

St. Michael

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

May 5, 2024

Congratulations to the St. Michael Parish Communicants

Please join us in praying for the 168 parish children who received Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this spring. They now join us in participating fully in the Celebration of the Eucharist. We pray that they may wholeheartedly embrace this precious gift and always know how much Jesus loves them!

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Fr. Dan Hoehn — From the pastor's desk



Our Lord's command to "love one another" in today's Gospel takes on a special weight when you consider the context in which he gives the command: it's the Last Supper. This is the last instruction Jesus will give to his Apostles before his suffering and death. This "Last Supper" discourse of Jesus is a kind of

summary of his life on earth; of the purpose of his mission. It's a preparation for the Apostles to go out and continue that mission. He has spent roughly three years teaching and preparing them, and now he is getting ready to take his leave of them, and these are his parting words: "Love one another."

Pope Benedict, in his encyclical letter "God is Love" asks a question that I think we all have probably asked in one form or another: "Can love be commanded?" He states that a typical objection goes like this: "Love cannot be commanded; it is ultimately a feeling that is either there or not, nor can it be produced by the will."

He explains: "Love is not merely a sentiment. Sentiments come and go. A sentiment can be a marvelous first spark, but it's not the fullness of love. Love of neighbor is shown to be possible in the way proclaimed by the Bible, by Jesus. It consists in the very fact that, *in* God and *with* God, I love even the person *whom I do not like* or even know."

The Pope is telling us basically that it is possible to love people whom we do not like! Or in other words, don't get too hung up on the fact that you don't feel any particular attraction to this or that person. Some people seem to go out of their way to repel others.

Some years ago I was making the rounds at a hospital and I noticed a young man in the emergency room sitting on the edge of the bed. He had been in a fight and was pretty banged up. One of the nurses suggested that I might want to stay away from him. He was coming down off of the effects of drugs and alcohol and had been very belligerent with the staff. He even threw his urine sample at one of the nurses.

So I walked over to him (watching where I stepped!) and just started talking to him. I really don't remember much about what I said to him, but I remember being somewhat repelled by his smugness and sarcasm and his know-it-all attitude. I also knew that he, in fact, did *not* know-it-all, and didn't even know where to begin *looking* for the answers. But I knew that my feeling of revulsion had nothing to do with what I felt called to do.

I was able to love him by simply sitting there and listening to his story for a half-hour or so. When I got up to leave I half-expected him to say something disparaging, but instead he thanked me. I was surprised. I said "For what?" He said, "You're the only one who actually listened to me." The simple fact that I was there – not because I *had* to be, but because I had *decided* to be – meant something to him.

Pope Benedict says that I can love the person I don't particularly like only "on the basis of an intimate encounter with God, an encounter which has become a communion of will, even affecting my feelings. Then I learn to look on this other person – not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend."

It was a very easy thing for me to spend time with a guy — who everyone else was very obviously avoiding — because I knew that Jesus Christ spent three hours of agony on the cross for him. If he thought the guy was worth it — I didn't need to know anything more about him. I could spend a half-hour with him.

The Pope goes on: "Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave."

Do you know anyone who does not crave love? The doctors and nurses were trying to give him the outward necessities and he lashed out at them because he knew that they were merely fulfilling an obligation.

I gave him really nothing at all – no profound words, no solutions to his problems; it didn't cost me anything and it was quite easy to do – and he thanked me, because he knew that it was done with love.

Love is not a feeling; it's a command. Isn't there someone who could benefit from a simple act of love from you?

I would like to congratulate our second-graders who received their First Holy Communion this past weekend. It is always such a joy for me to see these little ones receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. A special word of thanks goes out to all of our teachers, catechists and parents who prepared them for this sacrament.

Fr Daniel Elfachen

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. $(1 \, \mathrm{Jn} \, 4.8)$

Gospel:

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of

obligation in some U.S. dioceses)

Friday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the

Church: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of

Easter; World Communications Day;

Mother's Day



Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention

For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR

5/5 Deacon John Gustin

Deacon Raymond Hamilton

Deacon Philip Heitz

Deacon Donald Helgeson

Deacon Bradley Hentz

5/6 Fr. Donald Wehnert C.S.V.

5/7 Fr. Michael Magiera F.S.S.P.

5/8 Sr. Veronica Michalski PHJC

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5/10 Fr. Paul Hottinger

Fr. Scott Huggins

5/11 Sr. Maureen Fallon

Sr. Mary Adrian Jaroch, SP

5/12 Deacon Armando Herrera

Deacon Karl Huebner Deacon Salvador Huerta

Deacon Michael Iozzo

For the Parishioners of St. Raphael Parish in Naperville, St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, and St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, that they would receive abundant blessings during our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Monday, May 6 ~ St. Raphael Parish, Naperville Wednesday, May 8 ~ St. Margaret Mary, Naperville Friday, May 10 ~ St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville

Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Brice Grudzien Elaine Adamek Giancarlo Herrera Eleanor Agan Robert Teresa Aguilar Hoppenstedt Charles Baker Miki Kern Josu Beruete Barbara Krzyzewski Peg Birt Margaret Kuhn Barbara Lambke Steve Blagaich Marianne Bluhm Al Liskev Yecenia Boslev Andja Lozancic **David Brummett** George Lozancic Kathy Brummett Theresa Lozano **Sue Cosgrove** Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Althea G. Dades Wilma Mabilangan Evan DeBock Robert Mucerino Cathy McGuire DePratt Family Carol Ferri Joanne Metoyer Frank Ferri Nancy Mackowiak James Oliver Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty Joan Peters Victoria Holmen Dale Foreman **David Fountain** Peterson **Connor Giles** Vicki Piccolo

Ray Reynertson Rita Richards Margaret Riggs Bill Riley Jon Riley Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo Anne Marie Schneider **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Jacek Sowinski Stroner Family **Dominic Thomas** Andrew Valadka Carole Weber The Wulffe Family Eileen Yanan 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 rosarygroup@stmichaelcommunity.org

MASS INTENTIONS

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May 5	
+ Catherine Commons	James Hughes
St. Michael Parishioners	
+ Salvatore, Angelina &	Family
Bernie Tacito	
+ Wally Kania	Kania Family
, May 6	
+ Carmella & Dan DeLeo	Judy Augustine
Mullen Family	Therese Bryda
, May 7	
+ James & Richard Kern	Kern Family
Joyce Gagnon	Fassnacht Family
	Hay 5 + Catherine Commons St. Michael Parishioners + Salvatore, Angelina & Bernie Tacito + Wally Kania , May 6 + Carmella & Dan DeLeo Mullen Family , May 7 + James & Richard Kern

WEDNESDAY, May 8

6:30AM + Edward DeMeo Linda Vallaro 8:00AM + Doug Brown Friend

+ Tim Crider Rob & Gina Carroll

Family

THURSDAY, May 9

6:30AM + Fr. Don McLaughlin Laurie Winter 8:00AM + Michael Joseph Hession James Hughes

FRIDAY, May 10

6:30AM + Julia Marie Granato Maureen & Dan Mills 8:00AM + Joan Peters Mary & Tom Finnegan

SATURDAY, May 11

8:00AM + Paul Fischer Lee Den Besten Family

5:00PM + Philip & Catherine Saelinger Family

SUNDAY, May 12

7:15AM + Mary Napoli Digenan Family 9:00AM + Mary & Denise Piombo Mario, Loretta & Carla Piombo

10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners

+ Kathleen Wachowiak Hengesbaugh Family

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Around the Parish



Sunday, May 5th, after 9:00AM & 10:45AM Masses, Parish Center DONUT SUNDAY — Join us in the Parish Center TODAY after the 9:00 & 10:45am Masses for FREE donuts, coffee, juice, milk and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Michael Holy Name Society.

Tuesday, May 7th, 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.





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SACRAMENT MAKE-UP CLASSES, TOO!

Jump back in, even if children have missed multiple years. We will create a simple, personalized plan.



Sunday Session A 8:45 am Session B 10:30 am

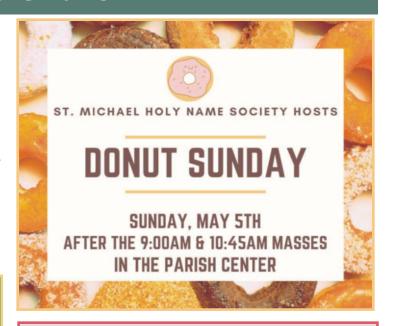
Monday Session C 4:30 pm



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Mother's Day Cards

May 4th & 5th



Please help Project Love help moms in need by purchasing Mother's Day cards at all Masses.

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Card recipients will be prayed for at three Masses at local parishes.

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.

Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30-8:00PM in the Faith Center - Room 114.
This will be the last meeting until September.

For more information, please contact Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at dladerholdt@gmail.com or Hope Keber at HopeK19@comcast.net

Around the Parish



SERRA CLUB of Dupage County

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DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday May 13, 2024

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church 480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Evening Program

6:00 pm - Rosary 6:20 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Fellowship (In Social Hall)

7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome

7:50 pm - Members updates from Officers & Announcements

8:00 pm - Guest speaker presentation followed by Q&A

9:00 pm - Closing prayer and Adjourn

Speakers: Mary Jane & Victor Trinkus, St. Pets Parishioners - Missions with Sisters, Oikos Sisters in the Philippines



Mary Jane Trinkus was born and raised in the suburbs of St. Louis, MO where she was one of ten siblings in a fun and loving family. She began her mission work as a registered nurse with our Diocese of Joliet's international missions in 1996. She met her husband, Dr. Victor Trinkus on her second mission to Bolivia, his first in 1997. They continue their work in missions to this day, now in the Philippines. Mary Jane is the director of *The Poor Household of God*, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports a small community of nuns who have devoted

their lives to serving the poor. She travels to the Philippines two to three times a year, working side by side with the Oikos Sisters with passion and love. In Mary Jane's spare time, she enjoys gardening, fishing and other outdoor activities.

Mark Your Calendar Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by May 3rd to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618 Please Denote any Special Dietary Requirements when RSPVing to D. Thurman.

COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Octave of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Monday, June 3 - Sunday, June 9, 2024 | West DuPage Deanery

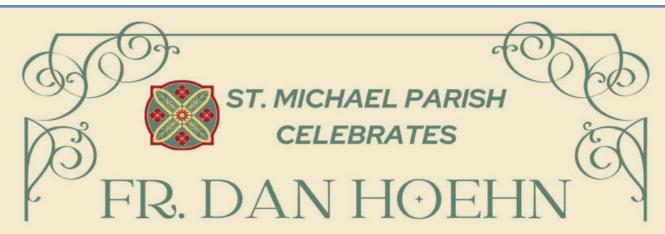


SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 3 AT 5:30 P.M. | St. John the Baptist, Winfield
TUESDAY, JUNE 4 AT 6:00 P.M. | St. Walter, Roselle
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 AT 6:00 P.M. | St. Mary, West Chicago
THURSDAY, JUNE 6 AT 6:00 P.M. | St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:00 P.M. | St. Matthew, Glendale Heights
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT 5:00 P.M. | St. Michael, Wheaton
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT 10:00 A.M. | Corpus Christi, Carol Stream

All are invited to join the West DuPage Deanery in the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival as we celebrate the Octave of Corpus Christi. During the Octave, six parishes will hold an evening Mass, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. The conclusion of the Octave will be held on Sunday, June 9th at Corpus Christi Parish in Carol Stream, with Bishop Ronald Hicks presiding at the 10 A.M. Mass, and leading the solemn blessing to four altars. Immediately following Sunday's procession, all are invited to a parish picnic with food, music and entertainment for families.

Around the Parish





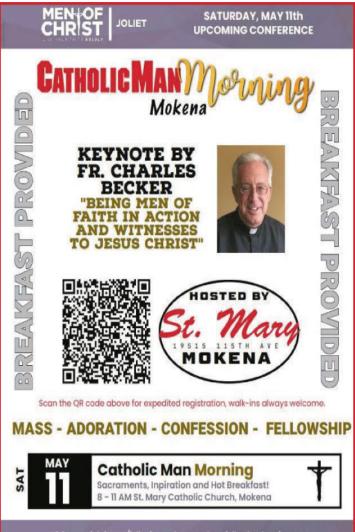
20TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND 12:00PM

Cashin Gymnasium

Around the Diocese





The Beauty of Marriage

An evening for couples to grow in community and identity and understand their mission and vocation

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 7 to 9 p.m.

ood marriages are the bedrock of strong societies — for they are the foundations of strong families. And strong families are the foundation for the world. No other institution has the ability to impact individuals and society in such a profound way as marriage.

This event is for each and every couple preparing to receive — as well as those currently living out — the Sacrament of Matrimony in today's world. Speaker Ryan Verret discusses how you were both born for a time such as this and that the grace of the sacrament of marriage is real and accessible!

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Join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

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Ryan Verret

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FOUNDER, Witness to Love
Paya Verrat in the co-founder of Witness to Love and the co-author of
Witness to Love: Elsew to Hilley the Next Generation Build Marrisgors
And Survive and Theries. He and his wife Mary Rose speak on issues
regarding exemplication, marriage, NYE miscarriage and mode al clock.
They are frequent goods on DWTN1 Cartholic Radio for Acadissa and they
made in the best of Quan Country with their five children. Their passion
is teaching couples to deare their marriage with othered.



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MMUNIO

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Please join us for our next Communio on June 7, 2024

Fr. Mike Grisolano The Depth of Our Baptism & Our Identity as Disciples of Jesus

First Fridays 7-8:30pm St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Naperville, IL

Parish Support

Monthly Stewardship Report

April 29, 2024

 Offertory Budget
 \$ 151,000

 Offertory Actual
 \$ 144,168

 Total Over (Under)
 (\$ 6,832)

May 5, 2024 6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



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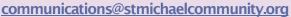
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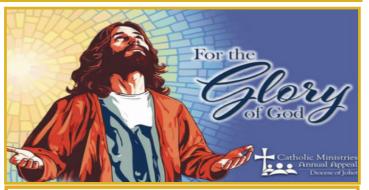


Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements

May 19th — Deadline: Friday, May 10th Send to:



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



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal. We know that **every** contribution comes from the heart and each dollar we receive helps our parish meet our CMAA goal. Together, we can come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in need *For the Glory of God*.

If you still plan on making your gift, 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 of \$169,300, 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 for your generosity!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet Thru 4/28/24 2024 Inc/Dec 2023 (Final) 2023 Goal \$169,300 \$176,900 \$176,900 (\$7,600) Amount Pledged \$188,643 \$220,935 (\$32,292) \$277,084 Amount Paid \$178,199 (\$41,505) \$276,504 \$136,694 \$580 Balance Due \$51,949 \$42,736 \$9,213 **Donor Count** 515 510 613 2024 Rebate \$0





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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY PRAY, AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS, BY THE POWER OF GOD THRUST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS WHO PROWL ABOUT THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

AMEN.

Class of 2020

WELCOME BACK EVENT

JUST KEEP SWIMMING

Just. Keep. Swimming! Can we just say...we are SO relieved Nemo and Marlin found each other! What an AMAZING production of Disney's Finding Nemo, Jr. from our 8th grade class, in the ever-capable hands of Mrs. Petrando and her dedicated team. We LOVED your performances and were blown away by your talent and heart. What an absolute SPLASH hit! Congratulations!



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