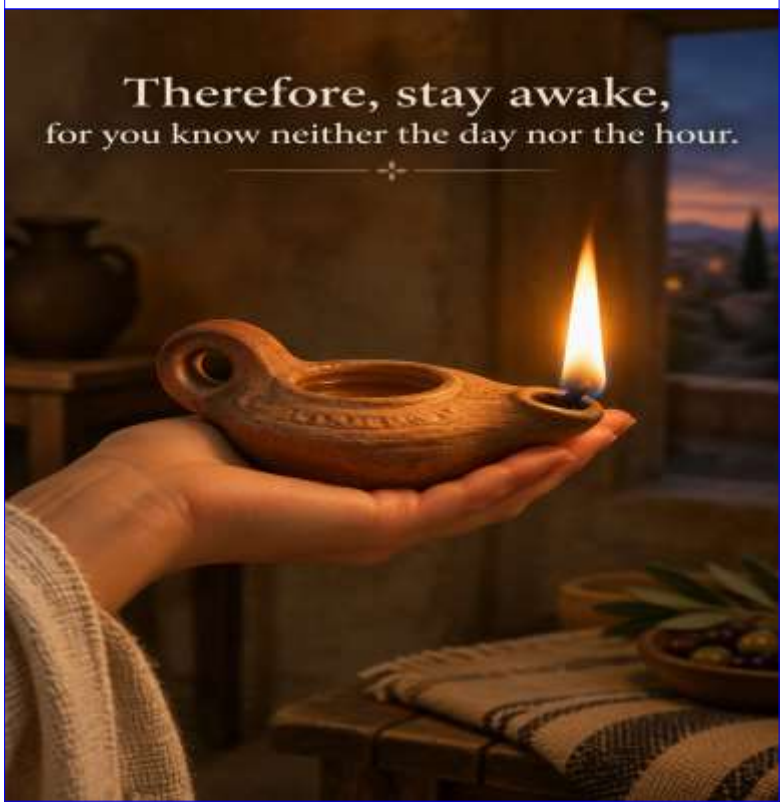
Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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 11/01 to 11/07:

- Church cleaner was: Dcn. Baltazar Family
- Money counter was: Kim

For the week of 11/08 to 11/14:

- Church cleaners is: Felipe Domingo
- Money counter is: Alyssa

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, Teresa Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, Daniel Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Asher Cunningham, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, Ray Fambrough, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Judy George, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Kaydence Marie Helfert, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Angela Kay, Keith Kenney, Kevin King, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, 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, Jose Vanegas, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, James Watson, 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.smsebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

Today's Gospel is a famous parable that speaks of ten maidens invited to a wedding feast, a symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven and of eternal life (Mt 25:1-13). It is a happy image with which, however, Jesus teaches a truth that calls us into question. In fact five of those 10 maidens were admitted to the feast because when the bridegroom arrived they had brought the oil to light their lamps, whereas the other five were left outside because they had been foolish enough not to bring any. What is represented by this "oil", the indispensable prerequisite for being admitted to the nuptial banquet? St Augustine (cf. Discourses 93, 4), and other ancient authors interpreted it as a symbol of love that one cannot purchase but receives as a gift, preserves within one and uses in works. True wisdom is making the most of mortal life in order to do works of mercy, for after death this will no longer be possible. When we are reawoken for the Last Judgement, it will be made on the basis of the love we have shown in our earthly life (cf. Mt 25:31-46). And this love is a gift of Christ, poured out in us by the Holy Spirit. Those who believe in God-Love bear within them invincible hope, like a lamp to light them on their way through the night beyond death to arrive at the great feast of life.

(*Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 6 November 2011)*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 11/07	Sacristan: Gracia
Sun 11/08	Sacristan: Mary Jane
EM	David Magnuson
EM	Linda Frederick
Lector	Greg Sugg
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 11/14	Sacristan: Connie
Sun 11/15	Sacristan: Gracia
EM	Janie Tanner
EM	Cathy Robertson
Lector	Matthew Duncan
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 7 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15 (490)
- 8 SUN THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 (154) Pss IV
- 9 Mon The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica white Feast Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop
- 10 Tue Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
- 11 Wed Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop white Memorial Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19 (493) Pss Prop
- 12 Thu Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr red Memorial Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25 (494)
- 13 Fri USA: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin white Memorial 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 11/01/2026	$	2,553.50
Weekly Goal	$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 18 of 52 Sundays	$	37,689.89
Budget YTD	$	42,300.00
Over/Under Collection	$	-4,610.11

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).



XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE LOVING ENCOUNTER WITH THE BRIDEGROOM

We continue on the last stretch of the liturgical year and with that the readings this Sunday help open us up to the ultimate destiny of man and life.

"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." (Wis 6:12) This reading personifies wisdom because without wisdom, which is the essence of what is good, of happiness, of what is ethical and esthetic, life loses its beauty and eschatological dimension. To be wise, in the Bible, is not to study and get a degree to learn many things; it is not a question of quantity, but rather quality; it is to constantly discover the deepest dimension of ourselves and of God. Wisdom is thinking correctly in order to make correct decisions and live a just life before God. The most sublime example of wisdom is the knowledge that Solomon had for leading his people. And so wisdom is what is transmitted from God to Israel to bring it to its fullness, to true happiness, and is expressed in a concise and sublime way in the commandments.

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom." (Mt 25:1b) This text is only found in Matthew and it proposes to us a parable of the foolish virgins and the wise virgins. The number 10 means the totality or the complete group of something. And so we could give this parable a communal meaning for all intents and purposes. The wedding and the bridegroom are signs of the end point. The oil in Judaism was the symbol of good works, also the sign of the joy of welcome.

"Five of them were foolish and five were wise. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep." (Mt 25: 2.5) Jesus uses the frame of a wedding feast to speak about something transcendental: waiting and hope. But the protagonists of this story are not the bride nor the bridegroom, but rather the ladies who accompanied the bridegroom at that moment. This means that they were full of joy for the occasion, as if they themselves were involved, as much or more than the bride. But for this occasion of love and grace they have to be prepared and open to wisdom. The joy that is felt in a wedding like Jesus is describing is something that reaches a climax when the bridegroom arrives.

"While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked." (Mt 25:10) The important thing is to be prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. It speaks of a presence before those who wait. It is not a question of understanding in physical terms, but rather how do we face the most important things in our life: death and eternity: with wisdom? With joy? With oil, with light? With hope?

This world can seem almost eternal, because year after year has passed and it seems like it doesn't come to an end, but we are not eternal on this earth. We are called to God's presence, and so, we should all long lovingly for that moment. Otherwise we will be the foolish ones and we will not be able to attend the wedding vows of eternal love, of happiness without limits. God grants us the wisdom to prepare ourselves worthily for the encounter of love.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS:

Based on todays readings

Questions:

I. What is the purpose of celebrating marriage in the Church?
II. How do you see the Lord as Spouse of the Church?
G. What does a domestic church look like for you?

Task: Take time to read the wonderful documents from the USCCB website on marriage. It offers great insights, not only for those who are married, but for all within the faith. You can view the USCCB documents here: https://www.usccb.org/search?key=marriage

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

EVENTS

- **Tuesday 10am**: Bible Study group
- **Tuesday:** Youth Group meeting Canceled
- **Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Religious Ed classes
- **Thursday 6:30**: Adoration

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



11/7 Maria Francisco Juan
11/9 Víctor Barco,
Steve Houston, Adeli Francisco
11/10 Permina Pascua, Gabriela Velasco
11/11 Zuleika G Malave
11/12 Lupita Hernandez
11/13 Carlos Angulo

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



11/18 Permina & Alonso,
Lorenza & Miguel,
Domingo & Rosenda

Around the diocese

- November 14th: Christmas Trivia at Our Lady of Lourdes
- November 14th: Women's Retreat at Sts Joseph and Paul
- Nov 30th to Dec 3rd: Mission at St Mary Magdalen
- December 5th: Franciscan Jubilee at St Francis of Assisi

Flyer's for these events posted on the while board

Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



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R	I	C	H	E	S	G	O	O	D	R	T
Y	H	E	E	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

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Mass Intentions

Sat 11/07	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	†Charlie Hayden
Sun 11/08	English	10 am	Nellie Daugherty
	Spanish	12pm	†Charlotte Ralph
Mon 11/09	English	9am	†Bill & †Mary Howard
Tues 11/10	English	9am	Judy George
Wed 11/11	Spanish	12pm	**No Daily Mass**
Thu 11/12	Spanish	7pm	Communion Service
Sat 11/14	English	5pm	†Bill Christian
	Akateco	7:30pm	†Cecil Payne
Sun 11/15	English	10 am	Parishioners
	Spanish	12pm	†Charles & †Shirley Edge

Knights of Columbus

The KC's need your help. They are collecting nonperishable food items in preparation of the food baskets they will distribute next month. Please bring your donations to the church by November 18th.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. May all people of means use it to build God's kingdom, for the common good and to lift people out of poverty.
All three synoptic Gospels tell us about an encounter Jesus has with a rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. The following verse best captures the exchange between them:
"And Jesus, looking upon him, loved him, and said to him, 'You lack one thing; go sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me'" (Mark 10:21).
Jesus looks on him with love. He offers a huge challenge, but it does not come from a place of envy or contempt. Out of love he tells him to give his possessions to the poor so he can gain eternal life.
Jesus challenges us to use our wealth and resources for greater good because he loves us and is for us. We share our resources with the poor, with Catholic ministries, and with our parish out of a response to God's love and goodness to us.
Jesus tells the rich young man to give his money to the poor, and then he makes an astonishing statement. He tells him, "you will have treasure in heaven." When we give, we are not losing our money; we are transferring it. It is a paradox of the kingdom: in giving we receive. Jesus teaches us to give and bless others financially because ultimately it doesn't pay to be selfish.
We pray for the grace to use our means to give as Jesus calls us to give. Giving is a proper use of wealth for both the giver and for those who benefit from the gift.