

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 EASTER DIVINE MERCY APRIL 12, 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,
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April 12, 2026 Second Sunday of Easter

THANKS!

- **Maria Herrera Quintanilla** family for cleaning the sanctuary last week
- Church Cleaners for the week of 04/12 to 04/18 is: **Isidro y Aurelia**
- **Alyssa** for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: **Gracia**
- **KC's** for mowing
- Fabian & Blanca Ramirez for painting/updating Mary's house



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 Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Shane Dickens, Rosie Edwards, 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, Cenja J. Quintanilla, Beth Raleigh, Dori Raleigh, 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

Prayer of the Day April 12

Consecration of the Sick to Mary

O kind and good Mother,
whose own soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow,
look upon us while,
in our sickness,
we arraign ourselves beside you
on the Calvary where your Jesus hangs.
Dowered with the high grace of suffering,
and hopeful of fulfilling in our own flesh
what is wanting in our sharing of Christ's passion,
on behalf of his Mystical Body, the Church,
we consecrate to you ourselves and our pain.
We pray that you will place them
on that Altar of the Cross to which Jesus is affixed.
May they be little victims of propitiation for our salvation,
for the salvation of all peoples.

O Mother of Sorrows,
accept this consecration.
Strengthen our hopeful hearts,
that as partakers of Christ's sufferings
we may also share in his comfort now and for evermore.
Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 04/11 Sacristan: Gracia Alvey
Sun 04/12 Sacristan: Mary Jane Hawkins
EM Janie Tanner
EM Cathy Robertson
Lector Greg Sugg
Altar Server Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 04/18 Sacristan: Connie Caldwell
Sun 04/19 Sacristan: Gracia Alvey
EM Mary Jane Hawkins
EM Shawn Blanford
Lector Lea Ann Sugg
Altar Server Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 11 Sat** Saturday within the Octave of Easter white
Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266) Pss Prop
- 12 SUN** SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER white (OR
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt
1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 (43) Pss Prop
- 13 Mon** Easter Weekday white/red [Saint Martin I,
Pope and Martyr] Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II
- 14 Tue** Easter Weekday white Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-
15 (268)
- 15 Wed** Easter Weekday white Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-
21 (269)
- 16 Thu** Easter Weekday white Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-
36 (270)
- 17 Fri** Easter Weekday white Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
(271)



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 04/05/2026	\$	2279.00
Weekly Goal	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 40 of 52 Sundays	\$	89,506.59
Budget YTD	\$	94,000.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	-4,493.41



II SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF MERCY

Pope Saint John Paul II named to Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday, and it has been called

that since the year 2000. However, we will see liturgically that a strong character for this Sunday is Saint Thomas the Apostle, and his popular phrase: “until I see, I will not believe”.

St. Luke, to whom is credited the book of Acts of the Apostles, shows us, in a few words, the life of the first community. He proposes, in that text that we heard this Sunday (Acts 2: 42-47), an ideal that must be the model of the Church. Also from this text we can learn the four things that helped the first community of believers persevere: in accepting the teaching of the apostles, in koinonia, in the breaking of bread and in prayer.

I want to clarify a specific point of koinonia: solidarity. “They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.” (Acts 2: 45) We can't say that St. Luke was thinking of economic equality; that is not the approach. But I can say, solidarity as a result of communion and the renunciation of some possessions in favor of the poor.

The part of the Gospel of St. John that we hear this Sunday is very simple to explain, but very rich in content. The two occasions that Jesus appears, He greeted his disciples with the desire of peace: “Peace be with you.” (John 20: 19c, 21a, 26c) The apparitions were a new encounter of the risen Jesus that we can't understand as a return to this life. The signs of the doors closed for fear of the Jews and how Jesus crossed it, make us think and help us to understand that it was a glorious and spiritualized body. The meeting of Mary Magdalene with the gardener, the moment of the disciples of Emmaus walking with a stranger, the miraculous catch after working all night, are evidence that it was Jesus himself, but not the same physical appearance.

“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:22) The “breath” upon the disciples recalls biblical actions that speak of the new creation, the new life, through the Spirit, very similar to Gen 2: 7. The Spirit of the Risen Lord initiates a new world. With the sending of His disciples to the mission, inaugurates a new people of Israel who believes in Christ and are witnesses to the truth of the resurrection, despite the contradictions that they find in fulfilling this mission.

The figure of St. Thomas, who does not trust the words of his brothers, wants to believe from himself, from his possibilities, from his very weakness. Again, God is not going to fail; Jesus Christ, the Risen One, is

going to show himself as Thomas wants: “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” (Jn 20:27) And it was faced with that experience of a different life of Jesus, but real life, is when Thomas feels called to believe as his brothers. Saying “my Lord and my God,” is to accept that faith ceases to be personal and became communal, rooted in trust of the community. In that way he experiences that Jesus is God, a God of life and not God of death. With that proof we can also shout out: God is not dead, God is alive, and in Him I believe, and He will never let me down.

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained,” (John 20:23) the forgiveness of sins is the sign of divine mercy. In a material world where it would seem that the one who has the most possessions is loved more. Today, we Christians, celebrate the opposite: the celebration of gratuitousness, of mercy, of giving without expecting anything in return. Because that is the resurrection. The Resurrection is an act of mercy of God, who has freely given the most that can be given to a human being: not only the forgiveness of sins and thus overcoming death, but also giving us the hope of reaching the fullness of life.

Today may we be able to say with St. Thomas, “I believe, Lord, but increase my faith.” Help me, Lord, to show my love and solidarity with my brothers in need. May our faith impel us to follow the example of the first Christian community.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24](#)

Reading II: [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Gospel: [John 20:19-31](#)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASK

Questions:

- How do I participate in community? How do I help the Lord to grow the Church?
- Think of a time when you experienced Jesus' peace. How do you share the peace that was given to you?

Tasks:

Think of people you know who seem anxious or worried and make a point of sharing the peace you have with them. If you're the anxious or worried one, how can you receive Jesus' peace? (Hint; Forgiveness of sins.)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](#)

Reading II: [1 Peter 1:17-21](#)

Gospel: [Luke 24:13-35](#)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Tuesday:** Bible Study at 10:00, Youth Group at 5:30
- **Wednesday:** Faith Formation at 5:30
- **Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30
- **Looking ahead:** May 2nd First Communion mass at 11am

AROUND THE DIOCESE

- April 17-19th Young Adult Hike
 - April 17-19th Encounter with God's Call for men 16 to 25
 - April 17—Swing into Spring at the White Chateau
 - April 23-26th Come & See Saint Meinrad for men who are at least college sophomores
 - April 19-22 Tri Parish Mission The Holy Eucharist: Shadow & Fulfillment
 - April 30—Made for Mission for Catholic leader
- Details for all events available in the vestibule*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/11 Orlando Rivera,
- 4/12 Natalie De Jesus
- 4/13 Raquel Baeza, Odilon Martinez, Patti Gutierrez
- 4/14 Alina Juan
- 4/15 Patricia Jose
- 4/16 Pascual Diego, Janie Tanner, Shaila Roblero Spink,
- 4/17 Ricky Blanford, Felipe Domingo Juan



But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

Mass Intention

Sat. 04/11	English	5pm	Chautauqua Health Staff & Residents
	Akateco	7:30pm	Katherine Thomas
Sun. 04/12	English	10am	Liz Loehr
	Spanish	12pm	Parishioners
Mon. 04/13	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Tues 04/14	English	9am	No Daily Mass
Wed. 04/15	Spanish	12pm	No Daily Mass
Thu. 04/16	Spanish	7pm	No Daily Mass
Sat. 04/18	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Zula Conder
Sun. 04/19	English	10am	Lesa Huff
	Spanish	12pm	Betty Thompson

Pope: 'Holiness is not a privilege for the few'

"Holiness is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that commits every baptized person to strive for the perfection of charity, that is, the fullness of love towards God and towards one's neighbor."



Pope Leo XIV expressed this during his weekly General Audience in the Vatican on Wednesday morning, continuing his catechesis series on the Second Vatican Council and its documents, and citing the [Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium](#) on the Church.

The Pope this week continued reflecting on the Constitution and recalled how *Lumen gentium* dedicates an entire chapter, the fifth, to the universal vocation to holiness of all the faithful, insisting that every one of us is called to live in the grace of God, practicing the virtues and imitating Christ.

He began by pointing out that the highest level of holiness, as in the early days of the Church, is martyrdom, the "supreme witness of faith and charity," and for this reason, the Council text teaches that every believer must be ready to confess Christ even unto blood, "as has always been the case and continues to be so today."

This readiness to bear witness, the Pope said, is realized every time Christians leave signs of faith and love in society.

Pope Leo reminded those gathered that all the sacraments, and in a preeminent way the Eucharist, "are nourishment that fosters a holy life, assimilating every person to Christ, the model and measure of holiness."

The Pope said that Jesus sanctifies the Church, adding that, "holiness is, from this point of view, His gift, which is manifested in our daily life every time we receive it with joy and respond to Him with commitment."

Pope Leo XIV concluded by imploring the Blessed Mother, the all-holy Mother of the Incarnate Word, to always sustain and protect our journey.