





# **Our Lord Jesus** Christ, King of the Universe

# Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish

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Sunday, **November** 23. 2025

### **MASS TIMES**

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)

Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael) Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret) Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

# Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

\$9004.99

Campaign for Human Development \$442

**CSA 2025** 

Pledged: \$133,295 Paid: \$116,610

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO **OUR PARISH!** 

St. Michael Church: In Memory of Jennie Flack (\$150).

### **REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the soul of Frances Orris. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

# WINTER PARKING REMINDERS

The north parking lot will be the **ONLY** lot plowed and salted for weekday Masses. Please do not park in the school lot or the south lot. They will not be treated. All the lots will be plowed and salted for weekend Masses.

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION &** LECTORS WORKSHOPS

If you missed the workshops for either of these ministries, please call the office to schedule a time to view the recordings. Please schedule before November 24 for the trainings. The commissioning letter will be submitted to the Bishop on November 25, 2025 for EMHCs.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

### **Tuesday, November 25**

Saint Catherine of Alexandria David Muscarella Jr. (Mert Muscarella Family)

### Wednesday, November 26

Marian Feeney (Ann & Mike Isacco)

#### Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day 9am St. Michael Church Stephanie Romine (Bill)

#### Friday, November 28

William (Whitey) Ruffing (Jack & Ronda Erdesky)

# **First Sunday of Advent**

#### Saturday, November 29

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

#### Sunday, November 30

8:00 am Patrick Kozminski (Anniv.) (Family)

11:00am Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Dan & Susan Wallace)

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

#### November 16-30 (Saint Michael)

Dorothy Yahner (Shirley D'Urso)

## **November 16-30 (Saint Margaret)**

Carol Moore (Robert Moore) Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

## **2026 CALENDARS**

2026 Calendars will be available in the Gathering Space of both Churches beginning on Thanksgiving. Please take only one calendar until everyone has a chance to pick up a copy.

Thank you to our sponsors Loutzenhiser Funeral Home and Osborne Williams Funeral Home.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 24: Season's of Hope 5:30pm.

**November 27:** Thanksgiving Mass at 9. Church

is open for Mass only.

November 27: No Men's Group.

November 28: Church is open for Mass at

9am only. Office is closed.

November 29: Confessions 3-4 pm.

### **UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS**

This Advent St. Michael church will be hosting a Mass at Dawn or **Rorate Caeli Mass**. The Mass will be at 6:50 am Wednesday mornings in Advent, (Dec 3rd,10th,17th). This will take place of the regularly scheduled 9am Mass.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Join Fr. Tom for this 6 session Bible study where we will delve deeper into the readings of Advent and Christmas as we await the coming of our savior.

Sessions will meet on Weds at 6pm starting on Dec 3rd. Please call the office to sign uppackets wil be prepared.

# GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

St. Michael has been asked to provide 75 sugar cookie mixes for the Good Shepherd Christmas distribution. Please put your items in plastic tub under the table in the Gathering Space at St.

Michael by December 5.

# A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you are the king of the Jews then save yourself.'

This cry of mockery from the crowds on Calvary is worthy of our reflection on a feast such as today's. It is precisely because he is the king of the Jews, and indeed king of the whole world, that Jesus does not save himself. He is more concerned to save others. This he does, not by the majestic use of power or a dramatic manifestation of his glory, but rather through a humble giving of himself in which the mercy of God is offered to everyone in an act of overwhelming generosity.

Today we celebrate a king whose wealth lies in his love for all, and whose authority is exercised through service of those who are considered the least important of all. Jesus does not seek servants who grovel before his throne in the hope of being granted favors, he is stand before the cross and see there their own worth and the worth of every otherhuman being, and who will be prepared to do what they can to uphold the dignity of their brothers and sisters.



Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom

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In the grand tapestry of Catholic liturgy, the ringing of bells holds a special place—a symphony that resonates through the sacred spaces ofchurches, heralding the profound moments of the Mass. From the earliest days of Christianity to the present, bells have played a pivotal role in enhancing the spiritual experience of the faithful.

The use of bells in Christian worship can be traced back to ancient times. Early Christians adapted the practice from the Jewish tradition, where bells were used in the Temple of Solomon. The sound of bells, with its distinctive and harmonious tones, symbolized the presence of the divine and marked the sacred moments of communal prayer. During the medieval period, bells evolved from simple instruments to complex structures. Large church bells, often cast with intricate designs and inscriptions, became central to Christian worship. These bells served not only as musicalinstruments but also as communicators, signaling the faithful to gather for Mass, prayer, or important events in the life of the Church.

Bells also play a significant role in celebrating the joyous occasions within the liturgical calendar. From theannouncement of Christmas to the triumphant ringing on Easter Sunday, bells resonate with the festive spirit of the Church, lifting the hearts of the faithful in celebration of the mysteries of faith. In moments of sorrow, bells take on a solemn tone, tolling to mark the passing of a soul from this earthly life to the next. The funeral toll, a slow and measured ringing, serves as a reminder of the hope of resurrection and the eternal life promised through faith in Christ.

The history and use of bells in the Catholic Mass are woven into the fabric of religious tradition, adding a unique auditory dimension to the worship experience. Bells not only mark sacredmoments but also serve as a universal language, transcending words to evoke a deep sense of reverence and awe. As we continue to embrace the traditions of our faith, letus listen attentively to the sacred symphony of bells, recognizing the profound spiritual significance they bring to the celebration of the Mass.

**SOOOooo,** You Might be Wondering... Why am I sharing this information about church bells with you, well you may have noticed that the Carillon system at St. Michael's has been ringing since last Friday. That is because we have recently updated our bell system. This new updated system was done in honor of Miss LucilleChristopher, who through her wonderful generosity has helped St. Michael parish in many ways. Let us keep Miss Lucille in prayer every time we hear the ringing of our bells.

Yours in Christ. Fr. Tom