

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.

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord



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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 **Miguel Juan Family** for cleaning the church last week, Church Cleaners week of **01/13 to 01/17 To Juan & Juana Lopez 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, Donna Dacy, Jim & Nelly Daughterly, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Sr., Marty Eisten, Jesus Manuel Francisco, David Feriell, 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, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Pam Raleigh, 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, 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 seeks out the sinner and loves us unconditionally.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah declares that God's servant will be *a light for the nations* and will bring forth justice for all. Peter, in the second reading, declares that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power. In the Gospel, John announces one mightier than himself coming and baptizes Jesus. When Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit descends upon him.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 11 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
Jan 12 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Mary Jane Hawkins
Lector Cathy Robertson
Altar Server Voluntary

Jan 18 Sacristan: David Glenn
Jan 19 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Janie Tanner
Lector Bobby Blanford
Altar Server Voluntary

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](#)
Reading II: [Acts 10:34-38](#)
Gospel: [Luke 3:15-16, 21-22](#)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 11 Sat Christmas Weekday** white 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)
- 12 SUN THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** white Feast Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21) Pss Prop
- 13 Mon Weekday** (First Week in Ordinary Time) green/white [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I
- 14 Tue Weekday** green Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
- 15 Wed Weekday** green Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 (307) 15
- 16 Thu Weekday** green Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 (308)
- 17 Fri Saint Anthony, Abbot** white Memorial Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

WORD OF LIFE

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 01/05/2025	\$ 1,428.25
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,317.23
Year-to-date Total 27 of 52 Sundays	\$ 57,763.72
Budget YTD	\$ 62,565.21
Over/Under Collection	\$ 4,801.49



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and with this solemnity we conclude the Christmas season. My reflection on this Sunday will be based on the Gospel. Normally I take parts from all readings, but I find the Gospel to be so rich and so much to think about for my reflection, so I will focus my attention on it.

In this Christmas season we celebrate: The Birth of the Son of God, the Emmanuel. Then we hear of the visit of the shepherds and the Magi from the East. The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the Baptism of the Lord. It is true that with the birth of Christ, God is with us, but are we with God? God was born to be with us always, as he himself has said. He is the Emmanuel. The question is whether we are or are not with God. Specifically do we let ourselves be guided by God? Do we accept his word? ¿Do we submit ourselves to His commandments and, above all, do we know God by experience and not just through hearsay?

The Gospel of Luke presents the Baptism of the Lord in an exceptional way, and he does not put its emphasis on the fact that Jesus was immersed in the baptism with water of penance. Jesus wanted to participate in this movement of solidarity with humanity. The four Gospels are going to be very careful to show the act of baptism of the Lord, so that the silence of Nazareth is broken and all the people can hear that he is not just another sinner who comes to do penance. He is the Eternal Son of God, as a man, seeks a new direction in a new era. But it is not penance and old symbols that change the horizon of history and humanity; rather we let God be truly Lord of our life.

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was PRAYING, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove” (Lk 3: 21-22a). In the Bible, prayer is the way of true communication with God. Jesus is the Son of God, but prays as a man, because it is the way to express his human need and solidarity with those around him. He is not distant from sinners. For Luke, the true baptism of Jesus is not John’s baptism. In Luke’s Gospel there is no dialogue or anything. The penitential act of immersing Jesus into the water of the Jordan River is overshadowed by the true baptism of Jesus during his prayer which is what brings this scene to the height of Christian theology.


The baptism of Jesus, in Luke, has a more prophetic resonance. While in prayer, the Spirit descends on him. It is the Spirit, just as with the true prophets, who changes the course of the life of Jesus, not the baptism of repentance of John. Luke has not needed to put the dialogue between John and Jesus, as does the **Gospel of Matthew, where the Baptist’s surprise is shown.** Things happen more simply in the text of Luke because it is the true baptism of Jesus in the Spirit which shows him to be a prophet of the Kingdom of God. This was his call, his anointing, and everything that makes a difference to the world to make sense of the Old Testament.

The world today seems to live as if God does not exist and even some Christians join the debate in confusion. It is not easy to profess our faith in the situations we face in the world today. The feast day today presents Jesus, the Messiah, as he begins his public ministry. And the Church continues this mission of Christ, to evangelize once again the world we live in.

Let us not forget that to evangelize is not to transmit ideas, rather it is to make possible the encounter with a person, Christ, and to be able to enjoy the life he has given us. May the renewal of our baptismal promises move us to be true evangelizers, may we transmit with our lives the faith, hope, joy and peace that come from living out our baptism. Amen.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard



St. Hilary was born in Sardina, Italy. Hilary was used by Pope St. Leo I on many assignments and when he died, Hilary was elected Pope.

He worked to strengthen the Church in France and Spain. He also rebuilt many Roman churches and erected the Chapel of St. John Lateran.

He rebuked the Emperor Anthemius for supporting heresy and consolidated the Church in Sardinia, Africa and Gaul.

He died in Rome.

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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 **01/28/25 at 7:30pm**

YOUTH GROUP

Every Friday at 5pm.



RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

(1st Communion, Candidates to Confirmation)
RCIA, candidates meet
every Wednesday at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Returning at beginning on end of January 2025.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/11 Aurelia López

1/12 Alfredo Velázquez

1/13 Micaela Pascual Esteban

1/14 Juana Andrés, Dominga Juan Félix,
Tomas Miguel Francisco, Juana Marcos

1/15 Martin Pascual Martin

1/17 Jonathan Carreras Barcos,
Andres Pascual



Pope encourages children to be missionaries in prayer

On World Missionary Childhood Day, Pope Francis invites children to pray and show solidarity with others as part of their Christian mission.

This is a tradition which Pope Pius XII instituted in 1950.

This year's edition bears the theme: "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet!"

The Pope invited all children to try to pray and show solidarity "to their peers from other continents."

The annual World Missionary Childhood Day seeks to recognize the contribution children can make to preaching the Christian message in their own way to others.

Eastern Christmas wishes

At the Angelus, the Pope also recalled that Eastern Christians will celebrate Christmas on January 7, according to the Julian calendar.

"I assure my prayers for those who suffer due to ongoing conflicts," he said. "May Jesus, Prince of Peace, bring peace and serenity to all."

He then invited everyone to continue praying for "martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, all countries at war, and Myanmar."

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-01/pope-francis-angelus-world-missionary-childhood-day.html

Mass Intentions January 11-19

Sat.	English	5pm	Billy Davis
	Akateco	7:30pm	For the Parishioners
Sun.	English	10am	Tommie Clouse
	Spanish	12pm	Bobby Quinn
Mon.	English	9am	NO MASS
Tues.	English	9am	NO MASS
Wed.	Spanish	12pm	NO MASS
Thurs	Spanish	7pm	NO MASS
Sat.	English	5pm	Monsignor Bernard Powers
	Akateco	7:30pm	Bernie Mattingly
Sun.	English	10am	Fr. Ed Bradley
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners

Jubilee Year:

2025 is a Jubilee Year and the Theme is Pilgrims of Hope With the opening ceremony Pope Francis offers us "a wish for hope, which is a theological virtue, together with faith and charity," praying that "the new year bring us peace, fellowship, and gratitude."

Read an article here [BBC, Pope Francis issues call to embrace hope and kindness as 2025 Jubilee Year begins | Catholic News Agency](#)

In the Diocese of Owensboro to embrace our spirit in "Pilgrimage of Hope" for this Jubilee year we have created a list of pilgrimage sites around our Diocese where one can gain an indulgence.

- St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
- St. Leo, Murray
- St Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
- The Diocesan Marian Shrine at St. Joseph, Bowling Green
- Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaverdam

Read more on how you can participate on our website.

[Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope – Diocese of Owensboro](#)

JOY, LAUGHTER, & HOLINESS Women's Retreat

FEB 8, 2025

8:00AM | DOORS OPEN
REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST
9:00AM - 2:30PM | RETREAT
LUNCH SERVED AT NOON
REGISTRATION COST: \$30

ADDRESS:
ST. ANN PARISH HALL
304 S CHURCH ST.
MORGAINFIELD, KY 42437

**Register online
(encouraged) or at the door!**

To register scan our QR code or visit
<https://owensborodiocese.org/womensretreat/>

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