SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 24, 2022

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?



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

Presider Schedule for April 30-May 1 Presiders are subject to change.

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Ed Burns 9:00 a.m.— Fr. Norm Langenbrunner 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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BUNDLE SUNDAY

Saturday, April 30–Noon-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 1–9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

A St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in the parking lot to accept your donations of gently-used clothing and small household items, including furniture. Items you no longer use or need will greatly help needy families among us. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided if requested.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL

Monday, April	25–St. Mark, Evangelist
8:30 a.m.	Mass Intention: Mildred O. Rhorer requested by Tom and Ada Oerther
6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Exposition in Church Evening Prayer in Church
7:30 p.m.	Worship Commission Meeting in Conference Room; Community Outreach in Teacher's Lounge
	Monday's readings
Tuesday, Apri	126
8:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mass Intention: David Kuntz requested by Janet Ganim; "Zip" Montag requested by Donna and Terri Children's Choir Rehearsal in Church Knights of Columbus in Cafeteria
	Tuesday's readings Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, A	pril 27—Administrative Professionals' Day
6:00 p.m.	Confession in Reconciliation Room
7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mass Intention: Robert B. Rhorer requested by Tom & Ada Oerther Youth Adult Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
7.50 p.m.	
	Wednesday's readings Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, Apr 12:00 noon	il 28—St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Monfort, Priest Mass Intention: Don Kramer requested by Altar Society; Mary Schmidt requested by SVdP
12:30 p.m.	Rosary in Church
7:45 p.m.	9:00 Choir Rehearsal in Church
	Thursday's readings Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
	9—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
8:30 a.m.	Mass (School) Intention: Thomas Garland requested by Donna Bush, Dorothy and Danielle Miller
	Friday's readings
	il 30—St. Pius V, Pope; St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Weekend
7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study in Ministries Room
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Confession in Reconciliation Room Mass (First Communion) Intention: Clarence and Belle Schaefer requested by Libbie Miller;
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	Saturday's readings Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
	—3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker; St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Weekend
9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	MassIntention: Don Burwinkel requested by Pat; Bob Raliegn requested by Doug and Karen SchuppMass (First Communion)Intention: For the Parish
7:00 p.m.	Mass (First Communion)Intention: For the ParishHigh School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room
·	Next Sunday's readings Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
	Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Unfortunately, Saint Michael Church is unable to accommodate additional Mass intentions now—July 1st. There are numerous missionary organizations which offer the gift of the holy Mass in the meantime.

GATHER WITH OUR FAMILY

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

A Joy that Remains

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus greets his apostles with a familiar greeting "peace be with you". This is repeated at every Mass and is quite the powerful phrase. Consider the timing of this greeting. It came right after He returned from all He had endured. It was important for Him to greet His followers in this way because He wanted them to be filled with Peace and Joy. This remained with them and is still with us today. The question arises of how do we remain joyful or peaceful in times of great difficulty? The answer to this dilemma is clearly seen in how Jesus deals with Thomas and his struggle to believe. He goes to great lengths to help Thomas believe so that he can be filled with this lasting peace and joy. Our Lord does the same thing

with us, He meets us where we are and seeks to be with us always. My prayer this week is that the Lord can strengthen us in faith so that we may all obtain this peace He offers us, a peace that sustains through all moments of struggle.

Tyler Marsh, Youth Minister tyler@saintmichaelchurch.net

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL

We introduce and warmly welcome this newly registered family to Saint Michael:

Aaron Cox & Mary Harris

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.stgabrielglendale.org ST. MICHAEL FESTIVAL

Friday, June 3 6:00 p.m. - Midnight DV8

Saturday, June 4 6:00 p.m. - Midnight The Rusty Griswolds

Sunday, June 5 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Matt Waters & the Recipe Family Fun Day | Petting Zoo

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ROUNDING THE BASES, SENDING THEM HOME

Casey Cole, O.F.M., is an American Franciscan friar, Catholic Priest, writer, and blogger

This Memorial Day weekend, two friars, are on a pilgrimage like no other will make a stop in Cincinnati. YouTube sensation Fr. Casey Cole and Fr. Roberto "Tot" Serrano plan to visit all 30 Major League Baseball stadiums, meeting young adults where they are to invite them to return home to Jesus and his Church.

Fr. Casey Cole will be saying Masses at Saint Michael Church in Sharonville the weekend of May 28/29. Saint Michael and its family of parishes, invite you to hear more from Fr. Casey at a stadium-style, BYOB social event on Sunday, May 29th.

Rounding the Bases, Sending them Home Social

Sunday, May 29, 2022 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Pavilion Grove 9080 Cincinnati Dayton Road West Chester Twp., Ohio 45069

Your RSVP is not required but is requested. Please RSVP at: https://bit.ly/3LSZY8v

Learn more about Fr. Casey Cole's pilgrimage at www.breakingthehabit.com



PARISH COLLECTION FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection for Mar 26-27	\$8,522.77	Income Budgeted for 3/22	\$74,500.00
Online Donations	\$9,584.70	Collections, Online, and Stocks for 3/22	\$86,553.50
Lump-Sum Donation	\$5,000.00	Amount over budget for 3/22	\$12,053.50
Lump-Sum Donation	\$2,200.00		
Total	\$25,307.47	Total Income Budgeted 7/1/21-3/31/22	\$757,000.00
Collection for Apr 2-3	\$12,728.77	Total Contributions for 7/1/21-3/31/22	\$843,602.62
Online Donations	\$6,433.50	Total amount over budget for 3/22	\$86,602.62
Total	\$19.162.27		

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

PRAY WITH US

GOSPEL MEDITATION April 24, 2022–2nd Sunday of Easter

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM Remembering Relatives and Friends

Apr 25	Louise Mullaney	
	Anna Meyers	
Apr 26	Don Mahoney	
Apr 27	James Zimmerer	
Apr 28	Warren Drumm	
	Gerard Rossignol	
	Ann Crouch	
Apr 29	Clarence Hoffman	
	William Wessendarp	
Apr 30	Fred Brockmeyer	

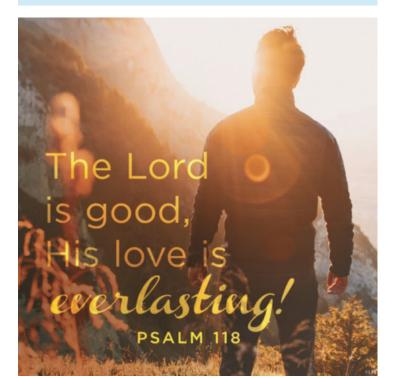
Saint Michael School and Church REP students will soon come forward to receive their First Holy Communion.

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the Light of His love, and the joy of His life within you.

First Communion Masses at Saint Michael: 5:00 p.m. Apr 30 and 11:30 a.m. May 1 5:00 p.m. May 7 and 11:30 a.m. May 8

LIVE THE LITURGY

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



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THE WORLD IS WATCHING Planted Near Water by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISITIRES

A Multi-purpose Human Services Agency Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy

Saint Michael Parishioners, you've done it again! 1,100 pounds of food, cleaning supplies, and personal care items were donated for the month of March. The agency was especially appreciative of the handmade Easter baskets filled with Easter goodies. The seniors of this program will love these treats in their food bags this Easter. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries continues to be grateful for our church's generosity. Items may be donated on the shelves in the gathering space; needs this month include:

Spaghetti Sauce	Egg Noodles	Campbell's Cream Soups
Minute Rice	Mouthwash	Hamburger Helper
Canned Vegetables	Cookies	BBQ Sauce
Hot Cereal	Tissues	Body Lotion

YOUNG ADULT DINNER PARTY

A Social Gathering for Saint Michael Parishioners (18-35)

Next Sunday, May 1, young adults ages 18-35 are invited to have a dinner party with special guest, Joe Grote. Joe is a current Saint Michael parishioner who will soon become deacon. There is no need to bring anything, dinner will be hosted and generously provided by a parish family. For the location and to attend, please RSVP to Young Adult Ministry Volunteer, Isabel Baumgartner at imbaumgartner36@hotmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY: JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

Upcoming Fellowship and Fun!

Sunday, April 24	4:00-5:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group in the Multi-purpose Room (Grades 6-8)	
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group in the Multi-purpose Room (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, May 1	7:00-8:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group in the Multipurpose Room (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day, no youth group sessions	

Our youth ministry program is open to all students, regardless of school attended.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Your compassion helps those in need around the world. The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be held in our Archdiocese on the weekend of April 30 and May 1. You can make an immediate lifesaving difference and give hope to children, mothers and fathers around the world—ensuring that even during the pandemic the most vulnerable people are taken care of.

For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. And it's because of parishioners like you.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING: ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Junior High Science Teacher— Saint Michael Parish School is looking for a creative, hands-on, and student-centered science teacher to join our Junior High team. Qualified candidates should be able to integrate technology into the classroom and have excellent communication skills.

Junior High Religion Teacher—Saint Michael Parish School is seeking a creative and faith-filled professional to join our Junior High team as our religion teacher. Qualified candidates will engage students in a rigorous curriculum, differentiate instruction, and create a positive classroom environment.

All candidates must be able to communicate well with colleagues, parents and other faculty, have a current Ohio teaching license, complete all required background checks and be current in SafeParish.

Resumes and cover letter should be sent to: Principal Carolyn Murphy at cmurphy@stmichaelsharonville.org

School Cafeteria Manager—Saint Michael Parish School is seeking a School Cafeteria Manager who will train with Janet Holley over the next school year. This individual will be responsible for planning, provisioning and other functions of the school cafeteria. Qualified candidates will manage a staff and school volunteers. Candidates must complete all required background checks and be current in SafeParish.

For more information, please contact Business Manager, Scott Hungler at scott@saintmichaelchurch.net



Above: Saint Michael School first graders visit the Sharonville Post Office for a behind the scenes tour and to mail Flat Stanley projects.



Above: Saint Michael School 7th and 8th graders got hands on at The Healing Center Cincinnati by helping sort food and clothing donations.

THIS WEEKEND IN CHURCH

Together we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24th** in Church. 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.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus, the best friend of the apostles, had just been killed for his teachings. The apostles were afraid the soldiers would come and kill them, too. They were so frightened that they locked all the windows and the doors in the upper room where they had the Last Supper. They huddled together in fear. When Jesus appeared right in the middle of them, they were amazed. He said, "Do not be afraid. I am with you."

Prayer

Lord, come to me when I am afraid.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus in the middle of the apostles with the doors and windows locked.

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