



the MESSENGER

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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MISSION STATEMENT: St. Michael Catholic Community strives to be a welcoming parish where people come together to worship, learn and grow in faith. Through our actions, we demonstrate our beliefs in fellowship, service and generous tithing of time, talent and treasure while empowering people to take a more active role in the mission of the church. We care for one another and receive comfort and support in our own times of need. All are encouraged to participate in the journey to live by Christ's example and build the kingdom of God by sharing His word with those we meet.

From Fr. Mike...

Speaking with couples who are engaged to be married, I often hear statements like “we can talk for hours on end...” and “we talk about everything...” and “we can even finish each other’s sentences.” I suspect what these couples are trying to say to me is that they have no problem with communication. That is a good thing. I suppose if there is ever a problem in their relationship, it will be resolved with communication. But the question I would like to ask—and don’t because I was young at one time and know how difficult it can be to accomplish—how comfortable are folks with silence? Communication suggests engagement, interest, a desire to connect. I think we forget there are other forms of communication that are available to us, albeit, more subtle. A smile or frown or wink conveys information, being there when someone is in need, a gentle touch on the shoulder, a punch in the arm, give meaning. Sharing a meal is an age-old sign of unity. The word companion for instance, literally means “with bread” connoting a companion is one with whom I share bread. What is interesting is when we are thrown into a situation when we cannot use words (trying to make connections with people in a crowded, noisy room, communicating with an infant, or being in a country where the dominant language is one you cannot speak), we learn to communicate without words. Still, there is something about silence that can make us uncomfortable and awkward on the one hand, and respectful, peaceful, and deeply connected on the other. The question I wonder about is can we do that in our significant relationships? Can I be quiet, lost in my thoughts with another person without either of us feeling uncomfortable or

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awkward?

Trudging through Fr. Jim Martin's book Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone, Martin speaks about silence as a sign of one's developing friendship with God. For some of us cradle Catholics who learned to pray with our prayer books, rosaries, and novenas, Martin's insight can be a wee bit startling to us. For us Catholics, prayer is all about words and if you don't say them out loud, then you say them to yourself. And if your prayer is "distracted," that is to say, if you say the prayers without fully focusing on the words you say, then you go to confession and confess it to a priest. For some of us, prayer is all about the words you say with the full engagement of the mind and will. It's a nice idea, but I don't think that is always possible or, according to the author, even necessary since there are many ways to communicate our love and devotion beyond the words we say.



More, and this is important, our own spiritual traditions have always found silence as an avenue to the sacred. There are some religious communities that take a "vow" of silence (though technically it is not a vow nor are they completely silent), but they certainly champion silence as one of the ways they become attuned to God. In convents and seminaries, there was grand silence after compline (night prayer) and before lauds (morning prayer). And there are silent retreats where people are not allowed to talk except for one-hour long periods with their retreat director. In these silent retreats, I would always get in trouble during mealtime. I can't explain it, but the grumbling of a stomach or the crunch and chop of food in the midst of an otherwise silent meal is hysterically funny to me. (And trust me, it is kind of embarrassing when a priest gets exiled from community meals because he is laughing too much.)

Silence is not an absence of a person or of vibrancy. Elijah found God in a soft whispering sound in 1 Kings 19: 11-13 which suggests that silence is one of the ways God manifests himself. Also, the beat of our heart and the blood flowing through our veins are all things done silently.

I also suspect that relationships mature in silence. I am reminded of the response of the Blessed Mother when the shepherds left the manger and when Simeon took Jesus into his arms and proclaimed him as a light to the nations that she held these things in her heart. It's also notable that Joseph, despite his significant role in the infancy Gospel, does not say a single word.

Finally, in our noise saturated world, silence in prayer leads to a greater intimacy with God. Psalm 46 tells us "Be still and know that I am God." Likewise, Jesus instructs us, "Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:6). Private, silent prayer has the ability to open us up to a real conversation with God. Cardinal Sarah makes the point, "The Holy Spirit has no face and no speech. He is silent by His divine nature." It only makes sense we encounter that Divine Spirit in the very same way.

Fr. Mike



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January 2022

Please contact Claudia with any questions at 586.566.4492 or youth@stmichaelcc.org



January 3, Monday
Combined Middle/High School Ministry
High Schoolers, join us as we
mentor our younger members
5:00pm-6:30pm

January 18, Tuesday
Youth Group Monthly Gathering
Consumerism: When is it too much "stuff?"
How to Live Simply
6:30pm-8:00pm at St. Michael



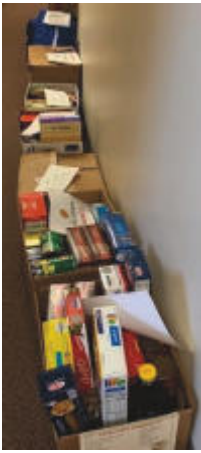
January 28, Friday
Youth Group Fun Night
Food, Fun & Friends...and games!!!
6:30pm-8:30pm at St. Michael



Remember—Your friends are welcome at all our events!



Looking Ahead:
February 5 & 6
Souper Bowl of Caring
After all Masses

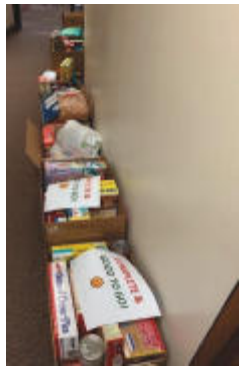


WOW!! Donations for two of the many projects happening here at St. Michael came pouring in and we are so very thankful for your generosity, compassion, and love.

We put out only 50 boxes for our “Adopt-A-Box” food program and your donations totaled over 70 boxes and many more bags of food. The food has all been distributed to various agencies including Strangers No Longer, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Adopt-a-Family (through St. Michael), and other local food pantries. A few boxes were kept at the church for individuals and/or families who walked in needing assistance.



The food donations lined our office hallway, spilled out into the Parish Office, and into the Social Hall! How wonderful it is to know that many people will benefit from your donations.



*Ask and you shall receive...
and receive... and receive!*



When Kathy Chadick proposed that we sponsor an FLT Service Project benefitting local Baby Pantries, I was all for it. Recalling that Jesus was born in a humble stable made it especially important for us to remember those parents among us who are struggling to provide basic necessities for their babies. I am blown away by the donations of various items that came in from our FLT families and parishioners. Under the tree in the gathering space were diapers, wipes, ointments, baby shampoo, blankets, layettes, winter coats, many adorable outfits, and other items that will help parents keep their babies healthy, cuddly, and warm! Just before Christmas, we loaded (overloaded) our cars and made deliveries to St. Pio Parish in Roseville and St. Isidore Parish in Macomb. On behalf of those parishes, we thank you for your thoughtfulness and love!



Best wishes to one and all for a happy, healthy, and blessed 2022. I remember last year at this time thinking 2021 will be the end of covid-19 and sadly, that has not been the case. I hope and pray that 2022 will be that year. We've suffered from this pandemic for 2 years now and it seems to keep morphing into various strains, much like the flu virus does. Hopefully 2022 will see covid disappear or at least become more manageable and less fatal.

We have our new video system installed and up and running. Much credit and thanks to those that were on the video team in the past, arriving at Mass early to set up and staying late to tear down. With our new system, things are easier with no setup required. You may have noticed (those coming to 4:30pm Mass) that there are no more tripods, extension cords, laptops, or microphones in the sanctuary. It's now interconnected; three new cameras with 360 degree coverage, and the sound system is connected directly to the system. The system control center is in a side room and everything is controlled from that center. One of our challenges for 2022 will be how to utilize this "state of the art" system for more than livestreaming Masses. I guess you could say St. Michael has caught up to the 21st century. Special thanks go out to Michelle Hayes and Rick Lopez. Their help and assistance in launching the Video Ministry and upgrading it to where we are at today, to put simply and plainly, could not have been done without them and, of course to Father Mike for approving the expenditure.

Not to scare anyone....but some dates to consider: Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd, April 14th is Holy Thursday, Good Friday is April 15th, Easter Vigil April 16th, and Easter Sunday on April 17th. As has become our tradition, we will be hosting a Lenten Bible Study and Communion Service on Thursday's in Lent, starting with Thursday, March 10th. We'll get you more information on that in successive issues (we may decide to move that up to a start date of March 3rd).

This ^{POD} That from Deacon Franz

So what are your plans, if any, for 2022? I can't say I have any real solid plans, but I definitely want and need to spend more time with my family from Arlene right on down to the grandchildren. The grandchildren grow up so fast (and it seems that I'm getting older so fast). People used to say that to me and it didn't resonate that much until I had grandchildren of my own. Now I completely understand. I do want to increase and concentrate on my spirituality. Working at the church, it's easy to start looking at some things in a different light than being ministry. Every job at the church is a ministry regardless of what it is. You really serve the "people of God" every day in what you say and do. Many times, people take issue with what you say and do and are not shy about letting you know....and that's ok. We need to know when you think we're doing a good job and also when you think we're not. We're here to serve you, not ourselves. Ministry is not like any other job anywhere...and really, it's not a job. It's more a calling than anything else.

For Christmas (really all year-round), our church looked so good, didn't it? All credit goes to our great and wonderful Arts and Environment Coordinator, Tom O'Grady. In his tenure here, he has definitely raised the bar as far as decorating and creating a nice, comfortable, and beautiful space for us to worship in and also the gardens and flower beds that surround the church. We are so lucky to have him.

God Bless,
Deacon Franz



The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is known as the Patriotic Degree in order to support our troops and veterans in a variety of ways. With that in mind, our Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used winter coats for our veterans. All coats or jackets must be clean and can be brought to the West Gathering space on the weekends of January 8/9 and January 15/16. All coats will be given directly to the veterans to use during our coldest months in Michigan.

Please remember our active servicemen and women as they give up so much for our freedom especially at this time of year.

~ Sir Knight Curt Best
and Sir Knight Brad Nevedal



VETERAN COAT COLLECTION

Did you received an unwanted/unneeded Christmas Gift or a Gift you have yet to return?

Fr. Mike is once again asking for your help to assist the Mercy Education Project in Detroit. Mercy Education Project provides educational opportunities, life skills development and cultural enrichment to over 250 women and girls every year who have limited access to resources to enable them to improve the quality of their lives.

By bringing your unwanted/unneeded **New** gifts to Fr. Mike's Office starting Monday, January 3rd through Sunday, January 30th they will be donated to the Mercy Education Project for use as auction items for their charity fundraising events.





Please note that masses scheduled below can have multiple intentions including the intention of and rituals for a funeral rite. You are welcome to attend mass at any time. If you prefer not to attend a funeral mass, we recommend that you call the Parish Office to inquire about upcoming funerals the day before.

Saturday, January 1

4:30pm Genesio and Cleonice Giorgiantonio and Patricia Sobie requested by Robert and Maria Sobie
Bob Rosol requested by wife, Joyce
Greg Bruen requested by wife and family
Elizabeth (Betty) Koziarski requested by family
Josephine and Vincent Manzo requested by family
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa
Shannon Lindsey requested by Tom

Sunday, January 2

8:00am James and Alberta Patterson requested by the Jack Patterson Family
Marjorie Finn requested by the Jack Patterson Family
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

9:45am Lucy Mollicone requested by Laura and Donna and family
Stanley, Wanda, and Judy Shalagan requested by Dave and Sandy Cenknner
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11:30am Marco Bonanni requested by Barb Knapp

Monday, January 3

9:30am

Tuesday, January 4

9:30am

Wednesday, January 5

9:30am Judi Schefke requested by Margaret Schefke

Thursday, January 6

9:30am

Friday, January 7

4:00pm

Saturday, January 8

4:30pm John and Jane Watrobski requested by daughter, Janice
Josephine and Vincent Manzo requested by family
Patricia Rudoni requested by Gwen Shire

Sunday, January 9

8:00am Daniel Miazek requested by his loving family
Betty and Robert Waddell Jr. requested by daughter
Linda and Sophia Popa requested by Norman Popa

9:45am Bob Smelser requested by the Parsons Family

11:30am

Rest in Peace

*We extend our prayers and sympathy
to the families of*

*Robert Bray
Helen Winalis*

Mass Schedule for January 8/9

	<i>Presider</i>	<i>Commentator</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>E.M. Captain</i>	<i>Cantor</i>
4:30pm	Fr. Mike	Virginia Chadwick	Ralph Ash	Karen Kelly Judith Poterek	
8:00am	Fr. Mike	Elizabeth Manuszak	Brandon Manuszak	Fred Knapp Robert Laichalk	
9:45am	Fr. Tim Deacon Franz	Kathy Best	Pat Mitchell	Felicia Allen Pat McGinnis	
11:30am	Fr. Tim Deacon Franz	John Takle	Marlene Coscione	Pat Bedner Debbie Kuskowski	

**Eric Semenyuk
Gina Spencer
Tracy Root Weck
Liam Snyder-Welbes**

**Judith Krzyzak
Albert Shamaly
Ralph Vogan
Betty Wilk**

**Phyllis Fenu
Angelo Hanna
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**Shirley Barch
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**Michael Joseph
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MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAYS: 4:30PM
SUNDAYS:
8:00AM, 9:45AM, 11:30AM
WEEKDAYS: 9:30AM

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SATURDAY—3PM-6PM
SUNDAY—9AM-1PM

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9:45AM

PETER EPSHA
11:30AM

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Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Scripture Readings

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Shelby Township VFW Post 4659	8311 Wilson Drive, Shelby Township	Weekdays	By Appointment
PREPARED WHILE YOU WAIT - WALK-IN ONLY			
Macomb County Family Resource Center	196 N. Rose Street, Mount Clemens	Saturday	9 AM - 1 PM
DROP & GO - WALK-IN ONLY			
Verkuilen Building	21885 Dunham Road, (Door F) Clinton Township	Tuesday, Thursday	9 AM - 3 PM
DROP & GO - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY			
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→ REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BRING

★ Identification:

- Valid driver's license or state ID for each adult on the return
- Social Security card for each adult and child on the return

★ Income Documentation:

- All W-2's (incl. gambling/lottery winnings)
- All 1099's (incl. Social Security, pension, unemployment, interest/dividends, misc. income)
- DHHS Assistance (annual statement)
- Child Support (annual statement)
- Alimony amounts received
- Letter from Social Security for SSI Income
- 1095's for Market Place Medical Insurance & Employer Insurance

★ Proof of Expenses:

- Any and all childcare expenses
- Property tax statement
- Mortgage interest statement
- Monthly rent amount (if applicable)
- January gas bill for heating credit
- Student loan interest or tuition and course materials
- Itemized car insurance policy that shows PIP (Personal Injury Protection) coverage

★ Direct Deposit Information:

- Bank routing number and account number, checking or savings (Debit cards do not have this information on them but checks do)

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Meeting/Activity/Event	Date	Time	Location
Abigayle Ministries Baby Bottle Event	February 5/6 Pickup February 19/20		
Tri District Meeting	Monday, February 21	7pm	

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