

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

What a glorious Easter it was! In fact, I wish I had taken pictures last week because it was beautiful. Normally, we seldom think about using the term beautiful with the solemn Triduum of Holy Week. But it definitely has been filed in my memory as one of the finest Lenten and Easter seasons to be remembered.

It started out with so many of you coming out for their ashes to begin a season of repentance and preparation for the celebration of the resurrection. Some of you were heard talking about what you were giving up for Lent as a sign of repentance by making sacrifices. Then so many lined up for confessions throughout Lent and this included the children in our faith formation program and people from neighboring parishes who took advantage of the availability of the sacrament of forgiveness.

On Thursday, we had a wonderful turnout for the Mass recalling our Lord's Last Supper here on Earth. And then we had the visit of our Cardinal as presider for the Good Friday liturgy. It really was a pleasant surprise for us all and we showed our enthusiasm and excitement by attending the service in droves.

Throughout Holy Week and then Easter our church looked beautiful, well decorated by the Art Environment team and Altar Society ladies. The Easter Sunday masses were so well attended and the choir sung beautifully. We had our instituted acolytes serving, altar servers assisting, lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, ushers, and greeters sharing their time and gifts to contribute so much to the solemnity of the Triduum and Easter. We are truly blessed by so many caring, giving, and loving brothers and sisters in our parish family.

I thank all of you for making our Easter celebration such an unforgettable experience. It is always my prayer that we can be a better, closer, loving parish family. Thank you Lord for your grace and mercy upon us. May we always treasure these gifts, graces, and memories!

God bless you!

*Fr. Dwight*