

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

*I am the good shepherd*

## 4<sup>º</sup> DOMINGO DE PASCUA

*Yo soy el buen pastor*

### **Saturday Vigil**

4:00pm - English

6:30pm - Spanish

### **Sunday Masses**

8:00am - English

9:15am - Spanish

11:00am - English

1:30pm - Spanish

7:00pm - Spanish

### **Daily Masses**

Monday - Friday,

8:15am & 5:30pm

Saturday - 8:15am

### **Reconciliation**

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

### **Adoration**

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00pm

*St. 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.*

## OFFICE HOURS

### **Monday - Thursday:**

9:00am - 4:00pm  
(closed 12:30-1:30pm)

### **Friday:**

9:00am - 12:00pm



## CHURCH STAFF

**Fr. Ben Bradshaw** - Pastor

**Fr. Francisco Franquiz** - Assoc. Pastor

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**Maria Razura** - Religious Education

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Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. (No offense, Libby.)

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

~Fr. John Muir



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, hear our prayer.

Bless our Parish of St. Michael with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated religious and holy married life.

Give all who hear your call the wisdom to understand your gifts and the love to follow your will.

AMEN



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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**April 26 - Catholic Charities**

7:00am - Prepare Breakfast

**April 26/27 - Nashville**

State Convention

**May 14 - St. Leo Hall**

5:30pm - Officer Meeting

6:00pm - Council Meeting

For more information about becoming a Knight, please contact Andrew Hall at [andrewrtr@gmail.com](mailto:andrewrtr@gmail.com).





**Saturday, April 20**

4:00pm +Leo & Dot Hartweck  
6:30pm Int/Jorge Ayala (B'day)

**Sunday, April 21**

8:00am +Eddie Adkins  
9:15am +Jose Luis Hernandez  
11:00am People of St. Michael Church  
1:30pm +Cira Carbajal Perez  
7:00pm +Hugo Rafael Saias

**Monday, April 22**

8:15am +Fred Ries  
5:30pm Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 23**

8:15am +Fr. Alfred F. Graham  
5:30pm Communion Service

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:15am +Julie Winkler & Int/Francis Madrigal  
5:30pm +Jaime Castro Carreño

**Thursday, April 25**

8:15am +Leonardo Valencia  
5:30pm +Ascencio Calderon

**Friday, April 26**

8:15am +Gene Billinfley  
5:30pm +Julie Winkler

**Saturday, April 27**

8:15am Int/Hibrain Ramirez & All Young Adults  
4:00pm +Leo & Dot Hartweck  
6:30pm +Julia Garcia Cruz

**STEWARDSHIP**

APRIL 7

**In Person**

\$21,470.00

**Online**

\$14,826.10

**Total**

**\$36,296.10**

**PRAYER LIST**

**ORAMOS POR**

Abigail Aguilar	Tricia Gavin	Jane Mitchell
Pedro Aguilar	Marty Godfrey	Jim Mitchell
Sebastian Aguilar	John Goodwin	Mike O'Neil
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Jennifer Chander	Courtney Kerwin	Sergio Ramirez
Carroll Clark	Bradley Kuenn	Teodoro Ramirez
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Evela Feliez	Lee McWaters	Amy Shinebarger
Gina Fortune	Karly McWheter	Jane Toning
Gauna Garcia	Chip Maley	Ray Smith
Arci Galven	Juan Martin	Rita Woodward
Dory Gaston		

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS - FUTURAS MAMÁS:**

Elle Murchison, due in April  
Cydney French, due in June  
Elizabeth Barzizza Hampton, due in July  
Courtney Durham, due in August  
Chandler Sexton, due in August



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND THE WOLF

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days before. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

~John 10:11

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC  
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## EL BUEN PASTOR Y EL LOBO

Recuerdo muy claramente la primera película que vi durante el embarazo de mi hijo mayor. En esta película, hay una escena en la que un niño es secuestrado y empujado a la parte trasera de una camioneta custodiada por perros feroces. Su madre persiste en intentar liberarlo, incluso cuando los perros la muerden. Sus dientes al descubierto y sus gruñidos no frenan sus esfuerzos en lo más mínimo.

No fue una gran película ni siquiera una escena particularmente buena, pero nunca olvidaré esta escena. Nunca olvidaré a esos perros.

Me acababa de enterar que era madre hacía unos días. La vida que crecía en lo más profundo de mí me parecía tan frágil como un secreto susurrado, pero la amaba poderosamente. Me preocupaba constantemente si el bebé estaba sano y salvo. Me angustiaban las señales, reales o imaginarias, que podrían decirme si el niño del tamaño de una semilla de amapola estaba prosperando o fracasando.

Entendí, por primera vez en mi vida, por qué una mujer atacaría a una jauría de perros de ataque sin dudarle, no porque deba hacerlo, sino porque tiene que hacerlo.

Ciertamente podría elegir no pelear. Ella podría marcharse. ¿Pero por qué lo haría? Un futuro sin su hijo es mucho más doloroso que cualquier herida física. Puede que tema por su vida, pero teme mucho más una vida sin su hijo.

El discurso del Buen Pastor nos revela la motivación detrás de las acciones de Dios a lo largo de toda la historia de la salvación. Desde Adán hasta Noé y Abraham, hasta el tiempo del Mesías y más allá, Él sigue tratando de recuperarnos. Sigue desafiando a los perros de ataque, una y otra vez. Él nunca se detiene. Él nunca se cansa. Y nos desconcierta: ¿qué gana Él con esto? Nos preguntamos, porque somos más rápidos que Él para renunciar a nosotros mismos. ¿Por qué sigue intentándolo?

Podría optar por no pelear, claro. ¿Pero por qué lo haría? No quiere un futuro sin nosotros.

*"Tóquenme y convénzanse: un fantasma no tiene ni carne ni huesos, como ven que tengo yo."*  
~ Lucas 24:39

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA  
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y santa vida matrimonial.

Da a todos los que escuchen tu llamado,  
la sabiduría para comprender  
y el amor para hacer tu voluntad.

AMEN



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**Sunday, April 29, 12pm Mass**  
 St. Louis Church

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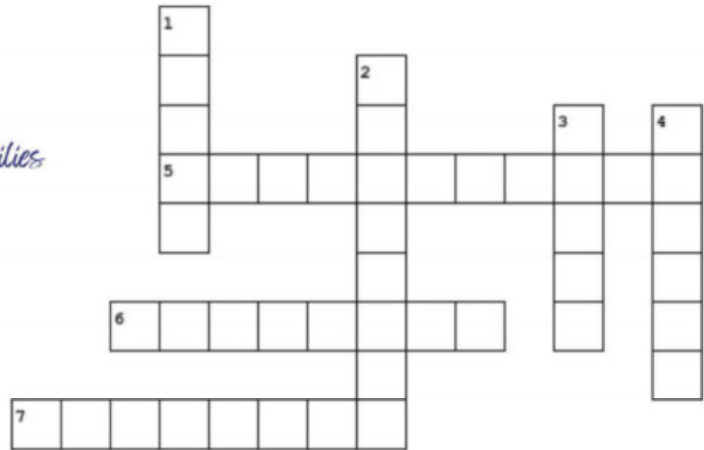
## KID'S CORNER



St. Mike's & Our Families



*"I am the good shepherd."*



### ACROSS

5. first brick set in a building
6. being friendly, generous,  
and considerate
7. made known

### DOWN

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2. person who tends sheep
3. control, authority, or influence
4. provides safe shelter

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