

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

Jelly beans! Jelly beans! Have you noticed them? They always show up during the Easter season. They are colorful and pretty to look at. For many reasons that are too many to mention, they seem to remind me of Lent and Easter. When I see the red jelly beans, they speak to me of His passion and death. The purple reminds me of the 40 days of Lent with penance and sacrifice. The yellow beans make me think of sunrise and Spring and new life and brightness. I think of the pink ones as Easterly colors. Doesn't all the new colors of Spring and Easter have a bit of pink? The very few beans of white always make me think of Jesus and purity, chastity, and holiness. And, whenever I see a bag or basket of jelly beans, I say Alleluia! He is risen!

Maybe a handful of jelly beans does not connote Easter to you...maybe it is the lilies....or maybe a white linen cloth. The point I am trying to get to, is that we, you and I, are a resurrection people. There are all kinds of symbols and reminders for us in daily life. The important issue is knowing and acting as redeemed people. Your family is the "little church". I hope you prayed and celebrated Easter both at home and with the big church.

The Easter (Paschal) Candle is a sign in the sanctuary of the Resurrected Christ. May your words and actions be a candle of hope and joy to all you touch and to all who touch you for healing and wholeness in their lives. Have a very holy and blessed Easter season from the entire parish staff!

God bless you !

*Fr. Dwight*

P.S. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday.....a special day in our church year. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said at 3:00pm in the church. Please join us in thanksgiving for the mercy shown by our Lord.

We also have the KC Chicken Sunday this weekend - you can just stop by after mass on Sunday to purchase your chickens and can pre-order if you wish at [www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens)

Also the Catholic Daughters Chicken Spaghetti Sunday is April 18 - order your dinners at [www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/cda](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/cda)