SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday, April 3, 2022

The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?



MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Michael Catholic Church seek to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ by sharing His message of love, peace, justice, and compassion. We are called to teach and evangelize, to praise and worship God, through prayer and service to our community and beyond.

WORSHIP WITH US

Visitors interested in becoming a member of our community are invited to register by collecting a registration packet in the Gathering Space, visiting us online or stopping by our Parish Office.

CONTACT OUR OFFICES

(513) 563-6377 Parish Office

Monday—Thursday	
Friday	8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Email	office@saintmichaelchurch.net
Prayer Chain Line	(513) 563-6377, Option 6
St. Vincent de Paul Soo	ciety ext. 353

(513) 563-6377 School Office

Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Friday	
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 p.m.

In the event of a weekday funeral, Mass for that day is typically cancelled.

Presider Schedule for April 9-10 Presiders are subject to change.

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Norm Langenbrunner 9:00 a.m.— Fr. Ed Burns 11:30 a.m.—Fr. Ed Burns

Exposition	Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Rosary	Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

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HOLY WEEK HOUSEKEEPING

Volunteers are needed to help clean church for Holy Week and Easter. Those who can, are invited to come help Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin submissions for the April 17th Easter bulletin need to be submitted to Amanda Schirmang by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4th. Please send your notices to the Parish Office or by email to: amanda@saintmichaelchurch.net

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL

Monday, April 8:30 a.m.	 4—St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: George Perrero requested by Donald & Barbara Perrero Edward J. Montag "Zip" requested by Donna & Terri
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Exposition in Church Evening Prayer in Church
7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in Church Monday's readings Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday, April 8:30 a.m.	 5—St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Mass Intention: Donald Kramer requested by Elaine Schuette Mary Schmidt requested by Lloyd & Karen Shaw and Family
4:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church Tuesday's readings
Wednesday, A 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	pril 6 Bible Study with Fr. Tom (Virtual) Confession in Reconciliation Room Mass Intention: David Kuntz requested by Janet Ganim Young Adult Video Discussion in Multipurpose Room Wednesday's readings
Thursday, Apr 12:00 noon 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	il 7 Mass Intention: Tom Dressing requested by Peter & Lisa Redden Rosary in Church Parish Penance Service Choir Rehearsal in Church Thursday's readings
Friday, April 8 8:30 am.	Mass (School) Intention: Thomas Garland requested by Donna Bush, Dorothy & Danielle Miller Don Burwinkel requested by Pat Friday's readings
Saturday, Apr 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	 I 9—St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Men's Bible Study in Ministries Room Confession in Reconciliation Room Mass Intention: Stephen Kennedy requested by Jean Hill Ruth Lohmeier requested by Pat Wahle Saturday's readings
9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	 Mass Intention: Bob Kroell requested by Barb Kroell Jerald Herbig & William Puthoff Sr. requested by Rick & Ava Herbig Mass Intention: For the Parish; Deacon Edward Reising requested by Family
4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room High School Youth Group in Multipurpose Room Next Sunday's readings Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1-49

GATHER WITH OUR FAMILY

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

To the community of St. Michael — Thank you and continued blessings!

After prayer and discernment, I have decided to retire and step away from my role as Pastoral Associate here at St. Michael, effective Monday, April 18th.

I want to thank Fr. Tom DiFolco and Fr. Ed Burns for the opportunity to be part of a great parish staff, working with so many wonderful parishioners who are so generous in giving of their gifts and talents for the ministry of the Church. Thanks to each of you for all you have shared with me. I have been truly blessed in my time here, and I will keep the St. Michael community in prayer as the parish's future unfolds.

Tom Giordano, Pastoral Associate

Congratulations on your retirement, Tom!

FINANCIAL REPORT

	TOTAL:	\$18,248.14
Lump-Sum Donation		\$2000.00
Online Donations		\$8,345.60
Collection for Mar 19-2	0	\$7,902.54

Easily donate to St. Michael Church online at: saintmichaelchurch.net/About-Us/Donate-Online

MINISTRY MEETINGS

St. Vincent de Paul Society 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
St. Michael K of C 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Athletic Boosters 3rd Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
Parent Teacher Organization TBD
Religious Education (Grades 1-8) Sunday, 10:10 a.m.
Catholic Inquiry Sessions Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
HS Youth Group Sundays, 7:00 p.m.
Jr HS Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:00 p.m.
Young Adult Group Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Subject to cancellation on holidays and during festival season.

Scheduling & Room Reservations

Please call the Parish Office or email: calendar@saintmichaelchurch.net

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

Parish Pastoral Council Every six weeks
President: Jim Konves
Worship Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Jack Hornsberger
Finance Council Last Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.
Jan, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
Chair: Jerry Mussari
Community Outreach 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Mary Heilers
Youth Commission1st Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Tyler Marsh

OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. John the Evangelist

9080 Cincinnati-Dayton Road West Chester Twp., Ohio 45069 (513) 777-6433 | www. stjohnwc.org

St. Gabriel Church

48 West Sharon Road Glendale, Ohio 45246 (513) 771-4700 | www.gabrielglendale.org

ST. MICHAEL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Joseph Home Volunteer Event

Are you called to participate with the Knights of Columbus? Join us for a fun morning of service at St. Joseph Home on **Saturday, April 9th from 8:30 a.m. –10:30 a.m.** St. Joseph Home is located in Sharonville (10722 Wyscarver Road) and provides systems of support for people with complex disabilities and their families. With diverse volunteer opportunities available, there's a way for all to help within their skill set and comfort level! Make a difference in the community where you live and worship. Please contact Patrick for more details on how you can be involved at (217) 493-1976 or patrick.quinn@ffeinc.us.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come Pray the Rosary on Sunday, April 24

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the first Sunday after Easter. The Divine Mercy chaplet is a special devotion prayer derived from the visions and diary of St. Faustina, who reported God's compassion as part of her encounter with Jesus. It is a prayer for mercy not only for us, but for the whole world. Together we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th** in Church. Anyone interested in helping to lead a decade of the rosary or the chaplet may contact Michele at (513) 207-2065.

OUR LADY OF LIGHT MINISTIRES

An Invitation to all Widows and Female Divorcees All widows and female divorcees are invited to Our Lady of Light's new social and spiritual support group. Gatherings are held every second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Archbishop House at 5418 Moeller Avenue in Norwood. This ministry meets to enjoy friendship, spiritual support and share resources, while having a lot of fun.

Due to Holy Thursday, the next meetings will be held on April 21st and May 12th. Light refreshments are provided. Please contact Betsey at (513) 531-6279 for questions and to sign up.

SCHEDULING CAMPUS SPACES Reserving Rooms for Your Activities

We are blessed to have a sprawling campus with many areas for our various groups to meet. All meetings and activities held on campus must be scheduled through the Parish Office. There are no exceptions as there are maintenance, scheduling, and security protocols to follow. To schedule a space, please email:

ATHLETIC BOOSTER'S

ST. MICHAEL GOLF OUTING

Join us for an 18 Hole Scramble

May 6, 2022 | Shotgun start 11:00 Glenview Golf Course

Golf & After Party \$150 / person After Party Only \$50/ person

The scramble includes golf with cart, lunch/drink tickets, prizes and an after party. The after party includes dinner, beer, wine and raffle items.

Register by April 22, 2022 Register & Pay online at: https://sites.google.com/view/stmichaelgolfouting

OR Payments can be mailed to: Meghan Cunningham, 10015 Pond Woods Ln, Cincinnati, OH 45241

calendar@saintmichaelchurch.net

Proceeds from this event support parish athletics

PRAY WITH US

GOSPEL MEDITATION April 3, 2022—5th Sunday of Lent

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy. There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM Remembering Relatives and Friends

Apr 5	Robert Larbes
Apr 7	Thomas Dressing
Apr 8	P. David Seiter
	John Morgan Gilkey
Apr 9	Grace M. Kwilatkowski
Apr 10	Ethel Miller

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL The Beginning of Holy Week

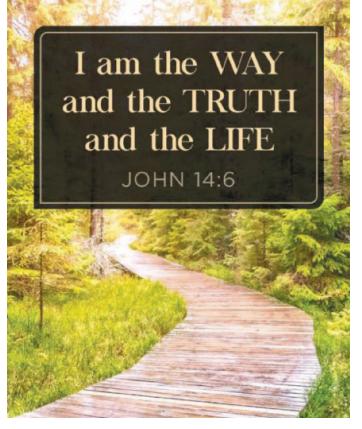
All parishioners are invited to gather in the Sharonville Elementary School parking lot beginning at 11:00 a.m. on April 10th for the blessing of the palms. Immediately following, a solemn procession into church for Mass will take place.

The branches that are blessed and brought home should be placed near the crucifix or the family Bible. They remind us that Lent is the slow coming of spring to the earth, the renewal of life. They are like the great "Hosanna" with which we hail the crucified and risen Lord.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasiveness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.

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RECOGNIZING GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS Make a Way by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

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Thank you to all who attended the Lenten Concert!

The choir was overjoyed to be able to share such beautiful and powerful music with so many people!

For those who were able to give to our free-will offering, your donation helped pay for the guest musicians. A professional recording of the concert is being prepared and will be available on our parish website in a few weeks.

ST MICHAEL FESTIVAL

JUNETOBERFEST IS BACK. BIGGER. BETTER. Share your time and talents with our community

The Festival Planning Committee is excited to welcome back Junetoberfest! However, as we come out of pandemic life-styles, it is vital that we have the volunteer workforce behind us to make it a success. **We are still in need of a few new families to chair festival booths this year.** Do not be fearful to step forward; our Festival Planning Committee is here to help and provide you with all the information you'll need. Volunteering is a great way to help our community and meet fellow parishioners. For further details, please contact Sean Sage at pseansage@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL T-SHIRT ORDERS Orders due by Monday, April 18th

Make sure you're partying in style at this year's festival! Festival t-shirts are now on sale. Please pick-up an order form in the Gathering Space or visit https://bit.ly/3wbQWih.

Completed forms and payment can be returned to the Parish or School Office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Please make checks payable to **St. Michael Festival**.



These are customized wearables and cannot be returned or exchanged. Parents, please see the Mustang Messenger for more details on student t-shirt incentives.

All orders are due by April 18th.



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THE SEASON OF LENT

	Opportunities for Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
ш	Parish Reconciliation Service April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
-	Additional Opportunities for Lenten Prayer
DUL	Stations of the Cross: April 1 at 7:15 p.m.
ш	Eucharistic Exposition: Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
C H	Evening Prayer: Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
S	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: April 10
$\mathbf{\mathbf{x}}$	Mass Saturday (Vigil) at 5:00 p.m.
	Mass Sunday at 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Ш >	Chrism Mass: April 12
0LY W	3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
≻	Holy Thursday: April 14
	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Ĭ	Adoration until 11:00 p.m.
8	Good Friday: April 15
F	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 p.m.
Ζ	Holy Saturday: April 16
щ	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass at 8:45 p.m.
	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 17
	Mass at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

Thank you to all Easter Flower donors! Your loved ones will be remembered in the Easter Sunday Bulletin

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

What Is the Significance of Foot Washing on Holy Thursday?

Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood – "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs for the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Pictured above: Saint Michael 8th Graders spent a long-weekend in Washington D.C. This trip was made possible through the Mustangs 2 DC program.



Pictured above: Students enjoyed a visit from Wildlife K9 Officer, Scout. Together they encouraged students to protect Ohio's natural resources.

MUSTANGS 2 DC MULCH SALE Orders are Due by April 20th

As show above, annually 8th grade Saint Michael school students venture to Washington DC through our Mustangs 2 DC program. In collaboration with the Youth Ministry, M2DC will be selling 3-cu ft bags of Dark Hardwood mulch to fundraise for future trips. Orders must be placed by April 20th. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Space or online at www.saintmichaelchurch.net under the Events tab. Get ready for spring and help our youth at the same time!



FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

CALL 513-554-3555 OR VISIT WWW.STMICHAELSHARONVILLE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION. "Thank you for all the time you put into our tour yesterday. I can't tell you what a relief it is for me to know that she will have a safe place to go next year. A place where art fills the halls and love fills the air. We felt it all ..." 2022 Prospective Family



Congratulations to Second Honors recipient, **Devin Wallace**, Senior at LaSalle High School!



