



310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

#### October 20, 2024

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

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

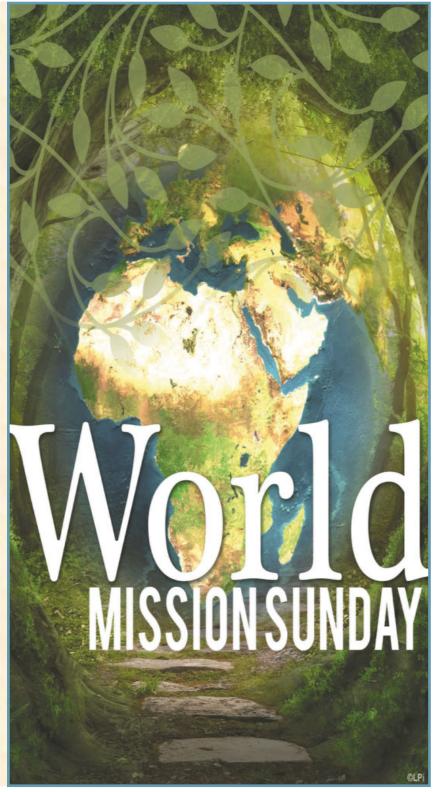
ADORATION CHAPEL Perpetual Adoration. Access only with a key fob. Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250 for information.

**SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION** For Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral information, please contact the Parish Office.

#### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:00pm ~ 5:45pm
Saturday	
Or by appointment	

PARISH REGISTRATION & BULLETIN Available at <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org</u> or call the Parish Office.





#### PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

At this writing, my pilgrims and I have arrived in Barcelona, Spain for the final day of our pilgrimage. It has been a very demanding journey, because the number of pilgrims is the biggest I have ever had in my twenty years of doing these holy journeys. But by the time we arrived in Lourdes, there was nothing to stop us from focusing on prayers and devotions.

I spent about four hours of my time praying for intentions in front of the cave of apparition. While I did, I had to cover myself in a blue poncho raincoat, because the showers were not stopping that afternoon. I managed to keep the prayer rhythm, and I was edified by the messages in the papers that you wrote, my dear parishioners. There were prayers for people who are dealing with mental, physical and emotional issues, things pertaining to cancer and depression. There were prayers for families to return to faith, and for broken relationships to be restored. There were prayers for discernment of God's will in their lives, and parents' prayers for their children. There were also prayers of good will for the nation and her leaders, for world peace, for calamity victims, and for our parish. There were some that simply made me pause and think more, like one that wrote, "For Jesus to open up my understanding, heart, soul and mind to look like His." Thank you also for your prayers for me; it put a smile on my face to read some very encouraging prayers for me in my capacity as your pastor. At the publication of this bulletin article, I will already be back from the pilgrimage, with many stories to tell and great expectations of answered prayers. Thank you, my dear parishioners, for the trust and confidence in me, to bring your prayers to these places of pilgrimage. You were remembered continually during the journey.

CONTINUED DEVOTIONS. Having been in Fatima, and aware that some may not ever be able to make it there physically, the arrival of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima was truly the closest one can get to being there. I am confident that her visit to our parish has brought spiritual blessings, healing and renewal. Thank you to all who made her visit memorable, especially our Worship Commission, our Devotional groups and our school children who welcomed her with such joy.

CULTURE DEVELOPMENT. It is good to ask ourselves as a parish, Are we a parish that puts prayer and devotion at the top of all that we do? Granted, we do have two masses every day, and we have confessions on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and we pray our St. Michael Prayer and Hail Mary after every weekday mass. But what makes a parish culture truly rooted in prayer and devotion, in other words, in spirituality? Do we know how to pray to God, without using the Our Father and Hail Mary and other "canned prayers" that become our comfort zones when asked to pray in public? Do we know how to pray with our heart, and not our memory?

TEACH THE CHILDREN. We need to teach our young ones how to talk to God. It is characterbuilding to encourage our children to verbalize what they are grateful to God for, what they are sorry for, what they ask from God in petition. But most importantly, the children need to know how to simply praise God. These are the roots of genuine spirituality, real relationship with God.

As I concluded my pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I made one more petition to the Lord – that every person who calls Saint Michael Church their spiritual home may grow in devotion and love of God. God bless our parish, and may we hear the call of the Virgin Mother to draw closer together to Her Son Jesus. Amen.

To Jesus through Mary, Fr. Sunny Castillo

# **Prayer Ministry**

# Weekly Prayer

# Sunday's Readings

#### **First Reading:**

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him. (Is 53:10)

#### Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

#### Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

#### Gospel:

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mk 10:45)

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# Observances for the week of October 20, 2024

Sunday:29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;<br/>World Mission SundayTuesday:St. John Paul II, PopeWednesday:St. John of Capistrano, PriestThursday:St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

> https://www.williamskampp.com/obituaries/ obituary-listings

https://www.hultgrenfh.com

# MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Mass Offered For Requested By** SUNDAY, October 20 7:15AM + David Savegnago **Brodhead Family** St. Michael Parishioners 9:00AM + Thomas Bonk Friend 10:45AM + Char Raimondi **Murphy Family MONDAY, October 21** 6:30AM + Marcia McCormack **Dale Family** 8:00AM + Gloria Fortman Fortman Family **TUESDAY, October 22** 6:30AM + Brandon James Kroll Sitley Family 8:00AM + Séan Rowan Katie Schroeder WEDNESDAY, October 23 6:30AM + Ruben Rucoba **Kipp Family** 8:00AM + Arlene Koziel Yanan Family + Carson Badgley **Rob Badgley Family THURSDAY, October 24** 6:30AM + Thomas Sommerdyke Jen Hickey & the Rosary Group 8:00AM Artur Kostrubyak **MurrayFamily** FRIDAY, October 25 6:30AM + William Matre Cindy Matre & Eric Krull 8:00AM + Franny Kelly **Keane Family** SATURDAY. October 26 8:00AM + William & Barbara Dixon Family 5:00PM + David Savegnago PJ & Carol Borter SUNDAY, October 27 7:15AM + Paul Fischer Lee Den Besten Family 9:00AM + Jim Cucinella Milt Lemke St. Michael Parishioners 10:45AM + Salvatore, Angelina Family & Bernie Tacito

# Book of Remembrance

As we approach All Souls Day, November 2nd, you are invited to include the name of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which will be posted behind the Baptismal Font.

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# **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 Hoppenstedt Yecenia Bosley David Brummett Kathy Keller Kathy Brummett Miki Kern Frank Cycenas Althea G. Dades Barbara Evan DeBock DePratt Family Lisa Fanucchi Joseph Fenton Carol Ferri Frank Ferri

Teresa Fillman Andja Lozancic Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman David Fountain Connor Giles Wilma Brice Grudzien Mabilangan Giancarlo Herrera Robert Mucerino Jacek Sowinski Robert Cathy McGuire John Hyde Nancy Mackowiak James Oliver Maribeth Kerr Joan Peters Peterson Krzyzewski Margaret Kuhn Ray Reynertson Barbara Lambke Rita Richards Al Liskev Margaret Riggs John Lisner Jon Rilev Matthew Lisner Sheryl Rutkowski

Mike Sambo George Lozancic Anne Marie Theresa Lozano Schneider Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Jan Seimetz **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Stroner Family Joanne Metoyer Dominic Thomas Cindy Tory Andrew Valadka Carole Weber The Wulffe Victoria Holmen 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.



# Rosary Groups at St. Michael

Join us to pray the rosary after weekday 6:30AM and 8:00AM Masses in the Church.

The Angelus and the Rosary

Every day at Noon, the Angelus and the Rosary are prayed outside in the Mary Grotto. There is no need to sign up, please just show up and pray! All are welcome, all the time!

#### The Flame of Love

The Flame of Love is the Immaculate Heart of Marv movement to blind Satan. We meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00AM (before Mass) in the Family Chapel at the west end of the Narthex to say the rosary and special prayers.

#### Living in the Divine Will

We are a group studying the messages given to 20th century mystic Luisa Piccarreta by our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. We meet every Thursday morning at 10:00AM in Room 308 of the Faith Center. Come study with us!

#### VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR October 20 — October 27

- 10/20 Deacon John Rex Deacon John Ripoll Deacon David Ritter **Deacon Timothy Roberts** Deacon Peter Robinson
- 10/21 Sr. Sharon Frederick OSF Sr. Ann Freiburg OSF



- 10/22 Fr. Robert Schoenstene Fr. James Schwab
- 10/23 Fr. Dennis Spies, Bishop-elect Fr. John Sponder
- 10/24 Seminarian Giovanni Gonzalez
- 10/25 Fr. Maciej Stelmach Fr. Daniel F. Stempora
- 10/26 Deacon Thomas Ross Deacon Michael Ruddle Deacon Kevin Ryan Deacon Terry Safko Deacon Thomas Sagenbrecht Deacon Luis Saltigerald
- 10/27 Sr. Verene Girmscheid OSF Sr. Mary Jane Griffin OSF Sr. Mary Ann Hamer OSF

For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Downers Grove, the Parishioners of Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove, the people of the Deaf Community and their families in the Diocese, and the Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Darien, that abundant blessings will be bestowed upon them during this our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Monday, October 21 ~ St. Joseph Parish, **Downers** Grove

Wednesday, October 23 ~ Divine Savior Parish, **Downers** Grove

*Thursday, October 24 ~ The people of the Deaf* Community and their families in the Diocese

Friday, October 25 ~ Our Lady of Peace Parish, Darien

# **Around the Parish**

# HELP FILL MARY'S CLOSET



Bring Donations to St. Michael's Narthex!

# October 26-27

Diapers, Sizes 4, 5, or 6 Wipes Diaper Cream Baby wash/Shampoo Baby Lotion Bottles Highchairs Strollers Pack-n-Plays Bath Towels Bouncy Seats Hand Towels Sleep Sacks Washcloths Swaddles Twin Sheets Potty Seats/Chairs Queen Sheets Bathtubs Child Safety Items Toys, Games, Puzzles

Adult Shampoo Conditioner Body Wash Paper Towels All-Purpose Cleaner Toilet Paper Sanitary Napkins

Children's Fall/Winter Clothing, Newborn through 12 Socks, Underwear, Hats, Mittens, Gloves Shoes, Boots



Mary's Closet is a Pro-Life Ministry of St. Petronille Church in Glen Ellyn. Working with more than 15 other local agencies, we support women throughout DuPage County who have chosen LIFE for their children.



SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

# Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

Flowers will be available for pick up on Monday, December 9th, just in time for the holidays!

To view the poinsettia options and cost offered by Schaefer Greenhouses, click on the link below or scan

the QR code. Return the form to the St. Michael School Office or the Parish Office with your payment of cash or check payable to: St. Michael Parent Organization



https://www.stmichaelcommunity.org/s/ Poinsettia\_order\_form\_2024.pdf

Questions? Please contact Nikki Melody at Nicholecool23@gmail.com or (330) 806-1019 Boy Scout Troop 34 Annual Wreath Sale 2024

#### Order Now Through November 8th

Boy Scout Troop 34 has partnered once again with Northwoods Wreaths to bring you these lovely holiday decorations, delivered just before Thanksgiving. The Boy Scouts will be in the Narthex between Masses on the weekend of October 19th & 20th, taking orders for Christmas wreaths, planters and other holiday items.

You can also shop online! Please scan the QR Code or use the link below:

https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/ bsa-troop-34-wreath-sale-2024



This is Troop 34's biggest Fundraiser of the year. Help support our Troop's activities - campouts, summer camp and high adventure trips!

St. Michaels 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, November 5th 6:30-8:00PM Faith Center - Room 114. For more information, contact Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at dladerholdt@gmail.com or Hope Keber at HopeK19@comcast.net

All Souls' Day and Purgatory Thursday, November 7th 9:30AM - 11:00AM Faith Center - Room 114

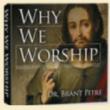
All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Kids are welcome, too. We will have some toys available for the children. We will start each session praying a decade of the rosary over the God Box that holds intentions of the parish and the school. Then, we will discuss the topic for that month.



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# **Around the Parish**

# Adult Faith Formation Opportunities Registration is Now Open!





Wednesday mornings ~ 9:30 - 11:00 am Six (6) sessions beginning the week of 11/4/24



Wednesday mornings ~ 9:30 - 11:00 am Two (2) Sessions ~ 1/6/25 & 1/13/25 OR 1/8/25 & 1/15/25

Scan the QR code to register, visit the St. Michael Parish website and click on Faith Formation and Adult Formation or Contact Colleen Brodhead at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org or (630) 462-5043 for more information



# 🔊 Pizza & Service



On September 29th, approximately 80 middle school students plus another two dozen volunteers came to hear Gina Carroll speak about the sanctity of life and then make 80 rosaries for the participants of the Eucharistic Procession for Life on October 19th.











On October 6th, over 150 students and their parents attended a reflection on *Theology of the Body* presented by Maggie Craig of Maggie Craig Ministries.

- Here are a few significant points highlighted during the presentation:
- God is REAL
- God loves YOU
- God has great plans for your life

Plus, three main points from Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body:

- The Body is Good
- The Body is not our own Creation
- The Body needs community

If you were unable to attend, there will be two meetings presented by LoveEd in January/February 2025 that will present similar information. Watch the bulletin for dates and additional information!

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# **Around the Diocese**



Bishop Hicks' Column October 2024





Sometimes I get the impression that many people view the Diocese of Joliet as a "small" diocese. Perhaps this is because we border the mammoth Archdiocese of Chicago. However, to refer to us as "small" is rather misleading and inaccurate.

The Joliet Diocese serves over half a million Catholics in a geographic area of 4,218 square miles throughout DuPage, Kankakee, Will, Grundy, Ford, Iroquois, and Kendall counties. We are blessed with 117 parishes, 7 missions, 43 grade schools, 8 high schools, and 3 universities within our diocesan boundaries. To put the geographical size and scope into perspective, when I worked as Vicar General in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I put about 6,000 miles per year on my car visiting parishes, attending meetings, presiding at masses and celebrating sacraments. Now, I average over 20,000 miles per year attending to the same essential ministries.

In a diocese as large as ours, there has been an unwritten understanding that we would always have an auxiliary bishop. An auxiliary bishop is a bishop who assists the diocesan bishop in the administration and pastoral care of the diocese. Over the years, we have been blessed with six auxiliary bishops, including Daniel W. Kucera, Daniel L. Ryan, Raymond J. Vonesh, Roger L. Kaffer, James E. Fitzgerald, and Joseph M. Siegel. Bishop Siegel departed from our diocese and was installed in the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, on December 15, 2017. Since that time, we here in the Diocese of Joliet have been patiently waiting, petitioning, and praying for a new auxiliary bishop.

On Friday, September 27, 2024, at 5:00 a.m. Central time, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had appointed Rev. Dennis E. Spies as our new Auxiliary Bishop. Since that announcement, many people have asked me, "Who is Father Spies, and what is he like?"

Let me share some information. Bishop-elect Spies is 56 years old and is a native son of the Diocese of Joliet. He was raised on a farm in the small town of Ashkum, Illinois, and attended Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. He was ordained a priest in 2002 and has both a Master of Divinity degree and a Sacred Theology degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake. Following ordination, he ministered in a variety of assignments, including as parochial vicar at St. Walter's in Roselle and St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield. He was pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gibson City, St. George in Melvin, and Immaculate Conception in Roberts, as well as at St. Liborius in Steger, Mother Teresa Catholic Academy in Crete, and St. Mary Parish in Park Forest. He also served on the faculty at Mundelein Seminary and is currently the Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Joliet. Besides his impressive education and wide variety of assignments, there is a consistent narrative shared by most who know him: he is hardworking, prayerful, and "down to earth" with a very relatable manner. He loves God and has a true friendship with Jesus. He wants the best for the Church and for God's people and works toward these goals in a sincere and humble way.

The evening before the big announcement of his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop, Father Dennis told his mom, Rose Mary, that the next day she was going to hear some big news about him. Not knowing what this big news was all about, Rose Mary talked with the wife of her son's best friend. With the keen instincts only a mother has, she said, "I think my son is going to be named a bishop!" The friend disagreed. So, they made a friendly wager as they anticipated the news. Later, when it was revealed that Father Dennis was indeed being named a bishop, the friend handed \$20 to Rose Mary. Mom was right! However, when they both gleefully realized Father Dennis was actually staying within the Diocese of Joliet and not being relocated to another diocese, Rose Mary handed that same \$20 right back to her friend!

Many of us find ourselves appealing to God for something specific: a definite decision in a definite time frame with a definite outcome. Here within our Diocese, besides our fervent asks of God, we tried to guess and predict who, when, and where a new bishop might be named. Why, I found myself doing the same, as much as I entrusted God with the decision. Despite our prayers and good intentions, we all eventually come to realize we are not in control of any process, even within the Church. Like all junctures in life, we have to rely on God's providence and timing. Even a bishop needs to be reminded once in a while that God's wisdom and timetable will always prevail and will be eminently right.

I thank God for the appointment of a new auxiliary bishop. Not only will he be a tremendous support for me with Confirmations, Masses, events, and the multitude of pastoral and administrative responsibilities, but he will also be a great gift to the Diocese of Joliet.

Please join me in congratulating Bishop-elect Dennis Spies and thanking the Holy Father for this appointment as our new Auxiliary Bishop. With gratitude and anticipation of his ordination on November 6, 2024, in unison we ask God to bless our soon-to-be Auxiliary Bishop, as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit."

# **Around the Diocese**



# **Parish Support**

# Monthly Stewardship Report

#### October 2024

	<u>Oct 2024</u>	
Offertory Budget	\$ 160,000	
Envelopes	37,189	
Online	26,808	
Offertory Actual	<u>\$ 63,997</u>	

**Total Over (Under)** < \$ 96,003 >

#### **Stewardship Service**

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (MARK 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change to Stewardship will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

## Hurricane Relief Donations

Through your generous contributions over \$7,000 has been donated for hurricane relief. We are continuing to take donations.

To support hurricane relief efforts, use WeShare (select Catholic Charities) or make checks payable to: Catholic Charities Write 'Hurricane Relief' on memo line.



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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.





To all in the Diocese of Joliet, As we conclude our anniversary celebration, you are cordially invited to join us at the

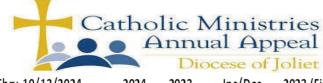
#### The Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary Jubilee Liturgy

Sunday, December 8, 2024 4pm Cathedral St. Raymond Nonnatus 604 N Raynor Ave Joliet, IL 60435

A reception will follow in the Joyce Center. Seating is VERY limited. Please respond promptly by scanning the QR code

Responses will be taken starting the morning of October 6th. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis.





Thru 10/13/2024	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)	
Goal	\$169,300	\$176,900	(\$7,600)	\$176,900	
Amount Pledged	\$226,886	\$261,143	(\$34,257)	\$277,084	
Amount Paid	\$212,402	\$250,051	(\$37,649)	\$276,504	
Balance Due	\$14,484	\$11,092	\$3,392	\$580	
Donor Count	577	580	-3	613	
2024 Rebate	\$30,171				

### Bulletin Submission Deadlines & Requirements



November 3rd—Deadline: Friday, October 25th 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 deadlines occur before holidays.

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JOIN US FOR AN INFO SESSION & TOUR OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

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9AM on 10/28 PRESCHOOL 3s, 4s, & 4PLUS OPTIONS

# KINDERGARTEN INFO TOUR 9AM on 10/29

ALL-DAY or HALF-DAY OPTIONS

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