

# 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

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo,  
Connie Caldwell,  
Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza,  
Randy Thompson, Dcn. Baltazar Rafael

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2026



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April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

## THANKS!

- **Juan y Juana Lopez family** for cleaning the sanctuary last week
- Church Cleaners for the week of 04/19 to 04/25 is: **Zoila & Filemon**
- **Gracia** for counting last week. Money counter for this week is: **Kimberly**
- **KC's** for mowing
- **Alyssa** for helping clean and organize
- Blanca & Fabian to caring the Virgen Mary space.



### 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 Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, 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, Beth Raleigh, Dori Raleigh, Pam Raleigh, Cathy Robertson, Mackenzie Skinner, Ruby Sparks, Jack Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Richard Vowels, 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.smsbree.org](http://www.smsbree.org)

### WORDS OF THE POPES

The disciples of Emmaus walk sadly because they hoped for a different ending, for a Messiah who did not know the cross. Although they have heard that the tomb is empty, they cannot smile. But Jesus walks alongside them and patiently helps them understand that pain is not the denial of the promise, but the way through which God has manifested the measure of his love (cf. Lk 24:13-27). When they are finally seated at the table with him and break bread, their eyes are opened. They realize that their hearts were already burning, even though they did not know it (cf. Lk 24:28-32). This is the greatest surprise: to discover that beneath the ashes of disenchantment and weariness there is always a living ember, waiting only to be rekindled.

Brothers and sisters, Christ's resurrection teaches us that no history is so marked by disappointment or sin that it cannot be visited by hope. No fall is definitive, no night is eternal, no wound is destined to remain open forever. However distant, lost or unworthy we may feel, there is no distance that can extinguish the unfailing power of God's love.

*(Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, 8 October 2025)*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### This weekend

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

### Next Weekend

<b>Sat 04/25</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia Alvey
<b>Sun 04/26</b>	<u>Sacristan:</u> KofC's
EM	KofC's
EM	KofC's
Lector	KofC's
Altar Server	KofC's

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**18 Sat** Easter Weekday white Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

**19 SUN** THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER white Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss III

**20 Mon** Easter Weekday white Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)

**21 Tue** Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274)

**22 Wed** Easter Weekday white Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)

**23 Thu** Easter Weekday white/red/red [Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr] Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)

**24 Fri** Easter Weekday white/red [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr] Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)

### 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 04/12/2026	\$	2238.00
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 41 of 52 Sundays	\$	91,744.59
Budget YTD	\$	94,000.00
Over/Under Collection	\$	<b>-4,6065.41</b>



### III SUNDAY OF EASTER THE GOOD NEWS, TRANSFORMS

On the day of Pentecost, St. Peter preaches with courage and enthusiasm, in front of an expectant audience. People knew the facts more or less, but the apostle exposes them in an unprecedented way, revealing in them the fulfillment of God's plan anticipated in Scripture. Saint Peter and the other disciples are convinced and **testify to it as well as show it with their own life's transformation.** "Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God **raised him up.**" (Acts 2: 22b, 23-24a)

Proclaiming the death of Jesus could not be done without revealing the causes and motives of the life of Jesus, who by his words and his extraordinary acts made present the liberation that comes from God. This liberation was to remind the Jewish People of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. But they **did not see in Jesus' life a liberating life, but instead** they crucified him through the impious Romans. That plan was foreseen, but that design does not refer only to death, the most humiliating death on the cross, but above all, to the value of that death as the cause of redemption and salvation for all.

That is why, when we speak of the power of the word of God in primitive Christians, that strength consisted in the strength that comes from the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a strength that changes the hearts and, if it changes the hearts, changes the course of the history too. In the death of Jesus, on the cross concretely, reveals all the love of God for us; and in the Resurrection the power of God **is revealed over the death of Jesus and over all men's death.**

**"Realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb."** (1 Peter 1: 18-19) St. Peter insists, this time in writing, on another aspect of that death which he has related in his preaching to the multitude on the day of Pentecost. Yes, what has happened is tragic, but it has become a huge benefit in our favor: a huge price has been paid for us, so we have been ransomed.

The story of the journey of the two disciples of Emmaus produces a sacred text for the community. Let us focus on the narrative and we discover the description of the Eucharist in a dynamic process: the pilgrims from Emmaus, disconcerted, listen to the interpretation of the Scriptures regarding the Messiah. It was a catechesis of preparation for what comes next. We can organize this narrative around two main moments introduced by the same **expression: (a) Lk 24:15: "And it happened that while they were conversing and debating"; (b) Lk 24: 30: "And it happened that, while he was with them at table."** Many theologians have recognized that St. Luke indicates the two essential moments of the Christian liturgy: the word and the sacrament, listening to the Scriptures and the Eucharistic liturgy. It is in the Eucharist that the Lord gives us life that he now enjoys as the resurrected one.

The Eucharist, as well as the Resurrection, is an ineffable mystery of liberation. Since the disciples who were distressed by what had happened in Jerusalem, little by little, as they celebrate the Eucharist, are moved, because the life of the Risen Lord seizes their hearts.

Let us walk joyfully, with the disciples of Emmaus, to our Eucharist, so that the Risen Jesus may transform our hearts and set us free .

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

#### TODAY'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](#)

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASK

##### **Questions:**

- Recall a time when the Holy Spirit spoke through you. Is Jesus revealed by what you say and do?
- Do we recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread or is it just some ritual we repeat? When is the last time our heart was on fire?

##### **Task:**

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#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Reading I: [Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6](#)

Reading II: [1 Peter 2:20b-25](#)

Gospel: [John 10:14](#)

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

- April 23-26th Come & See Saint Meinrad for men who are at least college sophomores
  - April 25 at 8am Young Adult gathering Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
  - April 30—Made for Mission for Catholic leader
  - June 8-17 Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy
- Details for all events available in the vestibule*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/20 Ana Lopez
- 4/22 Fabian Castillo
- 4/23 Lenin Fuentes, Charles Buchanan
- 4/24 Mary Jane Hawkins



## There's still time to get an Ursuline Sisters' Quilt Club ticket!



The first monthly quilt drawing for the Ursuline Sisters' new 2026-2027 Quilt Club year was April 2, but you can still get 11 chances to win if you purchase a ticket by April 30, prior to the May 1 drawing. Or you will have 10 chances if you purchase a ticket by June 4. For one \$25 ticket, your name stays in the bin for all of the drawings during that club year. A lucky winner's name is drawn on the first Friday of each month through March 2027. Watch the drawings live on the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Facebook page at noon Central Time: [www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj](http://www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj). Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. Proceeds support the mission and ministries of the Ursuline Sisters. Call 270-229-2008, email [carol.braden-clark@maplemount.org](mailto:carol.braden-clark@maplemount.org) or order online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/quilt-club/>

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*The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually?  
Use the code to find out!*

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## Mass Intention

Sat. 04/18	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Zula Conder
Sun. 04/19	English	10am	Lesa Huff
	Spanish	12pm	Betty Thompson
Mon. 04/20	English	9am	William Jay Howard
Tues 04/21	English	9am	Richard & Rita Stiff & Family
Wed. 04/22	Spanish	12pm	Dorothy Barnard
Thu. 04/23	Spanish	7pm	Mary Catherine Reed
Sat. 04/25	English	5pm	Violet Cassidy
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 04/26	English	10am	Violet Cassidy
	Spanish	12pm	Tom Shawler

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Kathy & Jaime Ceron 4/20/2019
- Lenin Fuentes & Dalila Cruz 4/22/2025
- Thomas & Pamela McCarty 4/23/1971



## Pope Leo XIV: Safeguarding minors is 'a challenge to the conscience of the Church'



"The presence of the smallest and most vulnerable challenges the conscience of the Church and measures its ability to express authentic care."

Pope Leo XIV expressed this in a message to participants in the Second National Meeting of Local Representatives for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, organized by the Italian Bishops' Conference.

"When every person is recognized in their dignity and safeguarded in their freedom, parishes, associations, and movements are reliable and capable of accompanying, educating, and protecting," he said, adding that "where respect is lacking, relationships become impoverished, distorted, and may cause serious harm."

In the Christian vision, he noted, respect is not merely correctness, but "a demanding form of charity, expressed in safeguarding others without possessing them, accompanying them without dominating them, and serving them without humiliating them."

He said this respect gives rise to the possibility of clear, mature, and secure relationships.

"For this reason," he insisted, "protection cannot be understood merely as a set of rules to apply or procedures to follow: it requires wisdom that shapes the style of communities, the exercise of authority, the formation of educators, vigilance over contexts, and transparency of behavior."