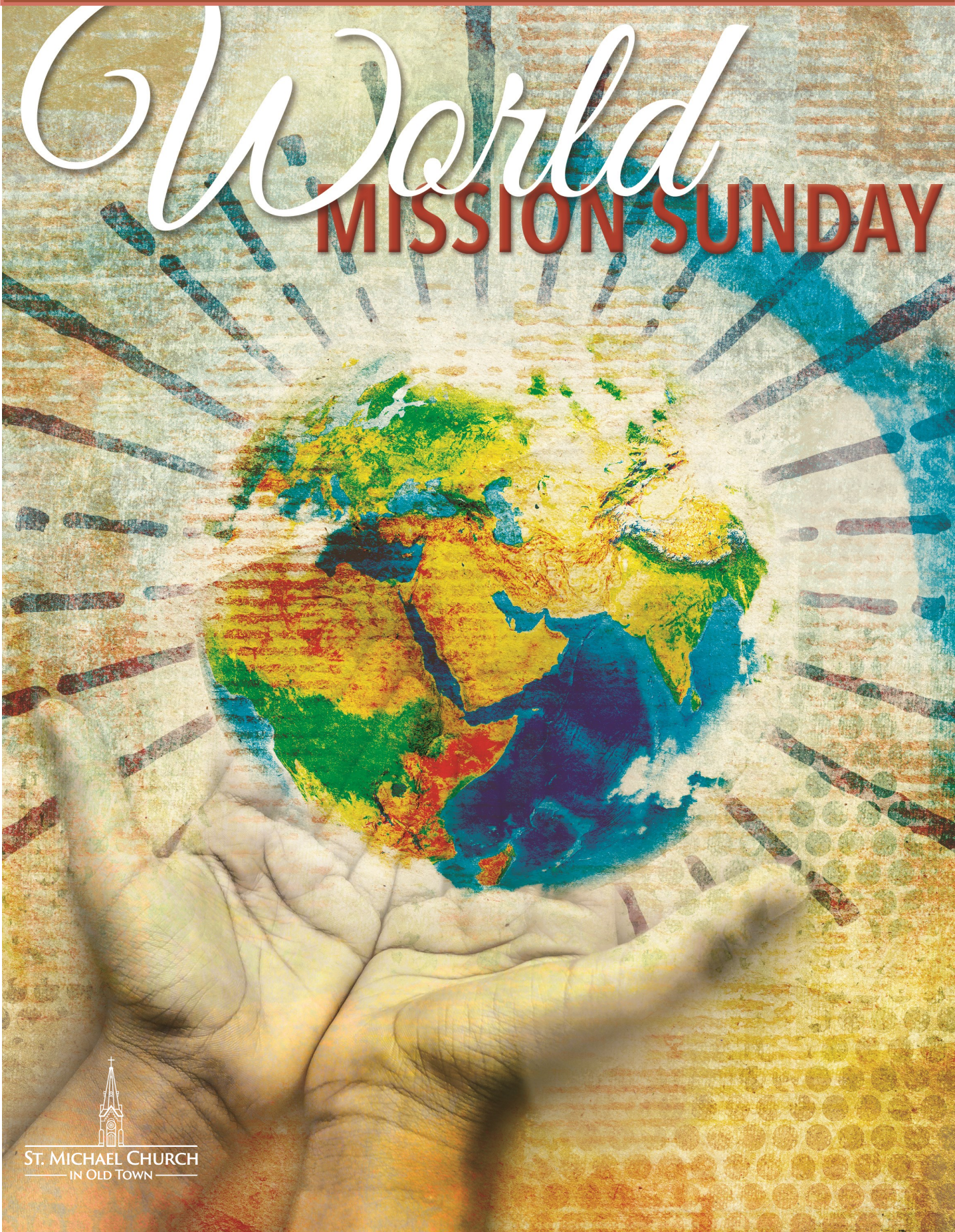


ALL ARE WELCOME ALL BELONG - October 19, 2025

Our World

MISSION SUNDAY



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
IN OLD TOWN

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of October 18 - 26, 2025

Saturday, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist
9:00 AM - Chapel
† Kay Leiting
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
† Justine Price

Sunday, October 19

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† Mary A. Fitzgerald
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Carl E. Mathews
† Bruno Ast
7:00 PM - Church
† Gregovich Family

Monday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Jo Leiting

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 AM - Church
Derek Schulze
12:00 PM - Church
† Justine Price

Wednesday, October 22

St. John Paul II, Pope
8:00 AM - Chapel
Foundation Fund Members

Thursday, October 23

St. John Capistrano, Priest
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Jon Dunning

Friday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
8:00 AM - Chapel
† Joe Stucker, Sr.

Saturday, October 25

9:00 AM - Chapel
† David Krier
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
† Justine Price

Sunday, October 26

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM - Church
† Mildred Jacobs
The People of the Parish
11:00 AM - Church
† Katie O'Donnell
7:00 PM - Church
† Sr. Doloria Kosick, OSF

Wedding Banns

III - October 24, 2025

Megan DeVault
Ross Lazar

III - October 25, 2025

Ellen Banach
Peter Aksamit

II - November 1, 2025

Aileen Mallon
Joseph Cahill

I - November 8, 2025

Georgean Hall
Steven Iverson

I - November 8, 2025

Morgan Jackson
Nickalos Sanford



The Church Welcomes The Newly Baptized

Beau Hendrix Ford

Son of Adam and Morgan Ford

Michael Angelo Bush

Son of Michael and Alyssa Bush

Meredith Anne Haeger

Daughter of William and Kate Haeger

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.

What is a Mass Intention?

Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose.

St. Michael Church offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. 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.

Through our ministry, we seek to provide a sanctuary where all are welcome within our historic and inspiring church.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 19, 2025

Support Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples
WeAreMissionary.org/wms



World Mission Sunday and Christ Our Hope

Today we join with our brothers and sisters in faith around the globe to celebrate our vocation to become missionaries and witnesses to the great hope given by the Lord Jesus. Each one of us participates in the universal evangelizing mission of the Church by our witness of life, prayer, sacrifice and generosity. Donations offered through the collection support. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a worldwide network overseen by Pope Leo XIV. Our gifts are shared with 1,124 mission areas where the church is too young, too poor or persecuted and needs our help.

We support offering the Sacraments and teaching the faith, building new churches, and providing healthcare and education. This World Mission Sunday, let us shine forth with the light of hope and illuminate the whole world.

Thank you for your generosity!

We Pray and Remember

Patricia Clickener
 Margaret Braschos
 Kellar Harris

Debora Tesauro and Family
 Catherine Cengel
 Carol Sarli
 Tony Sarli
 Angelica Salazar

† Sr. Jean Dolores-Schmidt,
 BVM

† Bruno Ast
 † Pat Peiffer

Prayer Requests



Pastor's Note - Persistent Prayer



In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the story of the widow and the unjust Judge; the Judge finally gives in to the widow because of her persistence. He uses this parable to teach his disciples to be persistent in prayer. That if they pray to God, he will hear them.

The question of when, where, and how to pray is something we need to think about, too. The easy answer to the question would be always, everywhere, and from the heart. But with most easy answers, they don't tell us much. Yes, it is good to pray always, but how do we do that and do anything else? Well, the first thing we need to realize is that praying does not always have to take the form of words, and we don't need to recite a long prayer to be praying. Praying also consists of listening. Prayer can also be the work that we do if we offer our work to God, or we pray for others while we are working. For example, if you are folding laundry, pray for the person whose clothing it is, if cooking, pray that the food is nourishing for body and spirit, or if driving, pray for the other drivers (not with curses). If we have a difficult task to do, pray to face it as Jesus faced his cross, or ask God for the strength or courage to complete the task.

As to where to pray, we can pray anywhere, but some places are easier than others. Taking time to pray in church is good, but we can also pray in the car while we are waiting for someone, or in the back yard watching the sunset, or in bed as we wake up, or as we are going to sleep. Some people set aside a special room or chair to sit in to help them pray. Others set aside a certain time of the day to pray. This consistency makes it easier to get into the prayer mood. We try to remember that God is with us everywhere, so we can pray wherever we are.

The last part, how to pray, is probably the most difficult because it depends on when and where we are. If you are in a quiet place, it is probably not a good idea to begin singing, but singing is a great way to pray, especially at Mass. In quiet areas, you can pray by sitting still and silent, listening to God. If we are praying common prayers with others, it would not be best to break into spontaneous prayer and disrupt others, but spontaneous prayer is great for moments when you are in a group with family or friends and a specific concern or need arises. And if you are on the top of a mountain, you can pray with your arms outstretched to absorb the magnificence of God. Just remember, wherever you are, pray from the heart.

Peace,

Fr. Larry

Confirmation Retreat

OCTOBER 24 & 25

Would you be able to help our 7th & 8th grade students by hosting our NET ministries missionaries Friday/Saturday evening?

Please reach out to the parish office at ebetz@st-mikes.org

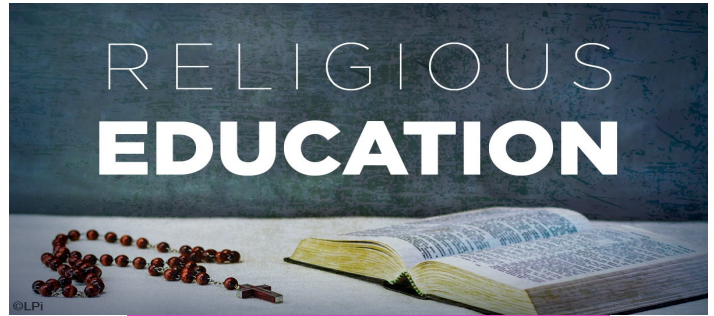
This Week on Formed

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org, and select our parish name. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Registrations Still Open



Catechists & Assistants Needed

Do you love your faith and want to contribute to the spiritual formation of children?

Help out as a substitute for our catechists on an as-needed basis when our catechists are ill or out of town.

We are flexible and can work around your schedule.

No experience necessary, training and support is provided. For more details, contact Emily Betz ebetz@st-mikes.org.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

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Finding Blessings in Our Brokenness

Kevin Pease, Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies

In Jesus' day and age, every Jewish person was invited to celebrate what is today called "Sukkot," in ancient times known as the Feast of Tabernacles, or the Festival of Booths. It was a most joyous occasion, something which brought the community together in the fall every year.

While Christian tradition now celebrates this special feast in the context of Holy Mass, our community would love to welcome you to a "**Bib-tober Fest**" in which we'll gather to celebrate our FAITH AFLAME in true fall fashion!

Come join us and learn more about Jesus' enthusiasm for this special festival of booths, and how it relates to something even more mysterious...

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WHERE: St. Michael in Old Town, Parish Center
1711 N. Cleveland Ave Chicago, IL 60614

WHEN: October 23, 2025

6:15PM – 6:45PM: Hospitality and Socializing

6:45PM – 8:00PM: Presentation and Discussion

There is no charge for this event, but space is limited. As a courtesy, we ask that you please register in advance using this QR code.

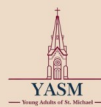


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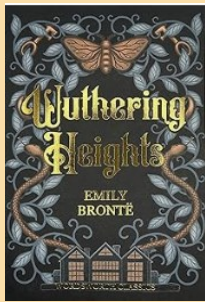
St. Michael's Book Club

Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:30 PM

Please join us in the Parish Center for a discussion of *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë. This celebrated classic is known for its passionate and destructive love story between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw, set against the desolate Yorkshire moors. The novel explores themes of love, revenge, social class and the supernatural, following the turbulent lives of the Earnshaw and Linton families across two generations. Snacks and beverages will be available.

If you'd like more information, please contact Patti Carver at pfc689@gmail.com or Marie Levesque at marieblevesque@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!



Praying the Rosary

Familiarize yourself and/or your family/group with the prayers of the rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
4. Say one Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the Glory Be
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the Our Father.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten Hail Marys' while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be. (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.)
8. After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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October: The Month of the Holy Rosary



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Schola Cantorum - join our choir Schola Cantorum at the Sunday Mass. Voices of all types are needed.

Altar Servers - Alters servers from a very important part of the church and the parish is enriched through their service.



What is the Schola Cantorum?

A Choir. The church choir leads and enlivens the congregation's song.

Church music ministry (choir), focuses on four key functions — leading and enlivening congregational singing, singing music that the congregation cannot, serving as a small group within the church for faith formation, and singing music that glorifies God and edifies the congregation.

Do you enjoy singing?

Join the choir, Schola Cantorum, at the Sunday Masses (11 o'clock), and holidays. Voices of all types are needed - baritones, tenors, altos, and sopranos. Choir resumes on September 24th.

Rehearsals are on Sunday at 10 AM
High Schoolers and adults are welcome!
Contact Maria Santana at msantana@st-mikes.org



What is an Altar Server?

The altar servers form a very important part of the church, and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service.

Teens and children (who are in the 3rd grade through 12th grade, and up and who have received First Eucharist) are eligible to be altar servers.

It is a very important responsibility and requires a sincere commitment.

Altar servers receive initial training and intermittent follow-up instruction and practice throughout the year. If interested please pick up a registration form at the back of the church, or send an e-mail to Maria Santana at msantana@st-mikes.org.



Give Thanks

Sponsor a Family

Turkey and Hunger Drive

Show Thankfulness by Helping Others

St. Michael Parish is collecting donations to sponsor 200 families by distributing \$25 grocery gift cards to two local food pantries.

Give by Thanksgiving Day

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Help Us Feed Families

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For more information:
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info@st-mikes.org



The new approach to the annual St. Michael's Turkey & Hunger Relief Drive – distributing more useful grocery gift cards rather than just a frozen turkey. Here's a way to get a two-fer for helping our needy neighbors on the west side. Use the RaiseRight fundraising system to purchase gift cards!

For St. Michael's annual turkey drive, use RaiseRight to purchase \$25 gift cards for Mariano's, Target, or Walmart. Have the cards delivered either to you or directly to the Parish Office. The cards are distributed to the needy; it costs you an extra 29 cents, and St. Michael's receives cash rebates of up to 4% of the amount, or \$1 per \$25 card.

Now, a dollar isn't much, we agree. But ... consider using the cards for gift-giving and much of your ordinary shopping. Here's a testimonial:

"I've been using RaiseRight for several years, generating a few thousand dollars for St. Michael's. Mostly, I print e-gift cards and either use them at Target, Staples, and a few other stores, which simply scan the cards, or use them for online purchases. But for Jewel and CVS, I download the cash amounts onto physical gift cards and use those cards instead of a charge card. E-gift printouts or reloads cost me a fee of 29 cents, no matter how much I spend – and I've never, ever had a problem with the amounts charged to my checking account. I've also purchased an e-gift card solely because I was making a large purchase at a particular store. I would be thrilled to help any parishioners set this up for themselves."

Give it a try!

Barbara Pope
Parishioner
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Each year, St. Michael's Human Concerns group organizes the annual Turkey & Hunger Relief Drive. With the great pre-Thanksgiving sales, \$25 helps a family buy far more than just a turkey. You can help make this happen by:

- ◆ Donating cash via the Mass collections (marked "Turkey Drive") or use the QR code below.
- ◆ Purchasing \$25 cards at Walmart, Target, or Jewel and dropping them in the collection basket at Mass.
- ◆ Following the directions in the above article about using Raise-Right to purchase gift cards (St. Michael's receives a % in cash on every gift card you buy – at a \$.29 cost to you, no matter how many cards!)

None of our parish projects would have been possible without you. St. Michael's has done a great deal to help the people in our community, and we plan to continue doing so.

Thank you!

St. Michael's *Generation to Generation* Capital Campaign Update

Thank You for Your Generosity!



We are deeply grateful to our parishioners and community members for their support of our Capital Campaign to restore the church roof and steeple. Thanks to your generosity, we have received \$2.52 million in pledges.

A heartfelt thank you to the donors who have contributed so far — your support is making a lasting difference.

With Everyone's Help, We Can Finish Strong!

Our goal is to raise \$3 million towards the total need of \$5.5 million for both projects.

Next weekend, there will be an opportunity for you to join with other parishioners to contribute to this important campaign. At that time, we will 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.

How to Give

Pledge cards are available at the entrance of the church. You can spread your gift over five years.

“Ways to Give” can be found on the back of this announcement.

Thank you again for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment to our parish community. Together, your support will help restore the roof, safeguard the bell tower, and ensure that St. Michael's remains a symbol of faith, hope, and strength for generations to come!



Thank you for joining your fellow parishioners to preserve St. Michael Church in Old Town!

St. Michael Church is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Ways to donate:

Check - Make check payable to “Generation to Generation.” Drop it in the collection basket or mail it to: St. Michael Church, 1633 N Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614.

Credit Card or EFT (Automatic Bank Withdrawal) - Check the box on the pledge card that best fits your needs. Follow-up information will be mailed to you.

Gifts of Stocks and Securities - The archdiocese is pleased to accept gifts on behalf of the parish in the form of stocks and securities. To begin the process of transferring gifts of stocks and securities, fill out a letter of intent by visiting archchicago.org/stockgiftform. This will notify the archdiocese of an incoming stock gift, and further directions will follow via email. Please call (312) 534-7461 for more information and assistance.

Qualified Charitable Distribution from IRA - A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), also known as an IRA Charitable Rollover, allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, such as the Archdiocese of Chicago, tax-free. To begin the process of pledging through your IRA, contact your IRA custodian and request a QCD form.

Your gift must be transferred directly from your IRA account to the Archdiocese of Chicago, EIN 36-2170826. Once received, complete your distribution form and instruct your IRA custodian to include your name, parish, and address on the memo line of the check stub. Checks can be made payable to Generation to Generation. Please call (312) 534-7959 for information and assistance.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF) – These funds are generally administered by a financial services company or a community foundation. Please use this information:

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Matching Gifts - Many companies have matching gift programs to allow employees to amplify the impact of charitable contributions. Please contact your employer directly about their specific requirements and their necessary documentation to attach to your pledge card. Please call (312) 534-7959 for more information and assistance.

Planned Gifts - Bequests, charitable gift annuities, and life insurance policies are just a few examples of options for making long-term commitments to the campaign. If you are interested in making a pledge through a planned giving vehicle, please call (312) 534-5404.

Other - The archdiocese may be able to accept other types of gifts. Please call (312) 534-7959 for more information and assistance.

If you have any questions about giving options, please contact info@st-mikes.org.

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

By appointment (312) 642-2498

Eucharistic Adoration
Sunday 6:00 PM

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www.st-mikes.org/baptism

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(312) 642-2498 or info@st-mikes.org

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(312) 642-2498 Ext. 213

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