



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
- Mt 18:19-20

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FR. FRANK'S FIRE

Many times, when people are new to an area and are seeking a church to join they are looking for community – a place where they feel welcomed, honored and loved. Sometimes when people think of community they only think of the social aspects – the gathering together for activities and fun and not about the spiritual aspects of support, challenge and growth.

Sometimes the leaders of the community are called to give stern warnings to the members. In the first reading Ezekiel had to challenge the wicked ways of the people as their continued behavior was leading them to disaster. His message was not one that the people wanted to hear, but was one that they needed to hear.

Parishes are to be communities – communities of faith that are joined together in love and support to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. The commitment to a community is not always easy and can be a challenge to many, as differences arise between the members. Often personalities clash and opposing ideas drain the energy and tolerance of others. A saying I heard in the seminary: when two or three are gathered in His name – there is bound to be an argument.

Parish communities are not perfect. There are often disagreements, conflicts, controversies and difficulties between members. The Gospel today tells us that these situations should not be ignored but faced head on. If the situation is ignored, it often begins to fester and then it can cause real harm to a community. People divide into opposing camps destroying the unity of the Christian community. The very unity that Christ calls us to.

We live in a society where people dig their heels into the sand and refuse to listen to the other side. They are unwilling to hear other opinions. This happens in politics, in families and sadly even in the Church. The television, radio, newspapers and social media are filled with people taking extreme viewpoints and are unwilling to listen to others and always want to have the last word.

Our faith is not lived in a vacuum; it is to be lived in a community. Our faith is not only about what we believe, it is also about how we live our faith and how we treat one another. We gather around the altar to make our faith a part of our lives. We are challenged by the Gospel to truly love and care for each other – even those who may hold different opinions than our own. We are called to build one another up and not tear one another down. Building a community of believers rooted in Christ is difficult, but it is worth it especially when we truly care for each other and strive to live in mutual love, respect and harmony.

The Holy Eucharist

I have been asked about what the priest does at the altar before the distribution of Holy Communion. Following the Sign of Peace, the Fraction Rite or the breaking of the bread begins, the priest breaks the large consecrated host with reverence. The breaking of the bread reminds us of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. On the road to Emmaus, the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. A small piece of the host is placed in the chalice and it reminds us of the unity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

The priest prays two short prayers during this important action. I want to share them with you, as they are not spoken aloud. The first occurs as a small piece of the host is placed in the chalice, the priest says silently:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.



FR. FRANK'S FIRE

The most beautiful prayer follows:



Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
 who, by the will of the Father
 and the work of the Holy Spirit,
 through your Death gave life to the world,
 free me by this, your most holy Body
 and Blood,
 from all my sins and from every evil;
 keep me faithful to your commandments,
 and never let me be parted from you.

I am humbled each time I think of those words, “never let me be parted from you.” It is a prayer and a plea to remain close to the Lord.

The host and chalice are elevated and proclaimed to be the Lamb of God and how blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. We respond to this as the centurion did: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” With this, we are now ready and prepared to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Labor Day

Yes, Monday is Labor Day and this generally marks the end of summer. Where did the time go? Labor Day has its origin in the Labor movement. It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers – recognizing their contributions that led to the strength and prosperity of our nation.

While we celebrate this day in honor of Labor, we are reminded that there are many people in our nation and our neighborhood who are in need of work. Many are underemployed (working at jobs below their skill level) and many still seek a fair and just wage. Today let us be grateful for those who labor long hours to provide for their families. They are the backbone of our nation. St. Joseph is the patron of workers for he labored with his hands as a carpenter to provide for Mary and Jesus.

Let us also pray for those who struggle and seek employment, that they may be successful. On Labor Day, we will have one Mass at 8:00 AM. The parish buildings, including the Adoration Chapel will be locked at 10:00 AM in order to give all of our employees time to relax on this national holiday.



Fall Fest

Next weekend is St. Michael's Fall Fest. With the Fest there will be a carnival, music, food and beverage tents. This will require the use of most of our parking lot and as such, parking will be limited next weekend. I ask for your prayers and patience as this is an important fundraiser for our parish school.

In Christ's love,
 Fr. Frank

THE WORD, LET US PRAY & HEY, KIDS!

Readings of the Week GLPI

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt
1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-
17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk
6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43
-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-
12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



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:

Amanda Barragan, John Basta, Patricia Chuchla,
Loretta Ciszak, Clay Deval, John Dzielski,
Melita Fernandez, Joyce Gerk, Richard Jurasek,
Rose Kessen, Gary Kermer, Celeste Koszut,
Sylvia Krepton, Lizette Masters, Rich McCasland,
Julie Mohr, Mary Mohr, Tom Nelson,
Josephine Nirchi, Kenneth Osowski,
Patricia Osowski, Denise Ostrowski,
Debbie and Ray Prestige,
Lupita Ramirez, AJ Rother, James Valdez,
Hank Veith, Karen Wojcik, Lawrence Wojcik,
Mark Wojtyla, Lucille Wrobel,
Roseann Ziegler

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.

Hey, Kids!

The Bible says over and over to love one another. It says it so often, in so many ways, it is the main message in the Bible! To love one another - even our enemies.



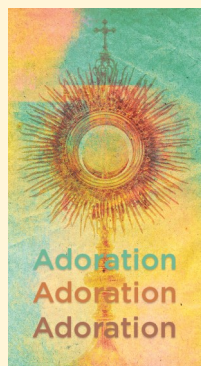
In Romans, it says, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." How easy is that? All I have to do is love and respect everyone I come into contact with? If I get through the day without any anger in my heart or any arguing with anyone, I have done a good job to follow this rule! That sounds pretty easy, but is it?

With love, there is no room for hate or anger. Love is pure and clean. It is simple and good. That's it. What are ways you describe what LOVE feels like? I think it feels warm, comfortable, peaceful and relaxing. It is a pleasant place to be...held in love...untouched by anything else but GOODNESS!

When you love someone and you get upset with them, the love does not go away. I remember when I was young, I got scolded by my mom. She was so upset with me and I cried so hard thinking that she didn't love me anymore. I remember I apologized to her and asked her if she still loved me. She looked at me so very confused and said, "How could you think that? I could never NOT love you! I don't care what you do, you will always be loved by me. Forever. The end. No matter what!" This is what LOVE is. This is how God loves us. He loves us no matter what! Forever. The end!

Let's pray: Thank you for teaching me that love is the answer to everything. All we need is love and I will spread this message to all who I know.

WE PRAY & THIS WEEK



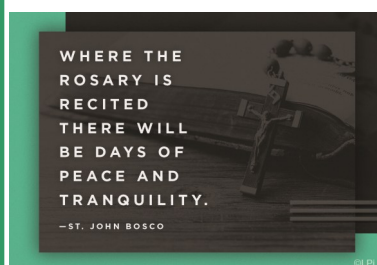
Holy Hour - Explained!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Have you experienced the mystery, holiness and received graces that come from practicing a holy hour? If not, what are you waiting for?

Our next Holy Hour is this Tuesday, September 8, 6 p.m. in Church.

This month, we will pray especially for teachers, catechists, parents, and students. All are welcome to join us in prayer and meditation.



Evening Rosary

The Rosary is said weekly at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights at the Marian Garden (weather permitting.)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West
8:15 a.m. Feeding the Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym
3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

4:30 p.m. MASS

Youth Ministry Mum Sale, Before & After Masses
On Saturday and Sunday, Narthex

SEPTEMBER 6, 23RD 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, LABOR DAY

**NO 6:30 AM MASS. 8 AM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED.
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED. ADORATION CHAPEL & BUILDING**

WILL CLOSE AT 10 AM.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 a.m. Hooks & Needles, Ministry Room East
6 p.m. Holy Hour, Church
6 p.m. Hispanic Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep Class, Cry Room (in English)
6:30 p.m. Evening Rosary, Marian Garden

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Ministry Room West
6 p.m. Adult & Contemporary Choirs, Church/Chapel (Date Chg)
6:30 p.m. Quest Parent Meeting, Teen Room
7 p.m. Scripture Group, Commons Center
7 p.m. Hispanic Adult Choir, Ministry Room East

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FALL FEST, 6-10 p.m., St. Michael's Parking Lot

10 a.m. St. Vincent DePaul Meeting, Ministry Room East
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Ministry Room East

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, PATRIOT DAY

FALL FEST, 6-10 p.m., St. Michael's Parking Lot

7 p.m. Hispanic Bible Class, Ministry Room West

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

FALL FEST, 1-10 p.m., St. Michael's Parking Lot

7 a.m. Scripture Group, Ministry Room West
8:15 a.m. Feeding the Hungry Food Sorting, Small Gym
3 p.m. Confessions, Confessionals

4:30 p.m. MASS

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SEPTEMBER 13, 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FALL FEST, 1-8 p.m., St. Michael's Parking Lot

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



THANK YOU & WE PRAY

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.

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



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: _____

FALL FEST



September 10th-13th

14355 Highland Ave Orland Park IL

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2026 FEST. RIDE EACH DAY FROM
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**PURCHASE BY
SEPT. 6TH**

ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY - SAVING GRACE

FRIDAY - ECHO 5 & 90'S POP NATION

SATURDAY - HOUSE OF MUSIC,
HAZARD, & AMERICAN PIE

SUNDAY - BEARS & NFL GAMES

SENSORY FRIENDLY HOURS

**SATURDAY, 1PM-3PM
\$15**

CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 6PM- 10PM

FRIDAY 6PM - 10PM

SATURDAY 1PM - 10PM

SUNDAY 1PM - 8PM

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FUNDRAISING & MINISTRY



The Schoenstatt Women

The next Schoenstatt Women of Orland Park will meet at St. Michael at 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, in the Ministry Room East. All women are welcome to attend.

We will be praying a Rosary and discussing highlights from the first part of Joseph Engling's biography. Engling discovered the "fire of mission zeal" and had the courage to face life's surprises and difficulties after making his Covenant of Love with the Blessed Mother.

A witness testimony from a Schoenstatt Woman member: "A Covenant of Love is given freely out of Love. It instills a deeper relationship with Mary by our love for her and her love for us. Mary's intention is to lead me to love Jesus and help me see the sacrifices he made for me. I have had a close relationship with the Blessed Mother all my life as I grew up close to her shrine and the rosary was part of my daily life. After I joined Schoenstatt and was blessed with a Home Shrine, now this was my chance to bring the Blessed Mother back into my home with a visible sign. It lets my children and grandchildren see Mary is part of my daily life. Through the Covenant of Love, I can give back to Mary by bringing her everything to the Capital of Grace. Mary helps us open our eyes to the needs of others, focus outward, and become useful instruments in her hands."

FALL FEST RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING SEPT 14TH

HELP SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL!

EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS \$250
Drawn on Aug 27th, Sept 3rd and 10th

Grand Prize: \$10,000
2nd prize: \$5,000
3rd prize: \$2,500
4th prize: \$1,000

20 TICKETS FOR \$200
10 TICKETS FOR \$150
1 TICKET FOR \$20

CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MICHAEL, MAILED OR DROPPED OFF TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Thank you for your support!



Knights of Columbus Council #10858



Members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting funds for their Annual Intellectual Disabilities Charity Drive after Masses on **Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th**. This event, is also known as the **Tootsie Roll Charity Drive**, as Tootsie Roll candies are provided to those who donate. All money collected goes to support individuals with special needs. Please plan to support this charitable event with your giving after masses that weekend. We will also be at Orland Bakery on LaGrange Rd & at the Jewel on Bell Rd. on Friday, September 18th & Saturday, Sept 19th.

Thank you for your support.



SCAN ME

Use the above QR Code to donate directly online.



MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



You are being called!

If you previously served as a Eucharistic Minister in high school, college or at another parish, please Consider serving at Masses at St. Michael Parish.

Contact Susan O'Connell at
soconnell@saintmike.com.

You will need to meet with Susan for 15 minutes to go over our procedures and scheduling.
Thank you for your consideration!

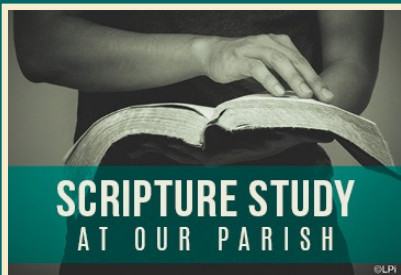
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, September 23rd
2 - 3:30p.m. and 4 - 5:30 p.m.



Open to students of the
Parish in Grades 3 thru 8

Please contact Susan O'Connell,
Coordinator of Liturgy Ministries,
at soconnell@saintmike.com
if your child is interested in this Ministry.



Join us on
Saturday
mornings at
7 a.m. in the
Ministry Room West
or
Wednesday nights at
7 p.m. in the

Commons to discuss the upcoming Sunday
Scripture readings what they mean and how they
apply to our daily life.

RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

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CLASSES STARTING SOON!

St. Michael's
2026-27

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

For Children in 1st - 9th Grades

Sunday: Families Sharing Faith Registration
continues through September 15th.

Monday and Tuesday Weekday:
Faith Formation

Registration continues through September 18th.

To register: please contact:

Kelly Martinez, Coordinator of Religious
Education, kmartinez@saintmike.com

As we prepare for the start
of our Religious Education
sessions the week of
September 14th, we are in
need of help for the Monday
and Tuesday sessions



- 1) Catechist substitutes and
- 2) assisting during sessions with arrival, dismissal, movement of classes, and other tasks.

Please contact Kelly Martinez at 708-349-0903
ext. 633 or kmartinez@saintmike.com.

Two Adult Volunteers Needed!

On the third Monday of each month, adult volunteers from St. Michael go to the Daybreak Center in Joliet to prepare lunch for the homeless. Starting in January 2027, we are looking for two adult volunteers to join us. We leave Orland Park at 8:45 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. The center provides the food we prepare, you do not need to make a dish in advance. Do you want to do something that's not only rewarding, but deeply helps others in need? Give it a try! For more information, contact Fran Fuehrmeyer at her cell # 708-549-9159 or at 708-478-1960. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Michael Youth Ministry Fall Mum Sale

9" POT WITH 15" TO 18" DIAMETER

PLANTS FROM
WOLDHUIS FARMS
SUNRISE GREENHOUSE
COST \$10.00 EACH

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
AT SAINTMIKE.COM AND AT
THE KIOSK IN THE NARTHEX.
ORDERS ARE DUE BY 9/13

Mum Pick up is on Saturday, September 19th
9:00AM to 11:00AM, outside church at the
doors on west ave.



St. Michael Youth Ministry Fall Mum Sale 2026

9" pot with 15" to 18" diameter plants from
Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse
Cost \$10.00 each

Color	Quantity	Total
Red	_____	_____
Orange	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
Bronze	_____	_____
Yellow	_____	_____
Purple	_____	_____
Grand Total	_____	_____

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

We are pleased to offer mums from Woldhuis Farms-Sunrise Greenhouse Nursery. Please complete the above order form and include check made payable to St. Michael Youth Ministry. Return the form and payment to St. Michael Youth Ministry, 14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park, 60462, parish office, or collection basket. If you have questions call 708-349-0903 ext. 650 or e-mail amartino@saintmike.com.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th for delivery on
Saturday, September 19th – St. Michael Church – 9:00am to 11:00am**

Pick Up Date: Saturday, September 19th – St. Michael Church – 9:00am to 11:00am

FIND YOUR TEEN FAITH FAMILY! >>>>



QUEST IS COMING

WHAT IS QUEST?

- Quest is an informal discussion group made of high school teens
- They meet twice a month on Sunday nights for two hours in Leader Couple homes.
- Teens are grouped by the same grade level and all come from the same parish.
- There is no homework, no sermons.
- A typical evening allows for teens to discuss contemporary topics, allowing them to share their views, all with a Christian overview. Social time is included.

WHO IS QUEST FOR?

Sometimes parents and teens are mistaken that because the teen attends a Catholic high school, they don't need Quest. **WRONG!** Quest is a group of teens getting together talking about their life issues in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and their Quest parents. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors from public and Catholic schools need QUEST. Teens will be placed in groups by their year in high school and with a friend, if they request.

**KICK-OFF MASS
& CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPT 20th
5:30P.M. AT
ST. MICHAEL
CHURCH
FAMILIES WELCOME.**

Questions April Martino,
amartino@saintmike.com
708.349.0903 ext. 650

Sign up forms can be found at <https://saintmike.com/quest/> and by the bulletin board in the Narthex.

EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK

A menudo, cuando las personas llegan a un lugar nuevo y buscan una iglesia a la cual pertenecer, lo que realmente desean encontrar es una comunidad: un lugar donde se sientan acogidas, respetadas, valoradas y amadas. Sin embargo, cuando pensamos en comunidad, podemos enfocarnos únicamente en los aspectos sociales —reunirnos, compartir y disfrutar juntos— y olvidar una dimensión igualmente importante: acompañarnos en la fe, apoyarnos mutuamente, corregirnos con caridad y ayudarnos a crecer como discípulos de Cristo.

A veces, ser una verdadera comunidad también significa tener el valor de decir cosas que pueden resultar difíciles de escuchar. En la primera lectura, Ezequiel fue llamado a confrontar la conducta del pueblo y advertirles sobre las consecuencias de persistir en el mal. Su mensaje no era necesariamente lo que el pueblo quería escuchar, pero sí lo que necesitaba escuchar.

Las parroquias deben ser comunidades: comunidades de fe unidas por el amor y el apoyo mutuo para continuar la misión de Jesucristo en el mundo. El compromiso con una comunidad no siempre es fácil y puede suponer un desafío para muchos cuando surgen diferencias entre sus miembros. A menudo, las personalidades chocan y las ideas contrapuestas agotan la energía y la paciencia de los demás. Un dicho que escuché en el seminario es que, cuando dos o tres se reúnen en su nombre, es inevitable que surja alguna discusión.

Las comunidades parroquiales no son perfectas. A menudo surgen desacuerdos, conflictos, controversias y dificultades entre sus miembros. El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña que estas situaciones no deben ignorarse, sino afrontarse directamente. Si se ignoran, el problema suele enquistarse y puede causar un daño real a la comunidad. Las personas se dividen en bandos opuestos, destruyendo la unidad de la comunidad cristiana; esa misma unidad a la que Cristo nos llama.

Vivimos en una sociedad donde la gente se aferra obstinadamente a sus posturas y se niega a escuchar a la otra parte. No están dispuestas a oír opiniones diferentes. Esto sucede en la política, en las familias y, lamentablemente, incluso en la Iglesia. La televisión, la radio, los periódicos y las redes sociales están llenos de personas que adoptan posturas extremas, se niegan a escuchar a los demás y siempre quieren tener la última palabra.

Nuestra fe no se vive en el vacío; debe vivirse en comunidad. Nuestra fe no trata solo de lo que creemos, sino también de cómo vivimos esa fe y cómo nos tratamos unos a otros. Nos reunimos en torno al altar para hacer de nuestra fe una parte esencial de nuestra vida. El Evangelio nos desafía a amarnos y cuidarnos verdaderamente los unos a los otros, incluso a aquellos que puedan tener opiniones distintas a las nuestras. Estamos llamados a edificarnos mutuamente en lugar de destruirnos. Construir una comunidad de creyentes arraigada en Cristo es difícil, pero vale la pena, especialmente cuando nos preocupamos sinceramente por los demás y nos esforzamos por vivir en amor, respeto y armonía.

La Sagrada Eucaristía

Me han preguntado qué hace el sacerdote en el altar antes de la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión. Tras el saludo de la paz, comienza el rito de la fracción del pan. El sacerdote parte con reverencia la hostia consagrada grande. La fracción del pan nos recuerda lo que hizo Jesús en la Última Cena: Jesús partió el pan y lo dio a sus discípulos. En el camino a Emaús, los discípulos reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan. Se introduce un pequeño fragmento de la hostia en el cáliz, lo cual nos recuerda la unidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

El sacerdote reza dos oraciones breves durante este momento importante. Quiero compartirlas con ustedes, ya que no se pronuncian en voz alta. La primera tiene lugar cuando se introduce el pequeño fragmento de la hostia en el cáliz; el sacerdote dice en silencio:

Que esta unión del Cuerpo y la Sangre
de nuestro Señor Jesucristo
nos traiga vida eterna a quienes la recibimos.



EL ESPIRITU DE PADRE FRANK



A continuación, la oración más hermosa:

Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios vivo,
que por voluntad del Padre
y la obra del Espíritu Santo,
diste vida al mundo con tu muerte,
líbrame, por este tu santísimo Cuerpo y tu Sangre,
de todos mis pecados y de todo mal;
haz que me mantenga fiel a tus mandamientos
y nunca permita que me separe de ti.

Me siento profundamente conmovido cada vez que pienso en aquellas palabras: “nunca permitas que me separe de ti”. Es una oración y una súplica para permanecer cerca del Señor.

Se elevan la hostia y el cáliz, y se proclama que Él es el Cordero de Dios; ¡y qué dichosos son los llamados a la cena del Cordero! Respondemos a esto como lo hizo el centurión: “Señor, no soy digno de que entres en mi casa, pero basta que digas una palabra y mi alma será sanada”. Con esto, ya estamos listos y preparados para recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

Día de Trabajo

Sí, el lunes es el Día del Trabajo, fecha que generalmente marca el final del verano. ¿A dónde se ha ido el tiempo? El Día del Trabajo tiene su origen en el movimiento obrero; surgió a partir de una celebración y un desfile en honor a la clase trabajadora, organizados por la organización *Knights of Labor* (Caballeros del Trabajo) en Nueva York en 1882. Este día está dedicado a los logros sociales y económicos de los trabajadores estadounidenses, reconociendo las contribuciones que han forjado la fortaleza y la prosperidad de nuestra nación.

Al celebrar este día en honor al trabajo, recordamos que hay muchas personas en nuestra nación y en nuestra comunidad que necesitan empleo. Muchos están subempleados (trabajan en puestos por debajo de su nivel de cualificación) y muchos siguen buscando un salario justo y equitativo. Hoy agradezcamos a quienes trabajan largas jornadas para mantener a sus familias; ellos son la columna vertebral de nuestra nación. San José es el patrono de los trabajadores, pues trabajó con sus manos como carpintero para proveer el sustento de María y Jesús.

Oremos también por aquellos que atraviesan dificultades y buscan empleo, para que tengan éxito en su búsqueda. En el Día del Trabajo, celebraremos una única Misa a las 8:00 a.m. Las instalaciones de la parroquia, incluida la Capilla de Adoración, se cerrarán a las 10:00 a.m. para permitir que todos nuestros empleados disfruten de un tiempo de descanso en este día festivo nacional.



Festival de Otoño

El próximo fin de semana se celebrará el Festival de Otoño de San Miguel. El evento contará con atracciones de feria, música y puestos de comida y bebida. Esto requerirá el uso de la mayor parte de nuestro estacionamiento, por lo que las plazas disponibles serán limitadas durante el fin de semana. Les pido sus oraciones y paciencia, ya que se trata de una importante actividad de recaudación de fondos para la escuela de nuestra parroquia.

En el amor de Cristo,
Padre Frank



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Proximos eventos

- Las clases para el catecismo empiezan el 17 de Septiembre de 2026. Gracias.
- Sept 18, NOCHE MEXICANA Cena y Baile - Compre sus boletos después de Misa. Apoya tu parroquia y ven a compartir.
- Todos los Miercoles el Santo rosario por las vocaciones a las 6:30 pm en la Capilla del Santisimo.
- **Sept 17 (Jueves) - 6:00 pm: REGRESA GRUPO GUADALUPANO.** Ven y aprende sobre tu fe, compartiendo con otras personas.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

“What is a Prayer Shawl?”

Knitting a prayer shawl is a completely different experience than knitting just any old shawl. The process is unique due to the intentions of the knitter to infuse healing and good thoughts as well as prayers of protection into the shawl.

The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient and those intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is given to the recipient.



As knit and crochet designer
Alnaar Jiwani Harnish
from leeleeknits.com explains:

"Knitting a prayer shawl is a great way to deliberately set aside time to pray for the person you are creating the shawl for. The calming effect of knitting will put you in the right state of mind for sending out healing energy."

Hooks and Needles, St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry has created hundreds of prayer shawls, hats, scarves, and baby Baptismal blankets over the last 21 years. They have donated blankets to hospitals, hats and scarves to shelters, to servicemen and women, and to many more! They not only knitted items but crocheted items as well.

Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting are welcome to join. They share patterns, meet new people, and laugh together! They consist of people from aged 10 to age 102! Anyone who already knows how to crochet or knit, or those who want to learn are invited to join.

Hooks and Needles meets twice a month during the day **on Tuesdays, from August to June in the Ministry Room East. They also meet in the evening once a month September-October-November, and March-April-May.** There is no fee required for a prayer shawl. Cash donations are always appreciated to purchase yarn and other materials.

For more information: <https://saintmike.com/prayer-shawl-ministry/>

To have your St. Michael's Ministry group featured in the "spotlight" please email Pilaar Pantoja, Bulletin Editor, at bulletineditor@saintmike.com, and tell us what you're doing and/or working on. Don't forget to send a few photos too! Thank you.



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Saturday, 9/5	8:30 AM	Feria & Ilagan Families	Charles Mezatis	
	4:30 PM	Timothy Sheehan	Thomas Trusk	Wayne Waiter
		Jack Harkins	David Baisa Sr.	
Sunday, 9/6	7:30 AM	Louisa Jurasek	Dorothy Basta	
	9:30 AM	Mary Pappas	Thomas J. Metz	Allen Quattrocki
		Theresa Mierzynski	George Lullo	William, Nancy & David Jungles
	11:30 AM	Jesus & Mellie Nievera	Claude Antony	
Spanish	1:30 PM	Gonzolo Davila, Jr.	Maria Pajede Ochoa	
		40th Wedding Anniversary for Salvador & Maria Vazquez		
Monday, 9/7	6:30 AM	No Mass		
	8:00 AM	Steve Sea	Vaclav Koskan	Michael Cartolano, Sr.
Tuesday, 9/8	6:30 AM	Holy Poor Souls in Purgatory		
	8:00 AM	Fr. Rich LoBianco	25th Wedding Anniversary for Don & Joan McClive	
Wednesday, 9/9	6:30 AM	Special Intention for the Parishioners of St. Michael		
	8:00 AM	Jack Garrity		
Thursday, 9/10	6:30 AM	For Peace in the World		
	8:00 AM	Loretta Hield	Michael Cartolano, Sr.	
Friday, 9/11	6:30 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Infelise Family		
	8:00 AM	All First Responders Living & Deceased		Wayne W. Waiter
		Special Intention for Family of Paxton Ledvina		
Saturday, 9/12	8:30 AM	James Manning	Cathy Schmiedl	John W. Travis
		Special Intention for Donna Rivera		
	4:30 PM	Sharon LaMantia	William Flaherty	Pat Pisano
		Kevin Bushnell	Wayne Waiter	
Sunday, 9/13	7:30 AM	Alice Dzursin	Mary Lee Faupel	Joan Ryan
	9:30 AM	Patricia Phelan	Mary Pappas	Patrick & Margaret Walsh
		Ronald Sheming	John & Theresa Nowacki	
	11:30 AM	Loretta & Edgar Hield	Ronald Sheming	Leopaldo Belarmino
		Special Intention for Susan Stratton		Perla & Brotacio Lansangon
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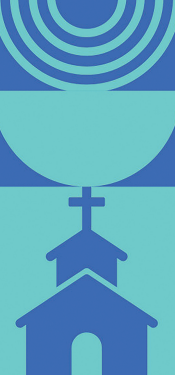
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