

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 • SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



*“I am the
Alpha
and the
Omega,”*

*says the Lord God,
“the one who is and who was
and who is to come, the almighty.”*

Revelation 1:8



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St. Michael Parish Directory

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.
Rev. John Steingraeber, C.Ss.R.

Attached - Not In Residence

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Rev. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.

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Weddings are scheduled on:
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Parish Pastoral Council

Council Chair: Annie Pecoraro

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Co -Commission Head: Barbara Pope and Lisa
Rosskamm

Worship Commission

Commission Head: Open

Baptisms

Please visit our website, www.st-mikes.org, to register your child for Baptism. For questions, please email baptism@st-mikes.org

Confessions

In the Church:
Tuesday 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM
Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM
By appointment, please call (312) 642-2498

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office.

Information Requests

Genealogy requests: genealogy@st-mikes.org
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certificate@st-mikes.org

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Facebook: St. Michael in Old Town

Website: www.st-mikes.org

Prayer Requests

For the needs of Michael Skrak

Wedding Banns

II - December 4, 2021

Ms. Tracy Hedrick

&

Mr. Robert Burns

II - December 4, 2021

Ms. Patty Malaney

&

Mr. Mark Boyle



The Magnificat Advent Companion, 2021, will be available after masses next weekend, November 27th and 28th. Suggested donation \$5.00.

Office hours for the week of Thanksgiving

St. Michael's Parish offices will be closed on **Tuesday, November 23 at 3:00 PM** and will not reopen until **Monday, November 29 at 9:00 AM**. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Mass Intentions of the Day

Saturday, November 20

5:00 PM ✦ Deceased member of the Wetor-Schneider Families

Sunday, November 21

*9:00 AM ✦ Alejo Grango
Mass for the people

11:00 AM ✦ Mary Barrett

Monday, November 22

8:00 AM ✦ Deceased member of the Wetor-Schneider Families

Tuesday, November 23

8:00 AM ✦ Louis Leiting

Wednesday, November 24

8:00 AM ✦ Deceased member of the Wetor-Schneider Families

Thursday, November 25

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Michael

Friday, November 26

8:00 AM ✦ Emmett Steele

Saturday, November 27

9:00 AM Neetu Jose

5:00 PM Foundation Fund Members

* Mass will be live-streamed.

St. Michael's Parish welcomes our newest Baptized Parishioner

- Norah Francis Kunz, daughter of Philip and Kristi Lynn Kunz.

Prayer of Invocation to the Holy Spirit

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and
how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every
place and time,
in the communion of the
Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen



Pastor Notes – Are You Ready?

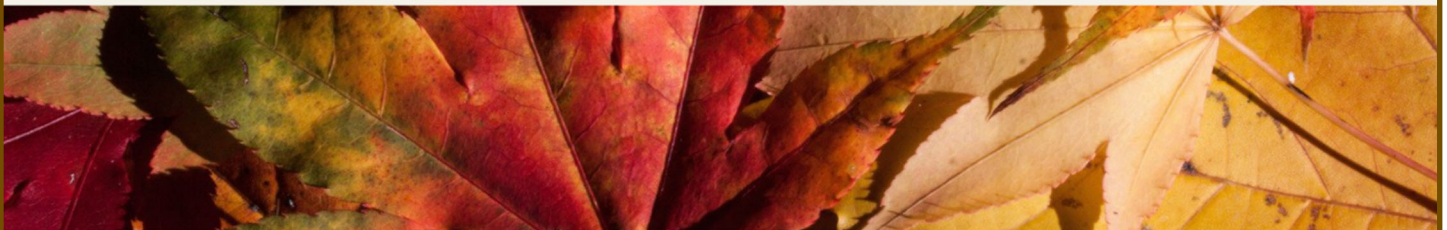
“Are you ready?” sounds like a question before a big event or like the countdown before a big race. It’s the question we need to ask ourselves today. Besides being a little over a month before Christmas, it is the last Sunday of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, the season of Advent begins. This Sunday is known as *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* because it is the last Sunday of the Church year but also because the readings all focus on the end times. Our readings today gives us insight to Jesus as the King of the universe. Not the king who will be oppressive to his subjects, but one who will sacrifice himself for them.

The language used in the book of Daniel and Revelation presents Jesus as ruler over all things of the earth: the kings, people and beasts alike. He is seen as the great Ruler and we are all priests to serve our God and all things of heaven and earth will give him praise. His sacrifice of himself, sanctifies all of us and makes us his priests. This is in contrast to the Jesus we see in the Gospel. In the Gospel today, Jesus is a king in chains before Pilate. He is willing to go to his death not for any kingdom in this world but for the kingdom to come, and his sacrifice will give us all a place in his kingdom.

These readings are not written to scare us, but to let us know that there is something beyond this world. They are not to predict what exact day things will end but to let us know it will happen sometime and for us to be ready. So the question at the beginning “Are you ready?” can make us think about the times ahead. Not just Christmas, New Year’s Day, or any particular event, but for the time we enter the kingdom of heaven. The other events are important in the short-term, but have we spent time preparing for the long-term? We know there will come a time when we enter the kingdom of heaven. Are you ready?



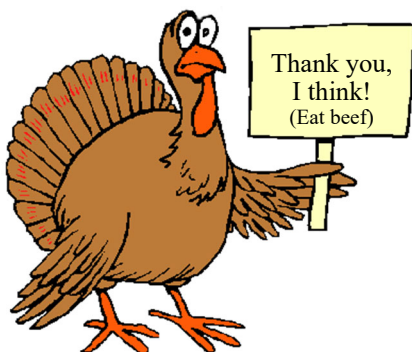
Peace,
Fr. Larry



THANKSGIVING EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

10 o'clock Morning Mass

The season of dreams and renewal.



Turkey and Hunger Drive –**THANK YOU**

St. Michael raised over \$6,600 to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving for St. Malachy Parish (now the home of Santa Maria Addolorata pantry) and Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry/St. Agatha Parish. Turkeys are to be delivered on Saturday, November 20. We were also able to donate 30 turkeys for needy families at Casa Romero, the after-school program we've been supporting in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

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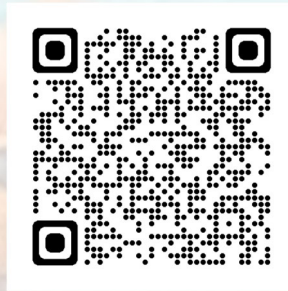
St. Michael in Old Town

Christmas Gift Drive

Due to the current pandemic, our Children's Gift Drive will be managed differently for 2021. We will plan to support about 300 children in our community, and **YOU CAN HELP** in the following ways:



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1. Scan any one of the QR codes to visit the wish list created or to donate;
2. Deliver a new, unwrapped gift with an approximate value of \$35 to St. Michael Parish Office/ Rectory – 1633 N. Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614;
3. Make a monetary donation for the purchase of gifts via the following:
 - Drop an envelope in the “Offertory” box in the back of church or in the offertory collection – please be sure to put “Children’s Gift Drive” on the envelop
 - Text TOYDRIVE to 312-313-9692
 - Scan the corresponding QR code with your cell phone to be taken directly to the online giving page
 - Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/location/1259>



St. Michael in Old Town has a reputation for beautiful choral music. For the past couple of years, the choir has been substantially smaller. This year, we are hopeful to add more voices to the choir, particularly during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We welcome high school students and adults to join us this year! For more information, please call the parish office or send an email to info@st-mikes.org.

Are you good with words?

Looking for ways to share your time and talent with St. Michael Parish? Look no further. We have the perfect opportunity for you that you can do at your own pace and from the leisure of your own home, but helping St. Michael immensely. We are looking for someone who can help us in Grant Writing for various needs throughout the parish. We have some resources to get you started as well as suggested websites to visit.

Most grants require a history of the entity and St. Michael is rich in history, not only as a parish, but as an integral part of Chicago's history. If you have a knack for history and researching, you may find this an interesting project.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, please contact Pat Krier in the office at 312-642-2498 or email her at pkrier@st-mikes.org.

St. Michael Christmas Ornaments



#1 Steeple



#2 Angel



#3 Annunciation



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**20 Christmas Cards
& Envelopes**



#5 Nativity Oval



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- _____ **#6 Angels \$10**
- _____ **Christmas Cards \$10**

Please indicate the number of each item you would like to purchase. Include this form with payment, cash or check, and place it in an envelope to be placed in the offertory collection basket or mailed to the parish office (1633 N Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614). Or, you can place your order by scanning the QR code. If you need more information, please call the parish office at 312.642.2498. Supplies are limited.

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GIVINGTUESDAY

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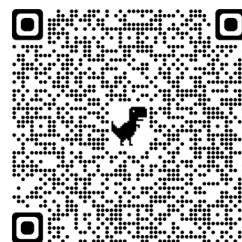
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
— IN OLD TOWN —

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. This year, **Giving Tuesday** is **November 30**.

The most recent project the parish has undertaken is the replacement of all the incandescent and fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. Not only will this change the lighting, it will also save the parish in utility bills. Why would we undertake this initiative?

- ◇ LED lighting products produce light up to 90% more efficiently than incandescent light bulbs.
- ◇ LEDs use heat sinks to absorb the heat produced by the LED and dissipate it into the surrounding environment. This keeps LEDs from overheating and burning out.
- ◇ LED lighting is more efficient, versatile and lasts longer. LEDs are directional light sources, which means they emit light in a specific direction, unlike incandescent and CFL, which emit light and heat in all directions.
- ◇ 9W Energy Star certified LED bulb with a brightness of 800 lumens has an estimated energy cost of \$1.26/year while a 43W Halogen bulb with the same brightness has an estimated energy cost of \$6.02/year.

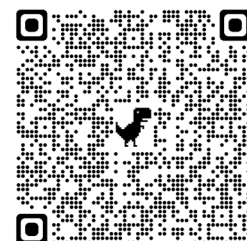
2021 IRS deductions for Individuals who do not itemize Did you know the IRS permits you to claim a limited deduction on your 2021 federal income tax return for cash contributions (includes check, credit card or debit card) to qualifying charitable organizations like St. Michael? If you file a joint return, you will be able to deduct up to \$600 from your taxable income and if you are single, or married and filing separately from your spouse, you can deduct \$300. For more information from the IRS, simply scan the QR code.



Did you know the limits on cash contributions have increased? Usually the amount of charitable cash contributions taxpayers can deduct on Schedule A as an itemized deduction is limited to a percentage (usually 60% and excess carried forward) of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Now you can deduct up to 100% of your adjusted gross income if you make donations in 2021. Please consider a significant gift to St. Michael this year.

Benefit of donating publicly traded securities (stocks and mutual funds) held for more than one year

Did you know you can potentially eliminate the capital gains tax you would incur on long-term appreciated securities by not selling them yourself and donating the after-tax proceeds? This could increase your donation to St. Michael by up to 20%. Also, you can claim a fair market value (date of donation) charitable deduction if your gift is made in 2021; those savings could be used for more giving. Transfer your stock/securities to St. Michael through the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your security will be sold and the proceeds transferred to St. Michael. Scan the QR code for more instructions. This form can also be found on St. Michael's website. Simply click the **Giving** button at the top of the screen and it will take you to the page where you can select **Stocks, IRAs and Taxes**. Be sure to fill out the Letter of Intention and return to the Archdiocese.



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Gifts from an IRA. Individuals over age 70 1/2 can make gifts directly from an IRA account and have them considered as part of their annual Required Minimum Distribution. Those gifts are not taxable income to the individual, which is similar to the effect of receiving cash and donating it. For someone who doesn't itemize their deductions, this allows them to reduce their income, but still claim the standard deduction.

Please let Pat Krier know to expect your donation. Please consult with your tax advisor when considering any of these donations.

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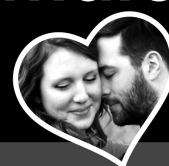
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