



310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

November 24, 2024

Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop Most Rev. Dennis E. Spies, Auxiliary Bishop Rev. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo, Pastor Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar Deacon Dan Aderholdt Deacon Dan Simmet

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday......5:00pm 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

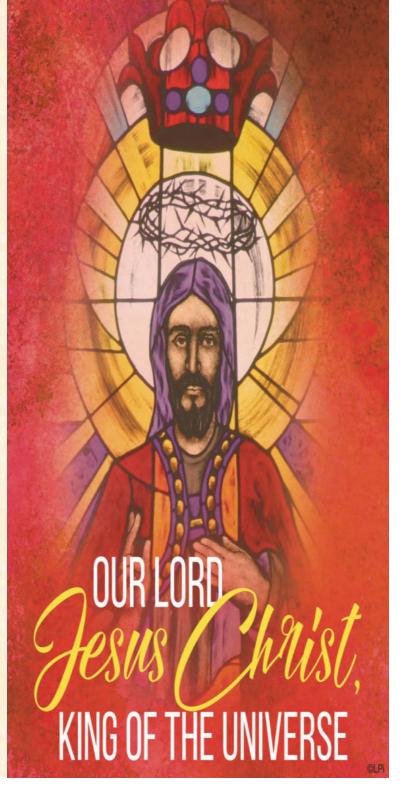
Vigil for Holy Day5:30pm Holy Day......6:30am, 8:00am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm

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

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





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

CHRIST THE KING, BIRTHDAY GRATITUDE AND THE TIME FOR A WELCOMING CHURCH

Viva Cristo Rey! Hail Christ the King! Mabuhay ang Kristong Hari!

Dear Church, we conclude the liturgical calendar as we celebrate this weekend the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe. At the end of another year of praying together as a community, it is good to look back and give thanks to God for the highlights of this year's parish liturgies. What has been some of your most memorable moments in church? What have been the most life-giving of our liturgies? What ways have you grown in your love of God through our collective prayers as a family of faith? Where in the holy masses did you find the strongest and most real connection with God?

The liturgy of the Church is meant for one most important thing - to praise and thank God in Jesus Christ! MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUE TO GUIDE US IN OUR WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE GOD. And may the Good Lord pour his Heavenly Blessing upon our brothers and sisters who have served in God's altar this past year.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all who remembered to pray for me on my birthday (November 21) and greeted me with sincere wishes of divine blessings. Thank you most especially to those who went the extra mile with their birthday cards and presents. That was very thoughtful and incredibly generous; I realize more and more how gift-giving is my dominant love language. I hope that with your prayers, I can grow old without losing my joyful heart and my passion for serving God and His people. One of my biggest fears is to grow old into a grouchy priest.

Although it will not be the exact day, I am excited to go home to the Philippines for a few days and be with my mother Elma even only for a short time. I will still be able to celebrate my birthday with her on my birth month, and this is only the second time in 24 years that this will happen. I cherish every opportunity to be with my mother. She is the one person who has impacted my life the most, and has taught me the most important lessons in my life.

I have attended a meeting for the targeted restructuring of churches in the diocese. For those who may not know, our Bishop has taken on the gargantuan task of restructuring parishes, and this is the third and final year of the process. This year, our parish gets very close to the reality of the restructuring, something that I have gone through back in Kankakee in 2017, and in Elmhurst in 2023. Here in Wheaton, Saint Mark Parish is being directly affected by the changes. But being the neighboring parish to Saint Mark, we are also involved in the process. In fact, the restructuring result for Saint Mark Parish will have an immediate implication to our Saint Michael community. We are called upon to be the parish that will welcome those who will grieve the losses that they will grapple with. More than ever then, we will need to be the compassionate, welcoming, kind and genuinely caring brothers and sisters to our fellow Catholics who will be looking for a new spiritual home.

In the last meeting held at Saint Mark, I could feel the pain and the sadness of the parishioners who were hearing that the options they have do not include the possibility of keeping their parish open. In the midst of the unknowns and the questions that were raised, and as the tension increased in the conversation, I was compelled to stand up and speak on behalf of Saint Michael Parish. I told them that we will welcome them lovingly and warmly, so that we may all become a stronger community together, and grow together in our love of God and one another. I said it to them with confidence because I know the kind of community that we are. (I was with you in 2007 when we first started welcoming with open arms our African and Burmese brothers and sisters who came to Wheaton as refugees and walked into our doors looking for a spiritual home.) Many of the people who were there that evening responded with applause, gratitude and appreciation for my reassuring words. We will not fail them. I hope and pray that everyone who walks through the doors of our church will feel the love of Christ in us.

Let us do all things to honor Jesus, our King, Lord and Savior. God bless our parish.

In gratias et felicitas,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

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Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe		
Monday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr		
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day		
Saturday:	St. Andrew, Apostle		
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent		



Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule



Thursday, November 28th No 6:30AM Mass No 8:00AM Mass

9:00AM Mass Only

Friday, November 29th 8:00AM Mass Only

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Off		Requested By						
	November 24							
	+ David Savegnago+ Teodosia Bautista	St. Michael RE Staff Miranda & Bautista Families						
10:45AM	St. Michael Parishioners + Jack & Ann Hays	Julie Devane						
MONDAY, November 25								
	+ Yolanda & Francis Gentile+ Bruce Wisner	Family Family						
TUESDAY.	November 26							
6:30AM 8:00AM	Vargo/Eberle Family + Arlyne Borja	Marge Donovan Bautista Family						
WEDNES	DAY, November 27							
	+ Doris & Alfred Borter	Family						
8:00AM	Vince Heaton	St. Michael RE Staff						
	+ Meredith Thomas	LaBelle Family						
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THURSDA	Y, November 28 — Thanks							
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9:00AM	+ Jacobo Miranda	Families						
FRIDAY, November 29								
	No 6:30AM Ma	SS						
8:00AM	+ Max & Mary Ann Striedl	Family						
	Y, November 30							
8:00AM	+ Michael Cecil	Ralph & Donna Varland						
5:00PM	St. Michael Parishioners							
	+ Mary Calhoun	Wozniak Family						
SUNDAY.	December 1							
-	+ Paul Fischer	Lee Den Besten Family						
-	+ Michael Murphy Sr.	Murphy Family &						
	. ,	Friends						
10:45AM	+ Kenneth Bergman	Family						

For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Bradley, the Parishioners of St. George in Bourbonnais, and the Parishioners of Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bourbonnais, that they would receive abundant blessings during this our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Monday, November 25 ~ St. Joseph Parish, Bradley Tuesday, November 26 ~ St. George Parish, Bourbonnais Wednesday, November 27 ~ Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Bourbonnais

Prayer Ministry

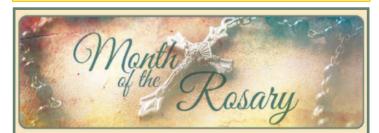
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan Teresa Aguilar Charles Baker Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Marianne Bluhm Robert Yecenia Bosley David Brummett John Hyde Kathy Brummett Kathy Keller Frank Cycenas Althea G. Dades Maribeth Kerr Evan DeBock Lynn Dennis DePratt Family Lisa Fanucchi Joseph Fenton Carol Ferri

Frank Ferri Matthew Lisner Teresa Fillman Andja Lozancic Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman Theresa Lozano David Fountain Connor Giles Wilma Brice Grudzien Mabilangan Giancarlo Herrera Robert Mucerino Jacek Sowinski Cathy McGuire Hoppenstedt Nancy Mackowiak Miki Kern James Oliver Joan Peters Barbara Victoria Holmen Krzyzewski Peterson Margaret Kuhn Ray Reynertson Barbara Lambke **Rita Richards** Al Liskev Margaret Riggs John Lisner Jon Rilev

Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo George Lozancic Anne Marie 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 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 Mary 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 November 24 — December 1

- 11/24 Fr. Luis Ron
- 11/25 Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF Sr. Patricia Mitchell OSF Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
- 11/26 Fr. Anthony Jacob OSB
- 11/27 Sr. Jo Anne Murphy OSF Sr. Roberta Naegele OSF



- 11/28 Fr. Philip Timko OSB Fr. Kenneth Zigmond OSB
- 11/29 Saul Garcia **Reves Gonzalez** John Jensen **Charles Scott Parks** (2025 Deacon Candidates)
- 11/30 Sr. Albert Marie Papesh OSF Sr. Maria Pesavento OSF Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF
- 12/1Br. Augustine Mallak OSB Br. Gregory Perron OSB Br. Richard Poro OSB



Around the Parish



Annual Thanksgiving Day For People's Resource Center, Interfaith Food Pantry & Milton Township Food Pantry



November 28 - Before 9:00AM Mass Items will be collected at the East & West Entrances of Church before Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Most Needed Items

Canned Tuna Chicken Noodle Soup Cooking Oil (Vegetable) Diapers (Sizes 4,5,6 & 7)

Canned Goods - canned chicken, vegetable soup, canned corn (low sodium), black beans (low sodium) green beans (low sodium) diced/crushed tomatoes

Other food items - applesauce (unsweetened), mixed fruit (packed in fruit juice), peanut butter, jelly, rice, dried pinto beans, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, pasta sauce

Toiletries - shampoo, bars of soap, body wash, toothpaste

I Will Give Thanks to the Lord Because of His Righteousness (Psalm 7:17)

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St. Charles Singers Candlelight Carols Friday, December 6th 7:30pm - In the Church



This annual celebration of the season will feature carols accompanied by strings as well as for unaccompanied choir. Selections will include Ralph Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols will be featured, along with music by Francis Poulenc, Sir John Rutter, G.F. Handel, Harold Darke and more.

This is their most popular concert and is often sold out!

Discounted tickets available now at https://stcharlessingers.com/tickets Enter F&F when prompted for discount code.

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, December 3rd 6:30-8:00PM Faith Center - Room 114.

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

How to Pray the Angelus & Discussion of Advent Traditions Thursday, December 5th 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.

> We hope you can join us! SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



St. Michael's Tree of Angels 2024 Reminder: Please return wrapped gifts and angel ornaments to the Narthex with provided ID labels attached after weekend Masses by noon on December 8.

Around the Parish

Donuts With Santa

Saturday, December 7th 9:00am - 12:00pm St. Michael Parish Center (School Cafeteria)



Please join us as Santa visits St. Michael's on December 7th. Santa will be available for a photo, as well donuts, crafts, games and fun!

\$10 Cash Per Family at the Door

Advent by Candlelight SUNDAY, DEC 8 Saint Michael Church & Narthex 4:30 PM doors open for table decorating 5:30 PM program begins: Presentation from Katie Choudhary on Adventing Under Mary's Protective Mantle followed by a catered candlelit dinner. limited space - register by Dec 2



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



Hosted by the Saint Michael Women's Faith Group

The Holy Name Society is looking for Dad's who are willing to get involved with service to the Parish community once a month. We host the Parish Picnic, the Pasta Dinner, Donut Sundays, the DisAbilities Mass, Cougars game and many other events needing manpower.

Most of our Holy Name members have enjoyed working for the parish for decades, and we could use some help from the next generation to supplement our efforts. Holy Name Societies started in response to the persecution of Catholics by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's. We exist to honor the name of Jesus and to serve the Parish community at social and religious events.

Please come join us the first Sunday of each month during the school year. We promise not to overwhelm you. Please contact brianjdiamond14@yahoo.com

Around the Parish



St. Michael Catholic Church Ministries

Liturgical Ministries

- Music Ministry
- Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)
- Mass Coordinators
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Wedding Hostesses
- Laundering of Church Linens
 Knights of Columbus
- Art & Environment
- Altar Servers

Faith Formation

- Religious Education Catechists, Classroom Aides and Volunteers
- OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Parish Life Commission

- Brothers in Christ
- Women's Faith Group
- Young Adults Prayer & Social Group
- Be Formed
- Cursillo
- Communio
- Holy Name Society
- Parish Fish Fry
- Rosary Group
- Hospitality Group
- Youth Ministry

Outreach Ministries

- Inter-Faith Food Pantry
- Respect Life Ministry
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Feed My Starving Children
- Serra Club

Pastoral Care Ministries

- Grief Support Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Baptismal Bibs

St. Michael Councils/Boards

- Parish Council
- Buildings & Grounds
- Financial Council

Contact me! I would

like to become a Parishioner

- St. Michael School Board
- Faith Formation Board

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are always in need of volunteers for the many ministries we offer at St. Michael Parish! There are many to choose from; Liturgical, Outreach, and Pastoral Ministries, as well as the St. Michael Parish Life, Faith Formation and St. Michael Advisory Boards. Please consider volunteering some of your time and talents to one or more of these Ministries! Training will be provided, as needed. Go to the parish website at Scan the QR Code Complete the form below and www.stmichaelcommunity.org. or return it to the Parish Office Call the Parish Office at 630-665-2250 Name: I am a Parishioner Phone:

Email:

Ministry:

Around the Diocese

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Please join us for our next Communio on

SMMUNIS

December 6, 2024

Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB Salvation Through Beauty: Is There Any Other Way?

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



SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAM

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Parish Support

Monthly Stewardship Report

As of 11/15/24

	Nov 2024
Offertory Budget	\$ 160,000
Envelopes	45,802
Online	32,245
Offertory Actual	\$ 78,047
Total Over (Under)	< \$ 81,953 >

Stewardship Sharing

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world." (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share through Stewardship your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



Thru 11/17/2024	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal	\$169,300	\$176,900	(\$7,600)	\$176,900
Amount Pledged	\$235,316	\$265,467	(\$30,151)	\$277,084
Amount Paid	\$226,095	\$259,829	(\$33,734)	\$276,504
Balance Due	\$9,220	\$5,638	\$3,582	\$580
Donor Count	592	590	2	613
2024 Rebate	\$39,757			



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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





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

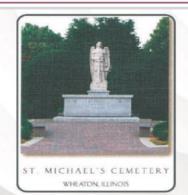
The Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary Jubilee Liturgy

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 on or before November 18th. by scanning the QR code

Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis.





Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. We're here to help!

Bulletin Submission Due Dates & Requirements



Upcoming Early Deadline Dates December 1st Due: Deadline has passed December 8th Due: Deadline has passed December 15th Due: Monday, December 2nd December 22nd Due: Friday, December 6th Send to: <u>communications@stmichaelcommunity.org</u>

Please send content that can be used in a /4 & 1/2 page format, as full-page space is limited. Earlier deadlines are due to the upcoming holidays.

#wearelove



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BE LOVE THIS #GIVINGTUESDAY!

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12.3.2024

Your donation ensures students affected by the expiration of Empower Illinois STAY at St. Michael Parish School.



#stay

We need your help! Over 20 students are relying on donor generosity to STAY! Help us continue to ensure these students receive a Catholic education in their school-family / parish-family at St. Mike's. Donate today! Thank you!

Donate online at stmichaelschoolwheaton.org

Donate in the Sunday basket (memo line or envelope: "SMPS #GIVINGTUESDAY")

Donate with a check by mail to 314 W. Willow Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187





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