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April 2, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday5:00pm Sunday......7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45am Monday-Friday......6:30am, 8:00am Saturday......8:00am

Rosary recited after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil for Holy Day	5:30pm
	6:30am, 8:00am
, ,	12:15pm, 7:00pm

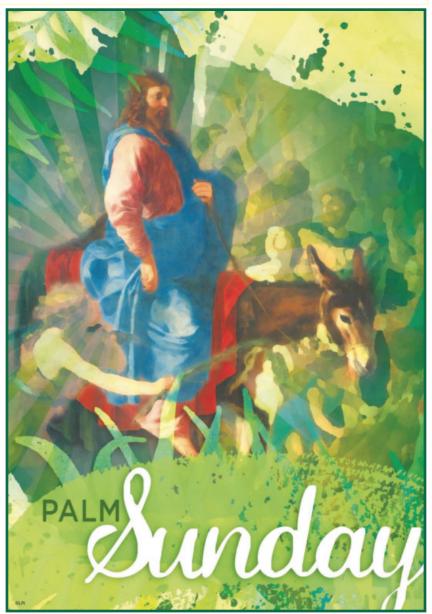
ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday—Friday4:00am~10:00pm Saturday & Sunday.....5:00am~10:00pm

Access only with a key fob. Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250 to obtain a key fob.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:00pm~5:45pm
Saturday	8:30am~9:30am
Or by appointment	



ST. MICHAEL PARISH MISSION

To hear and respond to Jesus' call to be His disciples, and nourished as a community by Word & Eucharist, to continue His redemptive mission of love & service to all.

Fr. Dan Hoehn FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Solution of Maccabees – about a century and a

half before Christ – tells us that: "The Jews entered [Jerusalem] with praise and palm branches ... because a great enemy had been crushed and removed from Israel" (1 Mac. 13:51). The palm branches were a symbol of that decisive victory.

It is not without a certain irony that our celebration today begins with the blessing of these symbols of a great victory over an enemy, and immediately continues with the narrative of our Lord's Passion. The thrill of victory seems to give way to the agony of defeat.

We, of course, as Christians, know that what *appears* to be defeat is, in fact, the very means by which the battle is won. Christ chose to redeem us – he chose to win the victory – through suffering. And he chose to include us in this plan of redemption – when we take up our own cross every day.

But why through suffering? Wasn't there a better way? And why do we have to continue to suffer? Wouldn't the world be a better place if there were no suffering?

In an interview some years ago, Cardinal Ratzinger was asked this very question: "Why is suffering part of the mystery of being human?" This is what he said:

"Today what people have in view is eliminating suffering from the world. For the individual, that means avoiding pain and suffering in whatever way. Yet we must also see that it is in this very way that the world becomes very hard and very cold. Pain is part of being human. Anyone who really wanted to get rid of suffering would have to get rid of love before anything else, because there can be no love without suffering, because it always demands an self-sacrifice. because, given element of temperamental differences and the drama of situations, it will always bring with it renunciation and pain.

When we know that the way of love – this exodus, this going out of oneself – is the true way by which man becomes human, then we also understand that suffering is the process through which we mature. Anyone who has inwardly accepted suffering becomes more mature and more understanding of others, becomes more human. Anyone who has consistently *avoided* suffering does not understand other people; he becomes hard and selfish.

Love itself is a passion, something we endure. In love we experience first a happiness, a general feeling of happiness.

Yet on the other hand, I am taken out of my comfortable tranquility and have to let myself be reshaped. If we say that suffering is the inner side of love, we then also understand why it is so important to *learn how to suffer*—and why, conversely, the avoidance of suffering renders someone unfit to cope with life. He would be left with an existential emptiness, which could then only be combined with bitterness, with rejection and no longer with any inner acceptance or progress toward maturity."

If you want to eliminate suffering, you first have to eliminate love; ironically, the absence of love is the very definition of hell.

Happiness is not the absence of suffering; happiness is the presence of love; and love *means* suffering.

Lord, you opened the eyes and heart of Simon of Cyrene, and you gave him, by his share in your Cross, the grace of faith. Help us to aid our neighbors in need, even when this interferes with our own plans and desires. Help us to realize that it is a grace to be able to share the cross of others and, in this way, know that we are walking with you along the way. Help us to appreciate with joy that, when we share in your suffering and the sufferings of this world, we become servants of salvation and are able to help build up your Body, the Church. Amen.

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus

feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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Observances for the week of April 2, 2023

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins	
Thursday:	Holy Thursday	
Friday:	Good Friday	
Saturday:	Holy Saturday	
Next Sunday:	Easter Sunday	



PRAY THE ANGELUS

AND THE ROSARY

Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon to pray the Angelus and Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

Due to ongoing construction in the Mary Grotto, the group will meet in the Church.

All are welcome.

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

For Culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR April 2 — April 9

4/2 Seminarian Christian Sinclair

4/3 Br. Philip Johnson Br. Leo Jones Br. David Kuebler Br. Joseph Martin FSC



- 4/4 Deacon Armando Jaquez Deacon Anthony Leazzo
- 4/5 Sr. Carmen Sanchez Sr. Carmen Sotelo MSCGpe
- 4/6 Fr. Sebastian Gargol Fr. Marek Herbut
- 4/7 Deacon Robert Lasica Deacon Anthony Lenard Deacon Phillip Lennon
- 4/8 Fr. Daniel Belanger C.S.V.
- 4/9 Sr. Frances Josef Flach Sr. Mary Lou Henderson Sr. Mary Juarez
 - Sr. Dorothy Kunze SSND



Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Prayer Ministry

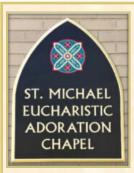
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan Dan Bates Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Yecenia Boslev Brandon "Bubba" Brewster David Brummet Michael B. Calamia Joan Carter Althea G. Dades DePratt Family Jack Deshida Christopher Dey Joe Duckworth Carol Ferri Frank Ferri Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman

David Fountain Connor Giles **Brice Grudzien** Giancarlo Herrera Dawn Jacobsen Kathy Keller Miki Kern Margaret Kuhn Mary Lieven Al Liskev Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Wilma Mabilangan Robert Mucerino Cathy McGuire Fr. Don McLaughlin Sr. Mary Clarine Joanne Metoyer Nancy Mackowiak Bernadette Nevsimal Victoria Holmen Peterson Vicki Piccolo

Jack Quinn Ray Reynertson **Rita Richards** Margaret Riggs Mike Sambo Steve Schultz **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Stroner Family **Dominic Thomas** Andrew Valadka Carole Weber Clara Wimpffen George Wimpffen The Wulffe Family Young, SND Greta Zilch

To inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member, call the Parish Office at (630) 665-2250 to add or remove a name. Due to privacy laws and family preferences, the names of the sick and the deceased can only be published in the bulletin with the permission of the family. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



Open Daily

4:00AM-10:00PM Saturday & Sundays 5:00AM-10:00PM

The Adoration Chapel will close at 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 4 and re-open Monday, April 10th at 8:30AM.



Barbara Emerick Mother of Laura (Matt) Dickerson

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For

Requested By

SUNDAY, April 2—Palm Sunday

7:15AM + Eva Dschida 9:00AM + Carmella & Dan DeLeo 10:45AM + Cyndi Vivoda

Kathy & Bruce Dudzik Judy Augustine Julie & Brian Devane

MONDAY, April 3

6:30AM + Joseph Napoli 8:00AM + Geraldine & Hugh Devane

Dey Family Julie & Brian Devane

Langan Family

O'Connell Family

TUESDAY, April 4

6:30AM + Jonas Pearson 8:00AM + John 'Jay' O'Hara

WEDNESDAY, April 5

6:30AM	+ Jim Fisher
8:00AM	+ Shirley Salutric
	+ Rheta Bresnahan

Fisher Family Bautista Family Deacon Dan & Martha Aderholdt

THURSDAY, April 6—Holy Thursday **NO MORNING MASSES**

7:30PM Vocations to the Priesthood

FRIDAY, April 7—Good Friday **NO MORNING MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS** 3:00PM Service of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 8—Holy Saturday NO MORNING MASSES. NO CONFESSIONS

8:00PM For the Holy Father

SUNDAY, April 9—Easter Sunday St. Michael Church

7:15AM St. Michael Parishioners 9:00AM + Karen Murray

Patti Pizzuto

St. Francis High School (Slant Dome Gym)

9:30AM Intention of the Celebrant

St. Michael Church

10:45AM + Mary & Denise Piombo Mario, Loretta & Carla



Saturday, April 1 8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. — Confessions *5:00 p.m. — Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil) Blessing of Palms

PALM SUNDAY, Sunday, April 2 Blessing of Palms 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. — Masses 3:00 p.m. — Burmese Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6 NO MORNING MASSES 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. – Confessions *7:30 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper Following the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the altar of repose until 11:00 p.m.in the church.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 NO MORNING MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer *3:00 p.m. — Service of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

NO MORNING MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer 12:30 p.m. — Blessing of Easter Baskets *Traditional blessing of food items for your Easter meal in the church.* *8:00 p.m. — EASTER VIGIL Most solarm of all visile commenceding the

Most solemn of all vigils commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 7:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church *9:00 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church 9:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Francis High School (Slant Dome) *10:45 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church 2:00 p.m. — Burmese Mass at St. Michael Church

Adoration Chapel will close at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 and re-open on Monday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m.

*Triduum and Easter Sunday services will also be live-streamed and can be accessed by going to <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org</u>



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Around the Parish



Sunday, April 2nd, after 9:00AM & 10:45AM Masses <u>DONUT SUNDAY</u> — TODAY! Join us downstairs in the Parish Center after the 9:00am and 10:45am Masses for FREE donuts, coffee, juice, milk and fellowship. A service of the Holy Name Society of St. Michael Parish.

Tuesday, April 4th, 6:30-8:00PM, Bridal Room ST. MICHAEL'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Compassionate support for those experiencing a loss. Join us as we pray, journey through scripture, reflect and share. Contacts: Deacon Dan Aderholdt, <u>dladerholdt@gmail.com</u> or Hope Keber, <u>HopeK19@comcast.net</u>.

Friday, April 14th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center ST. MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Book Club — This week we will discuss pages 138-158 of *"The Discernment of the Spirits—An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living"* by Timothy M. Gallagher. All are welcome!

Saturday, April 15th, 8:00AM Mass-10:30AM, ST. MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Spring Brunch — The Women's Faith Group will host *Spring Brunch* for all women of our parish. Join us for 8:00AM Mass, guest speaker, Suzette Horyza with brunch in the Faith Center to follow. To sign up, please go to: www.stmichaelcommunity.org

Saturday, April 15th, 9:00-10:30AM, Bridal Room <u>PRAYER SHAWL GROUP</u> — Come by and see what we're all about! Skill level is beginner crochet/knitter & up! Questions? Contact Barb Loiacono at <u>bal5@sbcglobal.net</u>

Monday, April 17th—May 22, 7:00-8:30PM, or Tuesday, April 18—May 23, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center <u>ADULT FAITH FORMATION</u>— Join fellow parishioners to study St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ. Questions: Registration information on page 8. Questions? Colleen Brodhead at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org

Friday, April 28th, 6:00PM, Church ST. MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Church Tour with Fr. Dan — All are welcome! Join us for this interesting and educational evening! At the conclusion of the tour, we will have light refreshments in the Narthex.



Religious Education Registration for 2023-2024 Opens Monday, April 3rd

Online registration will open on Monday, April 3rd through the St. Michael Church website <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org</u>.

Current families are asked to make sure tuition payments are up to date before registering. Please call the RE Office at 630-682-3650, if you have any questions.

St. Michael's Grief Support Group

Please consider attending the St. Michael's Grief Support Group meeting, to receive support, encouragement, and comfort from

those facing your common concerns.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 4th, 6:30-8:00PM in the Bridal Room.

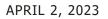
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"The Discernment of the Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living" by Timothy M. Gallager

We will be discussing pages 138-158 (Rule 11 and Rule 12)

All are welcome!



Around the Parish

Respect Life Petition Drive

There are plans underway to amend our Illinois Constitution to make abortion a constitutional right by securing voter approval on the 2024 general election ballot. Pro-life residents are working to combat this constitutional change and to counter it with



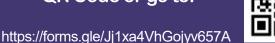
a referendum of our own, calling for key abortion limitations—which the majority of Illinoisans support.

To show your support for abortion restrictions in Illinois, scan the QR code to support a referendum.

- To re-instate parental/guardian notification and consent for a minor (all those under the age of 18) to have an abortion in the State of Illinois.
- 2. To ban Illinois tax-payer funded abortions so those morally and religiously opposed to abortion are not forced to fund this objectionable act.

Let Your Opíníons Be Known Today!

For more information, scan the QR C<u>ode or go to:</u>



Please Join Us for the Holy Thursday Seven Churches Pilgrímage

Thursday, April 6, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Together we will keep vigil as we remember Jesus asking his disciples to stay awake with him as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. All ages are welcome.



To participate, meet on the west side of the Narthex after Mass. The route and instructions will be provided.

Presented by St. Michael Youth Ministry

BEING PRESENT TO GOD

Please join the Women's Faith Group on SATURDAY APRIL 15 at 8:00 am for daily mass followed by a buffet brunch and presentation by our speaker, SUZETTE HORYZA, as she shares stories and thoughts that will hopefully inspire us to be present to God this Easter Season.

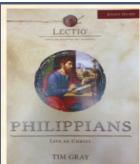


Please sign up at the St. Michael Parish website by Wednesday, April 11th. Contact Gina Carroll, at sjsginacarroll@yahoo.com, or Lindsey Firnbach, at lindseyfirnbach@gmail.com, with any questions.

PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY APRIL 15 TO SHARE WITH SUZETTE HORYZA

Suzette is a tour director, artist, photographer and has worked in ministry for many years.

Around the Parish



Adult Formation Opportunity

Join fellow parishioners to study St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ.

Monday evenings April 17-May 22~7:00-8:30 pm



Tuesday mornings April 19-May 23~9:30-11:00 am

Register online at www.stmichaelcommunity.org/adultformation or by using the QR code

Questions? Please contact Colleen Brodhead, Director of Faith Formation at <u>cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org</u>

Catholic Heart Workcamp



JUNE 11-17, 2023 in Louisville! CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP IS BACK!

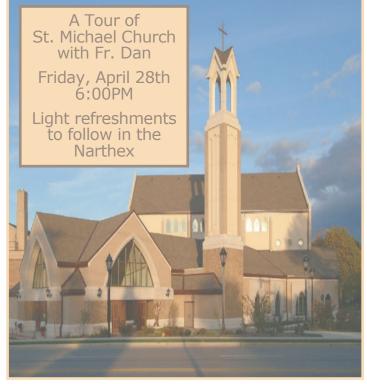
Teens are invited to spend a life-changing week serving the poor with 300 other high schoolers from around the United States during the summer of 2023. Rising freshmen through graduating high school seniors, and adult chaperones from St. Michael will travel to Louisville, KY to do simple home repair, and assist in child care organizations, senior citizen apartment complexes, and homeless shelters.

Camp will be open to anyone currently in 8th grade or older.

St. Michael has already secured a limited number of spots and sign up <u>ends Monday, April 24!</u> For more information, visit:

https://heartworkcamp.com/louisville-ky/

St. Michael Women's Faith Group Hosts



Divorce & Beyond

"Divorce & Beyond" will enable you to work through the grief process and facilitate a beginning to healing and growth. The program is designed to address emotions experienced in the early stages of loss.

This ten-week peer support group session will begin at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Naperville on Tuesday, April 11th.

Registration is required, limited spots are available, and we encourage you to contact Deacon Gerard 630-669-5653 fundeacon@yahoo.com

Parish Support

Stewardship Report

March 2023 As of 3/27/23

Offertory Budget	\$162,000
Actual	\$ <u>127,630</u>
Total Over (Under)	<\$ 34,370>

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



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Enroll in WeShare on our website:

https://www.stmichaelcommunity.org/donate or by

scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. Tap on the pop up which will bring you to our website for onetime or recurring online donations to St. Michael Parish.



PARKING In an effort to accommodate our seniors and members with special needs, we ask you to refrain from parking in the main parking lot adjacent to the church/school and the parish office parking lot during Church services.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection 2023

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <u>www.custodia.org</u> and <u>www.myfranciscan.org</u>

St. Michael Parish

So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to us at:

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New Parishioner Form On Website Please complete and return to Parish Office	
New Address	Interested inbecoming Catholic













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*Donors may fulfill their sponsorship in one or multiple payments over the course of up to 3 years.

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