

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

Have you seen those small crosses again planted in our church yard? Around this time of the year it has been the practice of our parish family to do this. As motorists pass by Oak Drive and see these white crosses, I imagine they wonder what's going on at St Michael Church? What is with all those crosses on the ground? Is there someone or somebody buried under those crosses?

Well nobody is! But those crosses are grim reminders of the culture of death in our country. Yes it is very sad! Each of those crosses represents 145,000 babies aborted since the Roe v. Wade decision from the Supreme Court. I shudder at the thought of those innocent ones slaughtered. The crosses planted are not just our reminder of that horror but are a testament to those who see that human life begins at the moment of conception until its natural death and therefore must always be respected. Every life is a gift from God. There is no such thing as an unwanted child nor a child by accident. Every child is a gift from God. Those crosses are a silent cry from the unborn saying, "We deserved to live!"

We remember with great sadness that decision that has led to the millions of death of innocent babies. Certainly a very dark day of this country. But let us not lose hope for we must continue to pray for an end of abortion and for respect of life in all its forms! Please do just that.

Peace,

*Fr. Dwight*

P.S. Last weekend we kicked off the Ordination Fund to help the soon to be Fr. Joseph White. He plans to coordinate purchases he may have through the parish and we will certainly share with him all those who contribute. You can mail or bring your contribution to the parish office or you can go online to [www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds/ordination-fund](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds/ordination-fund). Thank you for your generosity.