

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026



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

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo,
Connie Caldwell,
Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza,
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March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

THANKS!

- Maria Herrera Quintanilla for cleaning the church last week.
- Church Cleaners for the week of 03/01 to 03/07 is: Isidro y Aurelia
- Mary Jane Hawkins for providing the snack for Faith Formation
- Alyssa Magnuson for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: Gracia Alvey



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blandford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blandford, Cindy

Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim & Nelly Daughterly, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Donnie & Kathy Jones, Keith Kenney, Kevin King, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Zoey Nash, Darryl Periard, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Pam Raleigh, Mackenzie Skinner, Ruby Sparks, Jack Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, Cathy Robertson, Doris Vowels, Carter Wilkerson, Tony Whittleage

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit

www.smsebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

The 'brightness' which characterizes this extraordinary event symbolizes its purpose: to enlighten the minds and hearts of the disciples so that they may clearly understand who their Teacher is. It is a flash of light which suddenly opens onto the mystery of Jesus and illuminates his whole person and his whole story. (...)

Transfigured on Mount Tabor, Jesus wanted to show his disciples his glory, not for them to circumvent the Cross, but to show where the Cross leads. Those who die with Jesus, shall rise again with Jesus. The Cross is the door to Resurrection. Whoever struggles alongside him will triumph with him. This is the message of hope contained in Jesus' Cross, urging us to be strong in our existence. The Christian Cross is not the furnishings of a house or adornments to wear but rather, the Christian Cross is a call to the love with which Jesus sacrificed himself to save humanity from evil and sin. In this Lenten season, we contemplate with devotion the image of the Crucifix, Jesus on the Cross: this is the symbol of Christian Faith, the emblem of Jesus, who died and rose for us. Let us ensure that the Cross marks the stages of our Lenten journey in order to understand ever better the seriousness of sin and the value of the sacrifice by which the Savior has saved us all.

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 12 March 2017)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 02/28 Sacristan: Gracia Alvey
Sun 03/01 Sacristan: Charles Buchanan
EM Mary Jane Hawkins
EM Janie Tanner
Lector Gregg Sugg
Altar Server Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 03/07 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
Sun 03/08 Sacristan: Gracia Alvey
EM Cathy Robertson
EM Shawn Blandford
Lector David Magnuson
Altar Server Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

28 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)
1 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT violet Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II
2 Mon Lenten Weekday violet Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)
3 Tue Lenten Weekday violet [USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin] Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)
4 Wed Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Casimir] Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)
5 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)
6 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

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).

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 02/22/2026	\$	2626.94
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 34 of 52 Sundays	\$	75,473.44
Budget YTD	\$	79,900.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-4,426.56



II SUNDAY OF LENT JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

The readings of this second Sunday of Lent are framed in symbolism that makes us contemplate far off times. It is where the meaning of life and future is sought, and for those aspects that transcend us, that go beyond what we feel and live every day. Where our hope is set.

The First Reading of this Sunday, shows us the **great faith of Abraham**: **“The LORD said to Abram: ‘Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you.’” (Gen 12: 1-2a)** Faith has to do with the human being and with the mystery of life and his **descendants. Man can’t give himself a future by his own strength.** Abraham, from his religion of many gods and the god of the family, has only to contemplate the stars. That contemplation was a sign that Someone leads his existence and ours as well, and Abraham believed that. The promises made to Abraham are fulfilled when all men can to be part of that people, no matter if are Jews or pagans, simply by their faith in God, like Abraham.

But the most relevant of this Sunday is listening to the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **“And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.” (Mt 17: 3)** The Transfiguration is a scene full of symbolic contents. It is like a respite that God grants to Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, to his passion and death, in order to experience beforehand a taste of the glory of his goal. Only through prayer will the Gospel of Luke tell us it is possible to glimpse what is happening in the soul of Jesus. That encounter-dialogue that Jesus maintains with the personalities of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets is an in-depth dialogue about his departure, about his future, and ultimately about his death.

The Transfiguration, wants to be a preparation for the decisive hour that awaits Jesus. Who was with Jesus in that wonderful moment? Only the best-known disciples, as we shall find them in the Gethsemane passage, at the moment of passion. But in both passages the real protagonist is Jesus, because it was he who confronts the consequences of his life and the gospel he had preached.

I will summarize with questions and answers: Where did all this happen? On a mountain, which none of the evangelists has given a name, but tradition

has said that it was Mount Tabor. That is why, every day we must seek our own mountain for a divine encounter. At what point did it happen? According to Luke, while Jesus prayed. These intense, spiritual, **transformative things can’t happen in the human dimension, but in a spiritual dimension.** Were the disciples prepared for that? The disciples have experienced something intense, something that was **not expected.** **“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, ‘Lord, it is good that we are here.’” (Mt 17: 4a)** Jesus, who had lived that experience more intensely than his disciples, knows that he must descend from the mysterious mountain of the Transfiguration to follow his path, to approach the needy, to give drink to the thirsty and to feed the hungry the word of life. Jesus probably lived **and made his disciple’s live deep experiences, but he was always very close to the most everyday realities.**

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (Mt 17: 5b). May we marvel more and more every day at the love of God, and together with his disciples, let us go up to the mountain to also let ourselves be transformed. May the voice of God guide us to reach salvation.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’S READINGS

Reading I: [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.](#)

Reading II: [2 Timothy 1:8b-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

The Transfiguration of our Lord. This must have been an amazing, yet scary, event to witness. Jesus was standing amidst the great Prophets Moses and Elijah, but that wasn't all. God also descended upon them and told the disciples to listen to Jesus the Son of God. The Transfiguration is where heaven met earth through Jesus. It affirmed Jesus as the Son of God and as a teaching authority ages.

THIS WEEK’S TASK

Find time this week to visit the church and sit quietly before the Blessed Sacrament. Try not to say anything! Simply place yourself before the presence of God and listen to Jesus speak to your heart. Let Him interrupt your busy thoughts.

If you can’t make it to church this week, try to find a quiet place at home and simply rest in the quiet.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Reading I: [Exodus 17:3-7](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](#)

Reading II: [Romans 5:1-2, 5-8](#)

Gospel: [John 4:5-42](#)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Today: young adult meeting at 3:00
- Tuesday: Bible Study at 10:00, Youth Group at 5:30
- Wednesday: Faith Formation at 5:30 & RCIA at 6:00
- Friday: Stations of the Cross at 6:00, followed by KofC fish fry

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 13-15 Youth 2000
- March 18th at 6:00 Lent Penance Service
- March 27th following Stations for the Cross, Kof C fish fry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2/28 Daniel Ramirez, Angelina Felix Jose, Aristeo Hernandez, Jr.
 3/1 Rosenda Alonzo, Abel DeJesus
 3/2 Charles Shelton, Kimberly Bullock, Donna Kenney, Anniston Newton
 3/3 Peggy Howell
 3/4 Keyla Hernandez
 3/5 Maria Jose Pascual
 3/6 Wendy Quintanilla, Gaspar Matias, Matt Adams, Lucrecia Perez



Mass Intention

Sat. 02/28	English	5pm	Rose Mary & Steve Kenney
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 03/01	English	10am	Chester Ervin, Jr.
	Spanish	12pm	Concepcion Mena Pera
Mon. 03/02	English	9am	Rose Mary & Steve Kenney
Tues 03/03	English	9am	Rod Crowe
Wed. 03/04	Spanish	12pm	Mary Helen Ward
Thu. 03/05	Spanish	7pm	Lesa Huff
Sat. 03/07	English	5pm	Mildred Steibel & Clarence Steibel
	Akateco	7:30pm	Rosie Hirsch
Sun. 03/08	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	Luis Miguel Barco Martinez

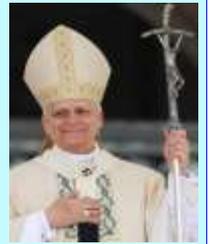
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2/28/ Jorge L Martinez Mena and Silvia Martinez



Pope Leo XIV: Only peaceful hearts can build just and lasting peace

Peace is one of the great issues of our time, and is both a gift and a commitment: a gift from God built by men and women throughout the ages.



I would like to reflect here on this dual dimension of peace, which is vertical (peace as a gift from Above) and horizontal (peace as the responsibility of each person).

Peace is a gift that God has given to men and women of every age through Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The angels announced peace on earth because God became man. He embraced humanity so deeply that with his cross he destroyed the enmity of sin. Saint Augustine writes: "We, too, shall be a source of additional glory to God in the highest when, after the resurrection of our spiritual body, we shall be lifted up in the clouds to meet Christ, on condition, of course, that we work for peace with good will while we are here on earth" (*Sermons*, 193). The glory of God descended upon the earth to make us participants in his infinite goodness. This gift calls into action the responsibility of our answer, of our "good will", as the Saint of Hippo writes.

Furthermore, peace is the gift that the Risen One gave to his disciples. It is a peace "injured" by the wounds of the crucifixion, because Jesus' peace gushes forth from a heart that loves and lets itself be struck by the suffering of every time and place. "The Lord appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, as ye have heard, and saluted them, saying, 'Peace be unto you.' This is peace indeed, and the salutation of salvation: for the very word salutation has received its name from salvation" (Saint Augustine, *Sermons*, 116).

However, peace is also a commitment and responsibility for each one of us. Peace means teaching children to respect others and not to bully others when they play.

(From the intro to the book "Peace Be With You!")

The Transfiguration

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FLASH	MOUNTAIN	VOICE	CHOSEN	FACE
LIGHTNING	CLOUD	JESUS	CLOTHES	BRIGHT
MOSES	PETER	JAMES	ELIJAH	APPEARED
JOHN	CHANGED	PRAY	TALKING	DISCIPLES