



# St. Michael

CATHOLIC CHURCH

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

April 13, 2025

## PALM SUNDAY





*Fr. Santos 'Sunny' Castillo* — FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## PALM SUNDAY, THE DOOR OF GRACE

"It seems to me that there are a lot of people coming to Palm Sunday, about as many as Easter Sunday..." observes one member of the Liturgy and Worship Commission. Another one responds, "That's because people are getting something..." referring to the actual palms that are given away on a Sunday like today. To some people, this might be their only realistic time to be able to hear the passion narrative, because by true life situations, they are unable to attend the Good Friday Service of the Cross. These are sensible thoughts, my dear church. But the very essence of Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday is in the calling forth of people of faith to enter into the holiest of weeks in the catholic liturgical calendar. Yes, Palm Sunday is the doorway to Holy Week, which is the week of absolute grace and blessing.

**WELCOME THE LORD WELL.** The palms are the symbols of welcome that the Israelites used when Jesus entered triumphantly into the City of David. He entered as a King, and people brought their palm branches and laid cloths and linens on the path when He passed on a donkey to show their reverence to Him. It was truly a welcome worthy of royalty. As you receive the palms this weekend, receive Jesus into your lives and into your homes as your King, Savior, Lord and Savior. We know better today what really happened after He was welcomed into the city; the people would eventually turn their backs on Him, because He did not meet their expectations. They thought that He would rule as the new David that would set them free from the Goliath of their time – the Roman Oppressors. But alas, the Divine agenda was such that He would set them and the world free from something more important, something they did not see. And so, my dear church, receive the palms this week, with a real resolve to keep Jesus where He belongs, at the center of our lives.

**PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGIES.** The best way to observe the solemnity of Holy Week is through your participation in our sacred liturgies. We all remember these divinely revealed teachings about eternal life through the signs and symbolisms of the prayers of the Church. The Diocese will celebrate Chrism Mass tomorrow, to bless the oils that are used for the sacramental life of all parishes in the entire Church of Joliet. We will enter the Holy Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, bringing to life the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the commissioning of the apostles to serve as Jesus has served through the washing of the feet. The liturgy that evening is followed by a Eucharistic Vigil at the gym, reminiscent of the evening that Jesus spent with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. The following Good Friday is a somber day which starts with a morning prayer in church, and a solemn Stations of the Cross at noon. The Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross happens at mid-afternoon (3:00PM), faithful to the proper hour of great mercy. On Saturday, we will have morning prayer, and then a blessing of Easter Baskets at 12:15PM. Finally, the most solemn mass of the year, the Easter Vigil, will be extra special this year as we bless the new fire, renew our baptismal promises, and welcome our catechumens to full communion with the Catholic Church. It is undoubtedly my most favorite liturgy in the year. As we arrive at the conclusion of lent and enter the glorious season of rebirth, Easter Sunday will provide many opportunities to celebrate mass: 7:15AM at church, 9:00AM masses at church and the gym (no more livestreamed overflow, it will be a live mass with another priest), 9:30AM at Saint Francis High School Slant Dome gym, and two more 10:45AM masses in the church and in the gym (again, no more livestreamed overflow, but a live mass with another priest). I hope that this will be a time to really celebrate the victory of Jesus on the cross. I pray that every person, every family, every small community that celebrates the triumph of Jesus over sin and death may experience the profound meaning of the Season of Easter.

**OBSERVE THE SOLEMNITY OF THIS HOLY WEEK.** Whether or not you are able to participate in the flesh with any or all of our liturgies, I extend an all-embracing invitation to observe this Holy Week with great intentionality. Make this the best Holy Week ever by keeping a solemn disposition, an awareness in prayer, a willing spirit to interiorize the spirit of this week. Play some good Catholic Christian worship music, pray devotions, watch and engage the Stations of the Cross online, read and reflect on the Scripture readings of the week, be kinder to those around you, observe a solemn fast and abstinence, and keep a joyful spirit.

Know with your heart that I am lifting you all in my prayers, my dear parishioners. May this Holy Week allow us to enter a multitude of grace, that the Lord Jesus may live in and through us always. A Blessed Holy Week to us all. Amen.

Reaching out to the Holiness of our Savior,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 17**

**NO MORNING MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

\*7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper—Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the altar of repose until 11:00 p.m. in the gym

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18**

**NO MORNING MASSES, NO CONFESSIONS**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross

\*3:00 p.m. — Service of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of Holy Communion

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

**NO MORNING MASS, NO CONFESSIONS**

9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer

12:30 p.m. — Blessing of Easter Baskets

Traditional blessing of food items for your Easter meal

\*7:30 p.m. — EASTER VIGIL—Most solemn of all vigils commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord

## EASTER SUNDAY

**EASTER SUNDAY, RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**April 20**

7:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church

\*9:00 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church & St. Michael Gym

9:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Francis High School (Slant Dome Gym)

\*10:45 a.m. — Mass at St. Michael Church & St. Michael Gym

**Monday, April 21**

No 6:30 a.m. Mass — 8:00 a.m. Mass Only

Adoration Chapel will close Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m. and re-open Monday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m.

\*Triduum and Easter Sunday services will be live-streamed and can be accessed by going to [www.stmichaelcommunity.org](http://www.stmichaelcommunity.org)



# 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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**Bulletin Submissions:**  
[communications@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:communications@stmichaelcommunity.org)

**The Parish Office will be closed**

**Wednesday, April 16th through Monday, April 21st**

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

## FAITH CENTER

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

## MASS SCHEDULE ~ Holy Week & Easter Masses on Pg 3

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 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.

## LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Tuesday ~ 4/15.....4:00pm ~ 5:45pm  
Saturday ~ 4/12, 4/26.....8:30am ~ 9:30am

**No Confessions - Holy Saturday, April 19**

## PARISH REGISTRATION & BULLETIN

Available at [www.stmichaelcommunity.org](http://www.stmichaelcommunity.org) or call  
the Parish Office.

## Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

#### Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

#### Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

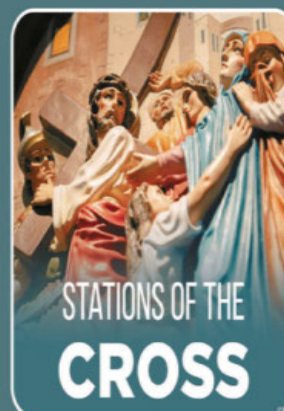
#### Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
"This is my body, which will be given for you;  
do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

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### Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** Tax Day  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday  
**Friday:** Good Friday  
**Saturday:** Holy Saturday  
**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



**Join us**  
**Good Friday,**  
**April 18th**  
**12:00pm**  
**for Stations of**  
**the Cross**

# Prayer Ministry

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

<b>Pam Abernathy</b>	Lisa Fanucchi	Barbara Lambke	Mike Sambo
John Adamek	Joseph Fenton	Al Liskey	Anne Marie
Elaine Adamek	Carol Ferri	Andja Lozancic	Schneider
Eleanor Agan	Frank Ferri	George Lozancic	Jan Seimetz
Teresa Aguilar	Teresa Fillman	Theresa Lozano	Tobias Siennettes
Charles Baker	Theresa Fogarty	Juan T. Lozano,	Ann Smith
Josu Beruete	Dale Foreman	Jr.	Patricia Sove
Peg Birt	David Fountain	Robert Mucerino	Lynn Sove
Steve Blagaich	Connor Giles	Cathy McGuire	Maxson
Marianne Bluhm	Mary Ellen Giner	Joanne Metoyer	Jacek Sowinski
Yecenia Bosley	Brice Grudzien	Noah Matthews	Stroner Family
David Brummett	Giancarlo	Rotondo	Mary Ann
Kathy Brummett	Herrera	Nancy	Timoney
Frank Cyenas	Robert	Mackowiak	Dominic Thomas
Althea G. Dades	Hoppenstedt	James Oliver	Cindy Tory
Evan DeBock	John Hyde	Joan Peters	Andrew Valadka
DePratt Family	Kathy Keller	Victoria Holmen	The Wulffe
Lynn Dennis	Miki Kern	Peterson	Family
Jon Dinkle	Maribeth Kerr	Ray Reynertson	Sr. Mary Clarine
Maureen	Barbara	Margaret Riggs	Young, SND
Dougherty	Krzyzewski	Jon Riley	Greta Zilch
Ed Dougherty	Margaret Kuhn	Sheryl Rutkowski	

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 April 13 — April 20

- 4/13 Sr. Jeanne Landry  
Sr. Donita Mathis  
Sr. Joan McGovern  
Sr. Jeanne McGue SSND
- 4/14 Deacon Leon Fritz  
Deacon Larry Fudacz  
Deacon Ronnie Gagnon  
Deacon Stephen Gerding
- 4/15 Sr. Joan O'Connell  
Sr. Sr. Jean Phelan  
Sr. Gloria Rosales  
Sr. Dorothy Kunze SSND
- 4/16 Sr. Jenny VandenBergh  
Sr. Emily Wollschlager  
Sr. Dorothy M. Young SSND
- 4/17 Sr. Beatrice Baker  
Sr. Theresa Galvan  
Sr. Kathleen Murphy CND
- 4/18 Fr. Burke Masters  
Fr. David Hankus
- 4/19 Fr. Albert Heidecke  
Fr. Eugene Hemrick
- 4/20 Fr. Jared Rutnicki  
Fr. Jason Nesbit CSV



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mass Offered For

### Requested By

#### SUNDAY, April 13

7:15AM	+ Thomas Gould	Jim & Kathy Franek
9:00AM	+ Robert Zierk	Family
	+ Arthur Markowski	Family
10:45AM	St. Michael Parishioners	

#### MONDAY, April 14

6:30AM	+ Chris Kupka	St. Michael RE Staff
8:00AM	+ Nereida Zayas & Lucy Cora	Cora Family

#### TUESDAY, April 15

6:30AM	+ Susan Cosgrove	Schulte Family
8:00AM	+ Bobbie Porcaro	Estkowski Family

#### WEDNESDAY, April 16

6:30AM	+ Edward Talarovich	Mabra McCumber
8:00AM	+ Gerald Sie Couri	Family
	+ Joseph Debre	Judi Fuller

#### THURSDAY, April 17 — Holy Thursday

##### NO MORNING MASSES

7:00PM	Vocations to the Priesthood
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#### FRIDAY, April 18 — Good Friday

##### NO MORNING MASSES

3:00PM	Service of the Lord's Passion
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#### SATURDAY, April 19 — Holy Saturday

##### NO MORNING MASS, NO CONFESSIONS

7:30PM	For the Holy Father
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#### SUNDAY, April 20 — Easter Sunday

##### St. Michael Church

7:15AM	St. Michael Parishioners
	<b>St. Michael Church and Gym</b>
9:00AM	Intentions of the Celebrants
	<b>St. Francis High School (Slant Dome Gym)</b>
9:30AM	Intention of the Celebrant
	<b>St. Michael Church and Gym</b>
10:45AM	Intentions of the Celebrants



Grace R. Patzelt

Patricia Marie Connelly



*Installation Mass*  
OF  
*Reverend Santos Castillo*

AS

PASTOR OF  
ST. MICHAEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025  
10:45 AM

*Presided by the Most Reverend  
Bishop Ronald A. Hicks*

A RECEPTION IN THE  
ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL GYM  
WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW MASS



Please RSVP by May 5th

*Scan the QR Code or return form to the Parish Office.*

Yes, I will attend the reception ☐

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Around the Parish

Please Join Us for the

### Holy Thursday Seven Churches Pilgrimage

Thursday, April 17

7PM Mass; Pilgrimage immediately following

Together we will keep vigil as we remember Jesus asking his disciples to stay awake with him as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. All ages are welcome.



To participate, meet on the west side of the Narthex after Mass to receive the route map and prayer booklet.

Questions? Contact Judith Zapf at [jzapf@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:jzapf@stmichaelcommunity.org) or 630-776-1546

### Extraordinary Minister Re-Training

Saturday, April 26

10:00AM ~ 11:00AM

In the Church



Fr. Sunny would like to meet with all Extraordinary Ministers of St. Michael Parish for re-training, and to discuss the EMHC ministry, the timing for bringing back the Precious Blood at Masses and the recommission of Extraordinary Ministers.

*Please plan to attend this very important meeting!*

### Winter/Spring Book Club

FRIDAY, April 25TH

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Faith Center - Room 114

*"He Leadeth Me"*  
by Walter J. Ciszek

We will be discussing Chapters 13, 14, & 15

Join us as we read and discuss  
All are welcome!



SAINT MICHAEL  
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

### 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, May 6th\*

6:30-8:00PM ~ Faith Center - Room 114

\*Last meeting at St. Michael until the Fall

For more information, please contact  
Deacon Dan L. Aderholdt at  
[dladerholdt@gmail.com](mailto:dladerholdt@gmail.com) or Hope Keber  
at [HopeK19@comcast.net](mailto:HopeK19@comcast.net)



## Around the Diocese

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO LOS ANGELES

At the end of the National Eucharistic Congress last year, Bishop Cozzens announced there would be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles in 2025.

Upon being asked, Bishop Hicks gratefully accepted the honor for the Diocese of Joliet to be the first Diocese on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage St. Katharine Drexel Route.

The Diocese of Joliet will receive the Eucharist from the Pilgrims and Chaplains coming from Mass in Indianapolis, IN on Sunday, May 18 and we will present the Eucharist to the Diocese of Peoria at St. Patrick Parish in Seneca, IL on Monday, May 19.



These are the Worship Spaces where the National Eucharistic Procession will stop for Adoration:

St. Mary Parish, Paxton  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Gilman  
St. John Paul II Parish, Kankakee  
Bishop McNamara High School  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Morris

Please watch your Parish Bulletin and the Diocesan website for further information.

### THE 47TH ANNUAL Wedding Anniversary Mass



August 17, 2025  
2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond  
604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet, IL  
Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of  
25 years, 50 years, and more than  
50 years, are welcome to attend.

Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the  
Mass and will lead all couples in a special  
renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is  
required by August 8th.  
Scan the QR code, or click  
on the link  
[https://forms.office.com/  
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the Parish Office  
at 630-665-2250.



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 APRIL CELEBRATIONS



On April 25-27, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with teens. Every parish has teenage parishioners, and we recognize them for their importance to the life of the parish community. We give thanks, along with the Holy Father for our parish teens and their families during their gathering in Rome.



# Parish Support

## Monthly Stewardship Report

	March 2025	YTD
Offertory Budget	\$ 170,000	\$1,457,000
Offertory Actual	\$ 185,421	\$1,500,025
Total Over (Under)	\$ 15,421	\$ 43,025

Major Maintenance	\$ 1,923	\$ 20,748
St. Michael Needy Fund	\$ 2,894	\$ 27,121

Catholic Relief Services \$ 3,895

### LEAD Project Update

Pledged	\$ 1,786,543
Collected	\$ 1,693,364

### Faithful Stewards

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.  
(LUKE 22:34)

"How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up in Stewardship and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



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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.



### Never Miss A Bulletin!!

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

## Pledge your gift to the CMAA



Open your heart to *God's Goodness*

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$177,100. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can Open your heart to God's goodness in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

**Thank you for your support!**



**Watch Us on YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/StMichaelWheaton>

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

### Bulletin Submission Due Dates & Requirements



April 27th Due: Friday, April 18th

Send to: [communications@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:communications@stmichaelcommunity.org)  
Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 & 1/2 page format, as full-page space is limited. Early deadlines occur before holidays.





# WE ARE CALLED

Updates from St. Michael Parish School

## CELEBRATING OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEAMS

"  
Lord, we rejoice in the  
achievements we  
celebrate today. Fill  
our hearts with joy and  
gratitude for the  
milestones we have  
reached. May we  
always remember to  
give You the glory  
for our success.  
Amen."  
"

@ Joseph Cox

### 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  
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.

Mark your calendar  
St. Mike's  
**FISH FRY**  
**MARCH 14**  
**APRIL 11**  
**5-7 PM**



BELIEVE  
EXCEL  
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