

Welcome to
St. Michael Catholic Church!
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February 12, 2012

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. English

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. English,
12:00 p.m. Spanish

Mondays: 12:00 p.m. English

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m. English

Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. Spanish

Parish Contact Information

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*There are no set office hours so please
don't hesitate to contact the*

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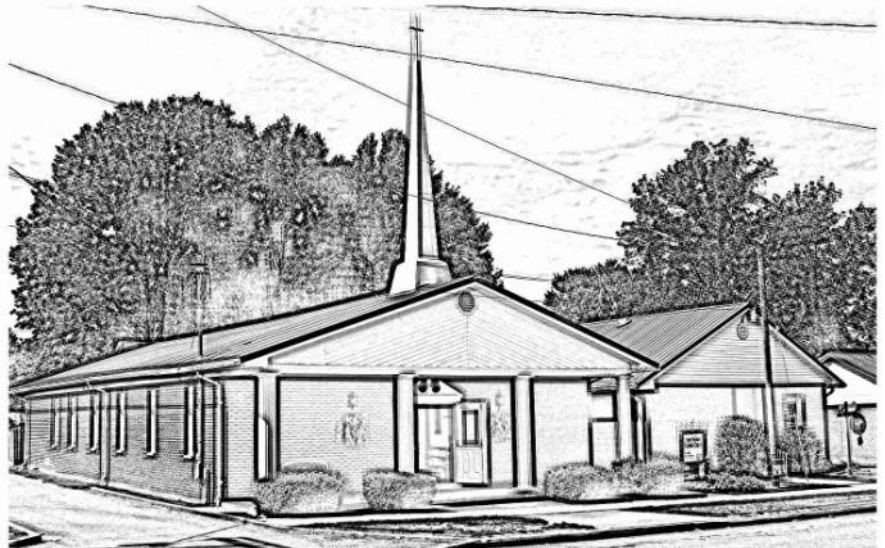
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Parish Council

Daniel Edwards, Chair

Brenda Allinder

Sandy Harpole

Janice Sellers

Steve Teasley

Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight

Charles Buchanan, Grand Knight

Altar Society – President

Mary Jane Hawkins

St. Michael Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Saint Michael's Church, commit ourselves to a two-fold mission:

- *to helping each member of our church community grow in knowledge and understanding of the Good News as expressed through the words of Jesus Christ, and the traditions of the Catholic Church;*
- *to carrying forth that knowledge and understanding to the members of the local community by our word and example.*

Sacraments at St. Michael's

Infant Baptism - Baptisms of children under the age of 7 are celebrated throughout the year. A Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Fr. Al or Patti.

Adult Initiation (RCIA) - If you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please encourage them to contact Patti, our Parish Life Coordinator or Fr. Al or let us know and we'll be happy to contact them. (Sessions are held from September to May)

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Ask Fr. Al before or after Mass.
Communal Celebrations are announced during Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of Marriage - Please contact Fr. Al for initial meeting. This may be done no later than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick - Please contact Fr. Al if you or another parishioner is seriously ill (whether in the hospital or at home), or are preparing for a surgery and wish to be anointed.

Religious Education for Children - Classes are Wednesdays 5:45 - 7:00 PM. for grades K through 6. Children should attend classes each year. Second grade and older may receive First Communion.

Youth Programs - Youth in Middle school and High school are invited to participate in youth activities which include formation, prayer, service & fun. Contact Patti Gutiérrez for the current calendar of events. Confirmation is held every 2 years for any youth in 7th grade and up. The next preparation cycle will be from August 2012 to August 2013.

Mass Intentions For The Week



- Sat. Feb. 11 5:00 PM Kenny Meinard
- Sun. Feb. 12 10:30 AM Fr. Pete Hughes
12:00 PM People of the Parish
- Mon. Feb. 13 12:00 PM Nellie Knott
- Tues. Feb. 14 6:00 PM Robert H. & Mary Lou Steele
- Wed. Feb. 15 12:00 PM Judy Oelze
- Sat. Feb. 18 5:00 PM Thomas Askin
- Sun. Feb. 19 10:30 AM Kenny Meinard
12:00 PM People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

February 12th—19th

- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Gospel Reflections

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you wish, you can make me clean. Mark 1:40-45



The laws of hygiene attributed to Moses in the Book of Leviticus were to prevent the spread of diseases like leprosy literally condemned a person to a life separated from family, friends and the rest of the community. Illnesses like leprosy and physical deformities were seen as a punishment from God. The leper had faith, or at least hope, that Jesus could cure him of his disease. Cured of leprosy he could show himself to the priest and make the offering prescribed by Moses. That would allow him to return to his family, friends and community and would be a sign to them that "I am not a sinner." He must have felt much like we feel when we avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and know that Jesus, through the person of the priest, understands our sorrow for our sin and loves us unconditionally. When was the last time we sought the graces of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Sadly, for most Catholics, the answer is "Too long!" Do we have the same faith, or at least hope, of the leper who approached Jesus?



Stewardship of Treasure

2/5/12 Regular Collection	\$986.81
Weekly Need	\$1,076.92
Annual Budget	\$56,000.00
Budget to Date	\$34,461.44
Collection to Date	\$35,817.84
Amount over goal:	\$1,355.40

Stewardship of Time & Talents This Week

Thanks to Linda Shelton, Sandy Harpole, Helen Romain for cleaning church this week.

Thanks to all those who helped staff the Sebree Christian Outreach on Saturday!

Thanks to Helen Romain, Jenny Glenn, Sandy Harpole, Fr. Al Bremer, Jeana & Ben Otero Sanchez, Juan Arroyo & Beatriz Apolinar who accompanied 27 of our CCD kids to the Deanery Gathering with the Bishop in Morganfield on Wed.! They joined over 500 other kids & teachers from around the deanery (Webster, Henderson & Union Counties)

Cleaning (Week of February 5th) Team 4

Rosie Edwards, Brenda Badertscher, Ree Ree Cheatham

Ministry Schedule - TODAY

Saturday, Feb 11th

- Eucharistic Min. Brenda Badertschter
- Hospitality Volunteers
- Lector Cathy Blanford
- Altar Server Charles Buchanan

Sunday, Feb. 12th

- Eucharistic Min. Lois McGraw, Brenda Allinder, Janie Turner
- Hospitality Donna Kenney
- Hospitality Dan Hawkins
- Lector Linda Frederick
- Altar Server Jacob Grossman
- Money Counters Jenni Hobgood/Brenda Allinder

Ministry Schedule - NEXT Weekend

Saturday, Feb. 18th

- Eucharistic Min. Brenda Badertschter
- Hospitality Volunteer
- Lector Cathy Blanford
- Altar Server Charles Buchanan

Sunday, Feb. 19th

- Eucharistic Min. Lois McGraw
- Eucharistic Min. Brenda Allinder
- Eucharistic Min. Janie Turner
- Hospitality Donna Kenney
- Hospitality Dan Hawkins
- Lector Linda Frederick
- Altar Server Jacob Grossman
- Money Counters Jenni Hobgood/Brenda Allinder

Thanks for your generosity!!

A Stewardship Moment for this Sunday

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. St. Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned in Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

WELCOMING THE STRANGER AMONG US

The presence of so many people of so many different cultures and religions in so many different parts of the United States has challenged us as a Church to a profound conversion so that we can become truly a sacrament of unity. *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

LIFE THOUGHT

But responsibility likewise falls on the legislators who have promoted and approved abortion laws, and, to the extent that they have a say in the matter, on the administrators of the health-care centers where abortions are performed. In this sense abortion goes beyond the responsibility of individuals and beyond the harm done to them, and takes on a distinctly social dimension. It is a most serious *wound* inflicted on society and its culture by the very people who ought to be society's promoters and defenders. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (1995), no. 59.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Sts. Cyril and Methodius— Feb. 14th

Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers and patrons of the Slavic peoples.



After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia (present-day Czech Republic) asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet (for example, modern Russian) from Greek capital letters. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

The Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, and Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croatians, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe (with Benedict).

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Please Pray for: The sick members and friends of this parish, especially Virginia Allen; Charles Buchanan; Carolyn Critser; Rebecca Fowler; Rebecca Galloway; Jesse Gonzalez; Lydia Haycraft; Steven Hayden, Sr.; Tim Hendricks; Jackie Hill; Peggy Howell; Bryan Hunter; Paul Johnson; Dakota Layne; David Medley, Charlotte Moore; Daryl Periard; Bruce Snyder; Dennis Shanks; Ann Michael Siewert; Jim Spainhoward; Jim & Burnetta Springfield; James Tomlingson; Charlie Vowels; Louise Welch; & Tony Whitledge.

*** We will only be praying aloud at mass for a portion of the prayer list each week. Please take time during the week to pray for all those on the list. To add or remove a name just*

Mardi Gras Card Party NEXT SUNDAY!



**February 19th 2-5pm
in Parish Hall
Come and Join the Fun!!!
Play any game of your choice.
Bring Your friends!!!
for ages 13+**

This is a Fundraiser for the Altar Society. Admission charge is \$5.00 per person. There will be a Half-Pot and Prizes and plenty of snacks and drinks available. (Altar Society members are asked to help bring snacks & drinks) Dressing up is optional. Bring card table and a favorite card game or board game if you have one!

Parish Calendar - This Week

Tuesday, February 14th—RCIA, 7pm
Wednesday, February 15th -Religious Education 5:45-7pm
Friday, February 17th—Parish Council Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/11- JoAnn Eakins
2/12-Kara Hudnall
2/16-Brennan Farmer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mardi Gras Party (for ages13+) February 19th, 2-5pm
Altar Society—Tues., February 28th, 5:30pm (note change)
Knights of Columbus -Thurs., Feb., 28th, 6:30pm
Women’s Retreat at St. Michael’s—Saturday, March 10th
9am-5pm in Parish Hall

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
February 22nd at 6pm**

February is St. Michael’s Month to Staff Outreach

If you can spare some time on a Saturday morning during February to help sort clothes at the Sebree Christian Outreach, please add your name to the list on the bulletin board or let Rosie know. The more hands, the quicker the work gets done!

Raffle for a Beautiful Handmade Clock

The Altar Society members are selling chances for \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5 on a handmade, solid oak, mantle clock made by Brenda Badertscher’s brother. A picture of the clock is on the bulletin board. The proceeds will be for the Altar Society which serves this parish in countless ways. Please consider buying several chances and taking some to sell to friends & coworkers.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP

Looking for a family vacation for this summer that includes prayer, learning and fun? Consider the Apostolate for Family Consecration in Ohio: www.familyland.org There are separate activities for different age groups, swimming, horseback riding, hiking trails, campfires & more!

Parish Prayer Chain

Do you want to be alerted when there is a prayer need in the parish? Go to www.flocknote.com/network/smchurch, add your name to the Prayer List and choose to get a phone call, e-mail or text message when there is a new request.
Do you have a prayer request or do you need help?
Just let Patti know!

SEBREE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Volleyball League began Saturday Feb. 11th in the Sebree Elementary gym. Brenda Allinder & Juan Arroyo will lead our two St. Michael’s teams again this year. If you’re interested in joining them just let one of them or Patti know.

The Sebree Food Bank continues to need food & personal care items. They have served over 700 individuals since their beginning a few months ago. Please leave donations by the main door at church or bring them to Cuts ‘n Moore on main street.

Mark your calendars for: The Chrism Mass. It will be held on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

Check out the video *“FIAT - A Catholic Response to the Healthcare Debate”* by Fr. Josh McCarty, currently serving at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green. He has taken his passion for video production to respond to the current health care debate. Search YouTube for “Fr. Josh McCarty” to see his work.