



St. Michael

CATHOLIC CHURCH

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

February 25, 2024

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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 prayed after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil for Holy Day.....5:30pm

Holy Day.....6:30am, 8:00am

12:15pm, 7:00pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration. Access only with a key fob.

Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250 for information.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral information, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday.....4:00pm ~ 5:45pm

Saturday.....8:30am ~ 9:30am

Or by appointment



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

THOUGHTS ON TURNING 80 By Fr. Tony Taschetta



I am penning this on February 2, 2024... Groundhog Day. I hope when I wake up tomorrow it will be February 3. (I'm sure Bill Murray would approve). Today is also

the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple. While there, two of my biblical favorites, Simeon and Anna did their incredible thing... They got ready for the next step. In a very short time now, I too, will be getting ready for my next step. I will be turning 80 and, please God, I will be ready for wherever God wants me to go and whatever He wants me to be.

In a nostalgic mood I earlier today listened to Frank Sinatra sing, "IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR." I am sure the Lord will allow me a little reminiscence as I look over the years past and where I (and by extension all of us) will be as we travel along the paths that God has laid out for us.

When I was 25, it really was a very good year. I was in graduate school at Indiana University in Religious Studies and on my birthday, March 3 (a day I share with Alexander Graham Bell) I walked around with a sign on my neck that read, "serving the public for a quarter of a century!" Ah, youthful arrogance! (It was the late 60s you know.)

On my 39th birthday I rejoiced in running the 8 1/2 miles from Christ The King parish in Lombard to my home in Wheaton. On my 40th birthday I was at Saint Anne in Oswego and woke up crying on my pillow. I had just become middle aged! I didn't want to get out of bed but forced myself down to the 8 AM Mass where I was greeted with a cake and 41 lit candles. (I cried again.)

I turned 50 during my years at St. Teresa in Kankakee. It was there that I got the best compliment of my life from a young altar girl who whispered to her trainee, "he's really old... but he's cool!"

Since I was more than halfway through, we threw a party and I invited 500 of my closest friends and, of course, the theme was the fabulous 50s... Poodle skirts, DA's and all. That year I wrote an article, "Thoughts on Turning 50."

What I remember most was that I was reminding myself that I was not going to write the great American novel or climb Mount Everest and somehow that was just fine.

Tennis players and swimmers reach their prime at a very young age. I don't believe priests reach their prime until their 50s. By the time you're 50 you have some idea of what you're supposed to be doing and still have the energy to do it. My 12 years at St. Teresa were among my most fruitful. It was there that I adopted my son, Luis, and buried my granddaughter, Ange Michelle, the daughter of my daughter Tu Anh. It was there that I began to mature into my priesthood.

After my tenure at St. Teresa, I went kicking and screaming to St Isidore in Bloomingdale which proved to be my most challenging assignment of all. It was not that the people were not good, they were great! It was just that it was a parish of 6000 families, 22,000 individuals and a staff of 72. I had no idea of how to pastor a parish that large. I still don't. But, obviously God does. Thank you Jesus!

At the age of 60 I checked off one of the things on my bucket list... the full Chicago Triathlon. To my surprise I completed it. We also used it as a fundraiser... on the shirt we gave to the donors was printed, "I told my pastor to jump in the lake... And I paid for it!"

In my late 60s God gave me a dream parish... Mary Queen of Heaven in Elmhurst. It was as good as it gets for an aging priest as he prepares for the next leg of his journey. At the age of 70 it was time to retire from, not active ministry, but from administration. Being a priest and doing ministry for me is like breathing. You have to do it to live. Running a parish is a whole other thing. (Those of you who know me, know how good I am at meetings.)

In 2014 I left the parish and headed for a Big Sur California to live with the Camaldolese Hermits. It was time to discern my next step. I loved living with the hermits but "Hermit" is not my middle name. I am a parish priest through and through. We are the worker bees of the clerical set. After three months I found myself back home doing parish ministry which I am doing to this day. (Praise God.)

Now I am turning 80. If 70 is the youth of old age, what is 80? It's just plain old age. I am an old man and don't mind it at all. I have no desire to be 16 again (God forbid.) So what's next? What are the thoughts of turning 80? The first is that life is short. The Psalmist tells us that 70 is the sum of our years or 80 if we are strong. Well, relatively speaking so far I'm pretty strong... now what?

Since the time of writing the great American novel is over, what am I called to do? A number of years ago I realized that my life is not just about what has happened or what I have done but what is still yet to come. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom and my job is to help usher it in. More and more I find myself living for the next generation which follows me. I live for the children and the children's children. One of my greatest joys is to celebrate Mass with the school children of St. Michael in Wheaton. In any way I can pass on to them what it means to be a child of God and to know that we are being held by a Love beyond words. That you cannot be separated ever from God... Well... That's enough.

I have no idea how many years I have left. I do say my three Hail Mary's every day for the grace of a happy death. But when or how it will be is way beyond my pay grade. That's not my call, it belongs to the Master.

And at 80 my life is still a rather open book with the final chapters yet to be written. Wherever He leads me, please God, I will go. It has so far been an incredible journey and where we go from here is not really up to me. Lord, just give me the grace to embrace it.

For those of you who wish, Fr. Agustin Ortega, pastor of Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove (67th and Main Street) will be holding an 80th birthday celebration for me. It will be on Saturday, March 2 with a Mass at 4 PM and a reception to follow immediately afterwards in the parish hall. All are cordially invited to attend.

Thank you all for making me the priest who I am today. You have taught me well. And God has been very, very good to me.

In Jesus, my way, my truth, and my life,
Fr. Tony Taschetta

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know now how devoted you are to God,
since you did not withhold from me your own
beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along
with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Observances for the week of February 25, 2024

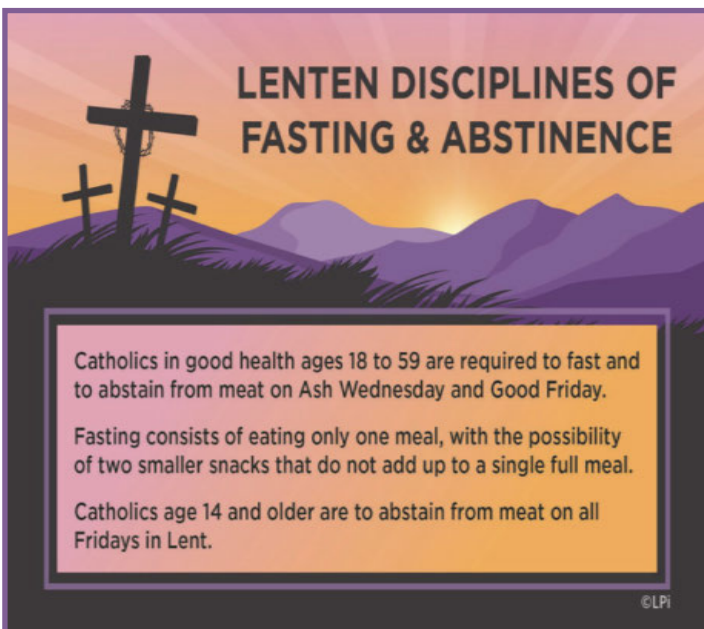
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR February 25 — March 3

- 2/25 Francesca-Cynthia Riddick CONSVIRN
Margaret M. Trepal CONSVIRN
Margaret Gisburne CONSVIRN
- 2/26 Sr. Lucina Aguilera
Sr. Maria del Rocio G. Castillo
Sr. Maria Teresa Gaytan
Sr. Maria Teresa Gonzalez HJ
- 2/27 Deacon William Crane
Deacon Michael Crowell
Deacon Daniel Culloton
Deacon Gregory Cummins
Deacon Terry Cummiskey
- 2/28 Fr. William G. Dewan
- 2/29 Sr. Esperanza Herrera
Sr. Araceli Perez
Sr. Judith Perez
Sr. Maria Romero Zavala HJ
- 3/1 Br. Charles Gregor
Br. Peter Hannon
Br. Thomas Harding
Br. Thomas Hetland FSC
- 3/2 Deacon Michael Fitzpatrick
Deacon Anthony Holmes
Deacon Andrew Jalove
- 3/3 Sr. Theresa Fix IHM
Sr. Monica Allamandola
Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

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.

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Fridays in Lent
7:00AM & 7:00PM



**Stations
OF THE CROSS**


Also available anytime on our YouTube channel, 'St. Michael Wheaton', or the St. Michael Church website at www.stmichaelcommunity.org

Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek	Brice Grudzien	Nicolas Pisciotta
Elaine Adamek	Giancarlo Herrera	Ray Reynertson
Eleanor Agan	Robert	Rita Richards
Teresa Aguilar	Hoppenstedt	Margaret Riggs
Charles Baker	Miki Kern	Bill Riley
Josu Beruete	Margaret Kuhn	Jon Riley
Peg Birt	Barbara Lambke	Sheryl Rutkowski
Steve Blagaich	Al Liskey	Mike Sambo
Marianne Bluhm	Andja Lozancic	Kathryn Sengstock
Yecenia Bosley	George Lozancic	Anne Marie
David Brummett	Theresa Lozano	Schneider
Kathy Brummett	Juan T. Lozano, Jr.	Tobias Siennetts
Althea G. Dades	Wilma Mabilangan	Ann Smith
DePratt Family	Robert Mucerino	Stroner Family
Carol Ferri	Cathy McGuire	Dominic Thomas
Frank Ferri	Joanne Metoyer	Andrew Valadka
Teresa Fillman	Nancy Mackowiak	Carole Weber
Theresa Fogarty	James Oliver	The Wulffe Family
Dale Foreman	Joan Peters	Sr. Mary Clarine
David Fountain	Victoria Holmen	Young, SND
Paul Gauer	Peterson	Greta Zilch
Connor Giles	Vicki Piccolo	

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 specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
life is precious -defend it

Spring Campaign
February 14th - March 24th

Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Spring 2024 *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from February 14th to March 24th, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove. Access Health abortion clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Mass Offered For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
SUNDAY, February 25	
7:15AM + Helen Dudzik	Bruce & Kathy Dudzik
9:00AM + James Testin	Anne Hollenbeck
10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners + Antonio De La Cruz	Belma De La Cruz
MONDAY, February 26	
6:30AM + Joan Carter	Maureen Foreman
8:00AM + Rita Herrmann	Kania Family
TUESDAY, February 27	
6:30AM + Pedro Bautista	Miranda & Bautista Families
8:00AM Laura Fassnacht	Mark Fassnacht
WEDNESDAY, February 28	
6:30AM + Dr. Ronald Severino Sr.	Randy & Hlawn Thomas & Family
8:00AM Fr. Daniel Hoehn + Tim Crider	Fassnacht Family Murphy Family
THURSDAY, February 29	
6:30AM + Greg Bornmann	Beahan Family
8:00AM + Charlotte McPherson	St. Michael Parish Staff
FRIDAY, March 1	
6:30AM + James Norris	FMS Office Staff
8:00AM + Ashley Kroc	Holm Family
SATURDAY, March 2	
8:00AM + Mark Stiegel	Stiegel Family
5:00PM St. Michael Parishioners + Vincent Clayton Wooten	Sunshine Club
SUNDAY, March 3	
7:15AM + Anton Dschida	Bruce & Kathy Dudzik
9:00AM + William & Barbara Dixon	Marianne & Jim Russell
10:45AM + Frances Demo + Antonio De La Cruz	Janet Piszyk Belma De La Cruz



Mary L. Beck

Stephen Jarzabkowski

Around the Parish

February

Wednesday, February 28th, 9:00-10:30AM, Faith Center

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — Weekly Playdate

Join us for a Preschool Playdate! The Women's Faith Group will host a playdate on the first floor in the Faith Center.

Wednesday, February 28th, 7:00PM, in the Church

PARISH LENTEN MISSION — Eucharistic Reflection

with Fr. Gregor Gorsic Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, teaching and fellowship! Registration not required.

MARCH

Friday, March 1st, 9:30-11:00AM, Bridal Room

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*, by Brant Pitre. We will discuss Chapter 4. All are welcome!

Friday, March 1st—Sunday, March 3rd, Benedictine Univ.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN — MOBILEPACK

Please consider participating in this life-saving mission! See page 6 for sign-up information. Contact: Julia Morrow at julialouisemorrow@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30-8:00PM, Faith Center, Rm 114

ST. MICHAEL'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

Thursday, March 7th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center, Room 114

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — Prayer Partners

All women of the parish are welcome to attend as we pray the rosary and discuss How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Kids are welcome! For additional information, see Page 6.

Thursday, March 7th, 6:00PM, Church

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — The Mass: Explained

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join Fr. Dan as he explains the parts of the Mass. All are welcome!

Friday, March 8th, 5:00PM-7:00PM, in the Parish Center

ST. MIKE'S LENTEN FISH FRY

Fish plate and cheese pizza plate available.

Saturday, March 9th, 8:00AM Mass, Brunch, Church & Faith Ctr

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP — LENTEN BRUNCH

Join us for 8:00AM Mass, followed by a catered brunch and a motivational speaker, Mary Dausman. See Page 7 for more info.

Saturday, March 9th, 8:00AM Mass, Church & Parish Center

MEN OF CHRIST — 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Join us for a half-day men's retreat, starting with 8:00AM Mass, followed by video presentations from several speakers. Lunch is provided. Registration info is on Page 7.




St. Michael Ash Wednesday
FOOD DRIVE
A BIG THANK YOU!

From the Interfaith Food Pantry for the wonderful Ash Wednesday Food Drive organized by the Worship Committee. We are so grateful for the abundance of non-perishable items, as well as the many, many sundry products. A special thanks to Colleen Brodhead for her coordination and wonderful publicity. The families we serve thank you, too!

Parish Lenten Mission

Eucharistic Reflection
With
Fr. Gregor Gorsic
Wednesday, February 28
7:00PM



Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, teaching and fellowship!
Registration is not required.

ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY
FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY



Friday,
March 8th
5PM - 7:00PM
Parish Center

FISH PLATE
CHEEZE PIZZA PLATE

"Don't cook! Come to the fish fry!"

Around the Parish

Weekly Playdate

WEDNESDAYS, 9:00 - 10:30AM

February 28, 2024

1ST FLOOR OF THE FAITH CENTER
317 W. WILLOW AVENUE

The Women's Faith Group invites you to join us at our weekly play date! We welcome all parish and school parents with kids from newborn babies through kindergarten age. Feel free to come for the whole time or just stop by for a bit to say "Hi". There will be crafts, music and fellowship.



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Winter/Spring Book Club

FRIDAY, MARCH 1st

9:30AM - 11:00AM

In the Bridal Room

"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" by Brant Pitre

We will be discussing Chapter 4.

Join us as we read and discuss

All are welcome!



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

SIGN UP NOW!

FEED MY STARVING
CHILDREN MOBILEPACK

MARCH 1-3, 2024



Please consider participating in this life-saving ministry! Join fellow St. Mike's parishioners and other partnering churches at Benedictine University's Rice Center on **March 1-3, 2024!**

Volunteer sign-up will take place in the narthex during weekend Masses. You may also contact Julia to sign up.

To sign up, please contact the parish's FMSC coordinator, Julia Morrow. Please reach out to Julia with any questions.

julialouisemorrow@gmail.com
or her cell at 714.397.7076

feedtheneedillinois.org

Prayer Partners

Thursday, March 7th
How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:30-11:00, first Thurs. of the month, Faith Center Rm 114

All women of the parish are invited to attend! Kids are also welcome (we will have some toys available). We will start each session praying a decade of the rosary over the God Box that holds intentions of the parish and the school. Then we will discuss the month's topic. We hope you can join us!

For more information, sign up on Flocknotes and/or e-mail Gina Carroll: sjginacarroll@yahoo.com.



SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



St. Michael's Grief Support Group

In grief, the one person you'd like to talk to, is no longer here for you.

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 beginning, Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30-8:00PM in the Faith Center - Room 114.

For more information, please contact

Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at

dladerholdt@gmail.com or

Hope Keber at HopeK19@comcast.net



Around the Parish

"If we truly understood the mass, we would die of joy."

St. John Vianney

THE MASS: EXPLAINED THURSDAY MARCH 7TH AT 6PM

All parishoners, family and friends are invited to join us for The Mass: Explained. We will meet in the church and Fr. Dan will take us through the parts of the mass, explaining the reasons and traditions behind what is said and done. It is an informal setting and Fr. Dan welcomes any specific questions you have regarding the mass. Afterwards, we will meet in the narthex for refreshments. All are welcome!



HOSTED BY THE SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

MASTERING WHAT MATTERS

A HALF-DAY MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. MICHAEL - WHEATON
18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 09 MARCH 2024
A HYBRID CONFERENCE IN PARISHES NATIONWIDE

Begins with Mass at 8:00 am
Donuts and coffee/juice after Mass
Presentations begin at 9:00 am
Confessions available from 9:00-11:00
Pizza lunch provided
Conclusion at 1:00 pm

Video presentations by:
Bishop Ronald Hicks – Diocese of Joliet
Sam Blair – Former Navy Seal
Fr. Mark Bernhard – Joliet priest



REGISTER @
menofchrist.net/st-michael-wheaton/
310 S. WHEATON AVENUE, WHEATON, IL 60187



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

LENTEN BRUNCH

SATURDAY
MARCH 9
8:00 AM

SAINT
MICHAEL
CHURCH &
FAITH CENTER

ABIDING IN JESUS,
OUR EUCHARISTIC LOVE
AND THE INTERIOR LIFE
WITH MARY DAUSMAN

MASS,
BRUNCH &
SPEAKER

Mass on March 9 at 8:00am in the church followed by catered brunch and speaker on the 2nd floor of the Faith Center.



REGISTER NOW -
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Tickets are \$20. Register with QR code
or through link on parish homepage:
www.stmichaelcommunity.org



JOIN US! START PLANNING!
REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17-21 9AM-12NOON

Open to all kids entering grades K-5 (in Fall 2024)
\$35 per child

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPENS MARCH 1:
Adults, Teens, and Junior Crew Leaders (grades 6-8)

Bishop Hicks' Column

February 2024

PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND



WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Throughout the journey of our lives, we all experience moments of uncertainty, ambiguity, or indecision. We can feel small, inadequate, and almost paralyzed as we face looming problems ranging

from our own personal issues to worldwide crises.

Grounded in faith, Saint Francis of Assisi wisely taught that when we do not know what to do, we should “pray, obey, and love.” Our Catholic tradition reflects his wise counsel.

PRAY In the good times and bad, we turn to God in prayer. Through prayer, we realize that we are not the center of the universe, as we raise our hearts and minds to God. As Jesus taught, “For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

OBEY While prayer is the proper first step, it should not end there. We also need to be obedient to God, always discerning: What is the best response according to God’s command, law, and divine will?

LOVE However we respond to problems, our actions should always reflect Christ’s love, specifically following the greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22: 37–39).

Since October 2023, the conflicts in the Holy Land have escalated into a horrible war. Most of us follow the news with broken hearts and feel helpless.

Recently, I attended a dinner in Chicagoland (*photo above*) at which His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, spoke about the realities in the Holy Land.

Born in Italy in 1965, Cardinal Pizzaballa entered the Franciscan Order. He serves as the Latin Patriarch and Archbishop of Jerusalem. On January 27, 2024, we gathered at a dinner hosted by the Arab American Catholic Community (AACC), which exists to unite and support Catholic Arabs within the United States. In attendance were also many Knights and Dames from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Its mission includes supporting and promoting the Holy Land and protecting the Christian presence there. I am humbled to

belong to this ancient and noble order and am proud to witness the local members’ dedication and commitment to this mission.

Known for his constant efforts to promote solidarity, cultural and historical preservation, interreligious dialogue, and embrace and advocate for peace, justice, and reconciliation, Cardinal Pizzaballa’s 45-minute presentation literally quieted the entire banquet room, as even the waitstaff stopped to listen to his every word. He called for a ceasefire and spoke of the Catholic Church’s boundless efforts to provide food, shelter, housing, healthcare, and spiritual care for those affected by the war.

He also prophetically commented that instead of striving for peace in the current war, both sides unfortunately are fighting only for victory — a victory that clearly delineates a winner and a loser. “Peace is not victory,” said Cardinal Pizzaballa. “It is the willingness on both sides to give something up for the greater good.”

He spent a lot of time laying the foundation for the need for true peace, a peace which is reflected only in Jesus. He reminded us that peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, it includes the presence of justice, reconciliation, discernment of God’s will, and the desire for the common good.

This Lent, as we prepare ourselves to enter this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you might consider donating to a reputable organization or charity that aids and services to those in need in the Holy Land; some suggestions are included at the bottom of this article. Also, on Good Friday, throughout the Diocese of Joliet, a collection will be taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land holds a powerful place in our hearts and in salvation history. It is where Jesus was born, grew up, taught, prayed, performed miracles, suffered, died, and was resurrected. In solidarity, let us join Cardinal Pizzaballa’s call for an end to the violence and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land as we turn to God with prayer, obedience, and love.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, pray for us.

Holy Land Humanitarian Agencies

- Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher Humanitarian Fund
- Catholic Relief Services (U.S. arm of Caritas International)
- Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land Humanitarian Programs
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association Emergency Holy Land Fund



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Parish Support

Stewardship Report

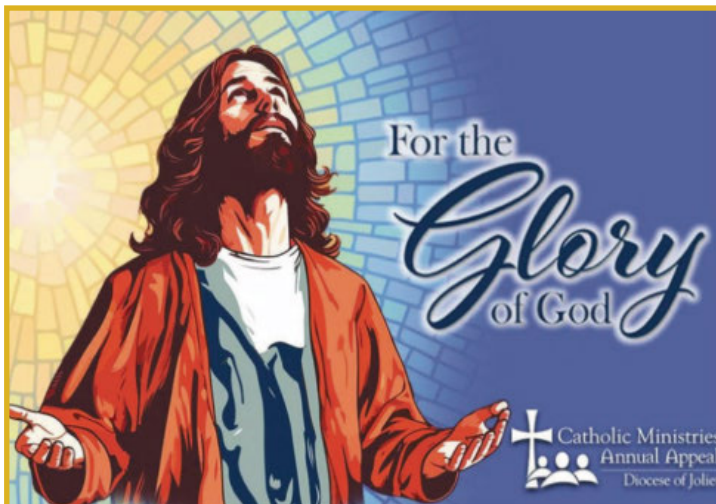
As of 2/20/24

February Offertory Budget	\$158,000
February Envelopes	\$ 56,711
February Online	\$ <u>36,631</u>
	\$ 93,342
Total Over (Under)	<\$ 64,658>

2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish’s goal of \$169,300. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our diocese, *For the Glory of God*. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Thank you!



Donating Made Easier!

Enroll in WeShare on our website at

<https://www.stmichaelcommunity.org/donate>

or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. Tap on the pop up link which will bring you to our website for one-time or recurring online donations.



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.



Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements

March 10th — Friday, March 1st
March 17th — Friday, March 8th
March 24th — Friday, March 8th*
March 31st — Friday, March 15th*



Send to:

communications@stmichaelcommunity.org

Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 & 1/2 page format, as full-page space availability is limited.

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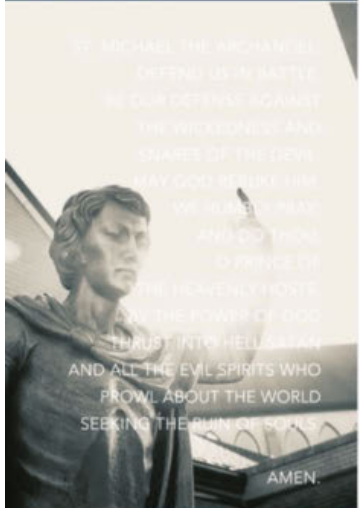
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