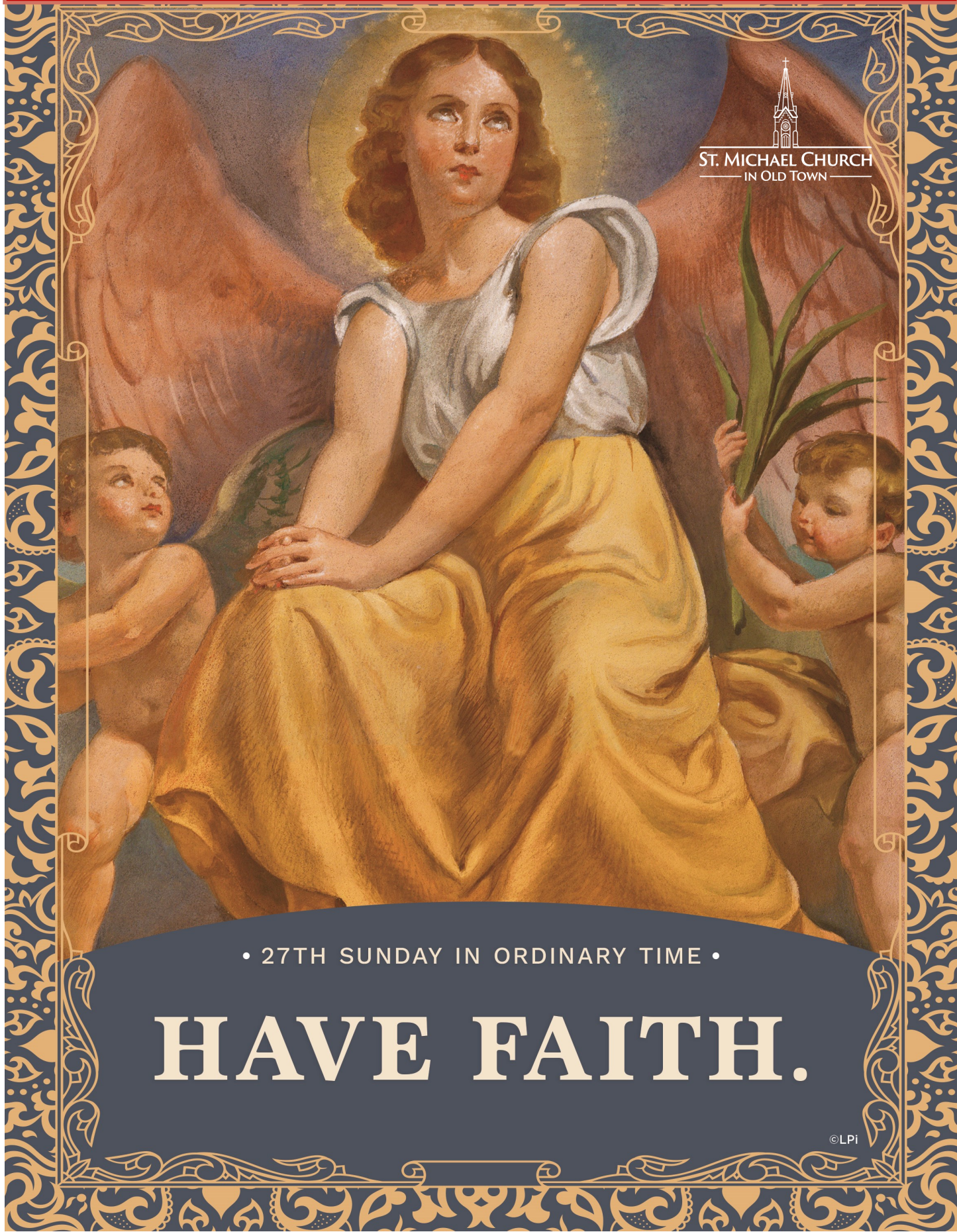


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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of October 4 - 12, 2025

Saturday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 AM - Chapel
† Danny White
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
† Justine Price

Sunday, October 5

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† James & Margaret O'Neill
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Marie Matz
7:00 PM - Church
† Sandra Marinello

Monday, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest
8:00 AM - Chapel
Gene Krier

Tuesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00 AM - Church
Mothers Mass League
12:00 PM - Church
† Justine Price

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 AM - Chapel
Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, October 9

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Charles Ozuk

Friday, October 10

8:00 AM - Chapel
† Elizabeth Koch

Saturday, October 11

St. John XXIII, Pope, BVM
9:00 AM - Chapel
Megan & Ben Kesler
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
Peter & Annette Chemello

Sunday, October 12

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† Danny White
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Johnson Family
7:00 PM - Church
† Kovac Family, Deceased Members

Wedding Banns

III - October 11, 2025

Jaclyn Alvarez
Michal Prodzenski

II - October 18, 2025

Colleen Collins
Joseph Messer

III - October 11, 2025

Gina Malinowski
Michael Kraft

I - October 24, 2025

Megan DeVault
Ross Lazar

II - October 17, 2025

Dana Humen
Ben Eddingfield



I - October 25, 2025

Ellen Banach
Peter Aksamit



The Church Welcomes The Newly Baptized

Cooper Dixon Heinz
Son of Jacob and Carolyn Heinz

Vivian Frances Valentine
Daughter of Lucas and Brooke Valentine

Elizabeth Eleanor Moffat
Daughter of John and Sarah Moffat

Olivia O'Brien Riley
Daughter of John and Julianna Riley

Banks Everett Henry
Son of Brian and Riana Henry

The Parish wishes to congratulate the parents and godparents. We as a parish family pledge our support and prayers as they grow with us in living out the Christian message.

The 2026 Mass Book is now open for Mass intentions

To request a Mass intention for your loved ones, please stop by our Parish office or call 312-642-2498.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael Parish, anchored in faith, rejoicing in hope, and burning with charity, nurtures a personal connection with God, and our surrounding community.

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New Parishioner Registration

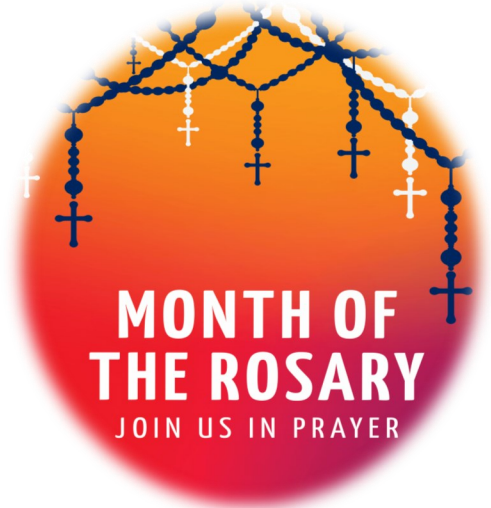
We look forward to having you join us as a registered parishioner. All new families can register by calling the parish office at 312-642-2498 or by going to our website at www.st-mikes.org.



We Welcome Our Newest Members as St. Michael's Parishioners

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Katherine Parrish
Georgian A. Hall
Kasia Marciniak
Robert Lucian
Madeline Pollack
Sarah Majka
Megan Lyne

Kelly Leighton
Brian Borman
Kelly Leighton
Bridget Sands
Lauren Bars
Kaitlin O'Dwyer
Kathleen Adler
Elise Haddad
Samaira Ahmed



We Pray and Remember

Patricia Clickener
Margaret Braschos
Kellar Harris
Baby Leon Medina
Nikki and Didi McKelvey
Joseph Tully
Maria Rodriguez
Debora Tesauro and Family
Catherine Cengel
Carol Sarli
Tony Sarli

† David Krier
† Margaret Fracassi
† Sr. Doloria Kosick, OSF
† Timothy Irving
† John O'Sullivan

Prayer Requests



Pastor's Note - How long, O Lord?



How many times have we felt like the prophet Habakkuk in today's first reading? He looked around at the city of Jerusalem, and all he saw was violence, ruin, and misery. He felt that God had abandoned his people. God's response was to keep the faith because sometimes we can't see the end while we are in the midst of the changes. Today, in our

world, we see violence, destruction, abuse, divisions, and every other sin we can think of. We may think that God has abandoned us, too. Rather than thinking that God has abandoned us, the person of faith will try to find God with them in the midst of all the turmoil.

Faith in God will not keep bad things from happening. For as long as people sin, bad things will happen in our world. So that even those people who are trying to do good will be affected. The root of all the misery in our world is not God but our rejection of God and God's love. Faith in God gives the believer the strength and insight necessary to deal with the hardships of the world. Knowing that God is with us, and we are not alone or abandoned gives courage to keep trying to make things better.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that if they had the faith the size of a mustard seed, they could uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. The disciples asked for more faith, but Jesus told them basically to use what they have, even if it is a small amount, and it will be enough. All things are possible when we acknowledge the faith that we already have.

Some people just give up and stop trying. Saying that God does not exist or that God does not care. Instead of giving up, the person of faith looks for God's presence and finds the courage and the ability to face the difficulties. Let's ask God to help us see his presence in the midst of the difficulties of our world.

Peace,
Fr. Larry

Gospel

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

St. Michael Generation to Generation Campaign

Capital Campaign Update: Thank You for Your Generosity!



We are deeply grateful to our parishioners and community members for the overwhelming support of our **Capital Campaign to restore the church roof and steeple**. Thanks to your generosity, we have received **\$2.52 million in pledges**, with **\$822,370 already paid** toward this important project. A heartfelt thank you to the **193 donors** who have contributed so far — your support is making a lasting difference.

As the campaign continues, we invite those who have not yet participated to consider joining this effort prayerfully. Whether through a **one-time gift** or an **ongoing pledge**, every contribution helps us preserve the beauty and integrity of our sacred space.

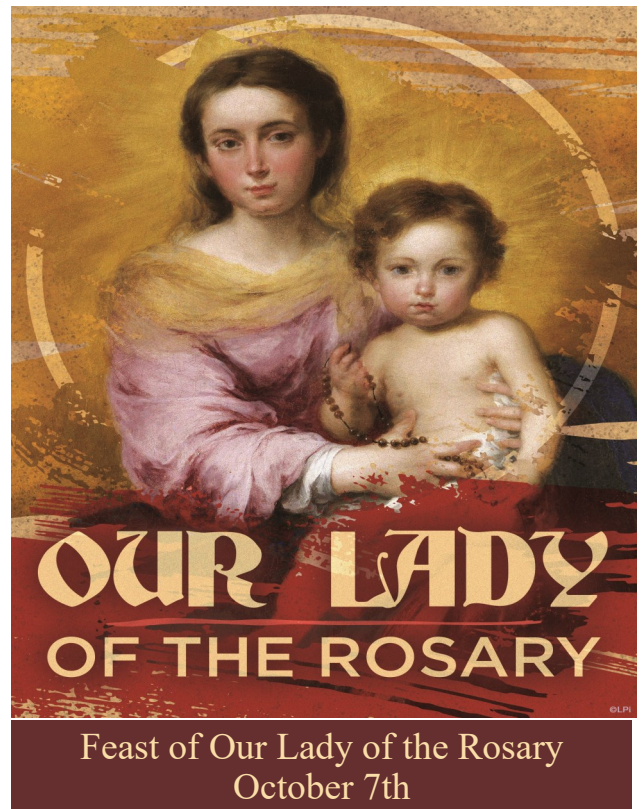
Pledge cards are available at the entrance of the church, and you can learn more by viewing the **Case for Support** on our parish website.

Thank you again for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment to our parish community!

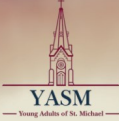


Together, we are preserving the beauty and safety of our spiritual home at St. Michael for generations to come!

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Several Chicago main streets will be closed for the Marathon (including Sedgwick, North, and Wells) from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Please be mindful of this event and how traffic, parking restrictions and driving times will be affected. For a complete list of street closures, please visit: <https://www.chicagomarathon.com/runners/course-amenities/street-closure-notification/>

Please plan accordingly so that you don't miss your regular Mass schedule. Consider attending the 11 AM or 7 PM Mass.

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What is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

In the Catholic Church, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) is a lay person (not a priest or deacon) who the bishop or priest deposes to assist in distributing Holy Communion during Mass or to the sick and homebound, when necessary.



Role: EMHCs assist priests and deacons in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass, especially when the number of faithful is large or when there are insufficient ordained ministers.

Extraordinary Nature: The term "extraordinary" signifies that this ministry is not part of the regular structure of the Church, but rather a service undertaken in specific circumstances.

Purpose: The primary purpose of EMHCs is to ensure that all the faithful can receive Holy Communion in a reverent and orderly manner.

Qualifications: To serve as an EMHC, individuals must be practicing Catholics, fully initiated in the faith, and demonstrate a deep reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

Training and Preparation: EMHCs receive training and preparation from their parish or diocese to ensure they are competent and reverent in their ministry.

Other Responsibilities: In addition to assisting at Mass, EMHCs may also be entrusted with bringing the Holy Eucharist to the sick, elderly, and homebound, according to some parishes.

INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join OCIA
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Discover Catholicism

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you feel called to explore a deeper relationship with God within the Catholic Church? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming process for adults who wish to inquire about Catholicism, prepare for the sacraments, or become full members of the Catholic Church.

What is OCIA?

OCIA is a journey of faith, prayer, and community. It is designed for:

- Adults who have never been baptized
- Christians baptized in another tradition who wish to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation

Through OCIA, participants learn about Catholic beliefs, traditions, and practices, and are supported by a community of faith as they discern their spiritual path.

What to Expect

- Weekly Sessions: Gather with others to explore Scripture, Church teachings, and the meaning of the sacraments.
- Personal Reflection: Opportunities for prayer, discussion, and personal growth.
- Community Support: Sponsors and parish members accompany you on your journey.
- Sacramental Preparation: Guidance and preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Who Can Join?

OCIA is open to all adults who are curious about Catholicism, regardless of background or previous religious experience. There is no obligation to join the Church—OCIA is a process of exploration and discernment.

How to Get Started

- Contact the parish office or OCIA coordinator to express your interest.
- Attend an initial inquiry session to learn more about the process.
- Meet others who are on a similar journey of faith.

How to Get Started

- Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic to join OCIA? No. OCIA is a process of inquiry and discernment. Participation does not require a commitment to join the Church.
- How long does OCIA take? The process typically follows the liturgical year, culminating at Easter, but the timeline can be adapted to individual needs.
- Can I bring a friend or family member? Yes. Support from loved ones is encouraged.

Who Can Join?

If you feel drawn to explore Catholicism or are seeking a spiritual home, consider joining OCIA. All are welcome to inquire, learn, and grow in faith.

RESPECT LIFE
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RESPECT LIFE

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE.

Amen.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

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ADULT CONFIRMATION Fall 2025

The Adult Confirmation Process of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a pre-sacramental program for adults (18 and older) who have already received the

Catholic sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Adults who have not received the Catholic sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion should contact their local parish to join the OCIA process.

For more information, please **visit our website.**

For questions, please email adultcofirmtion@archchicago.org, or call **312.534.8351**



Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday 5:00 PM Vigil
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Chapel at 8 AM

Saturday
Chapel at 9 AM

Tuesday
Church at 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions
Tuesday after Daily Masses

Confessions
Tuesday 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Saturday 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM
Sunday 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday 6:00 PM

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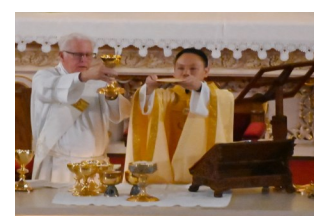
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