

St. Michael

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

July 7, 2024





Rev. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo, Pastor

Fr. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo — From the pastor's desk



I'M BACK, ST. MICHAEL CHURCH!

Who would have known that fourteen years after I cried my ugly goodbye cry back in 2010 that I would be back to be your pastor? I did not foresee that at all!

2007-2010 were three special years of my life. That time as the parochial vicar with (+) Fr. Don McLaughlin was full of joyful memories and positivity, encouragement and generosity. As a young priest then, I was still in a specific learning trajectory to becoming a pastor. I was also 145 pounds, in my mid-30's, possibly in the best form that I had ever been, when the supply of energy never

seemed to run out. When I left St. Michael, I felt the outpouring of love and gratitude from parishioners, the details are still very clear in my mind even today. At that time, three years seemed very short, and I was willing to stay for another three years, but the placement board saw that I had to move, to prepare me further to becoming a pastor. It came to pass, just one more year later, I would be pastor at St. Teresa in Kankakee, and some of you even came to my installation mass!

Now here's the in-between of the story. Since I left St. Mike's in 2010, I have served six other parishes, four of which were in Kankakee, where I was pastor for nine years. Before that, I finished my years as associate pastor by serving at St. Dominic Church in Bolingbrook. Post-Kankakee, I returned to DuPage as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven in Elmhurst in the past four years. I believe that through the vicissitudes of priestly ministry in parishes, priests learn and grow, equipping them with the necessary graces to minister to the next community that they would serve. It is certainly true for me. Every parish assignment taught me some significant lessons about our earthly pilgrimage and the ongoing dialogue we have with God and our faith. I arrive here at St. Michael parish this weekend carrying with me all those learnings, aware that there is a reason why I am back here with you during this time of my personal narrative.

2024 has been an interesting and surprising year for me. I was not expecting to move to a new parish, after all I have only been at Mary Queen of Heaven for four years. On top of that, I am also working as director of ongoing formation for priests, which takes up a considerable amount of my time in parish ministry. It seemed to make sense to remain in a smaller parish. That's why when I received a call from the bishop on March 14, I gasped and held my breath when he told me that I was getting reassigned, and that I would be going to St. Michael in Wheaton. I immediately said yes, with all the good memories of the three years hyper-flashing in my mind. It was only when we were done with the phone call that things started to sink in, and I was taken over by sadness at the thought of leaving Elmhurst, wondering as to how I would manage the demands of a parish like St. Michael, and a sense of panic at the daunting task of moving again.

I took all of it to prayer, and I know that God wants me to simply trust Him as I have always done. I have been asked to do more demanding things than this, I had to remind myself. Surely, God equips his soldier for the battlefield. Notwithstanding, these feelings would remain until the day I said goodbye to the people of Mary Queen, and it still feels that way as I begin my first few days here with you. It has nothing to do with how I feel about St. Michael Parish. It has everything to do with my human condition. I am in process, I am grieving, I am excited to be here, I am grateful for this opportunity, I am overwhelmed by the details, and deep inside, I am scared at this responsibility. But there's only one thing to do: LET GOD SEE ME THROUGH THIS. And if I know what I have always known about you, St. Michael Parish, then, I am confident that our new time to be together will be very good, in Jesus' name.

I am back, St. Michael, hopefully a better version of the Fr. Sunny you knew fourteen years ago, but still the same priest who defines himself by the principles of joy, charity and gratitude. I look forward with grateful expectations of the great things that God has in store for all of us.

Your new pastor,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world. (Wis 2:24)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

Second Reading:

Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality

your abundance at the present time should supply their needs.

so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. (2 Cor 8:13-14)

Gospel:

He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mk 5:41)

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Observances for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday: Independence Day

Friday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For Requested By SUNDAY, July 7

7:15AM + Leon Dudzik Bruce & Kathy Dudzik 9:00AM + Michael Cecil Colleen & Mark Schmitt

10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners

+ Vincent Wooten Judi Fuller

MONDAY, July 8

6:30AM + Albertha Trybus Mark & Therese Worniak

8:00AM + Bernie Hurley Loosli Family

TUESDAY, July 9

6:30AM + John & Helen Kern Kern Family

8:00AM + Helen Yuratovac Mark & Laura Fassnacht

WEDNESDAY, July 10

6:30AM + Therese Midha St. Michael RE Staff 8:00AM + Sophie Zurawski Zurawski Family + Albertha Trybus Mark & Therese Worniak

THURSDAY, July 11

6:30AM + Brian Hanslik Phil & Maribeth Spittler

8:00AM + Paul Fischer Tom Ihlenfeld

FRIDAY, July 12

6:30AM + Fr. Don McLaughlin Anonymous 8:00AM + Jack Quinn Ray & Judy Bonelli

SATURDAY, July 13

8:00AM + Lorraine Arne Vicki Chidichimo

5:00PM St. Michael Parishioners

+ Salvatore, Angelina & Family

Bernie Tacito

SUNDAY, July 14

7:15AM + Jim Leonas Anita Elbe 9:00AM + James Testin Ann Reynertson 10:45AM + Mary & Denise Piombo Mario, Loretta &

Carla Piombo



James Joseph Tye

Ron Kaiser Brother of Jim (Laura) Kaiser

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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For the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in L'Erable, Sacred Heart Parish in Kinsman and St. Patrick Parish in Kankakee, that abundant blessings be given to them during this our Diocesan Anniversary Year.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Tuesday, July 9 ~ St. John the Baptist, L'Erable

Thursday, July 11 ~ Sacred Heart, Kinsman Friday, July 12 ~ St. Patrick, Kankakee

Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR July 7 — July 14

- 7/7 Sr. Colette Murawski PCC
- 7/8 Fr. Robert Basler Fr. Thomas Osborne O.S.A.
 - Fr. Anthony Pizzo O.S.A.
- 7/9 **Seminarian Josh White**
- 7/10 Sr. Maria Murphy PCC
- 7/11 Fr. Scott McCawley Fr. John McGeean
 - Fr. Robert Basler
- 7/12 Fr. Thomas McGivney
- 7/13 Fr. Jason Stone
- 7/14 Fr. Alex Lorang





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

Around the Parish & Diocese

Summer Book Club

WEDNESDAY, July 10th 10:00AM - 11:30AM in the Bridal Room

"The World of Marian Apparitions" by Wincenty Laszewski

We will be discussing Pages 188-255

Join us as we read and discuss
All are welcome!

SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



Many thanks to all those who took a Mother's or Father's Day card to benefit Project Love recently. Seven Masses at local parishes were offered for the intentions of the card recipients.

Project Love is eternally grateful for the generosity of the St. Michael's Parish Community. We received \$1,198, and it has already been put to good use! Each donation to Project Love, a donor-funded ministry, helps a young pregnant woman or new mother in financial crisis. Sometimes it means the difference between her aborting her child and giving it life.

If you missed the sale and would like to donate to Project Love, please send a check to the address below.

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Monthly Stewardship Report

June 2024 As of 6/28/24

June

Offertory Budget \$ 142,000

Offertory Actual \$ 144,129

Total Over (Under) \$ 2,129

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you'"... Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.



Making Plans for the Summer?

Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When summer travels take you away from Sunday services, WeShare lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

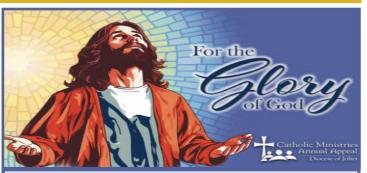
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Thank you to everyone who has already pledged their gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal. We know that **every** contribution comes from the heart and each dollar we receive helps our parish meet our CMAA goal. Together, we can come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

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation

If you still plan on making your gift, pledge envelopes are still available in the parish office, 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!



Thru 6/30/2024	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal	\$169,300	\$176,900	(\$7,600)	\$176,900
Amount Pledged	\$214,185	\$240,659	(\$26,474)	\$277,084
Amount Paid	\$180,511	\$211,517	(\$31,006)	\$276,504
Balance Due	\$33,674	\$29,142	\$4,532	\$580
Donor Count	569	542	27	613
2024 Rebate	\$7,848			

Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements

July 21st— Deadline: Friday, July 12th Send to:



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