

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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
JUNE 28, 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, Randy Thompson, Dcn. Baltazar Rafael, Juana Matias.

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THANKS!

- For the week of 06/21 to 06/27:
 - Church cleaners were: **Eduardo & Maria**
 - Money counter was: **Alyssa**
 - Mower was: **Filemon & Family**
- For the week of 06/28 to 07/04:
 - Church cleaners are: **Isidro & Aurelia**
 - Money counter is: **Gracia**
 - Mower is: **Miguel Francisco Juan**



Ministry of Prayer

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blanford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, Kimberly Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwards, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Darrell Henderson, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, 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, Roger 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, Buddy Wilson, Tony Whitlegde, Sean Guzik

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

WORDS OF THE POPES

Jesus asks his disciples to take the demands of the Gospel seriously, even when that requires sacrifice and effort. (...) He says: “He who loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (v. 37). Jesus certainly does not intend to undervalue love for parents and children, but he knows that if family bonds are put in first place, they can deviate from the true good. We see this: some forms of corruption in governments come about precisely because love for family is greater than love for country, and so they put family members in charge. When, instead, love for parents and children is inspired and purified by love for the Lord, it then becomes wholly fruitful and produces good fruits within the family itself and well beyond it. (...)

Then, Jesus says to his disciples: “he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Mt 10:38). This means following him along the path that he himself trod, without looking for shortcuts. There is no true love with-

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 06/27	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
Sun 06/28	<u>Sacristan:</u> KC
EM	KC
EM	KC
Lector	KC
Altar Server	KC

Next Weekend

Sat 07/04	<u>Sacristan:</u> Connie
Sun 07/05	<u>Sacristan:</u> Gracia
EM	Shawn Blanford
EM	Cathy Robertson
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

27 Sat Weekday green/white/white [Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM] Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 (376)

28 SUN THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME green 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97) Pss I

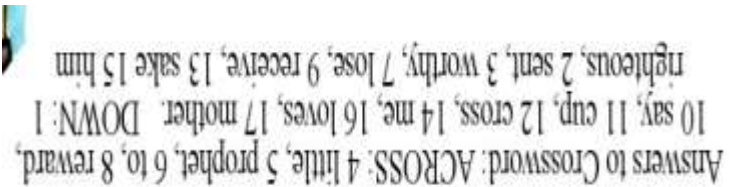
29 Mon SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES red
Solemnity Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 (590) Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591) Pss Prop

30 Tue Weekday green/red [The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church] Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27 (378)

1 Wed Weekday green/white [USA: Saint Junipero Serra, Priest] Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34 (379)

2 Thu Weekday green Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8 (380)

3 Fri Saint Thomas, Apostle red Feast Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593) Pss Prop



Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 06/14/2026	\$ 1591.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 51 of 52 Sundays	\$ 113,651.41
Budget YTD	\$ 119,850.00
Over/Under Collection	\$ 6,198.59

out the cross, that is, without a personal price to pay. Many mothers, many fathers who sacrifice a great deal for their children, and bear true sacrifices, crosses, because they love them, say this. And the cross is not frightening when borne with Jesus, because he is always at our side to support us in the hour of the most difficult trial, to give us strength and courage.

(Pope Francis, angelus, 28 June 2020)



**XIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
DISCIPLES CARRYING OUR
CROSS**

This thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time continues in the line of send-mission. As I write for a bilingual community, I clarify the term mission, it is not a type of retreat, with a talk and spiritual growth, but “to be and go out”, as Pope Francis has proclaimed many times. So, mission is the act of going out and announcing the Good News.

After clarifying that term, I will also clarify that the disciple’s mission has its radical demands, but also its rewards. Therefore, to assume our baptismal commitment -the apostle Paul reminds us- puts before us a decision and an option. It is necessary to give it a try, to take positions and clear options, one must learn to “make a mess”, like Pope Francis said to the young people in Brazil.

“Later Elisha asked, ‘Can something be done for her?’ His servant Gehazi answered, ‘Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, ‘This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.’” (2 Kings 4: 14-16a) In the Bible, the late motherhood has always been interpreted as a blessing, since popular religious traditions regarded sterility as a divine curse. Elisha, different then Elijah, is a less charismatic man of God, even though he performed many miracles. These stories are gathered to show that God always acts mysteriously and contradicting what men think or project outside Him. If we read the whole story of that woman, we can highlight the commitment and confidence that she puts in the one who brings her the 'word of God'. She does not despair in adversity, but she seeks confidently the man of God to assist her.

An important point in this story is the hospitality of that woman, first herself, then she involves her husband and together they make a special place for the man of God. A very typical ministry of the church in the United States is the ministry of welcome (ushers). In that woman’s attitude, we find an example of how we should welcome our brothers and sisters to celebrate the divine mystery in the Holy Mass. It was she who welcomes, who takes the initiative to build a small dwelling place for the man of God. And in the Bible, someone who welcomes a man of God, welcomes God himself, and the gospel tells us we will not be left without reward. “And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” (Mt 10: 42)

In the Gospel that we hear this Sunday, we hear the demands of a missionary disciple: “And he who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” (Mt 10: 38) To be a disciple is to break certain traditions that bind us, even some family traditions. It is

not about breaking family affections, but breaking the ties that do not leave us free. The Christian follower of Jesus, lover of the truth of the gospel, must love their father, their mother, their brother, their sister, but he should never, on account of them, yield to hatred, to spite, to violence, to curse, as usual happens in our times: my parents’ fight, is my fight! No! The Christian is called to a much larger chain of solidarity, even giving a drink of water to anyone, even to our enemy or our family’s enemy. This sounds very strong, but true: when there are enemies or we create them in our minds or in our hearts, we are far from Jesus, from his cause of the gospel and from God himself. Whenever and wherever there is hate, the gospel dies.

If we follow Jesus, we must renounce ourselves and our own possessions. Whoever accepts the gospel must do it of his own free will, for honor, and for personal enjoyment. Anyone who accepts these radicalisms should not do so against his will and his freedom.

We have our parish mission statement and it says: our mission is to make disciples of Christ. That means that I, a parishioner of Saint Michael in Sebree, am already a disciple. It is good to ask ourselves: do I live the demands of discipleship? Do I welcome all, do I truly love them and is there no hatred in me?

Today God’s word brings up a question about our ability to convey and welcome the person of Jesus and his Gospel. May those same words encourage us to live out our baptismal promises and to be witnesses of true discipleship of Christ.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY’S READINGS

Reading I: [2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19](#)
Reading II: [Romans 6:3-4, 8-11](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

THIS WEEK’S QUESTIONS/TASKS

Based on today’s readings

Questions:

- Recall a time that you went out of your way to help another person only to be unexpectedly rewarded in return. How was that for you?
- What does St. Paul mean when he says, “We must think of ourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus? What does it mean to know and to follow Jesus?”
- Are there things you place above God in your life? What difference would it make if you placed God above all else in your life?

Task: Do one selfless loving act for someone you don’t know just for your love of God.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

Reading I: [Zechariah 9:9-10](#)
Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14](#)
Reading II: [Romans 8:9, 11-13](#)
Gospel: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

EVENTS

- **Every Thursday:** Adoration at 6:30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 6/29 Lopez Jose Andres
- 7/1 Maria Juan Domingo
- 7/2 Felix Apolinar Lopez, Jr.
- 7/3 Scarlette Quintanilla
Maria G. Pascual Juan



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 6/28 Barry & Mary Richmond
- 6/29 Dan & Mary Jane Hawkins



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks for everything you do for our parish!
Recent tasks: touching up the yellow caution paint, fixing the white board, spraying for bugs, getting the ice machine working, filling in the hole along the side of the building.

SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR KIDS



- July 1st (closed July 3rd) to the 31st at St Michael
- Served Mon—Fri 12 to 1 pm
- 18 and under eat free



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

**A=Across
D=Down**

He who loves father or

_____ (17A)

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who

_____ (16A)

son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my _____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."

Mass Intentions

Sat 06/27	English	5pm	Sean Guzik
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun. 06/28	English	10am	+ Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	+ Eulalia Martin Juan
Mon 06/29	English	9am	+ Chester Ervin Jr.
Tues 06/30	English	9am	Sean Guzik
Wed 07/01	Spanish	12pm	+Dan Halbig
Thu 07/02	Spanish	7pm	Sara Edge
Sat 07/04	English	5pm	+ Chester Ervin Jr.
	Akateco	7:30pm	+Kathy Leonard
Sun. 07/05	English	10am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	Jesus Jimenez

Liturgical Feast: SAINTS PETER & PAUL

June 29

Saints. Peter and Paul were the two big leaders in the early Church, both who would eventually be martyred for their faith.

Peter, the rock on which Jesus built his church, served as the first Bishop of Rome and is considered the first pope. Under the reign of Emperor Nero, Peter was crucified, though he was crucified upside down since he felt unworthy to die in the same fashion as our Lord.

Paul is known for his conversion (January 25) and his journeys preaching to different parts of the Roman world. He was arrested during his fifth journey to Jerusalem and was beheaded in Rome in the year 68.

Although Peter and Paul did not always agree and were very different people, they are celebrated together for being fathers of the Church who were martyred for their faith.

Splash Into GOD's Love

Join us for VBS!
Where: St. Michael Catholic Church
When: June 29 - July 1
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Open to children ages 5-12 years old
We look forward to seeing you there!