



310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

February 9, 2025



# **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11



*Fr. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo –* from the pastor's desk

# HOW ARE WE EVANGELIZING?

Over the past year, I have heard our beloved Bishop Hicks say that after the process of reordering of the Blanchette Center (which happened in 2021) and the targeted restructuring of the parishes of the Diocese of Joliet (2022-2025), the focus of the church will be on evangelization. He has gone as far as saying that he has hopes and dreams about our diocese becoming the most evangelizing diocese in the country. If that is the dream, my dear parishioners, then that dream is just about here and now. In the language of the fiscal year's calendar, we should be officially moving to that mode by July of this year. But as early as now, I have already been involved in this discussion around the diocese. And so, being arguably one of the most active and vibrant parishes around, we should start asking the question: HOW ARE WE EVANGELIZING?

To answer that question, it might be good to first offer a working definition of terms. For me, evangelization can be best understood in three questions:

How are we fulfilling our mission to bring the Gospel of Christ to others?

What are we doing to make people fall in love with God?

In what ways are we inviting people to a holy relationship with God and His Church?

Here at Saint Michael, there are five distinct areas of evangelization:

- **School and Religious Education.** Our parish puts a lot of emphasis on the work of teaching our children. Both our school and faith formation (religious education) programs attempt to mold our children to know God and our beliefs, and in so doing, they may grow in their faith and love of God.
- Adult Faith Formation. As a priest, and most basically as an adult, I recognize that there is still so much that I do not know about my faith. Learning about God and His Church is a lifelong journey. We never really get to the bottom of the rich mystery of God and our faith. That is why we offer so many opportunities here at Saint Michael for adults to dig deeper into the richness of the faith, beginning with some Bible Study opportunities to understanding the teachings of the Church in matters of doctrine, dogma, morals, liturgy, social justice and other pertinent aspects of the faith.
- **Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA).** This year, we have a total of seventeen catechumens and candidates participating in our OCIA Program. We are now counting twenty individuals who are catechumens and candidates to being fully received into the Church. Our curriculum this year is new and was one of the first things that I have developed since I arrived as your pastor. In conversation with Colleen Broadhead this new program has been designed to synthesize and leverage contents from various sources while involving many speakers and presenters from our clergy and competent lay ministers.
- **Parish Youth and Young Adults Group.** Launching Youth Reimagined in January, together with the launching of our Youth Band "Spark," followed by laid back conversations and ice breakers at Wheaton 302, we are now continuing to create the infrastructure for a lively and worthwhile youth group program, thanks to the diligence of Judith Zapf and her team of parishioner parents and friends. We are in the germination stage, but it is a hopeful beginning and by the grace of God, we hope to see fruits to bear in due season. I ask you, my dear parishioners, to also continue to pray as we move forward to also tapping on the Young Adults of our community, particularly those in college and the young professionals. This age group is also in our hearts and minds these days, and we hope to find an opportunity to dream with them soon.
- **Special Interest Ministries.** Many other ministries and organizations do evangelization work for specific groups in our community. Among them are the Women's Faith Group which offers ongoing opportunities for women to learn about the faith, the Holy Name Society which fosters fellowship and support among the men in our community, the Men's Group that meets on Saturday mornings to share about various aspects of the faith especially the Scriptures, and even a slew of devotional and missionary groups which are focused in praying together but also accomplish the goal of bringing Jesus to others.

Needless to say, every Christian is called to evangelize, as part of the mission of every baptized person. THIS IS AN INVITATION for each of us to dig deep and ask ourselves, "How am I evangelizing?" God bless the Church!

Called to proclaim the Lord,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

# **Prayer Ministry**

# Weekly Prayer

# Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

### Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

### Gospel:

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# Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday:5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage DayMonday:St. Scholastica, VirginTuesday:Our Lady of LourdesFriday:Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;<br/>Valentine's Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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! 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.

The Flame of Love

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, February 9 7:15AM + Virginia Wendt Dan & Patti McHugh 9:00AM St. Michael Parishioners + Salvatore & Annette **Carroll Family** Farina 10:45AM + Quinn & Sean Failing Family **MONDAY, February 10** 6:30AM + Nereida Zayas & **Cora Family** Lucy Cora 8:00AM + Robert Brusich Pach Family **TUESDAY**, February 11 6:30AM + Luke Benedict Harkins Hauke Family 8:00AM Patrick Lavin Family Mrs. Zeller WEDNESDAY, February 12 6:30AM + Vansach Family Family 8:00AM + Margaret Balane Connie Healy **Cindy Tory** Nancy Hughes **THURSDAY**, February 13 6:30AM + Joseph & Glenda Trimarco Michael & Carla Scalzo 8:00AM Kathy Keller Deacon Dan & Martha Aderholdt FRIDAY, February 14 6:30AM + William & Barbara Dixon Family 8:00AM + Loretta Lapsanski Swiatek Family SATURDAY, February 15 8:00AM + Paul Gauer Prayer Shawl Group 5:00PM + Bill Leskanich Jost Family SUNDAY, February 16 7:15AM + Fr. Don McLaughlin Phil & Maribeth Spittler 9:00AM + Mary Beck Colleen & Mark Schmitt + Anthony Fergione **Angelone Family** 10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners ernal L

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# **Prayer Ministry**

## Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop Most Rev. Dennis E. Spies, Auxiliary Bishop

Rev. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo, Pastor Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar **Rev. Anthony Taschetta (Retired)** Deacon Dan Aderholdt **Deacon Dan Simmet** 

## PARISH OFFICE

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## The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 17, 2025

Friday......8:30am ~ 1:00pm

## SCHOOL OFFICE

(630) 665-1454.....(630) 690-1491 (Fax) 314 W. Willow Avenue, Wheaton

## FAITH CENTER

**Religious Education Office** 

(630) 682-3650......(630) 690-3324 (Fax) 317 W. Willow Avenue, Wheaton

## 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

# Ash Wednesday - March 5, 2025

6:30am & 8:00 - Masses 12:15pm & 4:30pm - Liturgy of the Word 7:00pm - Mass

## 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 for more 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 & BULLETIN

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

Al Liskey sa Fillman John Lisner resa Fogarty Matthew Lisner Anne Marie Andja Lozancic Foreman d Fountain George Lozancic Jan Seimetz nor Giles y Ellen Giner Juan T. Lozano, Jr. Ann Smith e Grudzien Robert Mucerino Jacek Sowinski carlo Herrera Cathy McGuire Stroner Family penstedt Nancy Mackowiak James Oliver Bill Parrilli Joan Peters ibeth Kerr Peterson Ray Revnertson Greta Zilch garet Kuhn Margaret Riggs para Lambke Jon Rilev

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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.

## **VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR** February 9 — February 16

- 2/9 Fr. William J. Conway
- 2/10 Deacon Arturo Chacon Deacon Lorenzo Chaidez Deacon John Chan
- Deacon William Ciston 2/11Deacon Raymond Clark Deacon Gregory Clodi Deacon Christopher Cochran



- 2/12 Sr. Patricia Francis Sr. Linette Howard Sr. Mary Carr OP
- 2/13Linda Andrejek CON VIRN Patricia Haney CON VIRN
- 2/14 Sr. Dorothy Glaister Sr. Loretta Glanz Sr. Marilin Llanes OP
- Sr. Esperanza Herrera 2/15
  - Sr. Araceli Perez
    - Sr. Maria Teresa Gaytan Sr. Maria Romero Zavala HJ
- 2/16 Fr. Mark Cote Fr. John L. Dennerlein

# **Around the Parish**

# Great Music in a Great Space:

St. Michael Church Concert Series proudly presents Marianne Kim Sunday, February 9th 4:00pm in the Church



Join us for an organ recital that combines the timeless beauty of classic repertoire with a rich variety of styles and inspirations. This program will feature classical and contemporary selections of music designed to showcase the organ's versatility and will provide an engaging and heartfelt musical experience for all listeners.

> This concert is FREE. A freewill offering will be received.



Girl Scout Cookie Sale! Saturday, February 22nd & Sunday, February 23rd After Masses In the Narthex

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

9:00AM - 10:30AM Faith Center - Room 114 *"He Leadeth Me" by Walter J. Ciszek* We will be discussing the Prologue and Chapters 1 & 2 Join us as we read and discuss All are welcome!





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# **Around the Parish**

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, March 4th

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

rayer Part

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Thursday, March 6th 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.



# SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Sunny invites you to the First Full Ministry Meeting

# Saturday, March 8th 8:00AM - 12:00PM

If you volunteer with any ministry at St. Michael's, Fr. Sunny invites you to attend this meeting. This meeting will be enlightening and engaging for all of our volunteers.

More information to follow! Please plan on attending!





# SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 am: Mass in the Church (optional) 9:00 am: Brunch followed by a motivational speaker at 9:30 am in the Faith Center, 317 W Willow Ave.



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# **Faith Formation**



# Faith Formation 7th Grade Retreat

Thank you to Mr. Jerry Chenski & the Marmion Academy Leadership Team who led our 7th graders through an excellent *Inspired by the Saints* retreat!



Steubenville-Joliet Catholic Youth Conference June 27-29, 2025 One Weekend. Eternal Impact.



Steubenville Youth Conferences are where teens experience a lifechanging encounter with Christ and leave as transformed disciple-makers.

Catholic Heart Workcamp June 15-20, 2025 Montague, MI

Ready to commit to a weeklong Mission Adventure? Open to all current 8th-12th grade students.



For more information, scan the QR Code or go to <u>www.stmichaelcommunity.org/</u> outreach



### JOIN US! REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 5 @ 8AM

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 9-13 9AM-12:30

Open to all kids entering grades K-5 (in Fall 2025) VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPENS MARCH 5 @8am: Adults, Teens, and Junior Crew Leaders (grades 6-8) DUR PROGRAM CANNOT RUN WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS

# Around the Diocese



Ministry



Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

Thursday March 6th, 2025

### **Bishop Dennis E. Spies**

#### Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

retreats and spiritual leader.

Bishop Spies was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2002, by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois. Following ordination, Bishop Spies ministered for many years in the Diocese.

Over the past 18 years, Bishop Spies has given his time and offered ministry in a number of other roles including Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Dean of the Will

County Deanery of parishes and priests, Institute of Priestly Formation spiritual director, Cursillo weekend retreats and spiritual leader, and Be Healed weekend

### Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm PAISANS PIZZERIA

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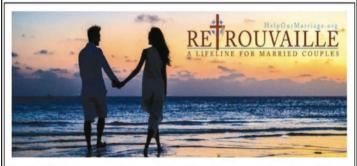


Throughout his various ministries, Bishop Spies values the ability to meet and connect with people in a way that allows others to better know Jesus Christ. His life goal is to be known as "one who loved and taught others to love."

Jim Elias Department of Catechesis and (815) 221-6134 Evangelization

Lifelong Lay Formation jelias@dioceseofioliet.org





Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who are struggling. You will learn how to communicate calmly and respectfully, and then learn tools for handling conflict and other stresses together in a way that strengthens and uplifts your marriage! We've helped tens of thousands of married couples rebuild their marriages, and we can help you too if you are willing to work hard. Our next weekend program is:

February 28th - March 2nd, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL

Call us today at 815-246-2060, email us at JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org, or visit us at www.HelpOurMarriage.org for more information.



# Day of Reflection for Divorced

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and community



## Saturday, March 15, 2025 9:00am to 3:00pm

### **BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER** 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

This prayerful day will provide individuals with a confidential forum to discuss their emotions, fears and issues arising from the pain of divorce. Basic coping skills and mechanisms will also be taught to help the process of recovery. All are welcome!

#### About the Presenters:

Deacon Bob Angelich was ordained in 2003 in the Gary Indiana Diocese and currently serves at St Paul in Marion Indiana. Previously he has served in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Texas and at the Holy Cross Franciscan Retreat Center in Mesilla New Mexico. He has years of experience leading divorce workshops and divorce healing group sessions.

Leah GiaQuinta is parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary and owner of Leah GiaQuinta Coaching, LLC. She has years of experience providing divorce transition coaching; she helps clients through the divorce process and with designing a post-divorce life with a sense of renewal. Leah blends her work and ministry with parenting her four active children at home.

## \$15 per person, lunch included

Register by March 12 by scanning the QR or visiting https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ar6re2w



Jim Elias Department of Catechesis and Lifelong Lav Formation Evangelization (815) 221-6134

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Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.



Joyful Again! is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at several locations in the next few months. All are welcome!

What: 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women When: March 1-2, 2025 - University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL April 5-6, 2025 -St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL June 28-29, 2025 - St. Julie Billiart Parish, Tinley Park, IL (overnight accommodations not available)

For more information on upcoming retreats, visit our website; www.joyfulagain.org call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

# **Parish Support**

# Monthly Stewardship Report

# As of 1/28/25

	Jan 2025
Offertory Budget	\$ 162,000
Envelopes	89,974
Online	<u> </u>
Offertory Actual	<u>\$ 149,789</u>

**Total Over (Under)** < \$ 12,211 >

## **Stewards Minister**

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new Stewardship ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."



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**PARKING** — In an effort to accommodate our seniors and members with special needs, we ask you to refrain from parking In the main parking lot adjacent to the church/school and the parish office parking lot during Church services.





### The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support to this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open Your Heart to God's Goodness.* Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the Appeal, we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$177,100 and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

Thank you!



# Watch Us on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/ StMichaelWheaton

The 10:45AM Mass will be live-streamed.

Bulletin Submission Due Dates & Requirements



February 23rd Due: Friday, February 14th March 2nd Due: Friday, February 21st

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 is limited.

ST. MICHAEL

ARISH SCHOOL

# WE ARE CALLED

Updates from St. Michael Parish





### 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 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 DONATE TO WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

AMEN.



What great joy to celebrate Annual Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to our wonderful teachers and the many volunteers and guests who made this an incredible week of faith and fun. Ours is a community united in Jesus's teachings of love; bound to seek beauty, truth, and goodness. Each day we are called to be disciples of Christ – to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him. Each day we are filled with the hope of the Gospels and the knowledge that growing in His likeness brings us a wholeness and happiness that can only be found in our deepening connection to God.

Thank you, Lord, for this gift of Catholic education! Thank you, Parish Family, for continuing this great mission! Happy CSW to all! BELIEVE EXCEL RESPECT SERVE LEAD





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