

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.smsebree.org, www.facebook.com/smsebree

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.

NOVEMBER 03, 2024

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Thanks to Those Who Shared Their Time & Talent

Thank you to everyone who have helped us keeping our buildings clean! . Thanks to Dcn Baltazar Family for cleaning the church last week, and Thanks KoC for mowing the lawn.
Church Cleaners week of 11/04 to 11/08.
To Felipe y Maria Jose Family.



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

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



God's love is the foundation of his law.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Moses instructs the people to love God and keep his commands. In the second reading, the eternal priesthood of Jesus is contrasted with the earthly Levitical priesthood. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the greatest commandments as the command to love God and the command to love your neighbor as yourself.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov 02 Sacristan: David Glenn
Nov 03 Sacristan: Donna Dacy
EM Janie Tanner
Lector Matthew Duncan
Altar Server Volunteer

Nov 09 Sacristan: Jenny Glenn
Nov 10 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Bobby Blanford
Lector Shawn Blanford
Altar Server Volunteer

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Dt 6:2-6](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](#)
Reading II: [Heb 7:23-28](#)
Gospel: [Mk 12:28b-34](#)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

2 Sat The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed violet or white or black (All Souls' Day) Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016) Pss Prop

3 SUN THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME green Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 (152) Pss III

4 Mon Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop white Memorial Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14 (485)

5 Tue Weekday green Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486)

6 Wed Weekday green Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)

7 Thu Weekday green Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)

8 Fri Weekday green Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

WORD OF LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

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Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 10/27/2024	\$ 1,932.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,317.23
Year-to-date Total 17 of 52 Sundays	\$ 36,234.17
Budget YTD	\$ 39,392.91
Over/Under Collection	\$ -3,158.74



**XXXI SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
LOVE TO THE LORD AND
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

The readings for this Sunday give us the key to achieve happiness and to prosper more. To grow and prosper the more are two desires of the human heart, regardless of religion, culture or status.

“**Hear** -the commandments- Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land **flowing with milk and honey.**” (Deut 6: 3) **It is an invitation to Israel People to think of God, to be faithful to Him at every moment, to love him above all things and above all gods. This text clearly combating polytheism. “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!”** (Deut 6: 4) **This text is the famous Shema of the Jewish religion, which the pious Israelites recite every day. That, they wrote it on small rolls and they have it next to houses doors. They have it too, in the boxes of the phylacteries that they use to pray in the wall. They tattooed it on their hands and arms and was transmitted it from generation to generation as the most important thing.**

“**But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.**” (Heb 7: 24-25) **The Levitical priesthood was ritual; they died and were succeeded by their children and relatives. That denotes the precariousness of that priesthood. The priesthood of Christ is "eternal" and determines the perfection of his priestly ministry: his sacrificial weren't of things, not victims, but of absolute self-giving; His sacrifice of love, made on the cross, was an eternal sacrifice, encompassing all of history. By celebrating a funeral on Wednesday, I affirmed that our salvation begins for us in baptism. But it actually started at the cross and resurrection of Christ. With that, he saves us, and once and for all, with his sacrifice of love for all of us, offered to God.**

“**The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this:**

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mk 12: 29 -31) I have already mentioned the importance had and has in Judaism the first commandment expressed with the Shema Israel, which is part of our first reading. But in the search for clarification of it, Jesus makes one thing clear: love of God and love of neighbor do not have different essences. It is a quality love, like agape, which has to be the same for God and for men, although the commandments are listed first and second. With this it has been revealed that love of God and love of neighbor is the most important thing in life, they are actually a single commandment. Because there are not two types of love, one for God and the other for our neighbor, but with the same love we love God and men. We would say that they are two inseparable commandments, because if we love God, we must love our brothers, and if not, it is not true love.

If we want to find true happiness and prosper more, we must love. Loving God in our brothers and sisters that we meet daily. His mandate is clear: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** I can't love anyone else if I can't love and forgive myself. Love yourself, love your neighbor and your love for God will be real, and then you will find life, happiness and peace.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected abuse, contact the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by calling their Child/Adult Abuse Hotline at their toll-free number 877-KYSAFE1 (877-597-2331) or by visiting their website. You may also contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse, current or past, to the diocese, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call our pastoral assistance coordinator, Scott Ingram, at 270-852-8380 (English) and Miguel Quintanilla, 270-880-8360 (Spanish).

Here's What's Happening:

SPANISH MATRIMONY

Meeting Tuesday 11/26 at 7:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting, every Fridays at 5:00pm.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7pm

(1st Communion, Candidates to Confirmation)

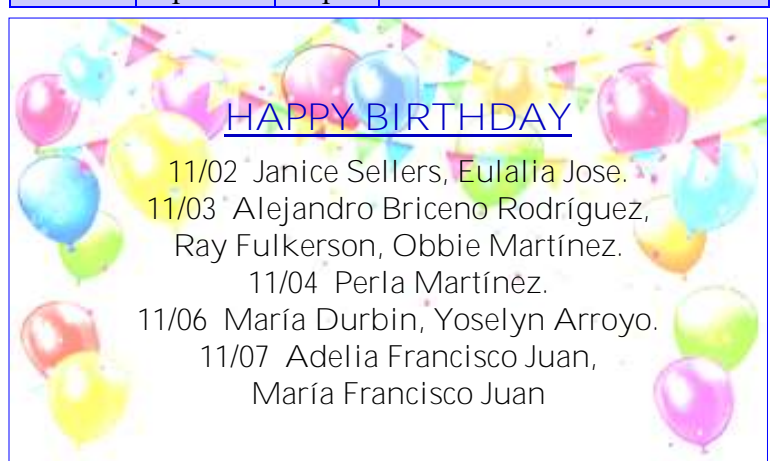
RCIA, candidates meet on Sat between masses.

BIBLE STUDY

Meeting **Tuesdays at 10:00am**, we started with the study of "*Matthew the King and His Kingdom.*" If you are interested in joining please let Mary Jane or Gracia know so they can order the study guide.

Mass Intentions November 02 to 10

Sat.	English	5pm	+Rev. Bobby Joe Williamson
	Akateco	7:30pm	Juan Pascal
Sun.	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	Miguel Campos
Mon.	English	9am	No Mass
Tues.	English	9am	For An Increase in Vocations
Wed.	Spanish	12pm	Act of thanksgiving to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs	Spanish	7pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	English	5pm	+Amy Roberts
	Akateco	7:30pm	Bob Warren
Sun.	English	10am	Mary Jane Blandford
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners



Although we celebrate **the Immaculate Conception** during Advent, the time during which we prepare for the birth of Jesus, this feast is NOT about the conception of Jesus. This can be confusing because the Gospel reading for this holy day focuses on the appearance of the angel Gabriel to Mary. “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus” (Luke 1:30-31).

The Immaculate Conception refers to the Conception of Mary, the mother of Jesus. “Immaculate” is not a reference to how she was conceived by her parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne. It recognizes that God intervened and allowed her to be conceived without the stain of original sin.

So why does the Church use the annunciation of Jesus’ birth in the Gospel for today’s feast? Before Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus, he greeted her: “‘Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you!’ But she was greatly troubled and wondered what this greeting meant. The angel said to her: ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God’” (Luke 1:28-30).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the meaning of this greeting. “To be the Mother of the Savior, Mary was ‘endowed by God with gifts worthy of such an important mission.’ At the moment of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel greets her saying ‘full of grace.’ In fact, in order to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, she had to be totally led by the grace of God. Throughout the centuries, the Church has become aware that Mary, ‘full of grace’, had been redeemed by God from her conception.”

“This is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception maintains, as proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854: ‘That the most holy Virgin Mary was preserved immune from every stain of original sin at the first instant of her conception by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus, the Savior of the human race’” (No. 490-491. See also, No. 721-726).