



St. Michael

CATHOLIC CHURCH

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

September 1, 2024

Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop

Rev. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo, Pastor

Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Dan Aderholdt

Deacon Dan Simmet

PARISH OFFICE

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**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, September 2, 2024.**

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

Available at www.stmichaelcommunity.org or
call the Parish Office.



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but
the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15



Fr. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo – FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ARE YOU AN AMBASSADOR?

Last weekend, in my homilies, I not only spoke about the sad trend of decline of mass attendance in the country, and provided some of the prevailing reasons why such trend is plaguing the churches, especially the Catholic Church, in our time. I also recognized the fact that despite this trend, you, our dear parishioners, are still in church, and we have an abundance of faithful families who come to celebrate together every weekend. I choose to see it as an opportunity, a call to action if you may, for heroes and ambassadors to rise to this occasion. Like I said, I desire as your pastor that our parish will be the anomaly to the trend. That instead of seeing a 50% decline in attendance, we will see a 100% increase in attendance in our liturgies.

Yes, we need ambassadors who will speak, witness, invite and nurture on behalf of Jesus Christ and His Church, our Church. Let's imagine this together. If every person brings in another person to the community this year. That would double our number. And if we do this again for another year, that will triple our number in just two years. That is the multiplying power of divine ambassadorship. Read what Saint Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21:

*"So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, **new things have come**. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might **become the righteousness of God in him**."*

When we reflect on what God is asking of us, these words from Saint Paul seem to provide enlightenment. As ambassadors of Christ, He is asking us to a ministry of reconciliation by becoming the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ, for the renewal of creation. Wow. It cannot be any clearer than that.

RECONCILIATION. To forgive one another. To reconcile. To make peace with each other. To admit our faults and failings, but also to seek mercy from each other. To be healed from our wounds. We all sin, we all have blinders, we all have limits and shortcomings. We are all broken. We all need God. Why do we have to break each other when we can help each other to be whole?

RIGHTEOUSNESS. God is holy and righteous. But we can live righteous lives through Him. It is an inward movement within ourselves, which we accomplish in prayer and devotion. It is NOT about positioning ourselves as judge of others, but rather, to be companions of people to Jesus the healer. Our righteousness is best expressed in our compassion for others, to help them find Jesus despite ourselves. True righteousness is living our lives as instruments for others to discover Christ in us, not because we did it on our own, but because God's grace abounds in us.

NEW CREATION. This is the vision of the Kingdom of God, a new heaven and a new earth. It is not just a future event. It is happening and can happen here and now. A happy, holy and healthy family going to church together is a vision of heaven. Friends loving each other is a vision of heaven. Jesus is doing the work of renewing NOW into the fullness of the Kingdom.

This is a vision. I feel so inspired right now to even write about it for sharing purposes. Like I said last week, I am looking for ambassadors for Jesus and His Church, and when I say Church, I mean, all of us in flesh and blood, in the divine family of the faith. As you read this article this weekend, please know that this is an ongoing invitation. As your pastor, I need you to be an ambassador. When you are ready to respond, please talk to me.

God bless our parish family. God bless the Church. God bless all who seek Him with sincerity of heart.

In the Holy Name of Jesus,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For

Requested By

SUNDAY, September 1

7:15AM + Jack Quinn

McHugh Family

9:00AM + Doug Brown

Friend

10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners

+ George Carr

Pete Scarpelli

MONDAY, September 2 — Labor Day

No 6:30AM Mass

8:00AM For the Sanctification of Human Labor

TUESDAY, September 3

6:30AM + George Carr

Family

8:00AM + Richard Ciombor

LaBelle Family

WEDNESDAY, September 4

6:30AM + Dan & Helen Peffer

Dave & Cathy Swanson

8:00AM + Albertha Trybus

Mark & Therese Worniak

+ Henry & Bernice Grudzien

Ude Family

THURSDAY, September 5

6:30AM + Doris & Alfred Borter

Family

8:00AM + Michael Hussey

Family

FRIDAY, September 6

6:30AM + Carmella & Dan DeLeo

Judy Augustine

8:00AM + John Gleason

Peggy & Jack Gleason

SATURDAY, September 7

8:00AM + Dr. Ron Severino

Mr. & Mrs. Endress

5:00PM St. Michael Parishioners

+ John Weck

Brodhead Family

SUNDAY, September 8

7:15AM + Jack Quinn

Ray & Judy Bonelli

9:00AM + Ida Cardelli

Colleen Brodhead

10:45AM + Kenneth Bergman

Family

For information regarding recently departed parishioners and others, please consider subscribing to email notifications from local funeral homes.

 <https://www.williams-kampp.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>

 <https://www.hultgrenfh.com>



Lydia M. Berry
William 'Bill' Riley
Catherine Creed



Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek	Carol Ferri	Al Liskey	Jon Riley
Elaine Adamek	Frank Ferri	Andja Lozancic	Sheryl Rutkowski
Eleanor Agan	Teresa Fillman	George Lozancic	Mike Sambo
Teresa Aguilar	Theresa Fogarty	Theresa Lozano	Anne Marie
Charles Baker	Dale Foreman	Juan T. Lozano, Jr.	Schneider
Josu Beruete	David Fountain	Wilma	Jan Seimetz
Peg Birt	Connor Giles	Mabilangan	Tobias Siennetts
Steve Blagaich	Brice Grudzien	Robert Mucerino	Ann Smith
Marianne Bluhm	Crystal Harris	Cathy McGuire	Jacek Sowinski
Yecenia Bosley	William Harris	Joanne Metoyer	Stroner Family
David Brummett	Giancarlo Herrera	Nancy	Dominic Thomas
Kathy Brummett	Robert	Mackowiak	Cindy Tory
Sue Cosgrove	Hoppenstedt	James Oliver	Andrew Valadka
Frank Cyenas	Kathy Keller	Joan Peters	Carole Weber
Althea G. Dades	Miki Kern	Victoria Holmen	The Wulffe
Evan DeBock	Maribeth Kerr	Peterson	Family
Joseph Debre	Barbara	Vicki Piccolo	Eileen Yanan
DePratt Family	Krzyzewski	Ray Reynertson	Sr. Mary Clarine
Joe Duckworth	Margaret Kuhn	Rita Richards	Young, SND
Lisa Fanucchi	Barbara Lambke	Margaret Riggs	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.

For the Staffs and Participants at Retreat Centers and Houses of Prayer in the Diocese, the Parishioners of St. James the Apostle Parish in Irwin and the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Mission in Hopkins Park, that abundant blessings will be bestowed upon them during this our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

*Tuesday, September 3
Staffs and Participants at Retreat Centers and Houses of Prayer in the Diocese*

*Wednesday, September 4
St. James the Apostle, Irwin*

*Friday, September 6
Sacred Heart Mission, Hopkins Park*



The City of Wheaton encourages the community to come together for Wheaton's Annual September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

Wednesday, September 11th
10:00 AM
Memorial Park,
225 N. Karlskoga Avenue

This event pays tribute to the individuals our community lost in the September 11 attacks and the ensuing military conflicts, and it honors fire and police personnel.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR September 1 — September 8

- 9/1 Br. Alphonsus Brown O.H.
Br. Charles Pratt O.H.
- 9/2 Deacon Jack Hayes
Deacon Peter Houtman
Deacon Philip Leonard
- 9/3 Sr. Maria Brizuela OSF
Sr. Gloria Therese Cabrera OSF
Sr. Lois Ann Cline OSF
- 9/4 Fr. Dennis Paul
Fr. Thomas Paul
- 9/5 Sr. Patricia Dailey OSF
Sr. Mary-Lynn Danaher OSF
- 9/6 Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
Fr. Michael Pennock
- 9/7 Sr. Sandra Duma OSF
Sr. M. Dominic Dybel OSF
Sr. M. Margaret Anne Floto OSF
- 9/8 Deacon Rigoberto Padilla
Deacon Thomas Paluch
Deacon Lindsey Parsons
Deacon Leonard Penkala
Deacon Michael Perkins



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

Around the Parish

Wheaton Knights of Columbus
Our Council 2601
Continues the Tootsie Roll
Intellectual Disability Drive 2024



The Knights are back in force to support the effort to raise funds for Intellectual Disabilities. These children in need do not go away. They still need your help and support.

The Wheaton Knights of Columbus Council 2601 ask that you continue to make your donation to the Tootsie Roll Intellectual Disability Drive 2024 by:

Sending in a check to "Wheaton Knights 2601"
at P.O. Box 525 Wheaton IL 60189



Or email:

WheatonKnights2601@gmail.com

A Knight will email you back to make arrangements to pick up a gracious donation.

Or, conveniently scan the QR code on this announcement and make a donation on our official fundraising page.



If you are an adult and would like to assist with our collection drive September 6th-8th, please contact us via the contact info above.

Thank you so much for your support this year.
Maybe we will see you around town!

Fall Book Club

FRIDAY, September 6th
9:30AM - 11:00AM
Faith Center - Room 114

"Into Your Hands, Father"
by Wilfid Stinissen

We will be discussing
the Preface and Chapter 1.

Join us as we read and discuss
All are welcome!



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Donut Sunday



ST. MICHAEL HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Sunday, September 8th
After the 9:00am and 10:45am
Masses in the Parish Center

Come with us!
Join Youth
Ministry



September 8th at Noon
Apple Orchard Outing

Apple Cider
Slushies,
Cinnamon
Donuts, & more!

RSVP to jjzapf@stmichaelcommunity.org



ATTENTION MEN

St. Michael's Holy Name Bowling League is looking for men interested in bowling on Monday nights with fellow members of our parish.

We will begin this season on September 9th at Bowlero on North Avenue in Glendale Heights, starting at 7:30 p.m.

If you like to bowl, at any skill level,
come join the FUN!

Questions? Call Bill Keller at 708-602-6972



Around the Parish

SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

kick-off Party

WITH FR. SUNNY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11

Saint Michael Faith Center at 7:00 PM

Please join us for a fun night of fellowship. Light apps and drinks provided. Learn about upcoming WFG events and meet our new pastor!

For all women of Saint Michael Parish and School.
We hope to see you there!



St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

Welcome Back Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 21st

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Bridal Room

Come make new friends or visit with old friends.

We will be serving coffee and sweets



Don't Forget!



Have you registered
for the 2024-2025
Religious Education
school year?

To register, please contact
the RE Office
at (630) 682-3650 or at
reodesk@stmichaelcommunity.org



Religious Education
Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of
catechists, classroom aides,
attendance volunteers,
crossing guards, & traffic
safety volunteers.

**Volunteers receive
a tuition discount!**

To volunteer or learn more, click here or go to:
<https://www.stmichaelcommunity.org/religious-ed>

Around the Parish

BE FORMED

A 90 DAY DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 11th- DECEMBER 9TH, 2024

Join us for a life-changing 90 days of Prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, Community and the Traditions of the Catholic Church

- Daily videos from Fr. Burke Masters
- Weekly Small Group Sessions
- Monthly Eucharistic Adoration
- Personal Commitments & Prayer Partners help you grow in Discipleship

**SEASON 9
LIFE IN CHRIST
PART 2**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

Scan the QR code on or after August 1st or visit: tinyurl.com/3t4x6mw9



Workbooks available for a limited time. Please order during registration by August 19th!



BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Saturday Mornings - 7:00AM - 8:00AM

310 S. Wheaton Avenue - Conference Room - Use Door #8



The men's faith sharing group, Brothers in Christ, provides Catholic men with a form to study the Bible together, to compare experiences striving to lead a faithful Catholic life, and to encourage one another to continue to grow in the Catholic faith. We are faithful to Church teachings, respectful of each other, welcoming of participants from different rites, apostolic movements, and other Catholic organizations, and require confidentiality to encourage participation.

Questions? Please contact Brian Hengesbaugh at 312-315-6178 or chicagomensbiblestudy@gmail.com

Calling All Boys, Age 5-18 Years!

Consider joining Scouting, right here at St. Mike's, to experience Outdoor Adventure, Camping, Pinewood Derby, Campfires, Cookouts, Friendship and Life Skills.



Cub Scout Pack 134

Kindergarten through 5th grade
Contact Cubmaster Andy Andersen at andrew.Andersen@gmail.com



Boy Scout Troop 34

5th-12th grade
Contact New Family Coordinator Sharon Cline at ladibug245@gmail.com



- Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?
- Are you a Catholic who has been away from the Church or has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?
- Are you a committed Catholic with a hunger to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Participants can be those who are unbaptized and have no Christian background, those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities, or Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist).

The process is one of total conversion of self to the person of Jesus Christ.

Contact Colleen Brodhead at 630-462-5043 or via email at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org

Around the Diocese

Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary Regional Masses



All are invited to join us in celebration of the Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary!
Please join us!

September 14, 2024 - 4:00pm
Montini Catholic High School
Lombard (DuPage County)

September 27, 2024 - 4:00pm
Lewis University
Romeoville (Will and Kendall Counties)

Presider: The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Liturgies will be celebrated in various parts of the diocese to bring people together in celebration of our anniversary. Priests from the local areas will join Bishop Hicks. Receptions will follow each of the liturgies, featuring entertainment and food for purchase. The first Mass took place in June at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee.

NFP: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

We invite men and women 21+ to a two-part series exploring female and male fertility, why it's important (even if you're not trying to have a baby!) and how it relates to health. We'll also explore what NFP looks like in practice. We'll discuss cycle abnormalities and what you can do about it, while honoring God's plan for sex, marriage and families.

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Meg Murray RN, BSN, MMCP

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Dr. Teresa Asam Jensen MD, CrMC
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A two-part series: September 6th & 13th

7pm @ Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora (in the gym)

Part 1 - Charting and NFP: what does it look like in your everyday life?

Part 2 - Hormonal Health: a Catholic perspective. Ethical ways of treating hormonal problems and infertility.

Attend one or both talks, attendance is free! Any donations will be appreciated.

Giveaways!

- Whiskey and cigars
- Cooper's Hawk gift card

Questions?

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Our Joliet area weekend is coming this September 13th - 15th, 2024

HelpOurMarriage.org

For more information, call us at 815-246-2080
or visit us at HelpOurMarriage.org



815-246-2080

Parish Support

Monthly Stewardship Report

As of 8/26/24

August 2024

Offertory Budget	\$ 144,000
Envelopes	83,513
Online	56,404
Offertory Actual	\$ 139,917
Total Over (Under)	\$ <4,083>

Living Stewardship

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...”
JAMES 1:22

It’s easy to understand the definition of Stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



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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.



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we give you thanks for your blessings upon
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**founded in faith,
called to witness and,
sent forth to serve.**

In thanksgiving, for your abiding presence among us,
and with gratitude for the life and service
of those who have gone before us, we recommit
ourselves to carrying out this mission entrusted to
them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron,
St. Francis Xavier, may our diocese continue to be a
source of hope for the Church and all peoples, now and
in the years to come.



We pray this in the name
of Jesus, your Son by the
power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

	Thru 8/25/2024	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal		\$169,300	\$176,900	(\$7,600)	\$176,900
Amount Pledged		\$220,489	\$257,003	(\$36,514)	\$277,084
Amount Paid		\$200,527	\$237,361	(\$36,834)	\$276,504
Balance Due		\$19,962	\$19,642	\$320	\$580
Donor Count		574	575	-1	613
2024 Rebate		\$21,859			

Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements



September 15th—Deadline: Friday, September 6th
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 deadlines occur before holidays.



WE ARE CALLED

Updates from Principal Ferguson & St. Michael Parish School



WELCOME, STUDENTS!

Dear Parish Family,

We joyfully welcomed our largest student population of 587 children for the 2024-2025 school year. With great joy, we carry on the legacy of vibrant faith education here at St. Michael! We thought you might like to get to know a little bit about this year's St. Michael Lancers...

- 587 Total Students
- 503 Returning Lancers
- 84 New Lancer Students
- 75 Preschoolers (3s and 4s)
- 23 New Kindergarteners
- About 93% of 5th-8th graders are student athletes
- 244 are bus riders
- 8 grades have waiting lists for registration
- The Preschool class average is 16 (a 1:8 teacher ratio)
- The average K-8 classroom has 28 students
- The largest grades have 60 total students
- The smallest grade has 51 students
- Students come from 20 area towns!
- 82% live in Wheaton
- 100% are amazing!

BELIEVE
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LEAD



JOIN US IN PRAYER

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBL Y 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.

Each new school year presents so many opportunities. Humbly, and with gratitude and praise, we thank God for this beautiful gift of learning and growing together at St. Michael. We are truly honored to continue the traditions and excellence of our incredible Parish school. Let us joyfully tend to the formational journey of this faith-filled community of learners!

Please keep St. Michael Parish School in your prayers, as we in turn pray for you, our beloved Parishioners. May God bless and keep you.

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