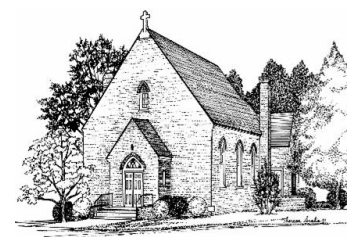




## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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## Third Sunday of Lent

*Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*

*Reflection by St. Michael's Adorer, Mike Parra*

I am a convert, who entered the Catholic Church skeptical of the real presence, never having heard of Eucharistic Adoration, and not even knowing what a monstrance was. I was blessed to have attended a strong RCIA program at Saint Mary of the Assumption in Upper Marlboro and to have a great sponsor that opened my eyes to the fulness of the Catholic faith. My sponsor took me to various talks, day retreats, holy hours, and healing Masses, allowing me to learn more and more about the faith. Stories about the Saints, particularly the life of Saint Padre Pio, the Marian apparitions, and the miracle of the sun at Fatima, and the many Eucharistic miracles convicted me of the truth of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. A story of a Catholic explaining the real presence to a non-Catholic really resonated with me. After having heard the explanation, the non-Catholic could not understand why Catholics were not rushing to see Jesus Himself if they truly believed in the real presence. That made perfect sense to me and convinced me that I must visit with Jesus as much as I could. I was fortunate and blessed to have a parish that held Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 8:30am until 9:00pm at night and frequently held 40-hour Adoration. The weekly bulletin each week encouraged adoration: "could you not watch with me even one hour?" I was then blessed with the opportunity to go on retreat to Fatima with a group that included Father Flum. Shortly after that trip, COVID hit, and Father Flum almost immediately started all day Adoration at Saint Michael's. What a blessing for this parish and community! Jesus thirsts for you, inviting you to spend time with him. I am thankful that Father Cusick and now Father Choi continue nearly daily adoration at Saint Michael's. Please come and spend time with Jesus; He is waiting for you.

### Daily Gospel Readings for this Week



Monday – Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday – Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday – Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday – Mt 5:17-19  
Friday – Lk 11:14-23

## Soup and Stations on Fridays in Lent



This Lent, the parish will again host meatless Soup Suppers at the hall prior to Stations of the Cross. Soup Suppers will take place at 6 PM in the hall with Stations following at 7 PM at the church. We ask you to please RSVP by the Wednesday prior so we can give the volunteer soup chefs a headcount. You can call the office to RSVP and to volunteer, or sign up online by clicking the link sent via email.



### ***It's not too Late, a Holy Hour for Lent would be Great!***

*Sign up today!*

Committed Weekly Adorers are most needed for the following days and hours:

**Mondays:** 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5

**Wednesdays:** 12-1 PM

**Thursdays:** 6-7 PM

**Fridays:** 1-2

If none of those work for you, sign up for whatever hour works best for your schedule. Please call the office at (240)681-3551 or visit [stmichaelbaden.org/eucharistic-adoration](https://stmichaelbaden.org/eucharistic-adoration) to sign up. We hope to hear from you soon!

## Chocolate Easter Eggs!

**Ralph's famous coconut and peanut butter Easter Eggs** are on sale in multiples of 4 for

\$5.00 at the parish office. The Easter eggs will be sold following some upcoming Masses at both St. Michael and St. Dominic.

As long as they last, we will continue to sell them at the parish office through Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call before coming to confirm that we still have eggs left; (240) 681-3551. They go fast!



## Ladies Sodality - Easter Gift Basket Raffle

St. Dominic's Sodality is sponsoring an Easter Gift Basket raffle. Tickets will be sold after Masses on the weekends of March 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24. The winning ticket will be drawn after 11:30 Mass on Palm Sunday.

## FORMED Recommendation



### Death, Where is Your Sting? Sarah Kirchner's Story

Episode 4 of  
"Fearless" Video Series

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson, one of 7-week video series that will accompany you on your Lenten journey. Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series from Chris Stefanick with a special guest each week, as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.

### Praying for the Sick of our Parish

We will now post our parish sick list on our bulletin board at St Michael. You may also pick up a hard copy on the tables in the church narthexes of St Michael and St Dominic. Please keep them in your prayers!

### Current Food Pantry Needs



- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce

Items donated to the food pantry can be placed in the large plastic bins located in the vestibules of St. Michael's and St. Dominic's. At St. Michael's, the drop-off bin is inside the closet on the right-hand side of the vestibule. Please open the closet and place your donated items inside the green bin. Thank you!



### The Annual Maryland March for Life Monday, March 11, 2024

The Maryland March for Life Board of Directors and Steering Committee are ecstatic to be inviting the pro-life community of Maryland to our annual March and Rally for Life! It has been a harrowing couple of years, but we are happy to be back to full operations. Join us again in 2024 on Monday, March 11th at St. Mary's Church and School in Annapolis to march through the streets and rally before the State House to proclaim: "Equal Rights, Born and Pre-Born"! Mass will be celebrated before the march at St. Mary's in Annapolis at 5:30 PM. To find out more, visit [mdmarchforlife.com](http://mdmarchforlife.com).

### Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM *St. Michael*

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM *St. Michael*  
10:00 AM *St. Dominic*

Tues - Fri 8:00 AM, 1st Fri 7:30 PM,  
First Sat 9:00 AM, *all at St. Michael*

### Confession Times at St. Michael

Sunday: 7:30 – 7:45 AM

Wednesday: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

### Eucharistic Exposition Sunday – Friday at St. Michael

Sunday: 9 AM – 11:30 AM, 1 PM – 4 PM

Monday: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM

Friday: 11 AM – 6 PM

Saturday: No Exposition

*The Holy Rosary is prayed 25 minutes prior to Mass.  
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Mon – Fri at 3 PM.*

### Special Liturgies and Events this Week

What	When	Where
Wings Young Adults	Thursday, 7:30 PM	Hall Basement
Soup Supper	Friday, 6 PM	Kapaun Hall
Stations of the Cross	Friday, 7 PM	St. M's Church
Food Pantry Open	Sat. 03-09, 9-11 AM	Hall Basement
Clothing Closet Open	Sat. 03-09, 9-11 AM	Hall Basement

### Regular Group Meeting Times

**Fiat Women's Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays,  
9:30 AM (*Various homes*)

**Every Effort Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays,  
7 PM (*Kapaun Hall*), 8 PM Rosary of Reparation (*Church*)

**WINGS Young Adult Group (ages 21-33):** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays,  
7 PM (*WINGS Room, Hall basement*)

**Blue Army:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays,  
After 9 AM Mass and Devotions (*Kapaun Hall*)

### Flocknote Messages

Sign up for St. Michael's Flocknote to stay up to date on events at the parish via email and text messages. Sign up at:

[stmichaelbaden.flocknote.com](http://stmichaelbaden.flocknote.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	03/02/24	5:00 PM	Maureen Neely
Sunday	03/03/24	8:00 AM	Clayton Ellis +
Sunday	03/03/24	10:00 AM	Ashley L. Cockerham +
Sunday	03/03/24	11:30 AM	Parishioners
Tuesday	03/05/24	8:00 AM	William D. Coglin +
Wednesday	03/06/24	8:00 AM	Msgr. Richard Hughes +
Thursday	03/07/24	8:00 AM	Kelly Woodson
Friday	03/08/24	8:00 AM	Mike Mohun

### YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Feb. 25, 2024

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 6112.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 723.00

May God reward your generosity!