

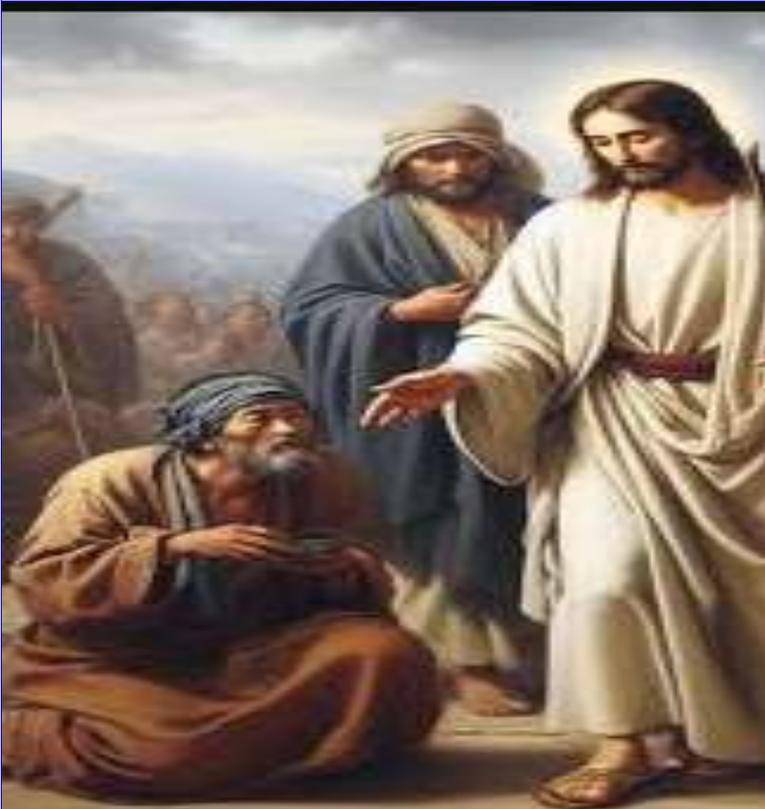
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 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 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

THANKS!

- **Dcn. Baltazar** for cleaning the church last week.
- Church Cleaners for the week of 03/15 to 03/21 is: **Felipe Domingo**
- **Kim Bullock** for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: **Alyssa Magnuson**



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

Let us reflect briefly on the account of the man born blind (Jn 9: 1-41). According to the common mentality of the time, the disciples take it for granted that his blindness was the result of a sin committed by him or his parents. Jesus, however, rejects this prejudice and says: "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him" (Jn 9: 3). What comfort these words offer us! They let us hear the living voice of God, who is provident and wise Love! In the face of men and women marked by limitations and suffering, Jesus did not think of their possible guilt but rather of the will of God who created man for life. (...) Jesus reveals to the blind man whom he had healed that he had come into the world for judgement, to separate the blind who can be healed from those who do not allow themselves to be healed because they consider themselves healthy. Indeed, the temptation to build himself an ideological security system is strong in man: even religion can become an element of this system, as can atheism or secularism, but in letting this happen one is blinded by one's own selfishness. Let us allow ourselves to be healed by Jesus, who can and wants to give us God's light! Let us confess our blindness, our shortsightedness, and especially what the Bible calls the "great transgression" (cf. Ps 19[18]: 13): pride.

(Benedict XVI - Angelus, 2 March 2008)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This 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

Next Weekend

Sat 03/21	<u>Sacristan</u> : Connie
Sun 03/22	<u>Sacristan</u> : KofC
EM	KofC
EM	KofC
Lector	KofC
Altar Server	KofC

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

14 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

15 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT violet or rose 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31) Pss IV

16 Mon Lenten Weekday6 violet Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

17 Tue Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Patrick, Bishop] Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

18 Wed Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

19 Thu SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY white Solemnity 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543) Pss Prop

20 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

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 web-site](#). 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 03/08/2026	\$ 1597.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 36 of 52 Sundays	\$ 79,534.44
Budget YTD	\$ 84,600.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ -5,065.56



IV SUNDAY OF LENT CHRIST, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

On this fourth Sunday of Lent what stands out in the readings is the mercy of God for his people. Joy, manifested in the light and worth for that which had no worth.

“Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, ‘There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.’” (1 Sm 16:11a) The first reading tells us the story of the anointing of David. It’s the story that shows us the breakdown of Saul’s monarchy and the rise of David to the throne from the most humble of beginnings. God chooses David because he is the smallest, the one who had the least interest in all of this, who in his heart knew there was no hope of being king since he was the youngest, the last. The sacred author makes it clear that what is important to God is not the sacred monarchy, but that the king be good and just with the defenseless. And so, it reminds of us of the simple and humble beginnings of the shepherd... who became king. And we should never forget that.

As is well known, almost all of the gospel passages that we hear during the season of Lent in cycle A are very dense in content. Today the Church presents a passage from Saint John, which is rich in meaning but is also controversial. Through sign and dialogue and controversy with the Jews, Jesus is presented as a revelation of God that is destroying many things and concepts that they had about God, about life, about illness, about sin and about death. “As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’” (Jn 9:1-2) Saint John in his story has the blind man presented to the Pharisees who are the ones who decided about religious matters. The man born blind, in the Jewish mentality is unacceptable; he was somehow at fault, either something personal or something he inherited through his parents or ancestors. The symbols that make up this account are: clay from the earth, saliva, the Sabbath, sending him to the Pool of Siloam... All of this is to show us that Jesus dominates the situation, in God’s name, to give light, to give life and to show us he is the light of the world.

“Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” (Jn. 9:27b) Jesus chooses a process that should teach how to receive and live the light of faith, and that will necessarily bring us to confront the mystery of the darkness of those that do not accept him. The blind man who eventually comes to see, at first doesn’t know who Jesus is and little by little he discovers what Jesus has given him, and that the Pharisees want to snatch it away from him. He becomes the center of the controversy: this poor man that had come into the world blind has to choose between a religion of life, light and happiness or a religion of death which the Pharisees propose and they are even more hurt that the man had been freed on the Sabbath. He can choose to come out into

the light of life.

“When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, ‘Go wash in the Pool of Siloam’ — which means Sent—.” (Jn 9:6-7) The command to go and wash in the Pool of Siloam is nothing more than to submerge himself in the life of the one who was sent. Let us remember the one who was sent is Jesus himself. And so we can say that the man is not cured or saved by the saliva and clay, but rather through washing himself, submerging himself in the mystery of the life of the Lord. The neighbors, the family, the ones who knew him in his blindness and poverty are surprised by what happened. Something wonderful has happened, because what comes from God can only be understood through faith. None of those people could understand, because new and different eyes are needed to see what has happened. For them there is only one answer: Jesus: “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” (Jn 9:40b)

In the man born blind are found all men submerged in the shadows until Christ brings the knowledge that sheds light: blindness in the experience of the false security of the Jews and of the world. Let us ask God to grant us the freedom of spirit to be able to see, with eyes of faith, and proclaim with joy that Jesus Christ is our God and Savior, the Light of the world.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’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](#)

Our Gospel today reminds us that there are three ways of seeing. When the man who was born blind is healed by Jesus, he receives “natural” sight. What a miracle! However, a second miracle occurs as this man is able to proclaim that Jesus is a prophet. A prophet was one who was favored by God with wisdom. The healed man not only received physical sight, but “insight” to recognize that Jesus was an extraordinary person. A third form of seeing occurs in the Gospel where the man is approached by Jesus again. This time, the man sees that Jesus is more than a prophet. He sees that Jesus is Lord and he worships Him. Let us forget, the season of Lent invites us to see that Jesus is Lord and God of our lives. He is more than a miracle worker. He is more than a prophet with wisdom. He is the God of our lives!

THIS WEEK’S TASK

This week, make an attempt to be a light for someone who is living in darkness. Consider:

- reaching out to a homebound person
- writing a letter to a person who could use comfort
- inviting a person to lunch or dinner

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Reading I: [Ezekiel 37:12-14](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)
Reading II: [Romans 8:8-11](#)
Gospel: [John 11:1-45](#)

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 and the Lent Penance Service at 6:00
- **Thursday:** adoration at 6:30 & Mass 7pm
- **Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 6:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3/15 Mauricio Estudillo
 3/16 Eva Esteban, Angelina Juan Pascual, Briana Felix
 3/17 Guillermo Tomas, Manuel Pascual, Michael Coomes, Magdalena Francisco Pedro, Manuel Juan Pascual
 3/18 Isabela Andres, Haley Buchanan
 3/19 Adelia Juan Juan
 3/20 Camila Juan Domingo, Valerie Newell



Lenten Day of Prayer on March 28 at Mount Saint Joseph

Lent is traditionally a time when Catholic Christians recommit themselves to more serious prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving. On March 28, 2026 all are invited to join Sister Cheryl Clemons in Maple Hall at Mount Saint Joseph (8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky.) for a Day of Prayer and Reflection titled "Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four Saint Teresas." Throughout the day, Sister Cheryl will offer insights on prayer from Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), and Saint Teresa of Calcutta

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner?
 Use the code at the bottom to find out!*

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 A B D E F G H I L M N O R S T U W Y

Mass Intention

Sat. 3/07	English	5pm	Chester Ervin, Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	Katherine Thomas
Sun. 3/08	English	10am	James Loehr
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon. 3/09	English	9am	Elsie Potts
Tues 3/10	English	9am	Mary Helen Ward
Wed. 3/11	Spanish	12pm	Carla Payne
Thu. 3/12	Spanish	7pm	Paul Johnson
Sat. 3/14	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Katherine Thomas
Sun. 3/15	English	10am	Liz Loehr
	Spanish	12pm	Concepcion Mena Perez

Donations Needed

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on March 28th. We are need of candy donations. Sorry for the late request!



Pope's March prayer intention: 'for disarmament and peace'

Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention for March is "for disarmament and peace."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#).



Pope Leo begins his prayer by recalling that the Lord has shaped every human being in His image and likeness and that He created us "for communion, not for war," "for fraternity, not for destruction."

You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. "Today," Pope Leo said, "we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy." He asked the Lord to help us "disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference," so we "may become instruments of reconciliation." "Help us understand," he stressed, "that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples."

The Pope also prayed the Lord may enlighten the leaders of the nations, "so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center."

"May the nuclear threat never again," he stated, "dictate the future of humanity."

The Holy Father also prayed that the Holy Spirit make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace in our communities, families, cities, and hearts.

Finally, Pope Leo prayed that every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.