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Saturday	5:00pm
Sabado	6:30pm español
Sunday	7:30 am & 10:00 am
Domingo	12:00 pm español
Weekdays	8:00am

Holy Days

English	8:00 am
Español	6:00 pm

First Friday

Holy Hour	8:30 am-5:00pm
Mass	5:00 pm

Sacraments

Confession/Saturday	3:45pm-4:45pm
Baptism	1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
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Marriage	6 months advance notice

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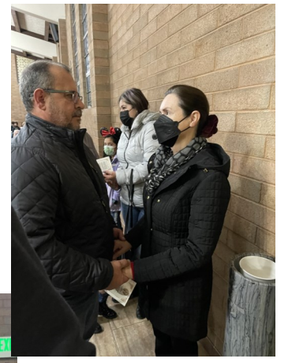
Consecration to the Holy Spouses Jan. 21 & 22, 2023



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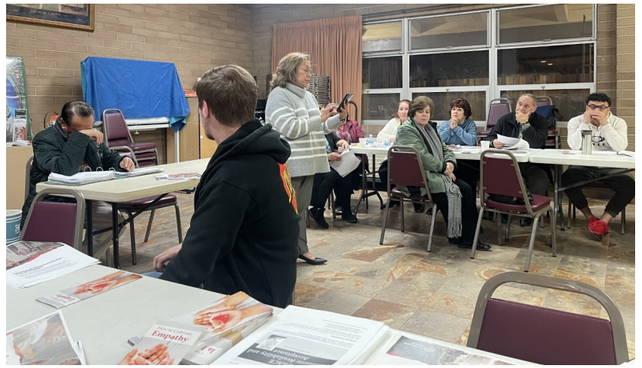

On January 19, 2023, **The Children Faith Formation Ministry** had a gathering with parents and Sponsors of the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (6th gr. to HS). Two hundred people were present. We use slides and short videos to explain the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also emphasized the important role that parents and sponsors play in the faith lives of their children. We closed the meeting with group sharing.

MONTH **5**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Jesús, María y José, los amo mucho. Les ruego que perdonen la vida del bebé por nacer que he adoptado espiritualmente y que está en peligro de aborto.

When Margie Smiles

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January 2023

Budgeted Offertory	$	**41,700.00**
Weekly Collection	$	8,668.21
Month to Date	$	35,7395.09
Difference (month)	**$**	**6,304.91**

Thanks for your generous offerings!
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Tour Trip to Greece and Turkey, a journey with the footsteps of St. Paul, the Apostle, October 17 to 27, 2023. Jay Fehan, Collette Representative will come on February 5, Sunday at 2:00Pm for the orientation at the Parish of St. Michael. Please join us.

Bon Appétit

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Event will be held in the Father Meyer Center

Saturday, February 11, 2023
No host cocktails-6:00 p.m.
Dinner-7:00 p.m.
Dance-8:30-11:00 p.m.

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Menu: Beef or Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Beans, Salad, Salsa and Tortilla chips; Dessert.

Adults: $40
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Come Celebrate with Us!

Parish Updates/ *Actualizaciones parroquiales*

01-20-2023-Devotion and Novena to the Santo Niño de Cebu- In celebration of the Ingathering in honor of Santo Niño, the Diocesan gathering of the Filipino Community began their Novena, last Jan. 19, at the Parish of St. Linus, then it was transferred to the parish of St. Michael Jan. 22 until 27th, which was participated by several parishioners from different parishes.

Devoción y Novena al Santo Niño de Cebú- *En celebración de la Reunión en honor al Santo Niño, la reunión diocesana de la Comunidad Filipina comenzó su Novena, el pasado 19 de enero, en la Parroquia de San Lino, luego fue trasladada a la parroquia de San Miguel del 22 al 27 de enero, en la que participaron varios feligreses de diferentes parroquias.*

01-21-2023- Congratulations to Carlos Zapata and Arely Martinez Vargas who entered their daughter, **Arlette Zapata Martinez**, with **celebrant, Msgr. Gus**, into the **Sacrament of Baptism!!** St. Michael's parish is very excited to join in prayer together, as this young family begins their daughter's faith journey.

¡Felicitaciones a Carlos Zapata y Arely Martínez Vargas *que ingresaron a su hija,* ***Arlette Zapata Martínez****, con* ***la celebrante, Mons. Gus,*** *al* ***Sacramento del Bautismo!!*** *La parroquia de San Miguel está muy emocionada de unirse en oración, ya que esta joven familia comienza el viaje de fe de su hija.*

01-21-22-2023- Congratulations to **ALL** the **couples of our parish** who were given the opportunity to **renew their wedding vows** and have their **marital unions blessed** and **consecrated** to **the Holy Spouses** during all Masses this weekend. As a gift, the couples were given a prayer card with the prayer of consecration to pray together. Thank-you to both Msgr. Gus and Msgr. Ryan who continue their support of our families through our couples!!! We look forward to this yearly blessing and appreciate this tradition for couples young and old.

Felicitaciones a TODAS las parejas de nuestra parroquia *que tuvieron la oportunidad de* ***renovar sus votos matrimoniales*** *y tener sus* ***uniones matrimoniales bendecidas*** *y* ***consagradas*** *a* ***los Santos Esposos*** *durante todas las Misas este fin de semana. Como regalo, las parejas recibieron una tarjeta de oración con la oración de consagración para orar juntos. ¡Gracias a Monseñor Gus y Monseñor Ryan que continúan su apoyo a nuestras familias a través de nuestras parejas!!! Esperamos esta bendición anual y apreciamos esta tradición para parejas jóvenes y mayores.*

01-23-2023-The Heads of Ministry Meeting was held this night, as scheduled. The Ministry Leaders from the various ministries in our parish was held to inform everyone as to the goals accomplished for the 2022-2023 year. The meeting began with prayer, a welcome address, with St. Michael's Mission Statement. Formation was encouraged by the handing out of the "Leader's Playbook," Year 1 regarding the Eucharistic Revival we are currently addressing in compliance with the USCCB and the Holy Father.

A Power Point presentation was provided in order that all the leaders would be updated as to what areas St. Michael's has been making appropriate changes, and to identify the areas the individual ministries find challenging. Overall, the consensus that more effort be put forth to further integrate the various cultures at St. Michael's was made in order to create a more cohesive and inclusive environment in our faith family. Additionally, all leaders in attendance requested that a Ministry Leader's Retreat be provided for all Ministries involved.

La Reunión de los Lideres de Ministerio *se llevó a cabo esta noche, según lo programado. Los Líderes Ministeriales de los diversos ministerios en nuestra parroquia se llevaron a cabo para informar a todos sobre los objetivos alcanzados para el año 2022-2023. La reunión comenzó con una oración, un discurso de bienvenida, con la Declaración de la Misión de San Miguel. La formación fue alentada por la entrega del "Libro de jugadas del líder", Año 1 con respecto al Avivamiento Eucarístico que estamos abordando actualmente en cumplimiento con la USCCB y el Santo Padre.*
Se proporcionó una presentación en Power Point para que todos los líderes estuvieran actualizados en cuanto a las áreas en las que St. Michael's ha estado haciendo los cambios apropiados, e identificar las áreas que los ministerios individuales encuentran desafiantes. En general, el consenso de que se haga un mayor esfuerzo para integrar aún más las diversas culturas en St. Michaels se hizo para crear un ambiente más cohesivo e inclusivo en nuestra familia de fe. Además, todos los líderes asistentes solicitaron que se proporcionara un Retiro de Líderes Ministeriales para todos los Ministerios involucrados.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ *Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the king-dom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom will be rewarded!
Jesús dice: "Yo he venido para que tengan vida, y la tengan en plenitud." Los buenos admin-istradores de los bienes de Dios están agradecidos por el regalo de la vida y alegremente comparten su abundancia con los demás.

Mass Intentions :

Saturday — Jan. 28th

8:00AM Karen McCoy †

5:00PM Joe Reifer †

6:30PM **Mass for the People** / *Missa Pro Populi*

Sunday — Jan. 29th

7:30AM Hector & Crucita Vega †
Jogo & Margarida Cotta †
Karen Mc Coy †
Isidro Chaves †

10:00AM Lemos Family Intention
John Nussbaumer †
Orsolince Pippi †
Molly Arostiqui Miccias †

12:00PM Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
Alfonso Muñoz †

Monday — Jan. 30th

8:00AM Karen McCoy †
Donald Jude Marsau †
Mary T. Lemos †
Anna & Aloise Bucher †
Francisco Moreno †

Tuesday — Jan. 31st

8:00AM All Unborn Babies
Karen McCoy †
Tom Bielejeski †
Donald John Marsau †

Wednesday — Feb. 1st

8:00AM Angie Pizzi †
Karen McCoy †
All Priests & Nuns

Thursday — Feb. 2nd

8:00AM Karen McCoy †
Yvonne Ley †
Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Nathan Moreira Intention

Friday — Feb. 3rd

8:00AM Murdered Victims
Karen Mccoy †
Sam Orlando †

Saturday — Feb. 4th

8:00AM Karen McCoy †
Sam Orlando †

5:00PM James Ley †
Alyssa & Alaina Fua (Birthday)

6:30PM **Mass for the People** / *Missa Pro Populi*

Readings for the Week

Monday-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children-Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday-Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday-Feast of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle -Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday-Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops-2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25
Friday-Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday-Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church-Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. *Dios Todopoderoso y Eterno, Tú eres la salud eterna de aquellos que creen en Ti. Escúchanos por Tus siervos enfermos por quienes imploramos la ayuda de Tu tierna misericordia, para que siendo restaurados a la salud corporal, puedan darte gracias en Tu Iglesia. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.*

Prayers for the Sick: MaLourdes Q. Fua, Ruth Huber, Sharon Lemos, Skip Bowe, Lourdes Parada, Deni Castle, Don Barrows, Michael Cowan, Louise Barbagelata, Judy Aguila, Natalie Tinoco, Sean Murphy, Gloria Biglieri, Erin Magnani, Colin Jacobs, Don Lovecchio, Rami Lopez, Ronald Arps, Rosa Leyva, Jimmie Morris, Nicole Santos, Sandy Ramirez, Al Moznett, Amelia Clow-Lamar, Jennifer Fuentes, Eva Zuniga, Magdalena Cruz, Hai Tesimoni Vainuku- ***Please call the office to add or remove your loved ones name-*** 209-931-0639

Gospel Reflection: **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 5:1-12a***;** Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.
We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.
"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate*, or *favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.
The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Family Connection
Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.
Talk as a family about what it means to be happy or to be blessed. Make a list of traits that you would associate with a happy person. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12a. Reflect on Jesus' description of happiness. Think about what each of the Beatitudes might have in common and write a family summary of the Beatitudes. Post the summary in a special place as a reminder of what your family will consider "true happiness."
Conclude by praying together prayers of petition based on the Beatitudes, e.g., "We pray that we will be peacemakers who seek to get along with other people even when this is difficult. We pray to the Lord." All respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Respect Life Ministry:
"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Ex 4:11
Reflection. God does not make mistakes. When a human being is alive, it is because God wants him or her to be alive. People do not have to measure up to our standards or expectations in order to have dignity and deserve protection.
Prayer. Lord, I pray for all those who are disabled, frail, and ill. Give them Your strength and peace, and give us the eyes to see their dignity and value." (Jan 28)
Pro-life Reflections for Every Day By. Frank Pavone

Ministerio Respeto a La Vida:
"¿Quién le dio al hombre su boca? ¿Quién lo hace sordo o mudo? ¿Quién le da la vista o lo deja ciego? ¿No soy yo, el Señor? Éxodo 4:11
Reflexión. Dios no comete errores. Cuando un ser humano está vivo, es porque Dios quiere que él o ella esté vivo. Las personas no tienen que estar a la altura de nuestros estándares o expectativas para tener dignidad y merecer protección.
Oración. Señor, oro por todos aquellos que están discapacitados, frágiles y enfermos. Dales Tu fuerza y paz, y danos los ojos para ver su dignidad y valor". (28 de enero)
Reflexiones pro-vida para todos los días por. Frank Pavone

Reflexión del Evangelio: *Mateo 5:1-12a;* Jesús enseña lo que significa ser feliz.

La lectura de hoy es el comienzo del Sermón del Monte de Jesús, que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Mateo. La forma de las Bienaventuranzas que se encuentran aquí no es exclusiva de Jesús. Las bienaventuranzas se encuentran en el Antiguo Testamento, en los salmos y en la literatura de sabiduría, por ejemplo. Son una manera de enseñar acerca de quién encontrará el favor de Dios.
Rápidamente notamos en esta lectura que las personas a quienes Jesús llama "bienaventuradas" y "felices" no son personas que consideramos bendecidas o felices. . . los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los perseguidos. Este Evangelio es uno de reversiones. El plan de Jesús para la felicidad refleja poco de lo que el mundo podría llamar felicidad.
"Bendito" a veces se traduce como *feliz, afortunado* o *favorecido*. En otras palabras, Jesús está diciendo que el favor divino está sobre los pobres, los que lloran, los que son perseguidos. Esta noticia podría haber sido bienvenida, y sorprendente, para las multitudes que escucharon a Jesús ese día.
Las Bienaventuranzas pueden entenderse como un marco para la vida cristiana. Nuestra vocación como cristianos no es ser los primeros en este mundo, sino ser los primeros a los ojos de Dios. Al referirse a las cosas buenas que experimentarán los fieles, Mateo nos recuerda que aquellos que actúan de la manera descrita en las Bienaventuranzas encontrarán su recompensa con Dios.

Conexión familiar:
El Evangelio de hoy ofrece un contraste con muchos de los mensajes que escuchamos en nuestra sociedad actual. Si aceptáramos acríticamente los mensajes de "salir adelante" de nuestra cultura, pensaríamos que la felicidad significa tener dinero, tener éxito, tener muchas posesiones, etc. Cuando pensamos de esta manera, no somos diferentes a las personas que escucharon a Jesús enseñar el día en que enseñó las Bienaventuranzas. La multitud de ese día también asoció la felicidad con las posesiones materiales y el estatus.
Hablen en familia sobre lo que significa ser feliz o ser bendecido. Haz una lista de rasgos que asociarías con una persona feliz. Luego lean juntos el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo 5:1-12a. Reflexiona sobre la descripción de Jesús de la felicidad. Piensa en lo que cada una de las Bienaventuranzas podría tener en común y escribe un resumen familiar de las Bienaventuranzas. Coloque el resumen en un lugar especial como recordatorio de lo que su familia considerará "verdadera felicidad".
Concluya rezando juntos oraciones de petición basadas en las Bienaventuranzas, por ejemplo, "Oramos para que seamos pacificadores que busquen llevarse bien con otras personas, incluso cuando esto es difícil. Oramos al Señor". Todos responden: "Señor, escucha nuestra oración".

(Parish Updates continued)

Greetings Fellow Parishioners!
Our most recent a.m. Bible Study "WHAT WE BELIEVE/THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH" just concluded. The videos & lectures included tours through the streets & beautiful basilicas of Rome. It was an enlightening, faith strengthening journey as well as a feast for the eyes.
The vast majority of our group enjoyed our 'special sacred sojourn'. We agreed that the content made us even more aware & appreciative of our Catholic faith & how to live it out more fully. AMEN!
Our Bible Studies always seem to renew & strengthen our relationships with Jesus, the center of our faith. Why don't you join us next time?
Our follow-up study, "JESUS/THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE" is scheduled to start the day before Ash Wednesday, 2/21/23. It's an 11-week course that concludes on 5/9/23 (no class during Holy Week). For more information please feel free to call me @ 209-931-4411.

God's Blessings to ALL of you & yours! Sandi Misasi