

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

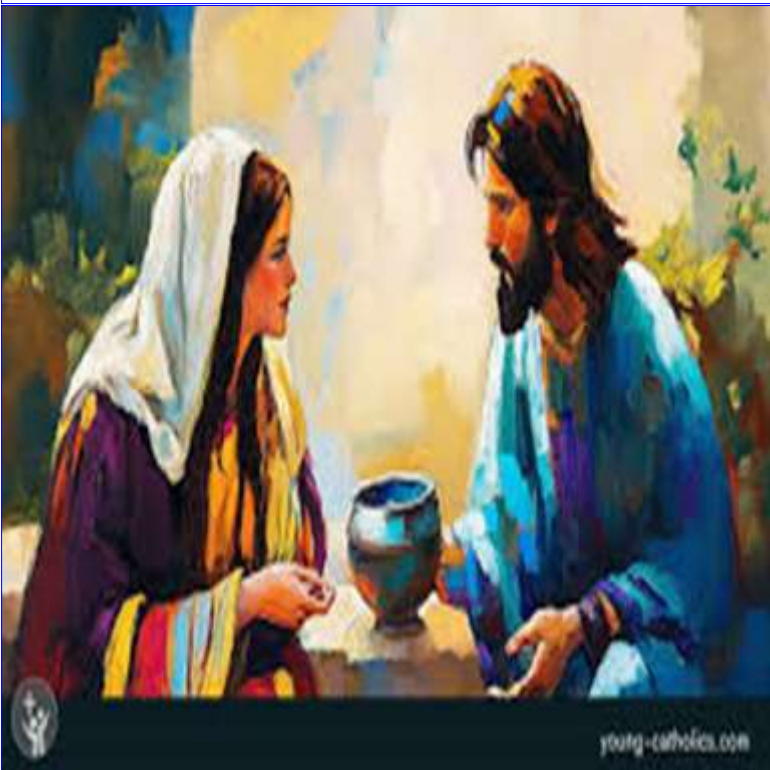
Mass Intentions Available

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.

March 23, 2025
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



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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** for cleaning the church last week,
Church Cleaners week of **03/24 to 03/29**
To Felipe Domingo Family.
We would like to thank KoC for all their work they doing on the parish hall attic.



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 & Susie Blandford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Bonny Clark, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Carolyn Dacy, Donna Dacy, Jim & Nelly Daughterly, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Sr., Marty Eisten, Jesus Manuel Francisco, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, 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, Jack 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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's psalm is a joyful song of thanksgiving and remembrance. We know the history of Moses' role in God delivering the Israelites from bondage, and we have heard the story of the barren fig tree, but the psalm allows us that moment of connection to God in our own particular way. He has pardoned us; he has healed us; he redeems us from destruction; he is merciful and gracious and surpassing in kindness. Our story is not just what happened then, but what is happening now, and the Lord indeed is kind and merciful.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mar 23 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
Mar 24 Sacristan: KoC
EM KoC
Lector KoC
Altar Server KoC

Mar 29 Sacristan: Jenny Glenn
Mar 30 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM MaryJane Hawkins
Lector Cathy Robertson
Altar Server Voluntary

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Exodus 17:3-7](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)
Reading II: [Romans 5:1-2, 5-8](#)
Gospel: [John 4:5-42](#)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

22 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)
23 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT violet Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 (30) or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III
24 Mon Lenten Weekday violet 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 (237)
25 Tue THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD white Solemnity Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop
26 Wed Lenten Weekday violet Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
27 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
28 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)

WORD OF LIFE

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

Thank You For Your Generosity

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| Sunday Offering 03/16/2025 | \$2,487.05 |
| Weekly Goal | \$2,317.23 |
| Year-to-date Total 37 of 52 Sundays | \$78,802.11 |
| Budget YTD | \$85,737.51 |
| Over/Under Collection | \$-6,935.40 |

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT CONVERSION TO BE WITNESSES OF HOPE



We are already in the third Sunday of Lent and we are presented with a strong call to conversion as we look toward celebrating Easter. Easter is the most important faith event for every believer.

In the first reading we hear: "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." (Ex 3:7-8) One of the first elements is the vocation of Moses as the one sent by God to free his people from slavery in Egypt. God has chosen and prepared the one he sent. God makes himself present in the history of humanity sharing in a way the suffering of his people. Even today, God continues to protect and liberate his people. Pope Francis in his Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee 2025 "Spes Non Confundit" (Hope does not disappoint) in paragraph 13th affirms: "*Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence*"

"The gardener said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down'" (Lk 13: 8-9). We are challenged as Christians to live our faith in order to bear fruit. It is Pope Francis in his Bull of Indiction of Jubilee, "*Hope does not disappoint*" who tells us in paragraph 13b: "*May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord's words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" for "just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:35.40).*"

Pope continuing saying in the paragraph #15: "*I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life. Before the constant tide of new forms of impoverishment, we can easily grow inured and resigned. Yet we must not close our eyes to the dramatic situations that we now encounter all around us, not only in certain parts of the world. Each day we meet people who are poor or impoverished; they may even be our next-door*

neighbors. Often they are homeless or lack sufficient food for the day. They suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many"

I conclude with the end of the indiction bull of jubilee from Pope Francis: "*Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: 'Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!' (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.*" Amen.

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).

SEMANA SANTA SCHEDULE/HORAS HOLY WEEK

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| 13 APR | PALM SUNDAY DOMINGO DE RAMOS | 17 APR | HOLY THURSDAY JUEVES SANTO |
| | Regular weekend hours Horario regular de fin de semana | | 6pm Bilingual Mass Misa bilingüe |
| | 18 APR | GOOD FRIDAY VIERNES SANTO | |
| | 4pm Via Crucis 6pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebración de la Pasión del Señor | | |
| 19 APR | HOLY SATURDAY SABADO SANTO | 20 APR | EASTER SUNDAY DOMINGO DE PASCUA |
| | 8pm Easter Vigil Vigilia Pascual | | Regular Schedule Horario Regular |

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

We need donation to fill the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt 4/12

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

SPANISH MATRIMONY

Meeting Tuesday 4/22/25 at 7:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

Every Tuesday at 5pm.



RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

(1st Communion, Candidates to Confirmation)

RCIA, candidates meet

every Wednesday at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday at 10Am

STATION OF THE CROSS(VIA CRUCIS)

All Fridays of Lent at 6:00PM (Bilingual)

KoC

Meeting 3/27 at 6:30pm

Thank you for another year of organizing and sharing Friday Fish Fry with everyone in the community

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/23 Miguel Francisco Juan

3/24 Michael Velázquez

3/25 Odalys Martinez

3/27 Pamela McCarty, Maricela Esteban,
Manuel Salazar

3/28 Melissa Juan Francisco



FRIES, FISH, CORN ON THE COB,
DESSERT, DRINKS AND MORE!
MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE FROM ALL OF THOSE SELECTED
FOOD /
HAGA SU PROPIA ELECCION ENTRE TODOS LOS
ALIMENTOS.

FRIDAY AFTER THE VIA CRUCIS
Viernes

DESPUÉS DEL VÍA CRUCIS

APRIL 11th

St. Michael Catholic Church, Parrish Hall

The Holy Father asks for our prayers.

(You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.)

For families in crisis

Let us pray that divided families may find in forgiveness the healing of their wounds, rediscovering even in their differences the riches of each one.

Mass Intentions March 22 to 30

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| Sat. | English | 5pm | For the Parishioners |
| | Akateco | 7:30pm | Bobby Quinn |
| Sun. | English | 10am | Carmen y Darrell Periard |
| | Spanish | 12pm | Mary Ellen Van Vactor |
| Mon. | English | 9am | No Mass / Paul Westerfield |
| Tues. | English | 9am | No Mass / Bobby Quinn |
| Wed | Spanish | 12pm | No Mass / +Kathy Prough |
| Thurs | Spanish | 7pm | No Mass / Emma Lou Marrett |
| Sat. | English | 5pm | Betty Howard |
| | Akateco | 7:30pm | For the Parishioners |
| Sun. | English | 10am | Betty Howard |
| | Spanish | 12pm | Billy Davis |

A PLENARY INDULGENCE

is a Catholic Church gift that forgives the temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven. The word "plenary" means "full".

How to obtain a plenary indulgence Be in the state of grace, Confess sins sacramentally, Receive Holy Communion, Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and Have a complete detachment from sin.

Benefits of a plenary indulgence Strengthens the bond with the Church, Encourages repentance and conversion, Emphasizes God's mercy, and Allows believers to grow in holiness and spiritual freedom.

When can I obtain a plenary indulgence?

- During Lent, you can obtain a plenary indulgence by praying the Stations of the Cross, meditating on the rosary, or spending time at eucharistic adoration
- You can also obtain a plenary indulgence by going to confession, receiving Communion, and praying for the pope

Types of indulgences

There are two types of indulgences: plenary and partial. A partial indulgence only partially frees from the punishment due for sins.