

# 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](http://www.smsebree.org),  
[www.facebook.com/smsebree](http://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.

JUN 01, 2025  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
— SOLEMNITY —



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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 **Felipe & Maria Jose Family** for cleaning the church last week,  
Church Cleaners week of **06/02 to 06/06**  
**To Felipe Domingo Family.**  
**We'd like to thank Connie, and Devin, 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.smseebree.org](http://www.smseebree.org)*

**May we be Christ's joyful witnesses to  
the ends of the earth.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the author tells Theophilus that in his first book he *dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up*, and then expounds on the moment when Jesus *was taken up from [them] into heaven*. In the second reading, Paul greets the Ephesians, blesses them and offers a prayer that they might have knowledge of Christ and the hope he offers. In the Gospel, Jesus ascends to heaven before the disciples. They return to Jerusalem with *great joy, praising God*.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>May 31</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Jenny Glenn
<b>Jun 01</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Charles Buchanan
EM	Mary Janes Hawkins
Lector	Bobby Blanford
Altar Server	Voluntary
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<b>Jun 07</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie Caldwell
<b>Jun 08</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Voluntary
EM	Janie Tanner
Lector	Kathy Roberson
Altar Server	Voluntary

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**31 Feast Sat The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572)  
Pss Prop white white JUNE 2025 Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia:  
**1 SUN THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** white Solemnity Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 (58) Pss Prop  
**2 Mon Easter Weekday** [Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs] Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)  
**3 Tue Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs** Memorial Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)  
**4 Wed Easter Weekday** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)  
**5 Thu Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr** Memorial Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300) white/red red white red 26 27  
**6 Fri Easter Weekday** white/white [Saint Norbert, Bishop] Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

## WORD OF LIFE

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [w.hopeafterabortion.org](http://w.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

*Mercy is a "bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." — Pope Francis*

## Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 05/25/2025	\$ 1,426.00
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 2,317.23
Year-to-date Total 47 of 52 Sundays	\$ 99,109.76
Budget YTD	\$ 108,909.81
Over/Under Collection	\$ -9,800.05



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

*GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE  
AMID SHOUTS OF JOY*

We are before a great solemnity but also a mystery. If this event of

ascending into heaven happened in our times, **without a doubt people would start asking, "How did he do it?" Many, without doubt would be doubtful of the event, and like Saint Thomas the Apostle they would not believe without seeing!**

This account in Saint Luke is the most detailed and complete description of the event of the Ascension because he situates it in time and space, using images given to him by Scripture: clouds, angels, etc. That is to say he uses an abundance of details despite the short length of this bible passage.

**"He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3) The forty days meant an adequate time to bring the apostles to be completely convinced that he was alive. The number 40 represents a complete maturity. The Jewish language used this biblical text by Saint Luke to show that the apostles had received and achieved a sufficient maturity to be authorized witnesses of Jesus. A special time to acquire full certainty that Jesus was alive and give testimony to his identity between the crucified and the risen Jesus.**

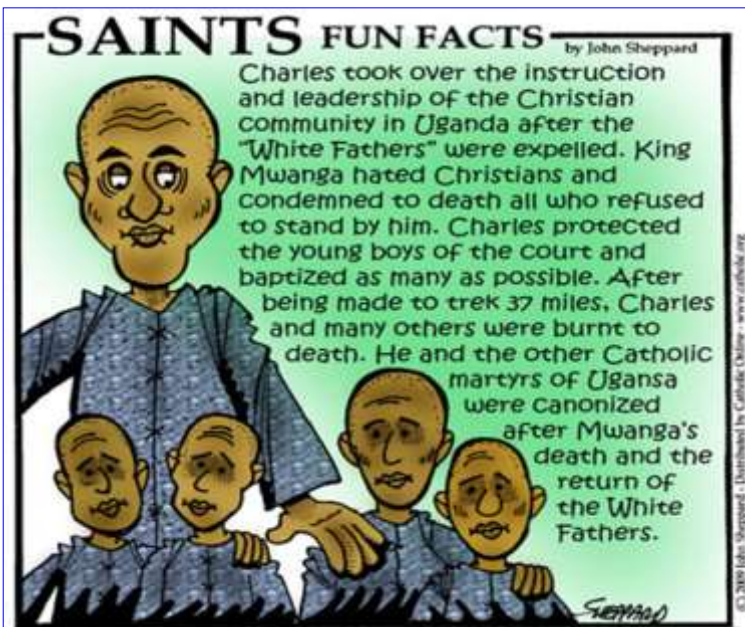
**"While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak'... When they had gathered together they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'" (Acts 1:4.6) Jesus had died and had risen, and the apostles had still not forgotten the ancient messianic beliefs that they still carried in their hearts. Jesus' answer is that they need the Spirit who will guide them to the complete truth and interpret for them what is yet to come, remembering the gospel reading from last Sunday: "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)**

**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Christ on the cross and through his resurrection has broken all borders, making the two peoples: the Jews and the gentiles,**

one new people. And he gave the apostles a universal mission to evangelize. But this mission will be a slow conquest, in which the Spirit on the one hand and historic circumstances on the other hand, will mature the minds and actions of the Apostles. The same book of Acts of the Apostles gives testimony to all of that.

The Gospel for today also comes from Saint Luke, which coincides with the first reading. **"Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Lk 24:50-51)** The feast of the Ascension is an opportunity that is offered to the believer to rejoice in their King: Israel rejoices for their Creator, the children of Zion for their King (psalm). But also to contemplate this mystery as the great impulse of his evangelizing mission in the world, so full of violence, destruction and death. That is why this world needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel. This world needs a new hope and life, and only God can give an answer to its questions. With the Ascension of the Lord to heaven Jesus is glorified while still remaining in our midst until the end of the world.

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

We will meet once a month, only during the summer.

### RELIGIOUS CLASSES!

Confirmation candidates,  
classes every **Wednesday at 6:00pm(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 31 to Jun 09

Sat 5/ 31	English	5pm	For All Souls in Purgatory
	Akateco	7:30pm	Donald Boarman
Sun 6/01	English	10am	Richard y Rita Stiff
	Spanish	12pm	For The Parishioners
Mon. 6/02	English	9am	NO MASS
Tues. 6/03	English	9am	NO MASS
Wed 6/04	Spanish	12pm	NO MASS
Thue 6/05	Spanish	7pm	NO MASS
Sat 6/07	English	5pm	James Orvel Edge
	Akateco	7:30pm	Edwin y Sarah Robertson Davis
Sun 6/08	English	10am	+ Maurice Thompson
	Spanish	12pm	For the Parishioners

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/2 Sonia Arroyo, Víctor López,  
José Vanegas.

6/3 Gaspar Matias, James Wedding,  
Marcela Torres.

6/4 Miguel Alonzo, Maite Fuentes.



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/2/72 Randy & Judy Thompson



## Tens of thousands of pilgrims expected for Jubilee of Families

From Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1, 2025, the great Jubilee event dedicated to families, children, grandparents, and the elderly will be held ... three full days of events and attractions, punctuated by moments of prayer, reflection, celebration and sharing.

The event is expected to attract over 60,000 pilgrims to Rome. Participants have signed up to come from 120 countries from every continent. Large groups will be present from Italy, Spain, the United

States, Poland and Portugal. Many pilgrims will also arrive in Rome from Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, Canada, Romania, the Philippines, and Chile. Numerous dioceses, associations, and movements will also be represented, including large groups involved in Agesci, Italian Catholic Action, the Neocatechumenal Communities, UNTALSI, the Catholic Grandparents Association, the Franciscan Movement, the Focolare Movement, and many other Italian and international groups which promote the human and spiritual growth of families. The first day of the Jubilee, Friday, May 30, will see pilgrimages to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. At 10:00 am as is now customary, there will be “Dialogues with the city” – a series of cultural, artistic and spiritual events in the piazzas of the historic centre of Rome, organized by various institutions, associations and movements linked to family pastoral care, including the Pontifical Committee for World Children's Day, the Association of Families for Welcoming, Nonno Banter 57 APS - Giochi di Strada, Le Muse di Archimede, and the Emmanuel Community. All the details relating to the piazzas hosting events and activities can be found on the Jubilee website.

On Saturday May 31, the pilgrimage to the Holy Doors will continue from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please note that, due to organizational requirements in the Vatican Basilica, the Holy Door of St. Peter's will not be accessible from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday.

From 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, the “Dialogues with the city” will continue offering celebratory and educational activities, organized by, among others, the Centro Oratori Romani (COR), Italian Catholic Action, the CHARIS Association (Catholic Charismatic Renewal), the Neocatechumenal Way, the Community of Sant'Egidio, Family Global Compact and the international network of family associations, and also Le Muse di Archimede and Nonno Banter 57 APS - Giochi di Strada. For these events too, all the details can be found on the Jubilee website. Saturday's events will culminate in the late afternoon, from 6:30 pm to 8.00 pm, in Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano, with the “Family Festival” and the Prayer Vigil during which the Rosary will be recited to conclude the Marian month of May. The celebration, which will be packed with music and testimonies, will be hosted by Lorena Bianchetti, an Italian television presenter, and will see the participation of, among others, special guests such as the actor Giovanni Scifoni, the Christian Music bands The Sun and Gen Verde, and Alfio Russo, a very young saxophonist. Then various family associations, among them the Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII, the Equipe Notre Dame, Famiglie per l'accoglienza, Famiglie Nuove – Focolari and Nonni 2.0, will tell their stories of commitment and share their experiences of working for the family.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2025-05/tens-of-thousands-of-pilgrims-expected-for-jubilee-of-families.html>