

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, January 2, 2022

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 pm-3:30 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

9:30 am—3:00 pm Livestreamed

HOLY ROSARY

Monday-Friday 9:30 am

Thursday

Livestreamed

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am-Noon

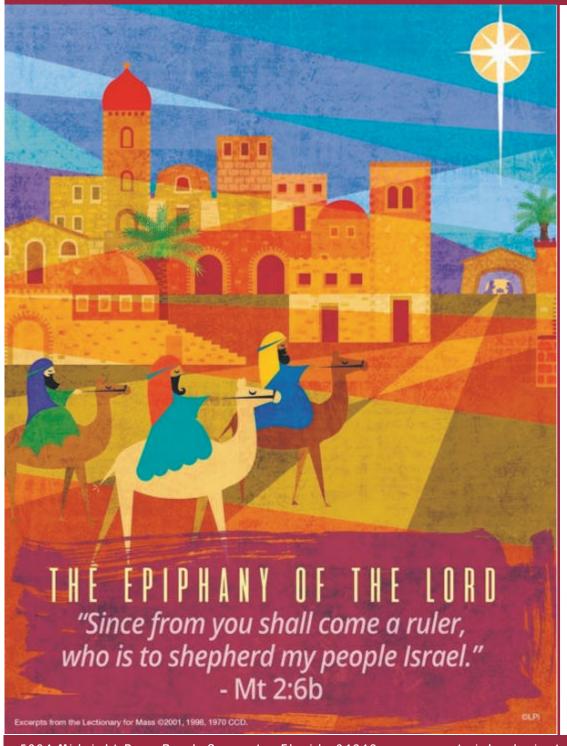
OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am-Noon





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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL Catholic Church

FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish (stmichaelssiesta.com), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.





WEEKLY COLLECTION (DEC 18-19)

Offertory	\$4,148
Poor Box	\$5

WEEKLY COLLECTION (DEC 25-26)

Offertory	\$4,322
Poor Box	\$17
Christmas	\$11,626

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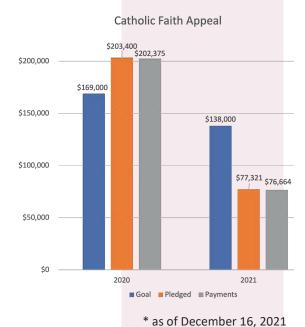
THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who have contributed, not just to our weekly offertory but also to the building fund and the fund to renovate and repair the church. Without your kind generosity and willingness to be a part of the St Michael the Archangel story and future, we would not be able to make the needed improvements to bring our parish up-todate and provide our parishioners and visitors with a safe and beautiful worship space. In addition, we look forward to the ground-breaking for the new parish center where we can once again gather as a community, where our ministries can once again flourish and serve the community, where our staff and visitors have a safe and beautiful environment in which to conduct church business, and where people from around the country and the world will have a quiet space in which to worship and reflect in the Cloister, which will be a wonderful addition to our campus. Thank you all, and may you have a most blessed new year! God bless!

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

CFA	2020	2021
Goal	\$169,000	\$138,000
Pledged	\$203,400	\$88,271*
Payments	\$202,375	\$87,934*
% of Goal	120.36%	63.96%*

* as of December 16, 2021





CFA

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located at the back of the church,
and submit it either to the Parish
office or in the offertory basket.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FATHER MICHAEL'S RAMBLINGS

May the joy and peace of the Lord Jesus be with each of you and your families as we enter a new year.

The past year has been a time of challenge for so many of us – for various reasons. Here at St. Michael the Archangel, we have been fund-raising for our new Ministry Center. At the same time, we had to begin work on renovating the church. To date, the roof has been replaced and we have installed three new air conditioners. Currently, the carpet is being removed as are the tiles around the sanctuary. The pews are also being refurbished off-site. We are celebrating all our liturgies under the tent placed on the slab on which the previous parish center was built. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and volunteers who spent many hours to ensure that the space was functional, beautiful and worthy of worship. Our Christmas Masses were very well attended with some attendees worshipping inside the tent while others chose to remain outside. We even had several families who tailgated!

As I write, I am very conscious that many of our winter parishioners are going to be arriving with us in the coming weeks. How wonderful! It is always so nice to see them come to worship with us. If you have already arrived, welcome back! If you are travelling in the coming days or weeks, please journey in safety. We look forward to your return.

It's important for all of us to look to the coming year with hope. The past year may have been difficult but let's be optimistic as we enter this new year. Covid is still with us, but we pray for continued safety and good health for everyone.

Love and blessings to you all,

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Fr. Michael & Oscar

MINISTRY UPDATES

st. MICHAEL'S Women's Guild

The Christmas luncheon at Miguel's was a delightful affair and we were very happy with the turnout. We hope this response will continue and grow as more women arrive in Sarasota for the winter season. We will kick off the New Year with a luncheon and speaker on Monday, January 10 following our monthly mass at 11:00. The luncheon will be held at Mellow Mushroom on the trail and reservations should be made with Eileen Walsh at 551-206-4264 by week's end. The price for lunch is \$20 per person.

Come out, have a delicious lunch, reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the camaraderie of the Women's Guild as we work to benefit our community.

Wishing all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Kathy Caltagirone (Caltonekathy@mac.com)



Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We continue to have a need for Eucharistic Adorers every Tuesday, especially 11am - 1pm. Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

For questions or to sign up for a specific time, contact Karen O'Neal at 216-990-2912.





In need of prayers for yourself or a loved one? Call the St.
Michael's Parish
Prayer Line:

Contact Anna DeFelice: 941-378-9944 adefelice@comcast.net

OUR MINISTRIES			
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Knights of Columbus	Lenny Myars	317-437-4317	
Lectors	Eleanor Villardi	941-927-9093	
Linen	Michele Carusona	941-349-4174	
Music	Katherine Alexandra	941-879-5983	
Prayer Line	Anna DeFelice	941-378-9944	
Prayer Shawl	Michele Carusona	941-349-4174	
Religious Ed	Anna Chase	941-349-4174	
Respect Life	Sandy & Bill Palmer	941-349-6112	
Usher	Lenny Myars	317-437-4317	
Witness to LOVE	Doug & Julie Lumpkin	941-349-2228	
Women's Guild	Kathy Caltagirone	941-349-1281	

Congratulations to Miss Anna and all the participants of the St. Michael's Christmas Pageant! This one-night show played to a packed house and depicted the birth of Jesus. All the performers did a wonderful job!! Thanks to Anna & Will Chase for their leader-ship and to baby Ava for being the perfect angel!









BLOOD DRIVE

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Sunday, January 9th-7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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SAVE THE DATE

Women's Emmaus Retreat

Hosted by: Epiphany Cathedral Parish

March 11-13, 2022

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Retreat Center, Venice, FL

More information will be published closer to the retreat. For questions, contact Donna Vodraska at donnavodraska@aol.com, 941-496-4464 or 630-336-0918 (cell)

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club resumes this week on January 6th. The club meets every Thursday at 1pm under the tent.

If you would like to play bridge or would like more information, please contact Rose Marie Hochendoner at 941-346-2853.

COUPLES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

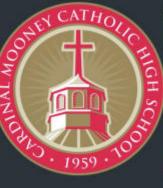
February 12 and February 19, 2022



All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of

marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. Please contact your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.







NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 30 - February 5

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School is the only Catholic high school that offers academic excellence and faith-based education in Sarasota and Manatee counties. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance, and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. Please contact Rene Hebda for a campus tour and admission information, or Amy Gorman in the advancement office for donations at 941-379-2647.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO PROTECT US AND KEEP US SAFE

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Call the Parish Office to add a loved one to this Military and First Responder Prayer List.

SCENES FROM CHRISTMAS 2021







GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In his Apostolic Exhortation. The Jov of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All



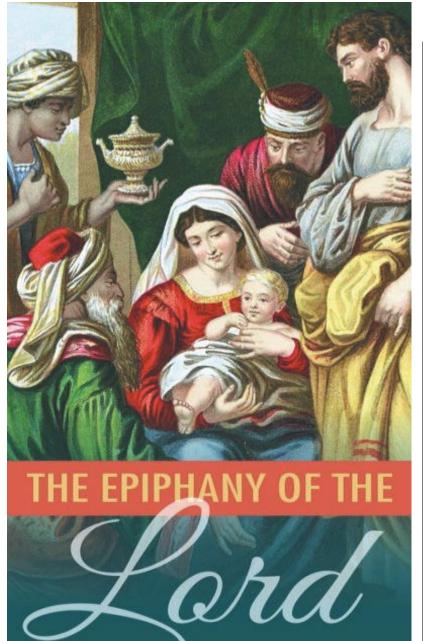
the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomor-

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a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.





THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."



If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sanctuary Candle: St. Michael's Parishioners
Flowers: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday:

8am: + John & Josie Bonelli by Maryann & Barbara

10am: + Rod Green, Jr. by Eileen Kuffel

St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday: + Richard Duggan by Rich & Eileen Walsh

Tuesday: + Steve Andrascik by Members of Cook, Ryan & Andrascik Families

+ Mary Kate Graf by Bill & Barb Graf

Wednesday: + Amy Thompson by Family

+ Dawn LaGrasso Cichoski by Bob & Sharon Southwell

Thursday: + Marie Trubba & Peter by Maria Beck
Friday: + Eugene Rame, Sr. by Wife Alice & Family

Saturday: + Joseph & Patricia LaGrasso by Frank & Joyce LaGrasso

St. Michael's Parishioners

Next Sunday:

8am: + Jerry Agron by Ralph & Karen Basile Leela Piotrowski by Piotrowski Family

10am: + L. Wayne Palmer by Lizzy & Warren Harakal + Alfredo Gonzalez by Lizzy & Warren Harakal

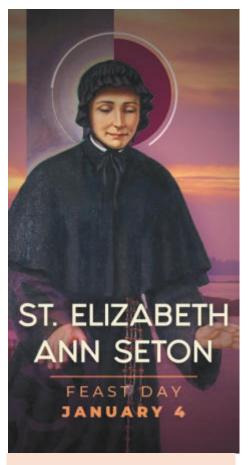
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View Mass on TV: Sundays: 9:30 am Comcast: Channel 9; Verizon: Channel 4

Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Jan. 8: 4:00pm: Fr. Michael Cannon

Sun. Jan. 9: 8:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon 10:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint.

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