TUESDAY, 12/8 FOR 12/20, THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- SEND BY TUESDAY, 12/15 FOR 12/27, THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

JANUARY

- SEND BY MONDAY, 12/21 FOR 1/3/27, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY
- SEND BY TUESDAY, 12/29 FOR 1/10/27, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

THANK YOU.
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
PILAAR PANTOJA, BULLETINEDITOR@SAINTMIKE.COM

Can you share your blessings by contributing any of the following items to support this project?



Some of our parish Confirmandi and their family members will be making 300 lunches to support ProLaboreDei's year round mission to feed the hungry.

You can bring any of these items to the narthex **before or after all Masses on November 7 and 8 ---**

- a loaf of sliced bread (40 loaves total are needed)
- a pound of thinly sliced lunchmeat (30 lbs total are needed - prepackaged, not deli, is preferred)
- a half pound of sliced cheese (10 lbs total are needed)
- a head of lettuce (8 heads total are needed)
- a bag of apples
- individual size bags of chips

Contact: Kelly Martinez, kmartinez@saintmike.com with any questions or to arrange a different day/time to drop off any items.

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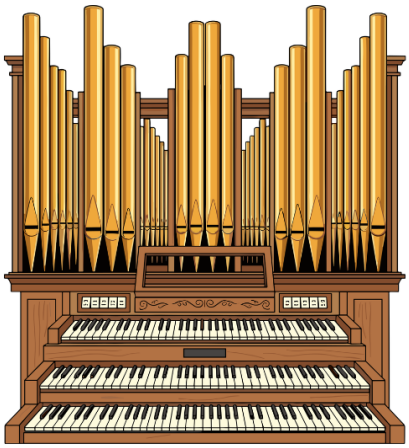
Proximos eventos

- Todos los Miercoles el Santo rosario por las vocaciones a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla del Santisimo.
- Hora Santa en Español, Noviembre 20 a las 7:00 pm. Confesiones en Español desde las 6:00 pm.





Proverbios 3:5-6 (Confía en el Señor con) todo tu corazón y no te apoyes en tu propia prudencia. Reconócelo en todos tus caminos y él enderezará tus veredas."



WHAT WAS THAT SPOOKY MUSIC THE ORGANIST PLAYED?

This past weekend, I played what seemed to be an unusual piece on the pipe organ before and after Masses. I received more questions about that piece than any another melody that I can recall. It was Toccata and Fugue in D minor composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach is well known as the most prolific classical music composer of the Baroque period (1685 to 1750.) Nowadays, many recognize his work when it has been used in mainstream scary movies, commercials, radio programs and the like. So if you heard the familiar creepy tunes and had questions about it, rest assured Toccata and Fugue in D minor it is a legitimate piece of classical music. Anything Bach composed is liturgically sound and appropriate for church.

--Gary Patin, Director of Music Ministry

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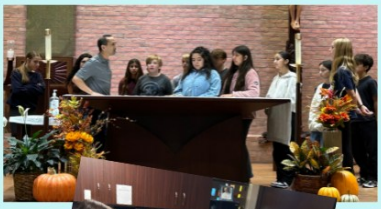







The year 1 Confirmation students of our Religious Education program participated in a "Parish and Mass Experience" on Oct 24.

Led by Mrs. Patti Brucki, Catechist Ms. Jillian Marino, and Deacon Colin Huie, with support from Fr. Mike Schmitz, the candidates for Confirmation accomplished the following: The students learned about many sacred spaces, signs and symbols of our Faith in their parish as they "toured" the narthex, SVDP pantry, ministry meeting spaces, Adoration Chapel, parish Chapel, Sacristy, Reconciliation rooms, and the Church.





They dived deeper into the Holy Mass, practiced how to participate during Holy Mass, learned more in depth about each part of the Liturgy, and gained clarity in how they can serve in a ministry of the Mass.




The candidates experienced follow up activities in which they – learned to create a safe welcoming space for everyone – learned to meet, talk to, and listen to another person with eye contact, interest, and understanding – played "All My Neighbors" to learn about one another, to connect with how much they have in common or is different with others.





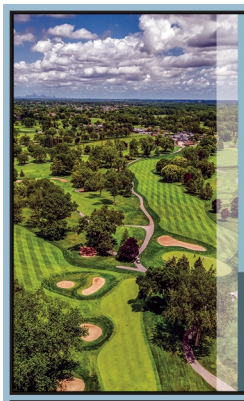
MASS INTENTIONS (November 7-15)

Saturday, 11/7	**8:30 AM**	Feria & Ilagan Families	Charles Mezatis	Catherine Ullrich
	4:30 PM	Tom Godwin	Ann Marie Hartnett	Patricia McAllister
		Kevin Bushnell	James Reindl	
Sunday, 11/8	**7:30 AM**	Alice Dzursin	Dorothy Basta	James George Famera
	9:30 AM	Buzz Van Hecke	Robert Baal	William, Nancy & David Jungles
		Patricia Phelan	Gloria Balazo	
	11:30 AM	Michael Sheeran	Linda Padgham	George & Annie Shannon Family
		Br. Bob Reinke, C.F.P.	Special Intention for Frank Stryczek	
In Spanish	**1:30 PM**	Irma & Steve Vargo	Tomaza Carrera	
Monday, 11/9	**6:30 AM**	Rosemary J. DeGeorge		
	8:00 AM	Fr. John Fearon	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, 11/10	**6:30 AM**	Special Intention for the Parishioners of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Livier Marquez		
Wednesday, 11/11	**6:30 AM**	Florence "Lolly" Jachimiec		
	8:00 AM	Wayne Waiter	Mary Therese Hartnett	
Thursday, 11/12	**6:30 AM**	Cathy Schmiedl		
	8:00 AM	Mutholam Family		
Friday, 11/13	**6:30 AM**	Lester Ancheta		
	8:00 AM	Diane Van Eck	Pathiyil & Mutholam Families	
Saturday, 11/14	**8:30 AM**	James George Famera	Paul Domico	
	4:30 PM	James Reindl	Hank Veith	Tom & Rosamma Pathiyil Family
Sunday, 11/15	**7:30 AM**	Souls in Purgatory	A Friend of God	Steven Sherman
	9:30 AM	Benedicta Kim	Dan Jarosz	Paul Sharko
		Eduardo Oria, Sr.	Linda Pastiak	
	11:30 AM	Molly Flynn	Guy Fricano	Diane Van Eck
		Hank Veith	Rosemary DeGeorge	
In Spanish	**1:30 PM**	Tomaza Carrera	Catalina Hernandez	



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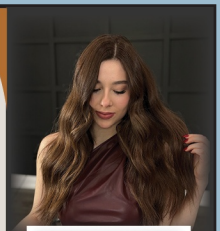
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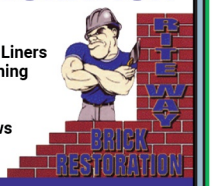
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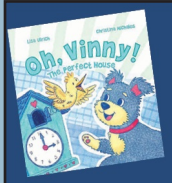
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Saturday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Confessions: Every Saturday 3-4 p.m.
Confesiones: 2ndo y cuarto sabado del mes 3-4 p.m.

To Schedule Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals or Memorial Masses: Call the Parish office, 708-349-0903.

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

Religious Education Hours for November 2026
Weeks of Nov. 9 and 16 – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Week of Nov. 23 - Office closed but a response to all emails will be given.** Appointments can be made at other times if needed. Emails sent to kmartinez@saintmike.com will be answered in a timely manner.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
You may leave a voicemail at any time at 708-349-0903 or email contact@saintmike.com with questions or to request information.
During the school year the Church Building is closed every Wednesday from 12 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

NEED HELP?
St. Vincent de Paul Society provides emergency food assistance and guidance in satisfying utility bills. **Call 708-349-0903, ext. 669; San Vicente de Paul en Español 708-349-0903, ext. 506**.

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BULLETIN DEADLINES
We are now following an early bulletin deadline schedule for the holiday season.
Please see page 13 for details. Submit entries via email to: **Pilaar Pantoja**, **Bulletin Editor,** bulletineditor@saintmike.com Thank you.

Mother's Room St. Michael Parish is pleased to provide a mother's room for nursing mothers during Mass times. Anyone interested in using this room should see a greeter for assistance. This room is made possible by our loving parish, and the St. Mike's Moms & Women in Faith groups.

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