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March 17, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for	Sunday	5:00pm
Sunday	7:15am, 9:00ar	n, 10:45am
Monday-Friday	6:30a	m, 8:00am
Saturday		
Rosary praved aft	er all daily Masse	as a second s

Holy Days of Obligation

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE Please see Page 7.

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	



5[™] SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2024 SUPER BOWL SURPRISE





ON A SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY, I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't

wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift. A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel (hallow.com/youtube).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent. Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, *He Leadeth Me*, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!



Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;

and when he was made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

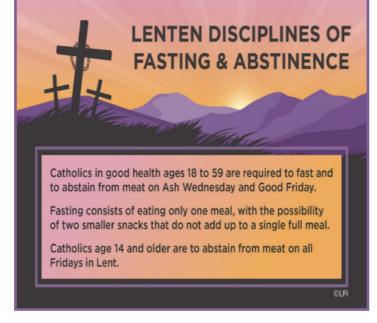
Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent
Seri Sunday of Lene
St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins



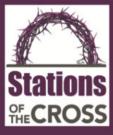
VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR March 17 — March 24

- 3/17 Sr. Mary Jo Keane Sr. Teresa Maltby RSM
- 3/18 Fr. J. Rodolphe Arty C.S.C.
- 3/19 Fr. Brian Geary
- 3/20 Fr. Kevin Farrell Fr. Eduardo Flores Fr. Ray Flores, OSA



- 3/21 Sr. Alicja Jaszczak Sr. Boguslawa Bladek Sr. Agnieszka Jach MChR
- 3/22 Fr. Joel Fortier
- 3/23 Sr. Wieslawa JamrozikSr. Jadwiga KokolusSr. Malgorzata Leszczynska MChR
- 3/24 Deacon James Eaker Deacon Gerard Erickson Deacon John Feely Deacon Richard Feltes Deacon Joseph Ferrari Deacon Frederick Filippo

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



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

Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan **Teresa Aguilar Charles Baker** Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Marianne Bluhm Yecenia Bosley David Brummett Kathy Brummett Althea G. Dades **DePratt Family** Daniela Dreisilker Carol Ferri Frank Ferri Teresa Fillman **Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman David Fountain** Paul Gauer **Connor Giles**

Brice Grudzien **Giancarlo Herrera** Robert Hoppenstedt Miki Kern Barbara Krzyzewski Margaret Kuhn Barbara Lambke Al Liskey Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Theresa Lozano Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Wilma Mabilangan Robert Mucerino Cathy McGuire Joanne Metoyer Nancy Mackowiak James Oliver Joan Peters Victoria Holmen Peterson

Vicki Piccolo Nicolas Pisciotta **Ray Reynertson Rita Richards** Margaret Riggs **Bill Riley** Jon Riley Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo Kathryn Sengstock Anne Marie Schneider **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Stroner Family Dominic Thomas Andrew Valadka Carole Weber The Wulffe Family Sr. Mary Clarine 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 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 <u>rosarygroup@stmichaelcommunity.org</u>

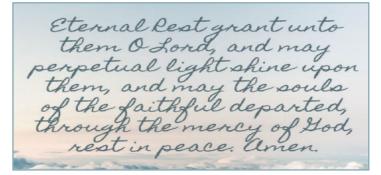
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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Mass Off</u> SUNDAY,		Requested By	
	+ Weber & Gokel Families	Bruce & Kathy Dudzik	
10:45AM	+ Tom Sommerdyke + Ann Smith	Challenger Family Smith Family	
MONDAY	, March 18		
	+ Charlotte McPherson + Jack Quinn	St. Michael Choir Ray & Judy Bonelli	
TUESDAY	, March 19		
6:30AM	+ Helen Yuratovac	St. Michael Friends	
8:00AM	+ Pennamma Chettiath	Sunny Chettiath	
WEDNES	DAY, March 20		
	+ Jan Sparinsky	Maureen Foreman	
8:00AM	•	Fassnacht Family	
	+ Tim Crider	Lisa & Rob Jost	
	Y, March 21		
	+ Larry Hartwig + Richard Maskeri	Bill & Cory Voller Friend	
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FRIDAY, N	+ Keira Duffy	Bob & Beth Janssen	
	+ Lorraine Haines	Mark & Sue Allgaier	
	Y, March 23	0.1	
	+ Elizabeth Jackson Fani Perry & Children	Maureen Foreman	
5:00PM	•	Carol Lee & PJ Borter	
SUNDAY,	March 24		
	+ Jim Leonas	Anita Elbe	
	+ Carol Kahlfeldt	Michael Kahlfeldt	
10:45AM	St. Michael Parishioners + Antonio De La Cruz	Belma De La Cruz	
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Charles Lenzi



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 in ad on this page. Contact: <u>caseyflorczak@gmail.com</u>

Wednesday, March 20th, 9:00-10:30AM, Faith Center <u>WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP</u> — <u>Weekly Playdate</u> Join us for a Preschool Playdate! The Women's Faith Group will host a playdate on the first floor in the Faith Center.

Thursday, March 28th, After 7:00PM Mass, Narthex (West End) HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY — Seven Churches

Pilgrimage — Together we will keep vigil and remember Jesus asking his disciples to stay awake with him as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Route and instructions will be provided. Questions? Contact Judith Zapf at jzapf@stmichaelcommunity.org

APRIL

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024-2025 RE Registration Opens 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION -

Online registration will be available through the St. Michael Church website at www.stmichaelcommunity.org.

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, <u>dladerholdt@gmail.com</u> 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.

Friday, April 12th , 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 6. All are welcome!

Saturday, April 20th, 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>



To participate, meet on the west side of the Narthex after Mass. The route and instructions will be provided. Questions? Contact Judith Zapf at j<u>zapf@stmichaelcommunity.org</u>

Around the Parish



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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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: sisginacarroll@yahoo.com.

SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



DAY, April 12th 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 6.

Join us as we read and discuss All are welcome! SAINT MICHAEL

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, April 20th 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Bridal Room We are a ministry of women who come together to knit prayer shawls to be blessed and then distributed to anyone who eeds the comfort of God. All levels of stitchers are wel

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Around the Parish

St. Michael Catholic Church

Saturday, March 23 8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. — Confessions *5:00 p.m. — Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil) Blessing of Palms

PALM SUNDAY, March 24 Blessing of Palms 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. — Masses 3:00 p.m. — Burmese Mass

> Tuesday, March 26 CONFESSIONS 4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28 NO MORNING MASSES

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Confessions

*7:00 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, March 29 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 Week and Easter Schedule

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

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 solemn of all vigils commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY,

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, March 31

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 in the Slant Dome with Fr. Bob Barko, OFM

*10:45 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church 2:00 p.m. — Burmese Mass at St. Michael Church

> The Adoration Chapel will close Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m. and re-open Monday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m.

*Services will be live-streamed and can be accessed by going to <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org</u>



Religious Education 2024-2025

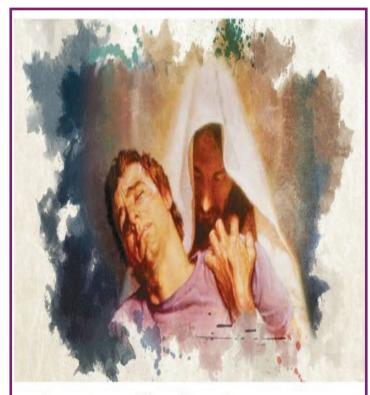
Registration Opens Tuesday, April 2nd

Online registration will be available through the St. Michael Church website at: <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org</u>

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

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Around the Diocese



Lenten Confessions for the West DuPage Deanery

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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, <u>March 15</u>, 2024 at <u>St. Mark Parish, Wheaton</u> and also on Friday, <u>March 22</u>, 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.



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



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Parish Support

Stewardship Report

March 2024 As of 3/11/24

March Offertory Budget	<u>March</u> \$151,000
March Envelopes March Online	\$ 35,566 \$ <u>32,568</u> <\$ 68,134>
Total Over (Under)	<\$ 82,866>

March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."-Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.



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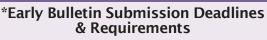
Enroll in WeShare on our website at

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.



<u>PARKING</u> — 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.



March 31st — Friday, March 15th*



Send to: <u>communications@stmichaelcommunity.org</u> 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.



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!

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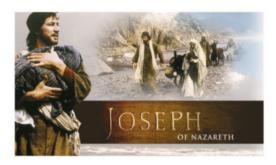
So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to us at:

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New Parishioner		Returning to Parish
New Parishioner Form On Website Please complete and return to Parish (Office.	- 2 2 1 1 P
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Week of March 17, 2024



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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