

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	Confession 3:00pm 4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am
Domingo	Confesión 2:00pm 3:00pm Misa en Español
Monday to Friday	8:00am
Saturday	8:00am



TODAY'S MASS:
JOURNEYSONGS #883

Communion Antiphon refrain for the 11am Mass:
His faithfulness will protect you with a shield.

Welcome to our Community

Fr. Thomas J. Anastasia, Pastor
Fr. Emmanuel I. Ofori, Associate Pastor
Fr. John D'Antonio, Assisting
Fr. Eric Peters, Assisting
Pastoral Assistants:
Deacon Paul Koppie
Deacon James Munuhe

Office Manager:

Carmen Hilmes, ext. 221

Office Assistant:

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Julie Robinson, ext. 222

Youth Ministry (Bilingue):

Nathan Gonzalez, ext. 244

Director of Religious Education:

Cheryl de la Cruz, ext. 243

Director of Music:

Francesco Sclafani, ext. 237

Maintenance Director:

Ed Strickland, ext. 234

Guardian Angels Interparochial School:

Mrs. Danielle Lutkenhaus, 799-6724

ORATORY ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30am to 8pm

Saturday: 8:30am to 3pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4pm

Friday from 9am to Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday from 3pm to 4pm; also after the 8am Mass on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday following the 8am Mass. Confessions will be available at 5:30pm with Benediction at 6:30pm

Every First Saturday of the month, Holy Hour and Confessions will be available following the 8am Morning Mass

BAPTISM:

Arrangements are made six weeks in advance.

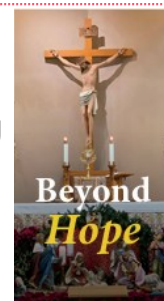
MARRIAGE:

Six months formation program is required.

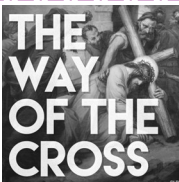
St. Michael's "Beyond Hope" Program

Thank you so much for celebrating Commitment Weekend with us! Your commitment to our parish through our "Beyond Hope" Offertory Commitment Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.stmichaelfl.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card. You can also mail or bring your card to our Church.

If you are new to our parish, forms are available - please contact the Parish Office.
Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you so much for your generosity and support!



Our CMA Goal for the year of 2026 is \$146,683.
To make a generous gift or pledge, please visit St. Michael's website www.stmichaelfl.org or the Diocese of St. Petersburg's website <https://www.dosp.org/>
Remember our parish is St. Michael the Archangel
(Clearwater - 14245)



Stations of the Cross

St. Michael's will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at Noon and 7pm.

All are encouraged to come and walk with Jesus as He carries His Cross



Bible Studies with Fr. Emmanuel!

All are welcome to come and explore the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Emmanuel this Wednesday (Feb. 25th) from 7pm to 8:30pm located in the Cenacle. Signups are available at the Light of the World table in the Narthex

Friday Night Meager Meals

5:30pm to 6:30pm in D-Hall
(before Stations of the Cross at 7pm)

All are welcome to come and eat a nice and fresh meatless meal prepared and served by St. Michael's Ministries...

Women's Council	Feb. 20th, 2026
Chancel Choir	Feb. 27th, 2026
OCIA	March 6th, 2026
Altar Servers	March 13th, 2026
Youth Ministry	March 20th, 2026
Knights of Columbus	March 27th, 2026

*The cost is free
but donations are always accepted*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

KofC upcoming events

Membership Drive

This weekend (after all Masses)



**The Knights of Columbus
will be hosting coffee &
donuts in the Cenacle today**

Does St. Michael's have your email?

Join FlockNote Friday to get all the details about events that are happening around St. Michael's right to your computer (or mobile device)!

For more information,
please contact the Parish Office





Pastor's Column

Dear Friends in Christ,

2/22/2026

As I look over the calendar for our current season, I am struck by the busyness of it all. There is so much going on that this Season of Lent offers us and we can very easily be enriched or exhausted. The enrichment will come if we live our Lenten journey remembering the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as core essentials of the season. As Jesus was tempted in the desert in the gospel this weekend, we too are tempted by so many things that will pull us away from our Lenten disciplines.

The St. Michael the Archangel Council of the Knights of Columbus will be welcoming the silver rose this Wednesday for the 8am Mass. This will not interfere with but perhaps enhance our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we have every Wednesday. The silver rose will be brought in by Knights on Bikes (yes, that means motorcycles) and it will be in our possession for only two hours. Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is the focus of our adoration time but the silver rose adds the pro-life cause this Wednesday. Both of these are near and dear to the KofC and the Catholic Church.

We have a wonderful organization here in Pinellas County called FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together) that our parish has been involved with for years. The mantra in FAST circles is 52-1, meaning that if we can come together for worship 52 times a year, we can certainly come together for justice one time a year. That one time is called the Nehemiah Action Assembly based on the book of Nehemiah. The injustices that were taking place in those Biblical times were changed because Nehemiah brought together a large assembly and the show of strength through the numbers of people made a difference to the decision makers back then. That same model is used today, and I have seen it work, some years better than others. This year's Nehemiah Action Assembly is April 16th at the 1st Baptist Church in St. Petersburg. If you want to be sure that you are informed on the issues prior to attending the Action Assembly on Thursday, April 16th you should come to the Rally on Monday, March 9th right here at St. Michael the Archangel at 7pm. Yes, that's right, we have home field advantage for this year's FAST Rally on March 9th at 7pm. Come and learn more about the issues and how we can truly make a difference for the common good. I am encouraging you who are able to drive at night to make this a priority in a special way so that we can have more options for transportation.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tom J. Anastasia
 Pastor

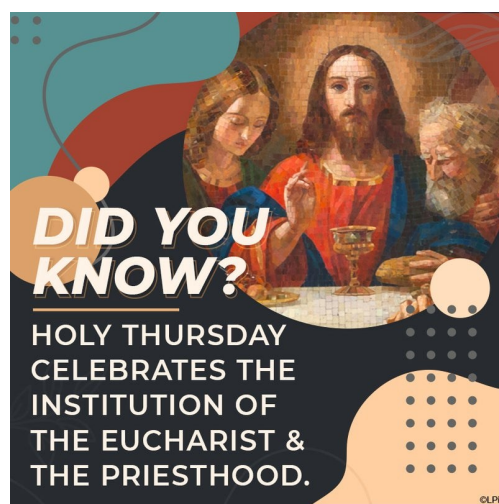
The Rosary is prayed daily following the 8am Mass! All are welcome to come and to pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



PLEASE NOTE:

If you have recently moved or need to update your registration form, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours

MASS HYMNS IN LATIN

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Journeysongs #170

San -ctus, San -ctus, San -ctus
Dó -mi -nus De -us Sá -ba -oth.
Ple -ni sunt coe -li et ter - ra
Gló - ri - a tu - a.
Ho -sán -na in excél -sis.
Be -ne- dí- ctus
Qui ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi -ni.
Ho -sán- na in excél -sis.

Mysterium fidei (The Mystery of Faith)

Journeysongs #171

Mor-tem tu – am an-nun-ti – á-mus,
Dó – mi-ne,
Et tu – am
Re-sur-re-cti-ó -nem con-fi -té - mur,
Do – nec vé-ni – as.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Journeysongs #174

A-gnus De – I, qui tol – lis pec-cá – ta mun di:
Mi-se-ré-re no – bis.
A-gnus De – I, qui tol – lis pec-cá – ta mun di:
Mi-se-ré-re no – bis.
A-gnus De – I, qui tol – lis pec-cá – ta mun di:
Do-na no – bis pa – cem.



REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING THE MONTH OF LENT

The dual disciplines of fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Catholic Church. Going back to the early Church, the purpose behind the custom of self-denial is not punishment; it is to simplify our lifestyles so that we create a certain emptiness. In this way, freed from all distractions, we are able to hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

† **FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

† **ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and **all the Fridays of Lent**.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

Please Note:

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

**A message from the Pinellas County
Sheriff's Office:
REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR
WHILE IN CHURCH**



PARISH DIRECTORY

Your parish directory is calling your name.
Please stop by the Parish Office
(during normal hours) to pick up your book!
If you have not taken
a photo but would still like to purchase
a directory, please come the Parish Office



Parish Registration Day!

Sunday (March 1st) and Saturday (March 8th)!

The Welcome table will include:

- ◆ Registration Forms
- ◆ FlockNote Friday Signups
- ◆ FORMED Signups
- ◆ Someone will answer your questions or concerns



LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRY



Save the date!

◇ Light of the World Retreat is...
April 18th/19th, 2026.

Signups are available at the LOTW Registration table in the Narthex and on our website:
www.stmichaelfl.org

**St. Michael's Young Adults
(ages from 18 to 39)**

All are welcome to come to Room 8 on Saturday, Feb. 28th at 5:30pm for Sacred Discussions. For more information, contact Nathan Gonzalez at youthminister@stmichaelfl.org



Lost something valuable during Mass or on the grounds of St. Michael's? Come to the Parish Office during office hours to reclaim your missing treasures.

Please note:

Any unwanted items will be donated to charity within 90days



SUNDAY, FEB. 15TH, 2026

Offertory:	\$	11,593
Online:	\$	5,511
Attendance:		1,417

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St. Michael's Women's Council



BASKET RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

The Women's Council invites all parishioners to a **Basket Raffle Extravaganza event on Saturday, Feb. 28th** in the Cenacle.

Doors open at 9am, with the raffle beginning at 10am.

Proceeds benefit Guardian Angels School.

Entry Tickets will be sold for \$10 following weekend Masses, at the office and at the door. Upon your arrival at the event, your entry ticket will entitle you to 25 raffle tickets.

Additional tickets for a wide variety of specialty baskets, including a Basket of Spirits, Lotto Board, Gift Card Tree, a 50/50 and more will be available to purchase at the event. We will also be holding a silent auction for a week at Leafy Way Lodge in the Blue Ridge Mountains, NC. Bid for your family or go with friends to win a week in this beautiful area!

Refreshments will be provided by Guardian Angels.

Thank you and God Bless you!

Instructions on how to sign up for FORMED are located inside the Church. All are encouraged to go to www.formed.org



ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH MINISTRY!

St. Michael's Youth Ministry meets in Room 8! Middle School is on Sunday nights from 6:30pm to 9pm and High School is on Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All Middle and High School Youth are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Nathan Gonzalez at youthminister@stmichaelfl.org



St. John Bosco, pray for us!





Our St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry is in need of the following items for this week:

peanut butter, beans (black, red, pinto and navy), pasta sauce, men's disposable razors and lip balm.

Items can be placed in the donation box located in the Narthex or at our SVdP's food pantry. SVdP is now available on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6:30pm.

As always may God bless you and your generosity!

 The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered to... 	
Sunday, Feb. 22nd 8:00AM—Gregory Gracy 9:00AM—Sharon Schaefer 11:00AM—Our Parish Family	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7/ PS 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/ ROM 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19/ MT 4:1-11
Monday, Feb. 23rd 8:00AM—Fred Selkey	ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP & MARTYR LV 19:1-2, 11-18/ PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 MT 25:31-46
Tuesday, Feb. 24th 8:00AM—Gus Mantalis	THE FIRST TUESDAY OF LENT IS 55:10-11/ PS 34:4-7, 16-19/ MT 6:7-15
Wednesday, Feb. 25th 8:00AM—Vocations	VOCATIONS JON 3:1-10/ PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 LK 11:29-32
Thursday, Feb. 26th 8:00AM—Fred Selkey	THE FIRST THURSDAY OF LENT ESTHER C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ PS 138:1-8/MT 7:7-12
Friday, Feb. 27th 8:00AM—Steve Gilmartin	ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT EZEKIEL 18:21-28/ PS 130:1-8/ MT 5:20-26
Saturday, Feb. 28th 8:00AM—Robert Fitzpatrick 4:00PM—Our Parish Family	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DEUTERONOMY 26:16-19/ PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ MT 5:43-48
Sunday, March 1st 8:00AM—Janet Phillips 9:00AM—Michael Kennedy Jr. 11:00AM—Don Budd	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT GN 12:1-4/ PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/ 2TM 1:8B-10/MT 17:1-9

Event Schedule (Feb. 22nd to Feb. 28th)

Sunday, Feb. 22nd
 All Masses - Coffee & Donuts - Cenacle
 All Masses - KofC - Membership Drive - Church
 9:00am - CGS Level 1 - Room 2
 9:30am - Grade Level 1 - Room 7
 10:45am - 1st Communion Prep - Room 5
 10:45am - OCIC - 1st Level Kids - Room 3
 12:30pm - Parish Library Opened - Room 13
 6:30pm - Youth Ministry - Middle School - Room 8

Monday, Feb. 23rd
 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
 6:30pm - CGS Level 2 - Room 1
 6:45pm - Faith Formation - Grades 3rd to 8th - Room 5-12

Tuesday, Feb. 24th
 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
 6:00pm - Faith Formation - 1st Communion - Room 11
 6:45pm - OCIA - Room 13
 7:00pm - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting - Room 5-7

Wednesday, Feb. 25th
 9:00am - Arts & Crafts - Room 11-12
 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
 5:00pm - Children's Choir - Room 4
 7:00pm - KofC - Officer's Meeting - Room 11
 7:00pm - Chancel Choir - Room 4
 7:00pm - Bible Studies with Fr. Emmanuel - Cenacle

Thursday, Feb. 26th
 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
 6:30pm - Youth Ministry - High School - Room 8
 7:00pm - Hispanic Evening Prayer - Room 3
 8:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous Nights - Room 6-7

Friday, Feb. 27th
 11:30am - Parish Library Opened - Room 13
 12:00pm - Alcohol Anonymous - Room 5-7
 12:00pm - Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:30pm - Meager Meal - D-Hall
 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, Feb. 28th
 10:00am - Basket Raffle Extravaganza - Cenacle

Volunteers Needed!

St. Michael's is still in need of Ushers during the weekend Masses. All registered parishioners are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the Parish Office

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN QUESTION WAS...
 What prayer is said when we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday?

ANSWER:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA
 JUST FOR FUN

THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN QUESTION IS...

What are the three Pillars of Lent?
 THE ANSWER WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

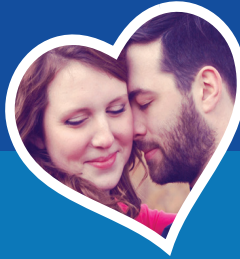
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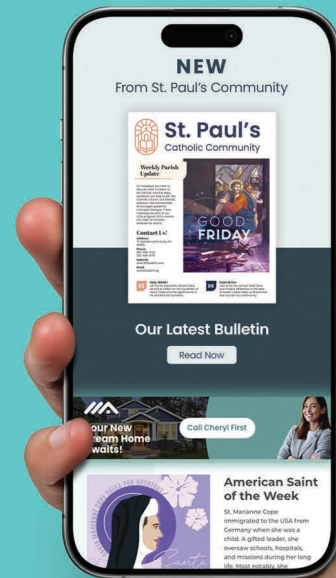
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