

Welcome to
St. Michael Catholic Church!
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February 19, 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

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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



Saturday	Feb. 18	5:00 PM Thomas Askin
Sunday	Feb. 19	10:30 AM Kenny Meinard 12:00 PM People of the Parish
Monday	Feb. 20	12:00 PM Carolyn Haycraft
Tuesday	Feb. 21	6:00 PM Robert H. & Mary Lou Steele Ash
Wednesday	Feb. 22	6:00PM Paul McCarty
Saturday	Feb. 25	5:00 PM Ruth Roberts
Sunday	Feb. 26	10:30 AM Kenny Meinard 12:00 PM People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

February 19th—26th

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Gospel Reflections

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Rise, pick up your mat and walk?”

Mark 2:1-12

In simple linguistic terms it is easier to say [שלך חטאי הן מחול] עליית, להרים את שלכם מחצלת] *Your sins are forgiven*] than to say [Rise, pick up your mat and walk].



But Jesus was not concerned with linguistics, he was striking at the heart of the spiritual integrity of every person. *Are we able to forgive those we feel have sinned against us? Are we able to say I forgive you to those we believe have hurt us? Attachment to people and things can be good, but they become harmful when we*

cannot let go. We become co-dependent or obsessive. One very harmful attachment is resentment or bitterness about the person we just love to hate. Such an attachment is harmful to the other person, to ourselves and to our relationship with God. *I love you* are not the three hardest words to say; *I forgive you* are much harder. Only priest can give the assurance of God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But we can say *I forgive you* to people we believe have harmed us and assure them of our personal belief that God forgives them.



Stewardship of Treasure

2/12/12 Regular Collection	\$1,124.26
Weekly Need	\$1,076.92
Annual Budget	\$56,000.00
Budget to Date	\$35,538.36
Collection to Date	\$36,942.10
Amount over goal:	\$1,403.74

Stewardship of Time & Talents This Week

Thanks to Rosie Edwards, Brenda Badertscher , Ree Ree Cheatham for cleaning church this week.

Cleaning (Week of February 19th) Team 1

Pedro & Ventura Caballero, Gerardo & Carmen Caballero

Ministry Schedule - TODAY

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

Ministry Schedule – NEXT Weekend

Saturday, Feb 25th

Eucharistic Min. Brenda Allinder
Hospitality Volunteer
Hospitality Volunteer
Lector Brenda Allinder
Altar Server Keith Harpole

Sunday, Feb 26th

Knights of Columbus

Eucharistic Min. Dan Hawkins
Eucharistic Min. Cliff Romain
Eucharistic Min. Charles Buchanan
Hospitality Volunteer
Hospitality Volunteer
Lector Bobby Blanford
Altar Server David Glenn
Money Counters Donna Kenny/Monica Williams

Thanks for your generosity!!

A Stewardship Moment for this Sunday

In this last Sunday before the beginning of the Lenten season, the gospel depicts Jesus continuing his healing ministry. A paralytic is placed on a pallet and lowered through a roof in order to get near Jesus. Jesus rewards the man's trust in him by forgiving his sins first and then healing his physical disability. Jesus makes a connection between spiritual healing and physical healing, and in doing so, proclaims the kingdom of God in a unique way. In what unique ways, given the divine gifts bestowed on us, have we proclaimed the kingdom of God?

Ash Wednesday February 22



The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday concerns itself with what has become a traditional three-part Lenten exercise: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus instructs his followers to turn to God, to turn from self-interest and to deepen their re-relationship with

the Lord in secret. He tells them in effect that a humble and quiet disposition toward prayer, self-denial and reaching out to others is transforming and leads to a favorable outcome. What is our plan to turn ever closer to God in this Lenten season? Are we prepared to treat this season as a sacred time, a time to deepen our own relationship with the one who redeemed us?

Lenten Sacrifices Start this Week

Remember Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** for Catholics age 18-59. Fasting is reducing the amount of food you eat below normal levels. Specifically, on fast days you may eat one full meal and two smaller meals, but those two smaller together should not exceed the amount of the normal meal. Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat for all Catholics 14 and older.

All Catholics are encouraged to make extra sacrifices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent as well.

Lenten Collections

- Ash Wednesday– Mandeville Jamaica
- 2/26 Diocesan Administration
- 3/11 Sick & Infirm Priests
- 3/18 Catholic Relief Services
- 4/6 Good Friday-Holy Land Collection
- 4/8 Easter Seminary Collection



OPERATION RICE BOWL began in 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown, Pa, as a local effort of all the churches to assist the drought victims of Africa Sahel. In 1976 it was introduced at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, when it was adopted by Catholic Relief Services.

During Lent, it has become a tradition of people across the US to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. This Lenten Project invites people to place a cardboard container in their homes, and put money in it that is saved through their fasting and things that they give up for Lent. 75% of the money is used for the development projects in poor nations, and 25% stays in the local diocese to use for hunger relief.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Damian ~ February 21st

Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was the ordinary thing for him to have a poor person or two with him at table and he liked to minister personally to their needs.



Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of St. Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony (the buying of church offices), and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon, complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828 he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER AMONG US

The new immigrants call most of us back to our ancestral heritage as descendants of immigrants and to our baptismal heritage as members of the body of Christ. *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

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PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Please Pray for: The sick members and friends of this parish, especially Virginia Allen; Charles Buchanan; Carolyn Critser; David Ferriell, Rebecca Fowler; Rebecca Galloway; Jesse Gonzalez; Lydia Haycraft; Steven Hayden, Sr.; Tim Hendricks, Jackie Hill; Peggy Howell; Bryan Hunter; Paul Johnson; 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 tell Patti.*

Mardi Gras Card Party TODAY!
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

Sunday, February , 19th, 2-5pm—Mardi Gras Party
 Tuesday, February 21st—RCIA, 7pm
 Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Mass, 6pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 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

Lenten Activities:

Stations of the Cross every Friday, 6pm
Community Fish Fries to benefit the Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society: March 2nd and March 23rd. Following stations
Communal Penance Service: Wed. March 28th, 6pm
Holy Week: Apr. 5th, 6pm, Apr. 6th, 6pm, Apr. 7th, 8pm

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 & co-workers.

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!

Women of the Parish: All women of the parish are invited to save **Saturday, March 10, 2012**, on your calendar so you may attend a Women’s Retreat at St. Michael. The theme of the retreat is “Women on the Way to Jerusalem.” We will gather at 9:00 a.m. and close with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. This will be a day for you – there will be prayers, presentations, reflection time and private prayer time. The presenters are the Dominican Faithweavers – Sister Geri Hoyer, OP and Sister Georgia Acker, OP. Take this opportunity to make Lent, 2012, a special, prayerful one. The fee for the retreat is \$15.00 (scholarship money is available).

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. 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.