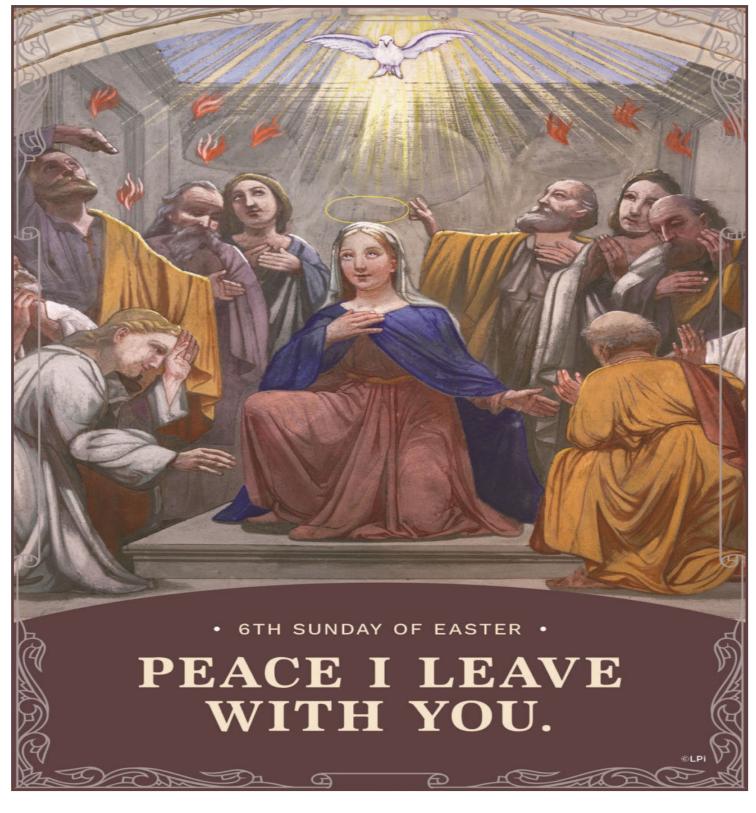




310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

May 25, 2025





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

# **DID YOU KNOW? 10 COMMUNICATION UPDATES!**

It is a known fact that Saint Michael Parish is a very active community. These past few weeks, I have heard much feedback about how busy our community is, and how many things seem to be happening at the same time. It prompted me to think of doing an article to spell out some COMMUNICATION UPDATES and NEW THINGS HAPPENING within our parish, and continue to enhance ongoing channels of information and engagement. Please note that these are short tidbits of relevant information and more information will continue to be available as we move forward.

- **Starting in the month of July**, the new diocesan fiscal year, our **10:45AM Mass will be moved to 11:00AM**. This adjustment is to accommodate the needed timing for the Faith Formation Program's new Family Faith, but also to respond to comments about the "oddity" of a 10:45AM schedule, which was introduced at the height of the pandemic.
- **On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**, the weekend of June 22nd at the Vigil and Sunday Masses, we are **planning to return the Sacred Cup to make the Precious Blood available at most of our masses**. As always, we ask the faithful to exercise prudence in discerning individual readiness to receive from the cup. This weekend, a "re-training" or "review" of protocols was conducted here in church for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- **Our parish website** is overdue for a much-needed refreshing, re-thinking, re-design and repurpose. That process has started, and I am hoping that it will be made public in the month of June.
- **The Initiative for the Vacation of Willow Street**, which has been proposed to parishioners for support, is underway. The Planning and Zoning Board gave a positive recommendation, and a presentation/ deliberation has been scheduled with the City Council on Monday, June 9th. Please continue to pray for the success of our initiative.
- **Video responses to the "Wall Comments",** posted by participants at the Parish Ministries Vision Meeting, is also underway. As soon as available, an announcement will be made as to how these videos will be available to our community. Please check our YouTube (St. Michael Wheaton) platform for updates.
- **The cross in the belltower has been removed**. Did you notice it? Following the strong winds and first dust storm that hit the Chicagoland area the week of May 12-16, the cross in the belltower snapped, holding on to barely an inch of metal still attached before it would fall. By God's Providence, Elizabeth and Jonathon Berringer were getting married here on May 17. Being that Jonathon is a paramedic for the Wheaton Fire Department, we had firefighters on campus that afternoon, and they were the ones who not only discovered the crisis, but also generously responded by using their facilities and manpower to remove the cross safely. Thanks to Fire Lieutenant Donald Dunfee for his leadership and assistance with the entire team. God is good.
- **St. Mark Parish is canonically amalgamated to St. Michael Church** officially by July 1, 2025, but the operations, administration and service for that church location will continue to be under the direct care of Fr. Andrew Lewandowski, whose congregation has been assigned as the official caretaker of that community. And so, per diocesan instructions, aside from the canonical declaration, nothing needs to be done at this moment regarding the way our community is operating.
- **Faith Formation enrollment is ongoing**, and for those families who still need more information and clarification about the **Family Faith Model**, our team is ready to answer and address any question you may have. I have reviewed the model and the materials, and I am very excited how awesome and user-friendly they are.
- **Our children are officially on summer vacation**! I want to take this time to **congratulate all the graduates in our community**, including the Saint Michael School Class of 2025. Blessings to you and your families as you continue your journey to a meaningful life. Remember: there is no vacation in your faith and love of God.
- **PERSONAL UPDATE:** My mother is arriving on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2025, after almost three years of waiting for her US visa. I am excited to introduce her to you all. She will be with me and Fr. Jacob as a guest in the rectory, when she is not with my sister or with my niece. Many of you have been asking and praying for her. Thank you!

In the wonder of God's goodness,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

# **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

(630) 665-2250.............(630) 510-8891 (Fax) 310 S. Wheaton Avenue (Door #8) Wheaton, IL 60187

### The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day

Website: www.stmichaelcommunity.org Email: churchoffice@stmichaelcommunity.org Bulletin Submissions:

communications@stmichaelcommunity.org

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

### SCHOOL OFFICE

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

## FAITH CENTER

**Religious Education Office** 

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

## Holy Days of Obligation

## 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

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

#### **First Reading:**

If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

#### Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67) Or: Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

#### Gospel:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

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## Observances for the week of May 25, 2025

Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter			
Monday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day			
Tuesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop			
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Paul VI, Pope			
Saturday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Next Sunda	<b>y:</b> The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day			

# REMEMBER AND HONOR MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26th 8:00AM Mass (No 6:30AM Mass)

Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael Cemetery 1109 Warrenville Road Wheaton

Weather permitting, otherwise Mass will <u>be he</u>ld at the Church

# **Prayer Ministry**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Pam Abernathy John Adamek Elaine Adamek Eleanor Agan Teresa Aguilar Charles Baker Josu Beruete Peg Birt Steve Blagaich Yecenia Boslev David Brummett Kathy Brummett Paul Casey Frank Cycenas Althea G. Dades Evan DeBock **DePratt Family** Lynn Dennis Jon Dinkle Maureen Dougherty Ed Dougherty Lisa Fanucchi Joseph Fenton Carol Ferri Frank Ferri

Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman David Fountain **Connor Giles** Mary Ellen Giner Brice Grudzien **Giancarlo Herrera Robert Hoppenstedt** John Hvde Kathy Keller Miki Kern Maribeth Kerr Barbara Krzyzewski Margaret Kuhn Barbara Lambke Al Liskey Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Theresa Lozano Juan T. Lozano, Jr. **Robert Mucerino** Cathy McGuire Joanne Metover Noah Matthews Rotondo

Nancy Mackowiak James Oliver Joan Peters Victoria Holmen Peterson **Ray Reynertson** Margaret Riggs Jon Riley Sheryl Rutkowski Mike Sambo Anne Marie Schneider Jan Seimetz **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith Patricia Sove Lynn Sove Maxson Jacek Sowinski Stroner Family Mary Ann Timoney Cindy Tory Andrew Valadka The Wulffe Family 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 to add or remove a name. 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 with specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

## VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR May 25 — June 1

5/25 Sr. Mary Ann Hellel Sr. Carol M. Karnitsky Sr. Vicky Mobley SSCM



- 5/26 Deacon Michael Januszewski Deacon Julio Jimenez
- 5/27 Sr. Eleanor Carella Sr. Martin Ellingson, OSM
- 5/28 Deacon Kenneth Jackson Deacon Thomas Jagielo
- 5/29 Fr. Michael Kearney
- 5/30 Deacon Joseph Johnson Deacon Paul Jung
- 5/31 Sr. M. Francis Gresser Sr. Maria Teresa Musto, OSM
- 6/1 Br. Bernard Rapp Br. Joseph Saurbier Br. Gustavo Sinco Br. Pierre St. Raymond FSC

**MASS INTENTIONS** 

Mass Offe		Requested By				
SUNDAY,						
7:15AM	+ Mary Beck	Daniel Sullivan				
9:00AM	St. Michael Parishioners					
	+ Sue Cosgrove	Allgaier Family				
10:45AM	+ David Stilwill	Mullen Family				
MONDAY, May 26						
	6:30AM—No Ma	ass				
8:00AM	For Peace and Justice					
TUESDAY,	, May 27					
6:30AM	Gene & Sherry Goodwin	Mark & Marlene				
		Friedman				
8:00AM	+ Michael Vallaro	Family				
WEDNES	DAY, May 28					
	Fr. Sunny & Elma Castillo	Maureen Foreman				
8:00AM		Dan & Anne Trotta				
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	Y, May 29	- · · ·				
	Sr. Veronica	Friend				
8:00AM	+ Richard Maskeri	Kania Family				
FRIDAY, N	/lay 30					
6:30AM	Sr. Janet	Friend				
	+ Claire Bonga	Mary Crawford				
SATURDA	Y, May 31					
	+ Joe Duckworth	Laurie Winter				
	+ Raymond Wallensack	Carol Lee & PJ Borter				
SUNDAY, June 1						
-	+ David Balane	Connie Healy				
9:00AM		Bill & Cory Voller				
9.00AM	+ Jack Quinn	Family				
10:45AM	•	гантту				
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*Eternal Life						
Jocelyn DeCastro						
Jocelyn Decastro						

Herbert C. Wehling

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

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# **Around the Parish**

# ST. MICHAEL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION JOIN OUR TEAM!

The St. Michael Religious Education Office is looking for an Administrative Assistant to join our staff. The position is part-time, Monday through Friday, 25-29 hours per week.



Please call or email Colleen Brodhead, Director of Faith Formation at <u>cbrodhead@stmichaelcommunity.org</u> or (630) 462-5043 for more information or to apply.



# 💥 Calling All Boys. 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Why have a boring summer when you could have an ADVENTURE! In Scouting, we help boys develop into young men. Are you ready for your Adventure? Come and play Hoops with the Troop (for 5th-8th grade boys)

to find out more. Tuesday North 6:30

Tuesday May 27th Northside Park 6:30-8PM



Contact Sharon Cline for details ladibug245@gmail.com

## WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



TUES JUNE 10, 7PM-9PM All women of the parish and school are invited to join us for fellowship, light refreshments, and fun. We hope to see you there!

> Save the Date! RSVP and location details coming soon.



MAY 25, 2025

# **Around the Parish**





# **ALL FAITHS NIGHT**

# Friday, June 13th

# Join Us For An Evening of Fun at the Kane County Cougars

# **RESERVED SEATS ~ \$9.00**

TICKETS ON SALE AT MASSES OR CALL LOU MICHAEL AT 630-499-9119

Game begins at 6:30PM and includes post-game fireworks and run the bases!



# KNIGHTS OF 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



# HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The Holy Name Society is looking for Dads 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



# **Faith Formation**

# JOIN US FOR RE CLASSES SEPTEMBER - MAY

## CHOOSE THE OPTION THAT FITS YOUR FAMILY

# **FAMILY FAITH**

MONTHLY 1-HOUR CLASS + 1-HOUR MASS & AT-HOME STUDY DURING THE MONTH

PreK-Gr 5 | One Sunday Morning/month 8:00-10:00 am OR 10:00 am-12:00 pm Gr 6-8 | One Sunday Evening/month 4:30-6:45 pm

OR

## TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM RE

WEEKLY CLASS FOR STUDENTS PreK-Gr 5 | Wednesdays 4:30-5:45 pm Gr 6-8 | Sundays 8:15-9:40 am OR 10:15-11:40 am Wednesdays 4:30-5:55 pm

# REGISTER NOW ONLINE **OR SCAN FOR INFO**



St. Michael Religious Education Wheaton









## FindingGod

# Family Catechesis

## Open Your Family Up to God's Presence with Family Faith RE

Join us for classes September through May! We at St. Michael invite you to find God in all things with our new Family Faith program. Family Faith uses a flexible resource called "Finding God." It's easy and complete, helping parents to initiate meaningful conversations and lessons about God and faith at home. Finding God supplies everything needed, including At-Home Lessons and a Parent Quick Guide for children in multiple grades. Let God work in your family!

Whether you choose Family Faith or Traditional Classroom RE, visit stmichaelcommunity.org/religious-ed for complete descriptions and flexible options just right for you. Please contact reodesk@stmichaelcommunity.org with questions. Click on the QR code to access the Family Faith Program through Loyola Press. (Logos, website and information courtesy of Loyola Press)



# **Around the Diocese**

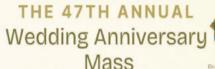




As we rejoice in the Easter season, we reflect on Christ's resurrection and the new life it brings. Just as Jesus's sacrifice created an eternal legacy of hope and salvation, we are called to consider how our lives and resources might continue to serve God's kingdom beyond our time on earth.

One simple way to do this is by creating a will. Through our partnership with FreeWill, you can complete this important task in just 20 minutes—for FREE. This tool allows you to protect your loved ones and, if you choose, make a lasting gift to St. Michael Parish ensuring our faith community thrives for generations to come.

<u>Click here to create your will</u> or visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to put your faith and love into action!



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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.

<u>Pre-registration is</u> required by August 8th. Scan the QR code, or click on the link <u>https://forms.office.com/</u> <u>r/qu9fbEpfkr</u> or contact the Parish Office at 630-665-2250.





# LOOKING FOR A JOB?

EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET VISIT THE WEBSITE OR CLICK BELOW:

HTTPS://WWW.DIOJOLIET.ORG/OFFICES/CAREERS

# **Parish Support**

# Monthly Stewardship Report

As of 5/19/25

	May 2025		
Offertory Budget	\$ 150,000		
Envelopes	59,647		
Online	43,770		
<b>Offertory Actual</b>	\$ 103,417		
Total Over (Under)	<\$ 46,583>		

## **Stewards Care**

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." JOHN 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Stewards make God their first choice and not their last resort.







## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Michael Catholic Church

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA gifts should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid in order for us to reach our parish goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Thank you!

## 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Report St. Michael Parish

Thru 5/18/2025	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Goal	\$177,100	\$169,300	\$7,800	\$169,300
Amount Pledged	\$198,701	\$203,510	(\$4,809)	\$251,852
Amount Paid	\$157,674	\$156,953	\$720	\$247,462
Balance Due	\$41,028	\$46,557	(\$5,529)	\$4,390
Donor Count	472	535	-63	613
2025 Rebate	\$0			



## Watch Us on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/ StMichaelWheaton

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

## Bulletin Submission Due Dates & Requirements

June 15th due Friday, June 6th Send to:

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.

MAY 25, 2025

ST. MICHAEL

ARISH SCHOOL

# WE ARE CALLED

Updates from St. Michael Parish School



#### 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.

AMEN.

# MAY CROWNING

The month of May holds some of the most wonderful celebrations and traditions of the year here at St. Michael. Our school family felt so much joy and spirit celebrating May Crowning last week. A special nod to our students representing their class on May Court, chosen by their peers for emanating virtues associated with Mary. We thank the Class of 2025 for their reverence and prayerful leadership, and for uniting us all through the Living Rosary. We see Mary's "yes" in the ways our students respond to God's call toward goodness, holiness, and love for others.

May God bless our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as we close out their time here at St. Michael Parish School. May they continue to grow in love and grace!

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