

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

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo,
Connie Caldwell,
Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza,
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March 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

THANKS!

- Isidro & Aurelia for cleaning the church last week.
- Church Cleaners for the week of 03/08 to 03/14 is: Deacon Baltazar
- Gracia Alvey for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: Kim Bullock

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 Whitledge

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

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

In the encounter with the Samaritan woman the symbol of water stands out in the foreground, alluding clearly to the sacrament of Baptism, the source of new life for faith in God's Grace. This Gospel, in fact, (...) is part of the ancient journey of the catechumen's preparation for Christian Initiation, which took place at the great Easter Vigil. "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him", Jesus said, "will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4:14). This water represents the Holy Spirit, the "gift" par excellence that Jesus came to bring on the part of God the Father. Whoever is reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit, that is, in Baptism, enters into a real relationship with God, a filial relationship, and can worship him "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23, 24), as Jesus went on to reveal to the Samaritan woman. Thanks to the meeting with Jesus Christ and to the gift of the Holy Spirit, the human being's faith attains fulfilment, as a response to the fullness of God's revelation. Each one of us can identify himself with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause a moment in silence, in our room or in a church or in a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us "If you knew the gift of God...".

(Benedict XVI - Angelus, 27 March 2011)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

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

Next Weekend

Sat 03/14	<u>Sacristan</u> : Gracia Alvey
Sun 03/15	<u>Sacristan</u> : Mary Jane Hawkins
EM	Janie Tanner
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
Lector	Alyssa Magnuson
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

7 Sat Lenten Weekday violet [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs] Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

8 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT violet 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

9 Mon Lenten Weekday5 violet [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious] 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

10 Tue Lenten Weekday violet Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)

11 Wed Lenten Weekday violet Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)

12 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)

13 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)

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 03/01/2026	\$	2464.00
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 35 of 52 Sundays	\$	77,937.44
Budget YTD	\$	82,250.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-4,312.56



III SUNDAY OF LENT JESUS, SPRING OF LIVING WATER

This third Sunday we will reflect on the Spring of Living Water: Jesus. I have told the story many times of the

experience I had on Mount Sinai, so I won't tell it again today. We walked starting at midnight in order to be at the summit at 4:30am and be able to contemplate the sunrise. Everywhere one looked you could only see rocks and more rocks. All of the hills are covered in rocks and nothing else, there are no trees, everything is so dry. And so to find a small spring of water is a treasure.

"I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6a) It is understandable that the people of Israel, after walking for many years in the desert, in certain places wouldn't find enough water to drink. What is not understandable is their lack of trust in God: "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" (Ex 17: 7b) God had always been with them, he had never abandoned them and once again he shows his love and care for his people.

In Jordan there is a small town called Wadi Musa (Valley of Moses) that most people know nothing about, but many know the story of the precious City of Petra that is built amid the rocks, which is where its name comes from. Wadi Musa is the central administration of Petra. But Wadi Musa is not important because of Petra, but rather for being the guardians of the spring of water that flows from a rock, which history tells is the rock that Moses touched with his staff. In the history of this town is recorded that this spring has given water to many generations, towns and also many animals. The people go there with their jugs to take water to their houses. There are also canals that run through the small town and at one time went to Petra to bring water there as well.

The gospel this Sunday is not taken from Saint Matthew, but rather Saint John who offers us a very precious story of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Jesus is going from Jerusalem to Galilee and tired from his journey goes through Samaria, which was a place that pious Jews avoided entering. He, Jesus, a man, a Jew and, in a way God, speaks to a sinful and heretical woman. Jesus asks a Samaritan woman, a person who because of her heresy could only give weariness and a curse. But we know that Jesus asks something of her in order to give her something much bigger. "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jn 4:9) The relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans, was and is a long history of hate and resentment because of religion. The Samaritans considered themselves heirs of the patriarchs, they had their Pentateuch, they believed in God, but some thought their god was better than the other god, as well as their temple, their holy mountain and their water and their springs.

Jesus did not pass through there by accident or chance. He had chosen the way he would travel and asked the woman for water; he comes asking, not offering. Jesus

listened to the complaints of the Samaritan woman against the Jews; but Jesus in the gospel doesn't represent the Jews, even though he may be confused for one. This is the great teaching of Jesus: he asks in order to give; he asks questions in order to give answers; he feels thirsty in order to offer himself as living water.

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." (Jn 4:23-24) Jesus reveals a new religion and a new way to worship: in Spirit and truth. The Spirit will show the type of worship that is meaningful: to know God and worship him as Father. But the Jews and the Samaritans do not worship a God as Father, rather a god that they have created in their own way; a god that justifies their hate and resentments; a religion that has gotten into some of our churches.

The Samaritan woman dialogues with Jesus and when she recognizes him, she changes. She also brings her joy to others. She has found the spring of living water, the spring of love and forgiveness, a new religion and a different way to worship; to have in God a Father. May our Lenten desert make us feel thirsty for living water, for Jesus and upon finding Him may we be able to change, leaving behind hate and resentments. And may we take our joy of encountering Jesus to our many brothers and sisters.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'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](#)

Our readings this weekend invite us to thirst for God. God supplies us with all of our needs, even in times of trouble. The Israelites complained as they wandered in the desert. How many times have we complained to God when our immediate needs weren't met? We can easily forget that God has always been on our side. Instead of counting our blessings, we find a reason to blame the Lord for our temporary misfortunes. Instead of thirsting for immediate results, try thirsting for God! The Israelites were impatient. Instead of being impatient ourselves, perhaps we can patiently thirst for God who, in His time, will quench our thirst.

Thirst for God!

THIS WEEK'S TASK

The readings for these next few weeks are designed to assist those who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. For example, the image of water in today's readings relates to the sacrament of Baptism. Take time this week to pray for those who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation in the Church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

Reading II: [Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Gospel: [John 9:1-41](#)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Tuesday: Bible Study at 10:00, Youth Group at 5:30
- Wednesday: Faith Formation at 5:30 & RCIA at 6:00

UPCOMING EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Every Friday during lent, Stations for the Cross at 6pm
- March 13-15 Youth 2000
- March 18th 6:00 Lent Penance Service at 6pm
- March 27th following Stations for the Cross, K of C fish fry
- March 28th Easter Egg Hunt at 11am
- March 31st Chrism Mass at Owensboro Sports Center at 6pm
- April 2nd Holy Thursday at 6pm
- April 3rd Live Way of the Cross at 4pm
- April 3rd Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 6pm
- April 4th Easter Vigil 8pm
- April 12-17th Risen & Sent: An Eater Pilgrimage to Washington DC
- April 17-19th Young Adult Hike
- April 17-19th Encounter with God's Call for men 16-25
- April 23-26th Come & See Saint Meinrad for men who are at least college sophomores
- May 2nd First Communion mass at 11am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

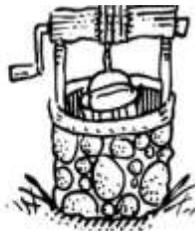
- 3/7 Roberto Miguel Juan
- 3/8 Samantha Aguilar, Clay Justice
- 3/9 Angelina Matias Martin, Irma Escamilla
- 3/10 Wilson Felix, Judy Thompson
- 3/12 Cristina Francisco, Hermin Aguilar
- 3/13 Matthew Duncan, Jeana Otero Sanchez



The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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- 1-26-21-21 _____
- 26-22-26-18-19-7-21 _____
- 1-7-22-26-18 _____
- 2-7-4-7-18-14-22-7-19 _____
- 22-3-14-18-2-22 _____
- 21-14-16-26 _____
- 1-25-4-7-19 _____
- 23-18-14-19-12 _____

WELL	DRINK	WOMAN	WATER
LIFE	SAMARITAN	ETERNAL	THIRST

Mass Intention

Sat. 3/07	English	5pm	Mildred & Clarence Steibel
	Akateco	7:30pm	Rosie Hirsch
Sun. 3/08	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	Luis Miguel Barco Martinez
Mon. 3/09	English	9am	Katherine Thomas
Tues 3/10	English	9am	Mary Helen Ward
Wed. 3/11	Spanish	12pm	Carla Payne
Thu. 3/12	Spanish	7pm	Rod Crowe
Sat. 3/14	English	5pm	Chester Ervin, Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	Katherine Thomas
Sun. 3/15	English	10am	James Loehr
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners

Pope at Audience: The Church's humanity and divinity are in harmony

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV continues reflecting on 'Lumen gentium,' suggesting there is no opposition between the human and divine dimensions of the Church, and reminding that the Church is not some ideal apart but that of Christ throughout history.

"An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history."



Pope Leo XIV expressed this during his weekly General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday morning.

This week, the Holy Father continued reflecting on the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, considering how the document presents the mystery of the human and divine dimensions of the Church.

While the first chapter was primarily intended to answer the question of what the Church is, and describes Her as a "complex reality," Pope Leo said we now ask ourselves what this complexity consists of.

Lumen gentium, the Pope went on to say, affirms that the Church is a well-organized body, in which the human and divine dimensions coexist without separation and without confusion.

The Church, he noted, is a community of men and women who share the joy and struggle of being Christians, with their strengths and weaknesses, who proclaim the Gospel and become a sign of the presence of Christ who accompanies us on our journey through life.

"Yet this aspect," Pope Leo said, "is not sufficient to describe the true nature of the Church, because it also has a divine dimension," which "does not consist in an ideal perfection or spiritual superiority of its members, but in the fact that the Church is generated by God's plan for humanity, realized in Christ." "Therefore," the Pope said, "the Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven."