

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!

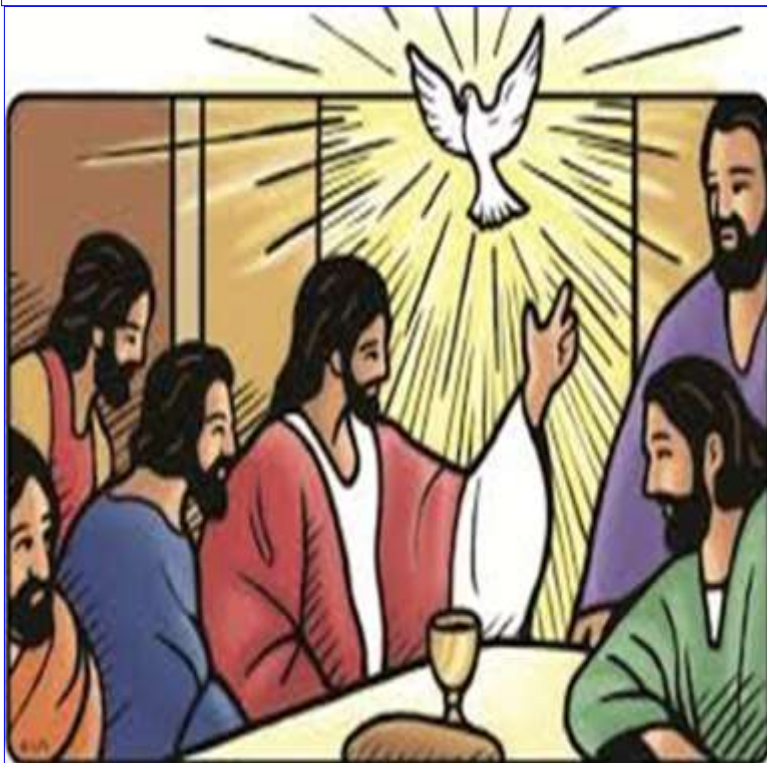
Shoot us a text, email or give us a call! Or visit us
online at: www.smsebree.org,
www.facebook.com/smsebree

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.



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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 **Isidro & Aurelia Family** for cleaning the church last week,

Church Cleaners week of **05/26 to 05/31**

To **Felipe & Maria Jose Family.**

We'd like to thank Connie, Devin, Jenny, and the young confirmation candidates for all their hard work mowing.



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Gracia Alvey, Henry Adam, Dcn Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blandford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, 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 Edwards, 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, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Zoey Nash, 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, Kathy Robertson, Doris Vowels, 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.smseabee.org

Love is necessary to spread the kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Paul and Barnabas visit the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere in faith and appointing elders to lead them. In the second reading, John shares a vision of the new Jerusalem *prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*. In the Gospel, after Judas has left, Jesus tells his friends that all will know they are his disciples if they love one another as he has loved them. That is his *new commandment*.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 24 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
May 25 Sacristan: KoC
EM KoC
Lector KoC
Altar Server Voluntary

May 31 Sacristan: Jenny Glenn
Jun 01 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Mary Janes Hawkins
Lector Bobby Blanford
Altar Server Voluntary

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

24 Sat Easter Weekday white Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)
25 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER11 white Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29 (57) Pss II
26 Mon Saint Philip Neri, Priest white Memorial Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26 – 16:4a (291)
27 Tue Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop] Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)
28 Wed Easter Weekday white Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)
30 Fri Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

WORD OF LIFE

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’

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Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 05/18/2025	\$ 2,040.71
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,317.23
Year-to-date Total 46 of 52 Sundays	\$ 97,683.76
Budget YTD	\$ 106,592.58
Over/Under Collection	\$ -8,908.82



VI SUNDAY OF EASTER THE PARACLETE WILL TEACH YOU AND REMIND YOU

We are now at the end of the Easter season and soon we will celebrate the Solemnities of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost with which we close this special time of grace.

The first reading we hear about the Council of **Jerusalem, one of the first Councils held in the Church.** "It was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about **this question.**" (Acts 15:2b) **And so the people of God also have a voice and use it in these discussions and make definitive decisions for the future of evangelization and the Church. In 2021 started de Synod of synodality:** "The synodal process does not conclude with the end of the current Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, but it also **includes the implementation phase' (9), involving all in the 'daily journey with a synodal methodology of consultation and discernment, identifying concrete ways and formation pathways to bring about a tangible synodal conversion in the various ecclesial contexts' (9)."**

The key problem at the Council of Jerusalem was the following: is faith in Jesus and reception by baptism enough to enter the Church and participate in the salvation realized in Christ or was it necessary to first go through Judaism and assume the practices of circumcision and following the strict law of Moses? That questioned the freedom and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which Paul and Barnabas preached to the Gentiles. If the Council decided to continue with Jewish practices it would take away power from the Gospel and nullify the salvific strength of the Cross. Everyone discussed, shared, prayed, suffered and waited. Jesus wanted his Church to be one and to live in communion so that the world could believe **in his saving message, as we heard last Sunday: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

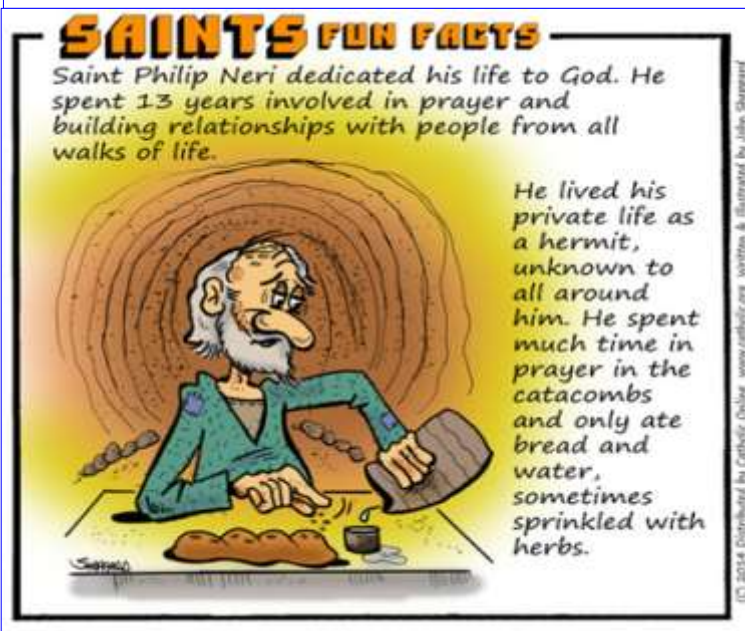
"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (Jn 14:23) **Here we have two phrases that do not make reference to the Father alone because they are plural: we will come and make our dwelling. We could ask ourselves who will come and make their dwelling? The answer is easy: the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And so the reading continues: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom**

the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything **and remind you of all that I told you."** (Jn 14:26) **In our evangelization we need to announce over and over to men and women that God is close, he continues to be present, but he respects each of our decisions. The world today needs an encounter with the God that lives among his people and in the midst of humanity in our daily lives.**

"If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." (Jn 14:28b) All of the human beings on earth need for the Church and each believer to give testimony to the friendship that Jesus offers us. If we love Jesus we would rejoice over his destiny, because we would be certain that we are going there as well. In a world that is too attracted and worried about efficiency and personal gain, these words that describe true friendship, founded in Jesus Christ, could open horizons of unexpected human fulfillment, because they fill us with hope.

May we grow in our friendship with Christ and let the Holy Spirit teach us and remind us of each word of Jesus. And then we will be certain to live with Christ for eternity.

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 6/24 at 7:30pm

YOUTH GROUP

Meeting, Tuesdays at 5:00PM

RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

Confirmation candidates,
classes every **Wednesday at 5:30pm(until Aug 9)**

JUN 28, 10AM TO 3PM

**Sisters of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ad-Gentes, Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 Years of
Mission in the Diocese of Owensboro
St. Thomas More 5645 Blandville Rd., Paducah, KY,
United States**

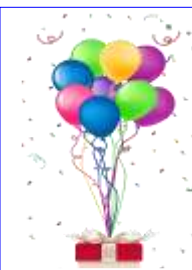
BIBLE STUDY

“Learn more about the Eucharist with a Biblical focus”.

Would you like our Bible study to be held in the evenings (4, 5, or 6 p.m.) during the summer? Would you like it to be held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays so you have the opportunity to participate? Let us know.

Mass Intentions May 24 to Jun 01

Sat 5/ 24	English	5pm	+David Lynn Mehlbauer
	Akateco	7:30pm	James Fogle & Family
Sun 5/ 25	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	+Luis Miguel Barcos Martínez
Mon. 5/26	English	9am	NO MASS
Tues. 5/27	English	9am	NO MASS
Wed 5/ 28	Spanish	12pm	NO MASS
Thue 5/ 29	Spanish	7pm	NO MASS
Sat 5/ 31	English	5pm	Souls in Purgatory
	Akateco	7:30pm	Donald Boarman
Sun 6/01	English	10am	Richard & Rita Stiff
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/24 Kenzi Joaquín.
 5/25 María Grajales, Irvin Joaquín
 Muñoz, Alejandra Margarita Hughes
 5/26 Yoni Palacios.
 5/28 Santiago Abel De Jesús.
 5/29 Cheryl Crisp, Ferdinand Martínez.
 5/30 Karla N. Paniagua Bustamante



Pope Leo XIV's first General Audience: Love does not calculate In

In his first General Audience as Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV continued with Pope Francis' Jubilee series on the theme of “Jesus Christ, Our Hope.” The new Pope carried on with his predecessor's reflection on the parables of Jesus, which Pope Leo said “help us to rediscover hope, because they show us how God acts in history.”

A unique parable

Pope Leo focused on the parable of the Sower—“a rather unique parable, as it serves as a kind of introduction to all the others.” He pointed out how this story reveals how Jesus communicates, and it can give us guidance on how to proclaim the Gospel today. While parables are taken from everyday life, their goal is to convey something more profound. They encourage us all to “raise questions within us; they invite us not to stop at appearances.” Reflecting on the story, the Pope urged everyone to ask themselves two questions: Where am I in this story? What does this image say to my life?

A Sower goes out to sow

In this parable of the Sower, Pope Leo XIV explained that we can see God's power and the impact it has on us. “Every word of the Gospel is like a seed sown in the soil of our lives,” he shared, highlighting that the soil is not only our heart, “but also the world, the community, the Church.” There is no aspect of life that remains untouched by the Gospel. People from all walks of life and backgrounds came out to listen to Jesus tell this parable. This shows us that “Jesus' word is for everyone, but it works in each person differently,” which Pope Leo explained helps us understand the parable better. Each of us can draw something from the parable no matter our situation in life.

Jesus is the Seed

In the story, where the seeds fall seems to be of little concern to the Sower, which the Pope pointed out symbolizes how God loves each and every one of us. “We are used to calculating and planning things, but love doesn't work that way,” he said. Pope Leo emphasized that God “scatters the seed of His word on every kind of soil—meaning, in every one of our situations.” Whether we receive it with enthusiasm, superficiality, or fear, God trusts that at one point or another the seed will bear fruit. God “does not wait for us to become the best soil.” Rather, He gives us His word over and over again, and His word is Jesus.

Van Gogh and his sunset

Closing his reflection, Pope Leo XIV pondered Vincent van Gogh's painting, *The Sower at Sunset*.

“What strikes me,” he shared, “is that, behind the sower, van Gogh painted the grain already ripe.” The Pope called this an image of hope that somehow the seed has borne fruit. In the center of the painting is the sun—not the sower, which reminds us that “God drives history, even if He sometimes seems distant or hidden.”

Remembering Pope Francis

Before praying the Our Father in Latin, Pope Leo XIV remembered his predecessor, Pope Francis, on the one month anniversary of his passing.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xivs-first-general-audience-love-does-not-calculate.html>