

Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

Parish Mission Statement

St. Michael's Catholic Church, a people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, are brought together by God through the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ through:

- Prayer and frequent celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
- Sharing our faith and educating others about the Church.
- Living a life of continual conversion.
- Providing our children a strong Catholic upbringing.
- Giving comfort to those in need.
- Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
- Acting as the living presence of Christ in our world, building community and welcoming all.
- Empowering one another to share the Gospel through our words and by our actions.



We're glad to have you!

If you're new, welcome to the St. Michael's Parish Family!
If you haven't been here in awhile, welcome back!

St. Michael's is a small, close-knit parish family, always open to new & returning members. There's no formal "registration" process; once you come here we consider you part of the family!

Check us out!

Shoot us a text, email or give us a call! Or visit us online at: www.smseebree.org, www.facebook.com/smseebree

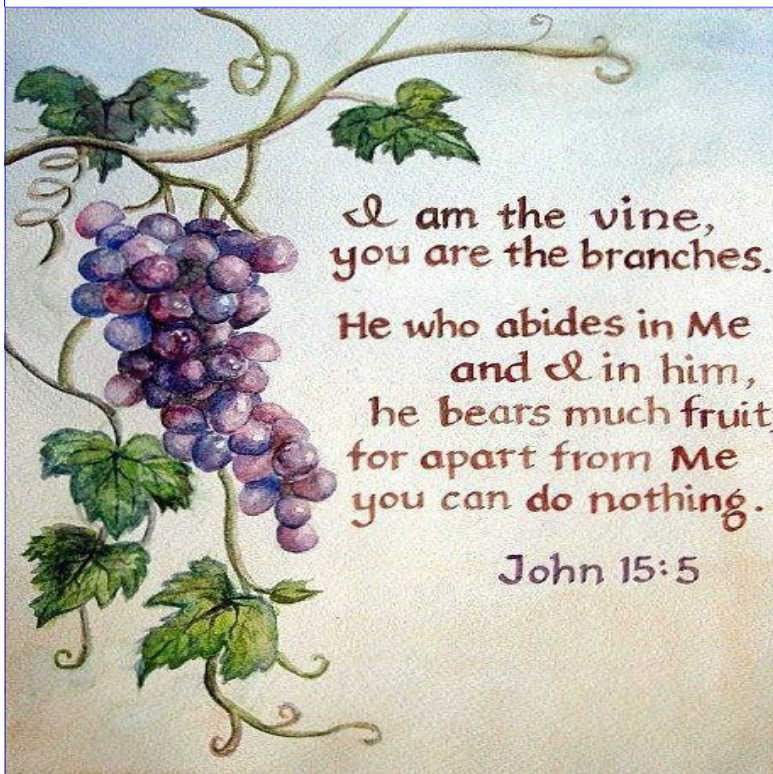
Mass Intentions Available

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one (living or deceased) you can put an envelope with the intention and date requested. In the collection or in the mail (the *suggested* donation per mass is \$5)

Parish Council Members

Connie Caldwell, Jim Hurtte, Devin Gibson, Jenny Glenn, Randy Thompson, Mila Mendoza, Kattia Angulo.

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



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Thanks to Those Who Shared Their Time & Talent

Thank you to everyone who have helped us keeping our buildings clean! **In special to Felipe Domingo Family.** for cleaning the church last week.
Church Cleaners week of 4/29 to 5/3:
Maria Herrera Family.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Christa Bennett, Tyler Blandford, Tom Beckert, Tony Bess, Bobby Blandford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Bonny Clark, Scott Coffman, Jim & Nelly Daughterly, Erica Daughterly, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Jennifer Ebelhar, Sr., Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Keith Harpole, Jaime Harris, Doug Hawkins, Dan Hawkins, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Donnie & Kathy Jones, Keith Kenney, Richard Kolodey, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Elfren Malave, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Carmen & Daryl Periard, Kathy Prough, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Pam Raleigh, Dave Shellabarger, Ruby Sparks, Annie Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, Johnny Wahl, Carter Wilkerson, Tony Whitledge.

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit

www.smseebree.org

Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and cares for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches, and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 27 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
April 28 Sacristan: KoC
EM KoC
Lector KoC
Altar Server KoC

May 04 Sacristan: Gracia Alvey
May 05 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Mary Jane Hawkins
Lector Cathy Robertson
Altar Server Voluntary

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 9:26-31](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32](#)
Reading II: [1 Jn 3:18-24](#)
Gospel: [Jn 15:1-8](#)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

27 Sat Easter Weekday white Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
28 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER white Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 (53) Pss I
29 Mon Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)
30 Tue Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Pius V, Pope] Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)
MAY 2024 1 Wed Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Joseph the Worker] Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287) or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
2 Thu Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)
3 Fri Saints Philip and James, Apostles red Feast 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561) Pss Prop.

WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

“USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 4/21/2024	\$ 2,113.03
Weekly Goal	\$ 1,863.77
Year-to-date Total 43 of 53 Sundays	\$89,557.75
Budget YTD	\$80,142.11
Over/Under Collection	\$ 9,415.64



V SUNDAY OF EASTER WHAT FRUIT DO WE BEAR?

We are already to the fifth Sunday of Easter and the readings begin to question our response to the central event of our faith: Easter. The Easter season is the perfect time to review our lives as disciples of the light of the resurrected Jesus. Easter: a time of grace to look at our practices, conduct and actions, on the community level, church (parish) level and personal level. What fruit do we bear? Can our Christian love be seen in gestures and concrete actions? And finally, are we glorifying God with our lives full of excitement, hope and mercy?

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles brings up the reception-welcome in the family of faith. To enter into the vital communion, to accept Paul of Tarsus into the family of faith, who not long before persecuted them to the point of death, is not an easy topic. The proclamation of this reading today invites us to a deep reflection about the level of welcome we give in our religious communities, families and parishes and I hope that this is not misunderstood: our welcome as the Christians we are to brothers and sisters from another culture. We should, motivated by the Holy Spirit, create spaces for true communion that accept others in their actual situation. This is only possible in the tone of Easter, a profound change of conversion and acceptance.

Today, as always, it is not easy to accept the new, the surprising and the unusual. That is why Saint John proclaims strongly that true faith translates into an ethical commitment in believers, and that it translates into an authentic living out of the doctrine we are taught. In our world, dominated by images (there are those who believe what they see on TV) it is necessary to translate into visible realities the truth that we profess as believers. The Church asks solemnly that believers be the most convincing witnesses in the middle of the real world: live as brothers and sisters, as a sign that Christ is alive.

That is why the Gospel this Sunday insists that the only way to give true testimony is to be grafted to Christ: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does

he prunes so that it bears more fruit." (Jn 15:1-2) We are called to form our lives from Jesus himself. I need to insist over and over, that to be branches of the same vine or members of the same body, is an honor for the branches or for the members. In other words for you and for me who in baptism were grafted into the body of Christ. Both things, the vine and the branches, inseparably united, will transform our understanding of the Church to which we the baptized belong and those of us who hear these words.

If you are facing at this moment a situation of not being accepted, remember to follow Jesus' advice: humble yourself before God. Accept your cross as you accept being pruned by the Father, with his love as a vine grower, who always does what is best for each one of us. The fruit of our faith needs to be: patience, goodness, generosity, faith, meekness, chastity and "good works." (Eph 2:10) "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," so your belief in Jesus will stand out. (Mat 3:8) Glorify God with much fruit and be his faithful disciple. "That will be proof for them." (Mat 8:4)

May God give us the grace to be true witnesses of the wonderful love of God. May our actions, on the community level as well as the personal level, demonstrate the love that we have as brothers and sisters. May the love among us become evangelizing and may many brothers and sisters come to embrace our faith. Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez



Here's What's Happening:

BIBLE STUDY

No meeting till Fall.

RELIGIOUS ED & Classes Hours

Tuesday at 7:30pm **Spanish Matrimony Meeting**,
Wednesday at 5:30pm **Faith Formation Classes**, the
last one for this period will be May 1st.

Youth Group at 5pm on Fridays.

1st Communion

We will celebrate the **1sts Communion on Saturday
May 4th, at 11am.**

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2024



If you have a picture to post send it with the name, to
Kattia cell 270 3991180 or to katjun75@yahoo.com

Mass Intentions April 27-May 5

Sat.	English	5pm	Jheranie Thomas & Family
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun.	English	10am	Connie Buchanan Munoz
	Spanish	12pm	Dale & Anne Payne Family
Mon.	English	9am	Mark & Helen Roberts & Family
Tues.	English	9am	Edel Fischer & Family
Nurs- ing	Home	10am	Edel Fischer & Family
Wed.	Spanish	12pm	Andrew & Andrea Fleischmann & Family
Thurs.	Spanish	7pm	Jonathan Fleischmann & Family
Sat.	Bilingual	11am	For all the kids who are making their first communion.
	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Mark & Helen Roberts & Family
Sun.	English	10am	Vickie Buchanan
	Spanish	12pm	Dale & Anne Payne Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/28 Fr. Lustein Blanco Grajales,
Paola Estefany Rivera.
4/29 Sandra Yancy.
4/30 James Daugherty,
Joslyn Farmer.
5/2 Shawn Blandford,
Maria Jose Pascual.
5/3 Citlaly Benitez.



PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

Did you know that...? What is done in the diocese to protect children? Training is offered to all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies to maintain a safe environment for all. A designated victim assistance coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims throughout their journey. An independent, voluntary Review Board assists the bishop in reviewing cases and making recommendations for moving forward. A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school staff with training and background checks on anyone who may have access to children. An independent company carries out an audit to evaluate the application of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The results are incorporated with those of other dioceses and published in an annual report.



5 things
you can do

Develop
relationships
Teach
safety
Know
who has **access**
Learn
warning signs
Trust
your **instincts**

We
work to
**heal and
reconcile**