



St. Michael

CATHOLIC CHURCH

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

March 10, 2024

Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop

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Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Dan Aderholdt

Deacon Dan Simmet

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday - Thursday8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm

Friday.....8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

SCHOOL OFFICE

(630) 665-1454.....(630) 690-1491 (Fax)

314 W. Willow Ave, Wheaton

FAITH CENTER

Religious Education Office

(630) 682-3650.....(630) 690-3324 (Fax)

317 W. Willow Ave, Wheaton

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As we reach the midway point of Lent, I invite you to take advantage (if you haven't already) of one of the Church's greatest treasures: the sacrament of reconciliation. How much healing I have witnessed by those who return to this beautiful sacrament of our Lord's mercy.

With regard to confession, in the book, *The Name of God Is Mercy*, Pope Francis answers the following question posed by his interviewer:

WHAT do you need in order to obtain mercy? Is it necessary to have a certain predisposition?

The first thing that comes to mind is the phrase "I can't take it anymore!" You reach a point when you need to be understood, to be healed, to be made whole, forgiven. You need to get up again, to be able to resume your path. As the Psalm says, "My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn" (Psalm 51: 19).

Saint Augustine wrote: "Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? From the mouth of the Psalmist comes this reply: A clean heart create for me, God (Psalm 51: 12). The impure heart must be destroyed so that the pure one may be created. We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him" (Discourses 19.2– 3).

The Church Fathers teach us that a shattered heart is the most pleasing gift to God. It is the sign that we are conscious of our sins, of the evil we have done, of our wretchedness, and of our need for forgiveness and mercy.

HOW do we recognize that we ourselves are sinners? What would you say to someone who doesn't feel like one?

I would advise him to ask for the grace of feeling like one! Yes, because even recognizing oneself as a sinner is a grace. It is a grace that is granted to you. Without that grace, the most one can say is: I am limited, I have my limits, these are my mistakes. But recognizing oneself as a sinner is something else. It means standing in front of God, who is our everything, and presenting him with our selves, which are our nothing. Our miseries, our sins. What we need to ask for is truly an act of grace.

I pray that during this Lenten season we may truly come to appreciate God's greatest attribute: His Mercy!

ON A SEPARATE NOTE, thanks to everyone who helped with our two Lenten Fish Frys. I know it is a lot of hard work, but it is always such a good time, and the money raised helps fund our school endowment to continue the great work of St. Michael School. I greatly appreciate the work of all the "Fish Heads".



Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention

For the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR March 10 — March 17

- 3/10 Deacon Daniel Danahey
Deacon Daniel Defino
Deacon Steven DeSitter
- 3/11 Fr. Gerald Watt C.R.
Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.
- 3/12 Fr. James Dvorscak
- 3/13 Sr. Cindy Langlois
Sr. Frances McCarron
Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM
- 3/14 Sr. Julie Stapleton
Sr. Mary Lou Wicislo IBVM
- 3/15 Fr. Stephen Eickhoff
Fr. Herbert Essig
- 3/16 Deacon Michael Doyle
Deacon Robert Duncan
Deacon William Dunn
- 3/17 Sr. Mary Jo Keane
Sr. Teresa Maltby RSM



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



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
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Frank Ferri	Joanne Metoyer	Andrew Valadka
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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.

ST. MICHAEL ROSARY GROUP



Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon to pray the Angelus and the Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother. The group meets in the grotto, but prays indoors at the west end of the Narthex in inclement weather.

All are welcome!

The group also accepts prayer intentions weekly. To submit intentions, email them to rosarygroup@stmichaelcommunity.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For

Requested By

SUNDAY, March 10

7:15AM	St. Michael Parishioners + Salvatore, Angelina & Bernie Tacito	Family
9:00AM	+ James Testin	Ann Reynertson
10:45AM	+ Tim Crider	Brodhead Family

MONDAY, March 11

6:30AM	+ Demetria Bautista	Miranda & Bautista Families
8:00AM	+ Dolly & Bob Crom	Joyce Gagnon

TUESDAY, March 12

6:30AM	+ Fr. Don McLaughlin	Anonymous
8:00AM	+ Jack Quinn	Krynicky Family

WEDNESDAY, March 13

6:30AM	+ Pennamma Chettiath	Sunny Chettiath
8:00AM	+ Charlotte McPherson	Mary Jo Murphy & Family
	Julie Petrando	Fassnacht Family

THURSDAY, March 14

6:30AM	+ Pennamma Chettiath	Sunny Chettiath
8:00AM	+ William & Barbara Dixon	Family

FRIDAY, March 15

6:30AM	+ Dr. Ronald Severino	Challenger Family
8:00AM	+ Ralph Alexander	Marianne & Jim Russell

SATURDAY, March 16

8:00AM	+ Doug Brown	Friend
5:00PM	+ William Saelinger	Mark Demick

SUNDAY, March 17

7:15AM	+ Weber & Gokel Families	Bruce & Kathy Dudzik
9:00AM	St. Michael Parishioners + Tom Sommerdyke	Challenger Family
10:45AM	+ Ann Smith	Smith Family



James Roland Russell
Father of Stacy (Len) LaBelle

Kathleen Wilkosz

Edward C. Bugaren

William "Bill" Quinlan

Around the Parish

MARCH

Order now through Wednesday, April 3rd

FLOWER & PLANT SALE—St. Michael Parent Organization

Plan your order! All order directions, flower descriptions, pictures and payment information will follow after you click the link. Online orders due April 3rd. Flower pick up May 9th. Order link & more information on Page 6. Contact: caseyflorczak@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 12th, 9:30-11:30AM, Faith Center or Thursday, March 14th, 7:00-9:00PM, Faith Center

ADULT FAITH FORMATION — Bible Study

Join us for this 11-week program as we learn more about the Psalms. Program and registration info on this page.

Wednesday, March 13th, 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.

Friday, March 15th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center, Rm 114

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 5. All are welcome!

Saturday, March 16th, 9:00-10:30AM, Bridal Room

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP — Come by and see what we're all about! Skill level is beginner crochet/knitter & up! Questions? Contact Barb Loiacono at bal5@sbcglobal.net

APRIL

Tuesday, April 2nd, 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, journey through scripture, reflect and share. Contacts: Deacon Dan Aderholdt, dladerholdt@gmail.com or Hope Keber, HopeK19@comcast.net.

Thursday, April 4th, 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 *'The ABC's of Mass'*. Kids are welcome! For additional information, see Page 6.

Sunday, April 7th, after 9:00AM & 10:45AM Masses, Parish Center

DONUT SUNDAY — Join us in the Parish Center after the 9:00 & 10:45am Masses for FREE donuts, coffee, juice, milk and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Michael Holy Name Society.



Adult Formation Bible Study Opportunity



Join other adults in the community to learn about the Psalms. In this 11-session Bible Study, presenters Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray and Sarah Christmyer show how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Two session times are available – Tuesday mornings, beginning 3/12, and Thursday evenings, beginning 3/14. Sessions will take place in the Faith Center.

Visit www.stmichaelcommunity.org/adult-formation or scan the QR code to register. Contact Colleen Brodhead, Director of Faith Formation, at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org with any questions.



Weekly Playdate

WEDNESDAYS, 9:00 - 10:30AM

MARCH 13, 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

Around the Parish



**2024 ST. MICHAEL
PARENT ORGANIZATION**

FLOWER & PLANT SALE

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All order directions, flower descriptions, pictures & payment information will follow after you click link.

ONLINE ORDERS
DUE APRIL 3RD

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MAY 9TH

Thank you for your support!

Questions? caseyflorczak@gmail.com

Winter/Spring Book Club

FRIDAY, MARCH 15th

9:30AM - 11:00AM

Faith Center - Room 114

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

We will be discussing Chapter 5.

Join us as we read and discuss

All are welcome!



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Prayer Partners

Thursday, April 4th
The ABC's of Mass

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: sjsginacarroll@yahoo.com.



SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry



Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, March 16th
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Bridal Room

We are a ministry of women who come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be blessed and then distributed to anyone who needs the comfort of God. All levels of stitchers are welcome.

St. Michael Holy Name Society Hosts



DONUT SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 7th
in the Parish Center**

**On the 1st Sunday of the Month after
the 9:00 am & 10:45 am Masses**

Around the Parish



**Registration Opens
April 2nd!**



**Religious Education
2024-2025**

Online registration will open on
Tuesday, April 2nd through the
St. Michael Church website at:
www.stmichaelcommunity.org

Questions?
Call the RE Office at
630-682-3650



*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, April 2nd, 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




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Questions?
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June 9 - 14, 2024

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HEART**

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FOR STUDENTS IN 8TH GRADE -
HIGH SCHOOL

ST. MICHAEL TEENS ARE INVITED TO SPEND A LIFE-CHANGING WEEK
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CARE ORGANIZATIONS, SENIOR CITIZEN APARTMENT COMPLEXES, AND
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SPOTS ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY! REGISTER TODAY!



← **CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

June 9 - 14, 2024



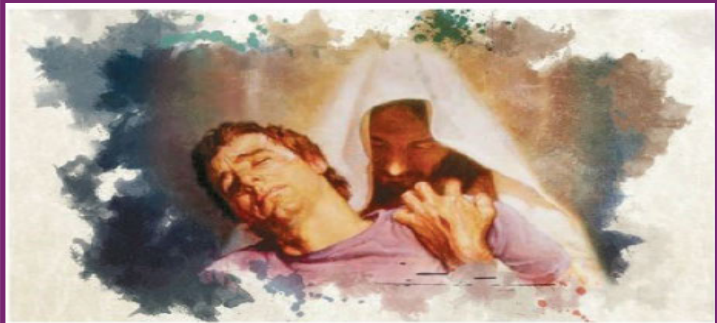


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Lenten Confessions for the West DuPage Deanery

All 16 Parishes of the West DuPage Deanery are sharing in **TWO** special days of Confessions with multiple priests

ALL DAY from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

on Friday, **March 15, 2024** at **St. Mark Parish, Wheaton** and also

on Friday, **March 22, 2024** at **Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard**

Our Deanery priests will be assisting in this Holy Time of grace. We invite you all to take advantage of this opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

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.

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Scan the QR code to register online

DEADLINE
April 1st



For more information scan the QR code or contact:

Gabi McMahon

630-469-0404 x 2106

youngadults@stpetschurch.org

Nancy and Tim Donahue

630-469-0404, ext. 2107

adultfaith@stpetschurch.org

Parish Support

Stewardship Report

February 2024

	February	YTD
Offertory Budget	\$158,000	\$1,255,000
Offertory Actual	\$169,423	\$1,299,959
Total Over (Under)	\$ 11,423	\$ 44,959
Major Maintenance	\$ 1,517	\$ 16,860
Needy Fund	\$ 2,803	\$ 23,662

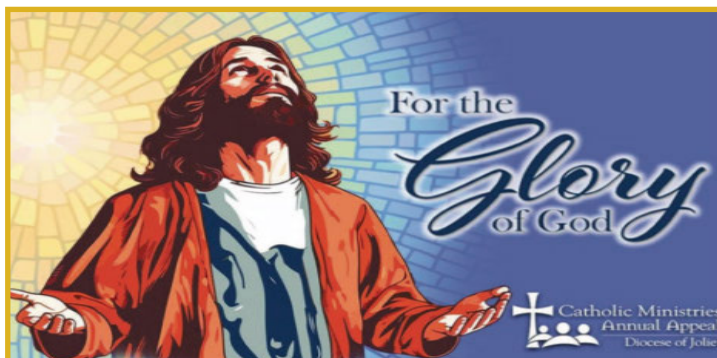
LEAD Project

Pledged: \$1,786,543 Collected: \$1,563,927

4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
- John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.



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!

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<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.



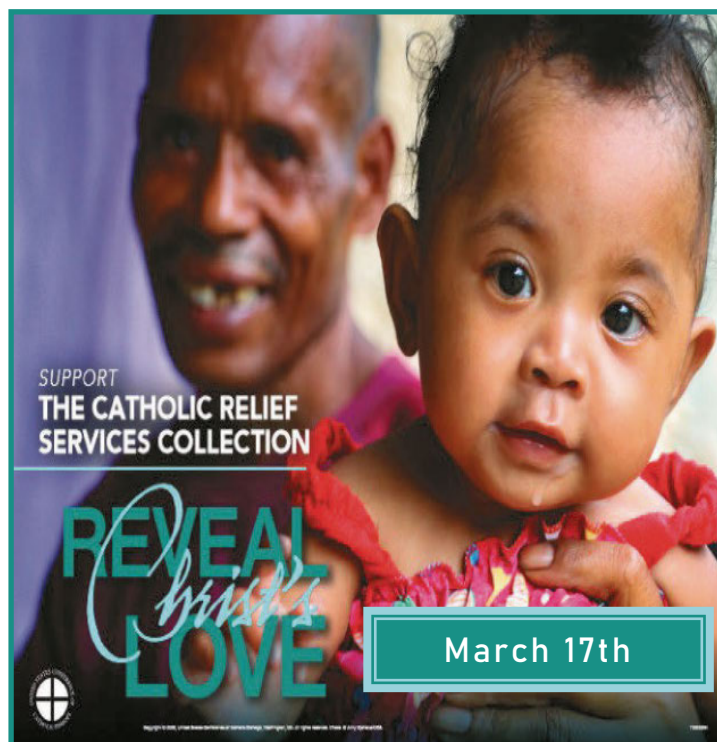
*Early Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements

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.

*Earlier printing deadlines occur before holidays.



WE ARE CALLED

Updates from Principal Ferguson & St. Michael Parish School

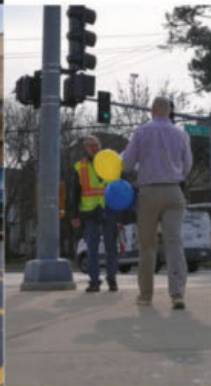
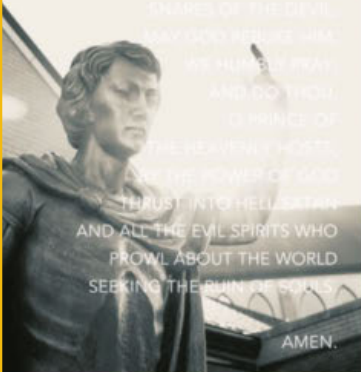
BELIEVE.
EXCEL.
RESPECT.
SERVE.
LEAD.

A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

Recently, we celebrated Mr. Tom's birthday and Ms. Milly's retirement. Seems like a great time to give a HUGE shoutout to the many who keep our kids safe, and exemplify how living a life of love in our community means a great deal to so many of us. While often they wear their job label of "crossing guard" or "bus driver," these women and men in our community are held with great love deep in the hearts of our children and staff here at St. Michael! We are incredibly fortunate and grateful to be surrounded by and supported by our wonderful team! So...one more time...happy birthday, Mr. Tom! And happy retirement, Ms. Milly!



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
DEFEND US IN BATTLE
BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST
THE WICKEDNESS AND
SNARES OF THE DEVIL
MAY GOD REBUIE HIM
WIS HUMAN PRAY
AND DO WITH
TO PRINCE OF
THE HEAVENLY HOSTS
BY THE POWER OF GOD
THRUST INTO HELL
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS WHO
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