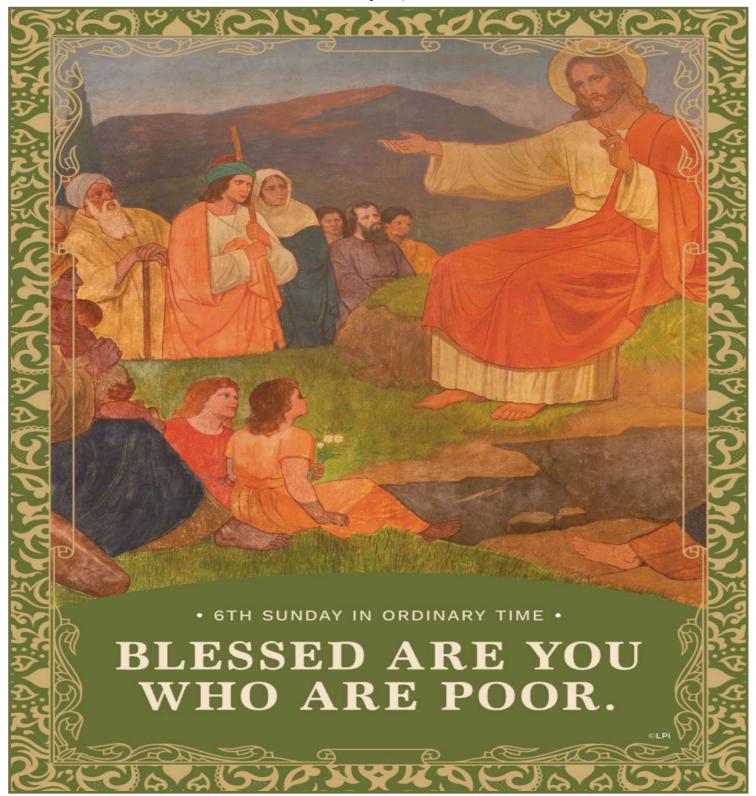


# St. Michael

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

February 16, 2025





# Fr. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo — from the pastor's desk



### Bishop Hicks' Column February 2025

The Gift of Imagination



Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things. First, I always pray a rosary—that's a given! Then, I catch up on some work or necessary reading. Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman collar, many people in the seats around me take note of the movie I have selected. The last thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!

On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly movie Harold and the Purple Crayon. It is a heartwarming film about the power of imagination and the beauty of creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that comes with shaping the world around him.

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds a touching letter from the author who created him. In it, he reads:

"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination, you can make your life whatever you want it to be."

This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this world through our imaginations. How true!

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with Ignatian Contemplation, also known as imaginative prayer. Through this method, St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene, using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try it using these basic steps:

- Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.
- Engage your senses by seeing the setting, hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling the surroundings, and experiencing the emotions.
- Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His words, speaking to Him, and experiencing His love.

After an imaginative prayer experience, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on what we felt, learned, or heard. In other words, we can ask ourselves, "How did God speak to me through my imagination?"

Faith itself requires the gift of imagination. It gives us the ability to believe in what we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1). Imagination allows us to trust in God's plan, envision a better future, and hold onto hope even in difficult times. It also builds our capacity for compassion and empathy by helping us put ourselves in others' shoes and understand both their joys and struggles. This ability to see the world from different perspectives strengthens our call to love one another, just as Christ taught.

Of course, like all gifts, we can misuse our imagination. According to John Lennon, we can "imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try." Why would we do that? Sometimes our world or life experiences bring us to imagine sad, evil, and immoral things. Yet God gifted us with our imaginations so that we may be fully alive and joyful through, with, and in Him.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy; walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and courage. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints, angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create, love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever!

# **Prayer Ministry**

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

Monday - Thursday......8:30am ~ 4:30pm Friday.....8:30am ~ 1:00pm

### SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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### Religious Education Office

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday - March 5, 2025 6:30am & 8:00am - 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.

# Fridays in Lent 7:00AM & 7:00PM



Also available anytime on our YouTube channel, 'St. Michael Wheaton', or the St. Michael Church website at:

www.stmichaelcommunity.org

# Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

#### Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

#### Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)

### Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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# Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

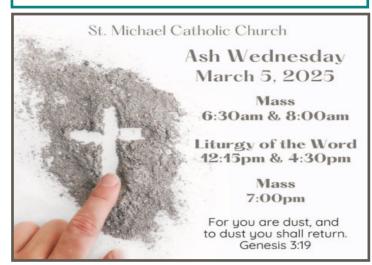
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;

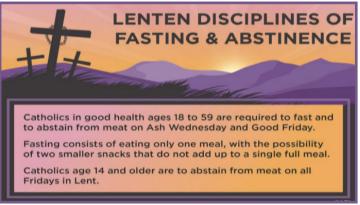
Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time





# **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	Frank Ferri Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman David Fountain Connor Giles Mary Ellen Giner Brice Grudzien Giancarlo Herrera		Jacek Sowinski Stroner Family
Yecenia Bosley	Robert	Joanne Metoyer	Dominic Thomas
David Brummett	Hoppenstedt	Nancy	Cindy Tory
Kathy Brummett	John Hyde	Mackowiak	Andrew Valadka
Frank Cycenas	Kathy Keller	James Oliver	The Wulffe
Althea G. Dades	Miki Kern	Bill Parrilli	Family
Evan DeBock	Maribeth Kerr	Joan Peters	Sr. Mary Clarine
DePratt Family	Barbara	Victoria Holmen	Young, SND
Lynn Dennis	Krzyzewski	Peterson	Greta Zilch
Lisa Fanucchi	Paul Kubica	Ray Reynertson	
Joseph Fenton	Margaret Kuhn	Margaret Riggs	
Carol Ferri	Barbara Lambke	Jon Riley	

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 16 — February 23

2/16	Fr. Mark Cote Fr. John L. Dennerlein	
2/17	Sr. Maryann Dosen Sr. Mary Terese Giblin Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR	
2/18	Sr. Mary Francis Werner Sr. Marjorie Westendorf SSFCR	
2/19	Rubi Garfias CON VIR Margaret Gisburne CON VIR	
2/20	Sr. Dolores Blahaus Sr. Victoria DiBrizzi Sr. Mary Funge SH	
2/21	Fr. Philip M. Danaher	

Fr. Andrew Lewandowski C.R.

2/22 Seminarian Vincent Omondi

2/23 Fr. William M. DeSalvo

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

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Mass Offe	ered For	Requested By			
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				
MONDAY	, February 17				
	Fr. Dan Hoehn	St. Michael Parish Staff			
8:00AM	+ Stephen Jarzabkowski	Halina Gowin			
TUESDAY, February 18					
	+ Vinnie Nedrow	Jim & Marie Jensen			
	Mrs. Palasek	Patrick Lavin Family			
WEDNESI	DAY, February 19	,			
	+ Theresa Allen	Barbara Todd			
	+ Ted Koenig	Abernathy & Keough			
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	+ Matthew David Navarra	Abernathy Family			
THURSDA	NY, February 20				
	+ Joseph DiSerio	Myra Kiely			
	+ Donna Giuseffi	Family			
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	•	Brady Family			
8:00AM	+ Norman Tellef Rosseland	Joyce Gagnon			
SATURDA	Y, February 22				
8:00AM	+ Phyllis Holmen	Wednesday Rosary			
		Group			
5:00PM	St. Michael Parishioners				
SUNDAY,	February 23				



7:15AM + Helen Dudzik 9:00AM + Arlyne Borja

10:45AM

+ Linda Krasovskis

**Special Intention** 

Bruce & Kathy Dudzik

**Bautista Family** 

**Cespedes Family** 

Laurie Winter

Mary Jane Hoehn (Mother of Fr. Dan Hoehn)

Eileen Yanan

Beniamino Spizzirri



# 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

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Questions? Please contact the parish's FMSC coordinator, Julia Morrow, for more information.

<u>julialouisemorrow@gmail.com</u> cell: 714.397.7076 (text or call) Winter Spring Book Club

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 9:30AM - 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!

SAINT MICHAEL

Prayer Partners

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.

We hope you can join us!

SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY
FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY



Friday, March 14th April 11th

5PM - 7:00PM Parish Center

FISH PLATE
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"Don't cook! Come to the fish fry!"

# 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. Please plan on attending.

To RSVP, scan the QR code, or complete and return the form below (also available on our website at www.stmichaelcommunity.org), and return it to the Parish Office. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 27th.

Yes, I will attend	No, I am unable to attend	
Name Liturgical Ministry(ies) You Are Active In:	Ph	
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# SAVE THE DATE!

# Lenten Brunch

# 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.



Hosted by the Women's Faith Group for all women of the Parish - we hope to see you there!



# COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization founded by Blessed Michael McGivney to provide men with support as husbands, fathers, parishioners, and heads of their families. We engage in a variety of charitable work, supporting our priests, the intellectually disabled, our parishes and our communities. This organization is ideal for men over 18 who feel a calling to actively work in service of our greater parish community.

Please come join us the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. For more information, please contact brianjdiamond14@yahoo.com



### ST. MICHAEL PARISH

### Personal Care Items Drive to benefit local food pantries

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# Parish Mission



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Sunday March 23rd 8

Sunday, March 23rd & Monday, March 24th 6:30PM ~ St. Michael Church

Join us for an invigorating, joyous and deeply Eucharistic two-night mission as we listen and learn to encounter Christ more deeply and empower ourselves to share and live the faith with others. Both evenings, Chris will give a lively talk and perform his music.

All ages are welcome!

# **Faith Formation**

# Adult Faith Formation ~ Bible Studies ~ Winter 2025



Bible Study – Evangelization and The Acts of the Apostles Monday evenings ~ 7:00–8:30 pm Wednesday mornings ~ 9:30–11:00 am

Video & Discussion

A Lent to Remember

Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

March 9, March 16, March 30 & April 6



Scan the QR Code to register or contact Colleen Brodhead at cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org or (630) 462-5043 for more information





### A NOTE FROM FATHER TONY TASCHETTA

Dear former parishioners,

It has been said that you know you're grown-up when every time you get up, you groan. And every morning when the alarm goes off at 3:45 AM (not to worry I'm in bed by 8 PM) I drag myself out of bed and really do groan. But then, like clockwork, I say to myself "I'm here. It's another day and everything seems to be working...more or less."

This coming March 3, I will be celebrating, please God, my 81st birthday. And now that I am slowing down just a bit, one of the things I've noticed is that doing even the simplest things has an awesome element in it. The older you get, the less you take for granted. When all is said and done, every day, every moment, every breath is a gift. And if God has given us the gift of life, we are to use it for His purposes. And so on Sunday, March 2, I will be jumping into Lake Michigan...again.

The last time I jumped into the lake was 21 years ago when I was pastor of St. Isidore in Bloomingdale. On my bucket list at the time was to do a full triathlon. We did it as a fundraiser for our Catholic school and printed a T-shirt that read, "I told my pastor to jump in the lake... And I paid for it".

Well, a little over two decades later, I will be doing it again. This time I will be participating in the Polar Plunge for our local Special Olympics. And, needless to say, I will be looking for sponsors again. And while I don't have a parish anymore. I do have an awful lot of former parishioners. That's you. It really is a wonderful cause for some very extraordinary people. If you are in a position to do so, I ask you to help by sponsoring my goosebumps. There is a QR code that you can scan to donate if you so wish. That would be very sweet and truly appreciated.

I marvel that I am still around and kicking. Actually, I am the last living member of my ordination class for our diocese. And I truly believe as long as we as priests are here and capable of doing something, well, we need to do it. For me, doing priesthood is like breathing. And you all have been my oxygen throughout these years that I have been privileged to serve.

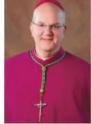
Thank you in advance if you can help, if not, whisper a prayer that I can come out of the frigid baptismal waters without pneumonia. (Just kidding.)

On another note, my most recent homilies are being posted again on YouTube, if any of you are interested, just go to YouTube and type in Wheaton Franciscans and the Masses should pop up (Famous Last Words).

Blessings in Jesus and his Baptism, Fr. Tony

## **Around the Diocese**





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

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 retreats and spiritual leader.

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,"



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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: When: 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women 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**

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	Jar	nuary 2025		YTD
Offertory Budget	\$	162,000	\$1	,132,000
Offertory Actual	\$	163,037	\$1	,163,768
Total Over (Under)	\$	1,037	\$	31,768
Major Maintenance	\$	1,935	\$	17,663
St. Michael Needy Fund	\$	3,460	\$	21,535

Church in

**Latin America** \$ 3,306 **Christmas** \$ 100,019

**LEAD Project Update** 

 Pledged
 \$ 1,786,543

 Collected
 \$ 1,688,044

### **Stewards Tested**

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." - Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole Stewards feel in their hearts.



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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



March 2nd Due: Friday, February 21st March 9th Due: Friday, February 28th

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.









### 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 WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS. TUTTION ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

AMEN.

# STUDENTS IN STEM

Scientists, doctors, engineers, mathematicians, agents, educators, and student leaders from our wonderful high schools brought to life both the practical and fun ways STEM is put to use in the real-world at our incredible Family STEM Night. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended...it was absolutely electric!

A special thanks to SMPO for sponsoring this and all our STEM Week activities, including Lego TEKnologies and SkyDome Planetarium. We had an incredible week of learning and fun!

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