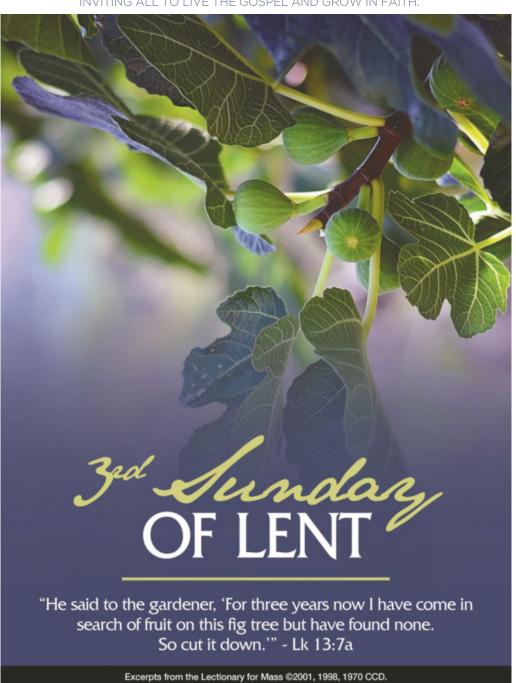


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Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:30AM Tuesday—Friday: 8:30AM

Confession

Saturday: 3:00-4:00PM

Appointments w/Fr. Froehle

Call Carol Severson for all appointment requests 651-463-3360

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member needs to receive the Sacrament of Anointing please call the Parish Office 651-463-3360

Baptism

Baptism class attendance is required. Baptism 1 is offered the 3rd Thursday of the month. Baptism 2 is offered the 2nd Thursday of the month. Both classes are at 6:30pm. Group Baptism is held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Call 651-463-5237 to pre-register for class & sacrament.

Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office. Allow at least 9 months to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Homebound Eucharist

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer Schneider 651-463-5224

Prayer Line

Email your prayer requests to jschneider@stmichael-farmington.org or call 651-463-5224.

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FROM THE PASTOR

"Would you please pray for me. . ."

How many times has someone asked you to pray for them? When you are asked, please receive it as a GREAT compliment! The requestor has recognized you as someone they want to bring into their confidence and that you exhibit a closeness to God. They are inviting you to become more intimately involved in their life. The two great commandments are to <u>love God</u> and <u>love our neighbor</u>. St. Thomas Aquinas defined love as "a choice to will the good of the other."

When asked, it is very easy to say Yes, you will pray for someone. WHEN is the right time to pray? We can have great intentions, but if I promise to pray later sometimes life can get in the way, or in my case a 'squirrel' or a 'shiny object' shows up and I fail to follow through on my commitment to pray. So, when someone presents you the opportunity to pray FOR them, ask if you can pray WITH them right then. St. Paul in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor 6:2), says:

For he says:

"In an acceptable time - I heard you, and on the day of salvation, I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Now that we have established WHEN we should pray, the next question is often WHERE. We should match the where with the when. Wherever the request is made is likely a very acceptable place to pray. Prayer is simply a conversation that includes God. You may want to step aside or find a quieter location, but you should not need to go far.

Next, we move on to the dilemma of HOW. Many people express an insecurity on the "how" of prayer. As with everything in life, we get better as we practice. It is the same with prayer. The more we pray the easier it becomes. We develop prayer 'muscles'. "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." People asking you to pray with them want your care, not your knowledge. We often show our caring by our physical presence and interaction; it may be the clasp of a hand, a hug, or simply eye contact.

The last topic to cover is WHAT to pray. You can always ask for the intercession of a patron saint, St. Peregrine for cancer, St. Monica for wayward children, St. Anthony for lost items, etc. One of my GOTO prayers is to ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother by asking Mary to take our prayer request to her Son Jesus. I can find no reference in sacred scripture where Jesus told His

Mother "no". We simply ask Mary to take the prayer request to Jesus, asking for God's will to be done. Adding a Hail Mary—invites and can involve all present to join—is also a powerful way to love our neighbor by showing them how much we care.

In summary, when someone asks you to pray for them... Pray WITH, THEN, and THERE!

Deacon Jim Bauhs



HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9:00AM 9th Grade Confirmation

Retreat

3:00PM Confession

4:30PM Mass Intention—Eugene

Piontek+

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:00AM Mass Intention—Earl

Buelow+

8:30AM Waffle Breakfast

9:15AM Faith Formation PK—

Gr. 8

9:15AM Respect Life Prayer

Group

9:15AM RCIA

10:30AM Mass Intention—Church

of St. Michael
Community

10:30PM Faith Formation PK—K

3:00PM High School Youth

Ministry

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Donald

Jenkins+

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Len

Sargent+

6:00PM Faith Formation PK-

Gr. 8

7:15PM 9th & 10th Gr.

Confirmation

7:15PM 10th Grade Parent

Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Rita

Herrmann+

7:00PM Women's Ministry

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8:05AM Rosary

8:30AM Mass Intention—Eric

Larson+

9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration

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CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST

10:00AM Word and Communion

at Trinity Terrace

6:00PM Lenten Series with Fr.

Froehle

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

7:30AM Men's Bible Study 9:00AM Pre-Cana Retreat 3:00PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass Intention—Jim

Krueger+

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

NO FAITH FORMATION

8:00AM Mass Intention—Craig

Henry+

9:00AM Pre-Cana Retreat

9:15AM RCIA

9:15AM Respect Life Prayer

Group

10:30AM Mass Intention—Church

of St. Michael Community



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, April 1, 2022 in the Chapel 9:00AM—9:00PM

Plan to spend an hour with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Contact Connie Fifarek (612-269-5901) for time slots needing to be filled. All are welcome to come spend time with Jesus in the Chapel.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.



GROWING IN FAITH



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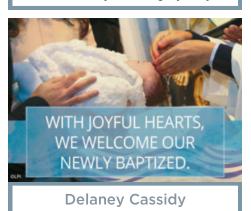
What is the 5th Station of the Cross?

Last week: In the Old Testament, who was Simeon's mother? Leah

HELP OUT & HANG OUT FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST 3:30 PM-9:00 PM ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS INVITED.

HELP OUT & HANG OUT

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us on Friday, April 1 for our second Help Out and Hang Out. Starting at 3:30PM (or whenever you can arrive), we will be helping out at the Fish Fry. We will finish helping at the Fish Fry around 6:45 and then head to Adoration. After that, we will hang out and play games until about 9PM. This is a great opportunity for service and fellowship. Please sign up on Flocknote or by emailing Sydney.



Garrett Cassidy

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PICK OF THE WEEK: *Messiah*. The 8-episodes take viewers on an unforgettable journey from ancient Egypt, to the Mount of Sacrifice, to the fall of pagan Rome. It is an exploration of the messianic prophecies of the Bible and how they were fulfilled by Jesus. Among the episodes are: Exodus: A People Set Apart, Exile: By the Waters of Babylon, and Ascension: At the Right Hand of God. Each episode is under 30 minutes in length.

This resource is available to all parishioners free of charge. You can watch it on your iPad, iPhone, FireTV, Android, or computer. If you do not have an account, go to www.formed.org and create one today.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for High School Youth Group this Sunday, March 20 from 3:00—5:00PM in the Frassati Room. This week we will be tapping into the gift of creativity and how we can mirror the creativity of God, our Creator.

VBS JUNE 20-23

9:30AM-12:00PM

Age 4-Current 4th grade

Registration forms are available in the Gathering Space and on the parish's website under Faith Formation.



FUN AND FAITH



Wednesday, June 15, all PK—Gr. 5 youth and a parent or guardian are invited to participate. We will gather in the Quad rooms at 9:30—11:00AM for prayer, crafts, video, snack and games. The theme is: What is the Bible?

CATHOLIC PRAYERS

Our PK—Gr. 5 Faith Formation participants are following the Archdiocesan schools' expectations for each level prayer knowledge. Our kids have been practicing the prayers weekly during Faith Formation sessions.



GROWING IN FAITH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

SUN 3/20 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-

12/Lk 13:1-9

MON 3/21 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

TUE 3/22 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

WED 3/23 Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

THUR 3/24 Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

FRI 3/25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-

38

SAT 3/26 Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

SUN 3/27 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-

3, 11-32

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTIONS

The Church of St. Michael will pray at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 6:00AM—6:00PM Father Froehle will join in praying the Rosary at 10:30. Please commit to one hour of prayer in providing spiritual support in the

battle to save lives.

Sign up after weekend Masses of 3/26 and 3/27. Respect Life members will be there to answer any questions. Map details will be available. For more information visit www.40Daysforlifetwincities



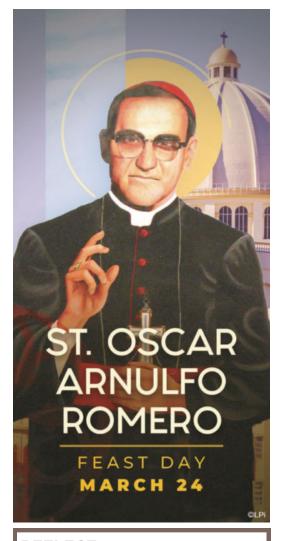
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Laura Shupe.

All parishioners are invited to take a Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl home as part of their Lenten almsgiving. Inside the rice bowl, you will find a

calendar of daily reflections and recipes. 25% of your donations will stay within our Archdiocese. You can turn in your rice bowl on Palm Sunday or donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/donate. For more information, please contact





REFLECT

First Reading: (Ex 3:1—15)

In his initial encounter with the Lord, Moses learns the name of God, "I AM." What insight does this give us into the nature of the divine?

Second Reading: (1 Cor 10:1—12)

Paul believed that the past mistakes of the ancient Israelites in the desert served as an example of the dangers of too much self-confidence. How can one best avoid arrogance in faith?

Gospel: (Lk 13: - 9)

In the parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus taught the crowds of the need to repent in order to bear good fruit. For what do you need to repent in this season of Lent? ©LPi

MAKING DISCIPLES

MASS AND MISSION

Join us this summer at the 8:30AM Mass and then participate in a service project and fellowship. Our first date is Wednesday, June 8 for tying of blankets for local charities. Donations of fabric are greatly



appreciated. For more information, please contact either Laura Shupe or Sydney Gordon.

BACKPACK PROJECT

Starting this week, the number of students benefitting from our backpack project increases to 31 (representing 20 families). Your generosity is greatly appreciated by

these children and their families. Items in need include: Mac & Cheese cups, Fruit cups, Pudding cups and Single -serving size chips.



NEW KIOSK ITEMS

We have added some children's books to the kiosk for you to purchase. The kiosk is located in the Gathering Space. New items are: *The Very First Lord's Supper* and *Good Friday*.



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	Jul - Feb 2022		Jul - Feb 2021	
Sunday Collections	\$	548,206	\$	539,879
Budget	\$	568,667	748-151	P0.004000000
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	(20,461)		
Debt Reduction Fund	\$	39,359	\$	38,309
Budget	\$	20,000		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	19,359		
Maintenance Fund	\$	31,689	\$	34,500
Budget	\$	16,667		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	15,022		
Operating Expenses	\$	579,481	\$	589,924
Budget	\$	607,609		
Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$	(28,127)		
Loan Debt				
Balance 2/28/2021	\$	821,733	\$	1,034,179
Monthly Payment	\$	14,725	Principal/Interest	
YTD Add'l Principal Prints	\$	40,170	Princ	ipal Only

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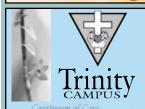
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