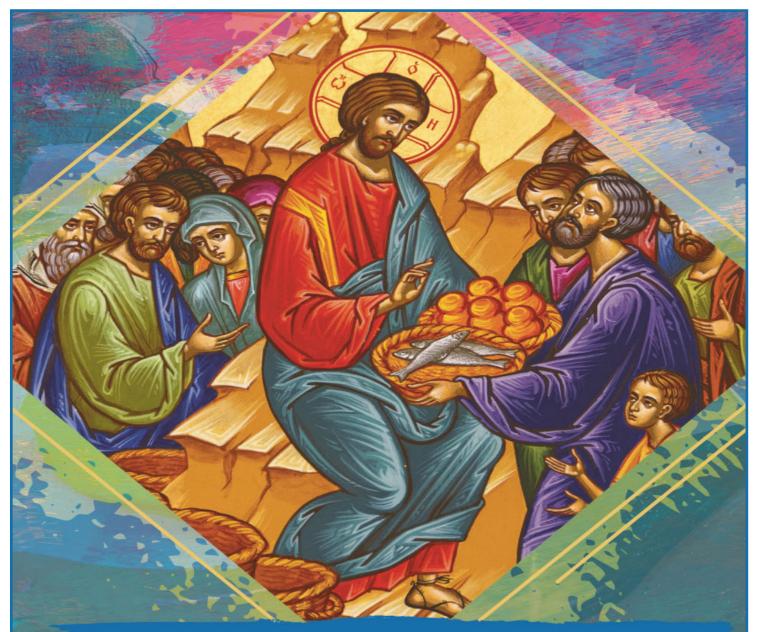




310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

June 22, 2025



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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RE-OFFERING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND OUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we joyfully mark a return to a cherished element of our liturgical life: the distribution of the Precious Blood of Jesus at Holy Communion.

For many of us, the pandemic brought a painful pause to this profound expression of our Catholic faith. While the Body of Christ continued to be offered in the form of consecrated bread, the communal sharing of the chalice—signifying our unity in Christ's sacrifice—was necessarily suspended out of love and concern for one another's health.

Now, after careful discernment and preparation, we are blessed to return to this fuller sign of the Eucharist, receiving both the Body and the Blood of Christ. This is not merely a return to a pre-Covid "practice," but a deepened participation in the mystery of our redemption. Christ gives Himself to us entirely - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - under either form, but to receive under both kinds is a fuller sign of the heavenly banquet we share as His people.

Many parishioners have long awaited this moment, and their anticipation speaks to the hunger in our hearts, not just for ritual, but for the real, living presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. May this renewed opportunity lead us to greater reverence, unity, and thanksgiving as a community of faith. Let us come to the altar this weekend with hearts full of gratitude, ready to receive our Lord in His fullness, and to be renewed in our mission as His Body in the world.

What are the best practices for every Catholic to develop a healthy devotion to the Holy Eucharist?

A healthy devotion to the Holy Eucharist lies at the very heart of Catholic life. The Eucharist is not merely one devotion among many—it is *the* source and summit of the Christian life, THAT IS WHY the Church provides clear guidance on how to foster a Eucharistic devotion that is both spiritually fruitful and theologically sound:

- The most foundational expression of Eucharistic devotion is **full**, **conscious**, **and active participation in the celebration of the Mass**. The Mass is not simply a ritual we attend; it is the supreme act of worship where Christ's sacrifice is made present and offered anew. Catholics are called to participate not only outwardly by responding, singing, and listening—but interiorly, by uniting their hearts to the offering of Christ on the altar. Preparing for Mass through prayer, silence, and even the Church's prescribed Eucharistic fast (one hour before Communion) helps dispose the soul to receive the Lord with reverence.
- **Receiving Holy Communion is a profound act that must always be approached with faith, humility, and reverence**. The Church teaches that we must be in a state of grace to receive the Eucharist worthily (cf. *1 Corinthians 11:27–29*; *CCC* 1385). When approaching the Sacrament, we do so not casually, but as if coming face to face with the living God. The simple response, "Amen," when receiving the Host is a bold profession of faith in the Real Presence of Christ.
- Outside of the Mass, **Eucharistic adoration offers a powerful way to deepen our relationship with the Lord**. In silent adoration, we come before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, allowing His gaze to rest upon us as we rest in Him. Whether in personal visits to the tabernacle, participation in a Holy Hour, or attendance at solemn Exposition and Benediction, these moments of prayer strengthen our faith and nourish our souls. As St. John Paul II reminded the Church: *"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship."*
- However, Eucharistic devotion must never remain private or merely sentimental. **True devotion to the Eucharist compels us to live Eucharistically**—that is, to allow our worship to shape our actions. The Catechism states clearly: *"The Eucharist commits us to the poor"* (*CCC* 1397). A healthy devotion leads to greater compassion, self-sacrifice, forgiveness, and service. We are called to become what we receive: the Body of Christ poured out for the world.

Saint Michael Church is a Eucharistic community. As such, Eucharistic devotion must be supported by **ongoing catechesis**. It is not enough to assume that people understand what the Eucharist is. Both children and adults need continued formation in the theological, biblical, and liturgical dimensions of the Sacrament. Opportunities for Eucharistic teaching—through homilies, parish missions, Bible studies, and small groups - are essential to help the faithful not only believe in the Real Presence but respond with wonder and love. The Eucharist is not only the Sacrament we adore; it is the life we are called to live.

In hunger for Jesus,

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

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<u>Summer Hours - June 2nd - July 31st</u> Parish Office closed Thursday, July 3th & Friday, July 4th

Monday - Thursday......8:30am ~ 3:00pm Friday......8:30am ~ 1:00pm

SCHOOL OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE

As of July 1, 2025, the 10:45am Mass time will be moved to 11:00am

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 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:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

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Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Tuesday:	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Friday:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

Mass Time Change Starting in the month of July, the 10:45AM Mass

will be moved to 11:00AM

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 Casev 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

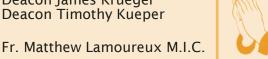
Teresa Fillman Theresa Fogarty Dale Foreman David Fountain Connor Giles Mary Ellen Giner Brice Grudzien **Giancarlo Herrera Robert Hoppenstedt** John Hvde Kathy Keller Miki Kern Maribeth Kerr Barbara Krzyzewski Margaret Kuhn Barbara Lambke Al Liskev Andja Lozancic George Lozancic Theresa Lozano Juan 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 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. 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 June 22 — June 29

- 6/22 Sr. Magdalena Grymuza Sr. Evangeline Kagwiria Kiambati MSF
- 6/23 Deacon Michael Kowalchik Deacon James Krueger Deacon Timothy Kueper



- 6/24 Fr. Matthew Lamoureux M.6/25 Sean Tierney
- Robert Visher (Deacon Candidates)
- 6/26 Fr. David Lawrence
- 6/27 Fr. Raymond Lescher
- 6/28 Fr. John Lindsey
- 6/29 Deacon Robert LaMotte Deacon Charles Lane Deacon Kurt Lange

Mass Offered For **Requested By** SUNDAY, June 22 7:15AM + Kathleen Fountain Family 9:00AM St. Michael Parishioners + Brian J. Hanslik **Bill & Cory Voller** 10:45AM + Paul Gauer Donna Saelinger MONDAY, June 23 6:30AM + Oscar de Castro Family 8:00AM + Hazel Custodio May Cortez **TUESDAY. June 24** Mark & Marlene 6:30AM + Norma Goodwin Friedman 8:00AM + Mary Beck **Daniel Sullivan** WEDNESDAY, June 25 6:30AM + Enrique Mendivil Family 8:00AM **Firnbach Family** Manetti Family + Virginia Maskeri Tom & Mavis Langan **THURSDAY, June 26** 6:30AM + Jamie Lee Dowell Jen Hickey 8:00AM + Doris Donovan **Cassidy Family** FRIDAY, June 27 6:30AM + Lynn Smith Tom & Mavis Langan 8:00AM + Judah Reagan Kania Family SATURDAY. June 28 8:00AM + Charles Maskeri Kania Family 5:00PM + William & Barbara Dixon Family SUNDAY, June 29 7:15AM + Bernard "Jerry" Klein Ken Carlson 9:00AM + Fernando Hoyos Family + Anthony Lucente Judi Fuller St. Michael Parishioners 10:45AM "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let

"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."

For information regarding recently departed parishioners and others, please consider subscribing to email notifications from local funeral homes.



https://www.williams-kampp.com/ obituaries/obituary-listings



https://www.hultgrenfh.com

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Around the Parish

Corpus Christi Procession



Sunday, June 22nd 10:45AM Mass

Mass concludes with the traditional Corpus Christi procession around the St. Michael Church campus.



As many of you know by now, after eighteen years at St. Michael Church, I will be moving on at the end of this month. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many memories that those years have produced through the numerous friendships and acquaintances I've had the pleasure to make. I am profoundly grateful to those who have included me as a family member...even if I'm still a St. Louis Cardinals fan! Haha!

Through these years, we've celebrated countless events at St. Michael Church, sometimes sad but most often happy and united in music to praise God. Eighteen years is a significant tenure, but it still seems like yesterday when I arrived in Wheaton eager to begin anew and to meet new people, make new friends and create glorious sacred music in a new church. Good memories with good people.

God is good indeed! Thank you! Gratefully, Christopher Orf



Return of the Sacred Cup

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.

> BLOOD OF CHRIST, EUCHARISTIC DRINK & REFRESHMENT OF SOULS, save us.



PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE ~ PROJECT LOVE

Thank You!



Once again, you, the St. Michael's parish family, have shown your generosity!

The Mother's Day card sales netted \$470, and the Father's Day card sales netted \$598 for Project Love, a donor-funded ministry which gives grants to the creditors of pregnant women or mothers with a baby of age 1 or less, so that they can be relieved of some of their financial concerns.

Women are screened and referred to Project Love by counselors at the pregnancy alternative centers.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Laundering Sacred Linens and Laundering Altar Server Albs

There is a need for volunteers to wash and iron the linens used at our Masses. You would be asked to take the linens home once a week for one month of the year (so 4 times).

There is also a need for volunteers to wash the altar server albs four times a year - the first week of March, June, September, and December. (No ironing needed.) Training will be provided before you begin.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Cathy Swanson at cathyswanson5044@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 630-665-2250.

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Join Us & Get Involved!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

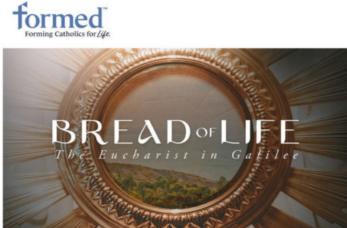
Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization founded by Blessed Michael McGivney to provide men with support as husbands, fathers, parishioners, and heads of their families. We engage in a variety of charitable work, supporting our priests, the intellectually disabled, our parishes and our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



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. We exist to honor the name of Jesus and to serve the Parish community at social and religious events.

Any questions or for more information, please contact brianjdiamond14@yahoo.com



Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee | Trailer

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

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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

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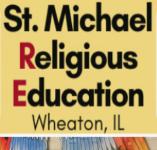
WEEKLY CLASS FOR STUDENTS

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 ONLINE OR SCAN FOR INFO stmichaelcommunity.org/religious-ed

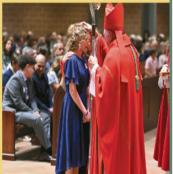














St. Michael ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 2025 Thank you to all of our participants, volunteers & parents for another faith-focused, fun-filled VBS!



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Around the Diocese



After the Mass Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction.

All are welcome! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

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.

<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.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 JUNE CELEBRATIONS



On June 20-22 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with people who are members of Public Authorities. As part of the Jubilee Year, this is a good time to remember those in your community, our state and the Federal Government with a special prayer and even a 'thank you' card.

On June 23-24 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Seminarians. We encourage you to visit the Diocesan website under 'Vocations' and learn about the men who are our Diocesan Seminarians. Perhaps send a card to a Seminarian telling him that your family will remember him in their prayers and that God continues to bless him as he studies to become a Priest. This would be a good way to join our Holy Father in remembering these important men as they continue their studies leading to Priestly Ordination.

Parish Support

Monthly Stewardship Report

AS 01 0/17/23					
	June 2025				
Offertory Budget	\$	142,000			
Envelopes		40,164			
Online		44,780			
Offertory Actual	\$	84,944			

Total	Over	(Under)	< \$	57,056>

Stewards Share

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each Steward has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.





Your Generosity Makes a Difference

Thanks to faithful parishioners like you, we're supporting ministries that bring Christ to our neighbors in need, proclaim the Gospel, and care for the most vulnerable among us through the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

If you haven't yet made your gift to the CMAA, will you join other parishioners in making a real impact today? Every gift, large or small, helps our parish and may even result in a parish rebate.

Please look for the CMAA mailing in your mailbox or visit <u>jolietdioceseappeal.org</u> to learn more and make your gift.

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Report St. Michael Parish

Thru 6/15/2025	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Goal	\$177,100	\$169,300	\$7,800	\$169,300
Amount Pledged	\$206,190	\$212,157	(\$5,967)	\$251,852
Amount Paid	\$169,969	\$172,854	(\$2,885)	\$247,462
Balance Due	\$36,221	\$39,303	(\$3,081)	\$4,390
Donor Count	493	557	-64	613
2025 Rebate	\$0			



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

Starting in July the 10:45AM Mass will be moved to 11:00AM



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- 1/2 page format, as full-page space is limited. Early deadlines occur before holidays.

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