



Saint Michael Catholic Church

6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131

February 21, 2021

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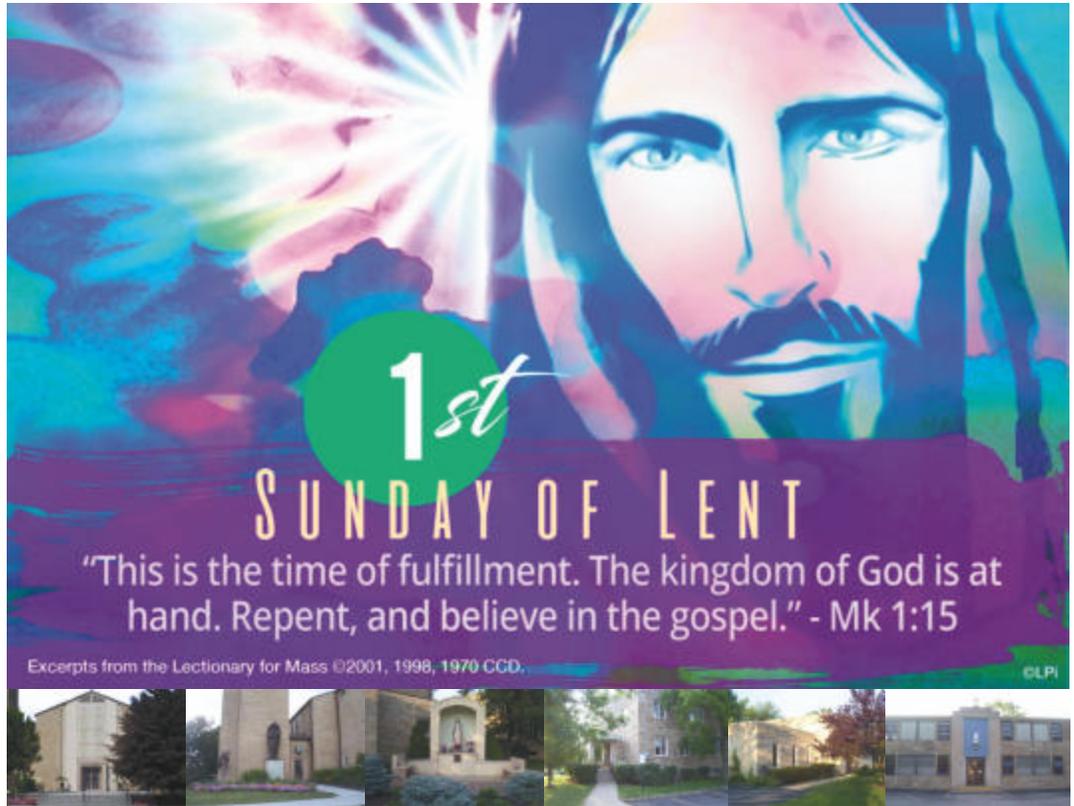
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Mass Schedule

Saturday—4:30pm
Sunday—8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm
Mon.-Wed. & Fri.—8:30am
Holy Days—8:30am
12:05pm
7:00pm
Legal Holidays 8:30am

Confessions

Saturday—3:30pm
and by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

by appointment

Weddings & Baptisms

please call the Rectory
to schedule

“Meeting Christ through prayer and
being Christ for the World”

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Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must

2. The wil-der-ness will lead you to your
In-teg-ri-ty and jus-tice with ten-der-

3. You shall sleep se-cure with peace; faith-ful-

Refrain



1. fear keep us a-part. Long have I wait-ed for your
we to oth-ers' call.

2. heart where I will speak.

ness you shall know.

3. ness will be your joy.



com-ing home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new life.

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The Gloria is omitted during Lent.

1st Reading - Genesis 9:8-15

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

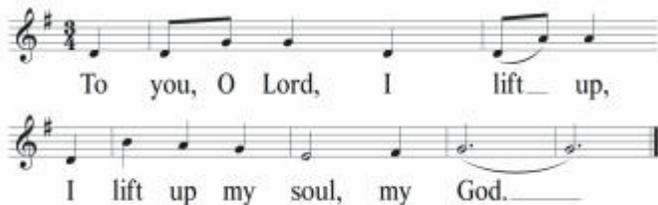
God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals
that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9



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*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, for you are my God,
and for you I will wait.*

*Good and upright is the Lord;
he shows us the way.
He guides the meek to justice,
he teaches the humble to follow his way.*

*Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who
are true. Your friendship is with those who
love you; you reveal to them your Word.*

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter
Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.*

Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

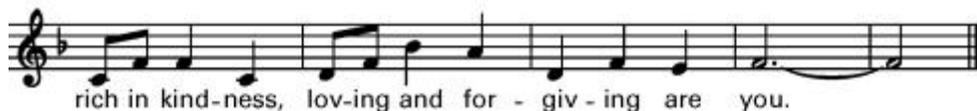
Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *(bow)* who was *conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

PSALM 103: LOVING AND FORGIVING

Scott Soper

Refrain



Verses



1. All my be - ing, bless the Lord, ___ bless the ho - ly
2. God for-gives us all our sins, ___ heal-ing those who
3. Good and gra-cious is the Lord, ___ slow to an - ger,
4. As heav-en soars a - bove the earth, so great the love of



1. name of God. ___ All my be - ing, bless the Lord, re -
2. live in pain, ___ sav-ing us from fi - nal death. God
3. rich in love. ___ God re-mem - bers not our sins; for -
4. God for us. As far as east is from the west, the



1. mem-b'ring the good-ness of God.
2. fills us with good-ness and love.
3. giv - ing and lov - ing is God.
4. Lord takes our sins ___ from us.

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After everyone has received communion and after the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle, you may be seated or kneel for a time of quiet prayer.

Prayer to St. Michael

**Saint Michael
the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell
Satan and all
the evil spirits
who prowl about
the world seeking the
ruin of souls.
Amen.**

SACRED SILENCE

Tom Booth and Jenny Pixler



Refrain *Sa - cred si - lence, ho - ly o - cean, gen - tle wa - ter,*

Verses 1. God my Fa - ther, Christ my broth - er, Ho - ly Spir - it,
2. Ho - ly Ma - ry, gen - tle moth - er, God's pure ves - sel,



wash - ing o - ver me; help me lis - ten, Ho - ly

1. sanc - ti - fy - ing me; Lord, I'm sor - ry, please for -
2. pray - ing for _____ me; saints and an - gels, all in



Spir - it. Come and speak to me. (to Verses)

1. give me. Come and set me free. (to Refrain)
2. heav - en, come and be with me. (to Refrain)



Come and be with me. Come and speak to me.

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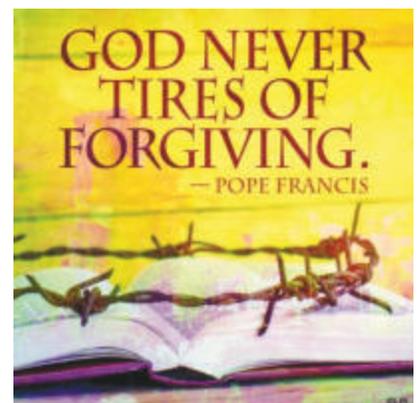
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We are streaming Mass each week from the 4:30pm Saturday Liturgy

St. Michael YouTube Channel

search:
St. Michael Church
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url:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4RbRgEbRcTyZYvP7UXJtQ>



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Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Joyce R.	Maryann Cohara
Michael Herasimuk	Michelle Murach
Tom Matia	David Pichert
Betty Schwab	Sal Loparo
Rick Schreiber	Charlenea Fabrizo
Laura Kelley	John Patrick Gallagher
Christopher	Diane Bernaciak
Mary Stanley	RaeAnn DiBaggio
Gina Childress	James Stenger
Gayle Telford	Thomas Gannon
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Gaetano Rini	Danny Goins
Gayle Rini	Lorenzo Gramuglia
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Arlene Marie Rau Mitchell	Gaylene Bielawski
Ron Gerba	Judy T.
Jerry Wright	Posy Grzincic
Judy Fiore	Ron Krzynowek
Mark L.	Dorothy K.
Jen LeBlanc	Christine Banaszak
Cecilia M.	Nina Gollon
Joe Denk	Terrie Goodrich
Barbara P.	Linda Szymanski
Ashley Skuhrovec	Ken Stephan
Sylvia Priebe	Alexis Cerio
Rita Matthis	Tony Kucia

A Prayer for our Military:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**PFC Joshua Strenk, National Guard
1LT Zak Zubic, Marine Corps**

Our goal is to provide prayer support and recognition for the men and women of the St Michael community who are serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. If you have a family member or close friend serving on active duty who could use our community's prayer support for their health, well being and safe return, call the church office so we can add their name:
Please provide their rank and which branch of the service they are in.

**Remembering all of our
Beloved Deceased,
and those in the
St. Michael Memorial Fund**

Joseph Kanar

Yolanda Marotta

Mary Alice Lavey

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Prayer before meals:

*Loving Father,
As we gather at our table to give thanks
and honor to You, We remember Your grace
and open our hearts to Your compassion.
We are in a pandemic and our hearts are restless.
The future which lies ahead is uncertain and anxiety
producing. We place ourselves in Your care,
entrusting our lives to You. Bless our family,
our parish, our nation, and our world.
Give us comfort and strength.
Help us to see beyond this challenge
and find comfort in Your guidance.
Jesus, we place our trust in You.
St Michael the Archangel- Pray for us!
Amen.*

Reflections from the Pastor

February 21st, 2021—1st Sunday of Lent

Peace in Christ friends as we begin our Lenten journey. Thank you in advance for participating in the Disciple Maker Index. It is a tool that will help us to find where to best share our time, treasure, and talents in serving God's Kingdom.

And many thanks for all your support and love for the many ministries of Catholic Charities. We know that the pandemic has brought so many more requests for help. God Bless your generosity.

*Thanks be to God for Lou Promozic's service as deacon at St Basil. He announced at all the masses last weekend that the bishop has given him permission to step down and dedicate his time to his outreach ministry: **I'm in Ministry**, An organization he started that touches so many lives; and we are blessed for those in our parish family who assist his team in bringing hope and light to the suffering.*

*Congratulations to our **St Michael alumni** who have been recognized for their academic excellence:*

Walsh Jesuit

Joseph Sitarz-Angelina Sinopoli-Ryland Bordeaux- Diego Calixto-Anthony Canzoni -Carmela Ciccolini-Angelo Ciccolini-Genevieve Fox -Sidney Katona-Emily Matas- Alexandria Sinopoli

Saint Joseph Academy

Shirley Diaz- Jennalyn Luciano -Alma Rodriquez-Jayleen Woo

The season of Lent gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect and make room in our hearts to welcome the stranger. Through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that stop us from fully loving God and our neighbor. When we give alms, we share what we have with others.

Fr John

Tuesday Evenings Lenten Prayer & Reflection Hour

~ St. Michael Church from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ~

Please join us Feb. 23rd, Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

We will reflect on our Lenten journey through scripture, rosary, prayer, hymns, and spiritual reflection.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20

4:30 + Rita Sladewski
(Marlene Bojko)

Sunday, February 21

8:00 + Chester & Doris Kendziora
(Family)
10:00 + Nancy DiGeronimo-Mahon
(Steve & Mary Koleszar)
12:00 Parishioners

Monday, February 22

8:30 Parishioners

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 + Diane Vinca
(Family)

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 + Mary & Andrew Bellian
(Family)

Friday, February 26

8:30 + Helen & Carol Onders
(Family)

Saturday, February 27

4:30 + Benjamin Marotta
(Yolanda Marotta)

Sunday, February 28

8:00 Parishioners
10:00 + Nancy Mahon
(Tom & Carrie Kurtz & Family)
12:00 Parishioners



Stations of the Cross—Every Friday during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CHAIN

Email your prayer requests to stmprays@gmail.com. If you don't have access to email, call the rectory office and we can get your prayer requests submitted to the chain. Prayer requests can be submitted anytime. A list of prayer requests will go out to the prayer chain via email. You can also request just to be part of the prayer chain. Just email us at stmprays@gmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Deadline for the February 28th issue is **Monday, 2/22 by 12:00pm**

all announcements need to be emailed to: tjd@stmichaelchurchindependence.org

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH OFFERTORY

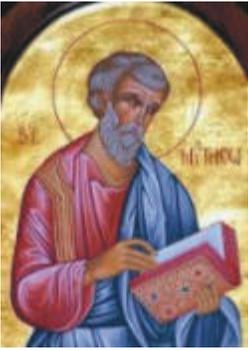


	2/14/2021
Regular Collection	\$7,351
Parish Maintenance	\$885
Total Sunday Collection	\$8,236
School Endowment	\$615

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous offertory giving this past weekend. St. Michael continues to rely on your support, both spiritually and financially. I ask you to please consider giving as you are able in one of the following ways:

1. Donate online using this secure link: <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>
2. Mail your envelope/weekly contribution: 6912 Chestnut Rd. Independence, OH 44131
3. Drop your offertory envelope off using our mail slot located in the rectory front door.



Matthew 25

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

This Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes us to three countries—

Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste.

Hunger and malnutrition, which happens when we don't get the right amount of nutrients, are challenges that too many families face each day. One out of every 10 people worldwide don't have enough to eat. Sometimes this is caused by natural disasters like floods and droughts. Other times, families don't have enough money to buy the food they need, or the food they can get doesn't have all the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy.

CRS helps communities find solutions to each of these problems. Farming families learn new skills and grow stronger, healthier harvests. Communities train health care workers so children can get regular check-ups and parents can learn new nutritious recipes to make sure their families get a balanced diet. People in vulnerable areas prepare for unpredictable weather that could destroy crops.

Jesus calls us to help those in need. Our Lenten prayers, fasting and sacrificial gifts help us answer this call.

Please bring your Rice Bowls home and as a family journey with the suffering.



LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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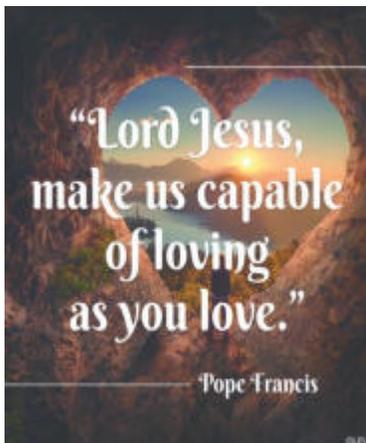
St. Michael Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 17-March 21, 2021 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Mullee and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the doors of the church and in the rectory. Printable version of the survey is also available to at:<https://stmichaelchurchindependence.org>. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the rectory or collection basket. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the rectory office at 216-524-1394.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



An Invitation to Students in Gr. 4 - 12

The annual "Respect Life" Art, Digital Art, Essay & Poetry Contest is an opportunity for students to share their artistic and written talents, celebrate the sanctity of human life, and be one of the many cash prize winners at our spring Awards Ceremony!

To enter, please go to www.LifeWorksOhio.org;

at the bottom of the News & Events scroll, just click on the Contest Details for your grade level.

Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed by February 26, 2021.

Questions: 216-661-6616 LifeWorks Ohio

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PRESCHOOL program

LEARNING *partnership*

Learning in preschool is a community effort, with a firm partnership between a teacher and aide for each class. Creativity guides conversations and storytelling in the classroom, while science experiments show that learning can be fun. That said, while we provide the in class education, we recognize, and strongly encourage, your role as parents, as the primary educators of your children. We see our job as building upon the strong foundation of faith and morals that you are already creating at home! We are blessed to be in this partnership with you, and treat it as such.



FAITH & *development*

Through all activities, our preschool students are reminded that they are God's children and loved by Him, as well as a larger school & parish community. All of our classes focus on teaching our youngest learners motor skills, social skills, language development, rhythmic movement, cooperation, and sharing - all in a faith-based environment. Our religious education program is the Catechism of the Good Shepherd. The youngest children learn that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves them and calls them to follow and listen to Him.



STRONG *curriculum*

The preschool programs curriculum goal is for the child to develop a life-long love of learning. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the whole child. It includes activities that encompass spiritual, social/emotional, language arts, math, art, science and motor skill activities. We have implemented the program FROG STREET PRESS, which uses delightful characters, songs and stories to make learning fun. The program allows the teacher to differentiate lessons to the individual needs of the child. The joy in learning is contagious. It is our goal to instill joy of learning with God as the center.



EXTRA *curricular*

Children experiencing our full day program will participate in additional extracurricular activities, including Nature Explorers, Munchkin Sports, PreK STEM, Early Scientists, Junior Chefs and Artistic Movement. As an example, Nature Explorers will allow children to explore the natural world, while encouraging them to use their imagination and creative side. The program will use the seasons to promote learning; from the leaves changing color, animals hibernating, to new life in the springtime. Students are given many opportunities to use problem solving techniques while helping them become independent thinkers.



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St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Brecksville will be holding carryout only Fish Frys on all the Fridays of Lent from 3:00-6:30. Dinner choices include walleye, baked scrod, shrimp or pirohi. A child's meal includes fish sticks or macaroni and cheese. You may call ahead with an order (440-526-1818 or 440-526-0016).

BEDS FOR KIDS

Please help us in assisting this local ministry, providing beds for children in our area who have none. Each bed costs \$120 and your donations help offset those costs.

Please make checks payable to:

St. Michael Church
(Beds for Kids on the memo line.)

Thank you so much for your past and present support of this important local ministry!

SVDP NEWS

Next weekend, Feb 27-28, is our delayed "5th Sunday" collection for the benefit of our Food Pantry as well as the pantries we assist at St Michael on Scranton Road and at Holy Name Parish.

SVDP collection baskets will be on the table along with the regular Sunday collection baskets. If you are unable to attend Mass, donations are accepted at the Rectory.

Thank you in advance for your continued generous support of our local mission!

A Film for Our Times is Here!

"POWER in my HANDS"

"America needs this right now...I don't know of a time in our history where we have needed the rosary more than right now." Jeff Cavins

Sun. Feb. 21 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Columbkille Gym
6740 Broadview Rd., Parma

Come to hear testimonials from 13 people on the miracles/healings they received through the power of the rosary.

Adoration Chapel Meditations

Brothers in Christ Ministry of St. Michael (www.brothersinchristcmf.org/blog)



Lent: Where the Wild Things Are

In Sunday's gospel reading from Mark (Mk 1:12-15), we see that Jesus' entry into a public life among the wild things prepared and strengthened him for his ministry to our wild ways.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts.

In Peter's gospel, from which we take our second reading (1 Pt 3:15-22), he explains how in a world of hopeless beasts, modeling a spirit of hope can help exorcise any evil tormenting them. He also offers this advice that's as relevant to today's web-surfing beasts as it was to the wild things surfing Noah's ark through the floods:

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.

But when wild things are caged, as sinners who are jailed with their sins often are, they lose hope as they gain shame. That's why, as Peter tells us, Jesus took his ministry into those prisons as well:

By recalling Noah's ark (detailed in Sunday's first reading, Gn 9:8-15), Peter seems to imply that Christ was building an ark to transport us wild beasts to salvation. We're all surfing some rough seas on this ark with each other. Maybe if we all modeled Christ's prison ministry for each other we could launch God's kingdom into cyberspace.

St. Michael Church in Independence will make the Blessed Sacrament available for prayer and adoration following a Mass for Life on Thursday March 11th at 5:30pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Amos.

The Blessed Sacrament will then be exposed on the church's main altar through 10pm Saturday night the 13th. To lock in your hour of meditation before the Blessed Sacrament, go to volunteersignup.org/3M7KR.

God designed the womb as our refuge. Humanity disguised abortion as our right. LIFE is our only right ... and its protection requires perpetual prayer.

Thank you for your commitment, and God Bless!

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family member and would like to learn more about joining the faith and sharing in the full sacramental life of the Church? R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholics journey towards sacramental initiation within the Catholic Church. RCIA is a learning and loving process in which one walks with members of our faith community towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. Contact Fr. John in the Parish Office for more information.

St. Michael Parish School of Religion

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THIS WEEK

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1ST GRADE—Monday, February 22nd—6:30-7:00pm
5TH GRADE—Monday, February 22nd—7:00-7:30pm

Michael PSR

ANTIPHONS FOR THIS WEEK'S MASSES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday 2/22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

ENTRANCE Luke 22:32— **The Lord says to Simon Peter: I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.**

COMMUNION cf. Matthew 16:16, 18—**Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

2/22 *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*
1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps.23:1-3a,4,5,6
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday 2/23

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 90:1-2—**O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.**

COMMUNION cf. Psalm 4:2—**When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!**

Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

ENTRANCE—**This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.**

COMMUNION cf. Matthew 16:24—**Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.**

2/23 Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps.34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19
From all their distress God rescues the just.
Matthew 6:7-15
or
Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Revelation 2:8-11
Ps.31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
John 15:18-21

2/24 Jonah 3:1-10
Ps.51:3-4,12-13,18-19
A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
Luke 11:29-32

Wednesday 2/24

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 25: 6, 2, 22—**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

COMMUNION cf. Psalm 5:2—**All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.**

2/25 Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps.138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.
Mark 7:24-30

Friday 2/26

ENTRANCE cf. Psalm 25: 17-18—**Set me free from my distress, O Lord. See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.**

COMMUNION Ezekiel 33:11—**As I live, say the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back and live.**

2/26 Ezekiel 18-21-28
Ps.130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8
If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?
Matthew 5:20-26

2/27 Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.
Matthew 5:43-48

2/28 Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ps.116:10,15,16-17,18-19
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10



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