

ALL ARE WELCOME ALL BELONG - December 07, 2025

*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



ST. MICHAEL CHURCH  
IN OLD TOWN

Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions  
Week of December 6 - 14, 2025

**Saturday, December 6**

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

**Sunday, December 7**

Second Sunday of Advent  
9:00 AM - Church  
† Michael Cunningham  
The People of the Parish  
11:00 AM - Church  
In Memory of the Fallen Sailors & Marines in the  
attack of Pearl Harbor  
7:00 PM - Church  
† Faustino M. Dionisio, Jr.

**Monday, December 8**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 AM - Church  
† Gladys Taylor  
12:00 PM - Church  
† Margaret Fracassi  
6:00 PM - Church  
† Sandra Marinello

**Tuesday, December 9**

San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
8:00 AM - Church  
† Jo Leiting  
12:00 PM - Church  
Ben Kesler

**Wednesday, December 10**

Our Lady of Loretto  
8:00 AM - Chapel  
Foundation Fund Members

**Thursday, December 11**

St. Damasus I, Pope  
8:00 AM - Chapel  
Mothers Mass League

**Friday, December 12**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
8:00 AM - Chapel  
† Jon Dunning

**Saturday, December 13**

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
9:00 AM - Chapel  
† Gabriele Milito  
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church  
† Justine Price

**Sunday, December 14**

Third Sunday of Advent  
9:00 AM - Church  
† Margaret Fracassi  
The People of the Parish  
11:00 AM - Church  
† Michael Cunningham  
7:00 PM - Church  
† Chrles Robert Walker

## Wedding Banns

**I - December 31, 2025**  
Maggie Hannigan and Dan Buckley



The Church Welcomes  
The Newly Baptized

*Rose Mary Javitch-Schneider*  
Daughter of George and Amolia Javitch-Schneider

*Ella Maeve Donati*  
Daughter of Daniel and Haley Donati

*Lily Louise Brant*  
Daughter of Riley and Heather Brant

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.

## Gospel

“I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,  
but the one who is coming after me is  
mightier than I.”

(Mt 3:11)

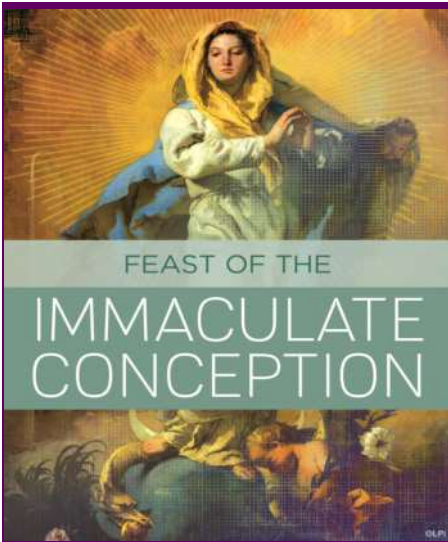
## What is a Mass Intention?

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.

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.



FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

**MASS**

**8 AM**

**12 PM**

**6 PM**

**In the**

**Monday, December 8th**

**Pastor's Note: Here Comes the Just Judge**



On this second Sunday of Advent, our readings remind us that the Lord will come and judge the nations and peoples. He will be a just judge who can read the hearts of all and render a fair judgment. The wicked will be punished and banished, and everyone who is left will live in harmony. The prophet Isaiah was trying to give the people who were being oppressed hope in the future,

to give them a time to look forward to. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist is reminding the Israelites that the Messiah is coming, and they had better be ready. Because he will judge the people, and the ones who are found lacking will be slain.

The readings are not to fill us with a sense of dread of the coming of the Lord, but anticipation and hope for the time when all things will live together in harmony. The people who need to worry are the ones who are not living according to God's law. And it is not just a matter of saying the right things or looking good, because the Lord is a just judge who can look into the hearts of the people and know their intent and judge them by the fruit of their actions. John the Baptist calls the Pharisees a brood of vipers because while they may be following all the rules, in their hearts they are full of deceit and wickedness. They need to repent from their evil deeds and show true conversion. They can't just pretend to change, because God can see into their hearts.

As the people of God who are awaiting the second coming of Jesus, we need to be prepared too, because God will come and judge us. Are we ready? Have we repented of our sins? Are we just saying and doing the right things without changing our hearts? Because when the Lord of Justice appears, He will look through all our excuses and masks and see us as we are. Advent is a time for us to get ourselves ready so that when the Lord does come, we will be producing good fruit and can live in harmony in the kingdom.

Peace,  
Fr. Larry



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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there.

This Advent, will we look in the mirror?  
Will we choose repentance? ©LPi


***We Pray and Remember***

- Patricia Clickener
- Margaret Braschos
- Kellar Harris
- Debora Tesouro and Family
- Catherine Cengel
- Carol Sarli
- Tony Sarli
- Angelica Salazar
- Kellar Harris
- Joe Farago
- Mary Rose

*† Charles Pilsr*

Prayer Requests






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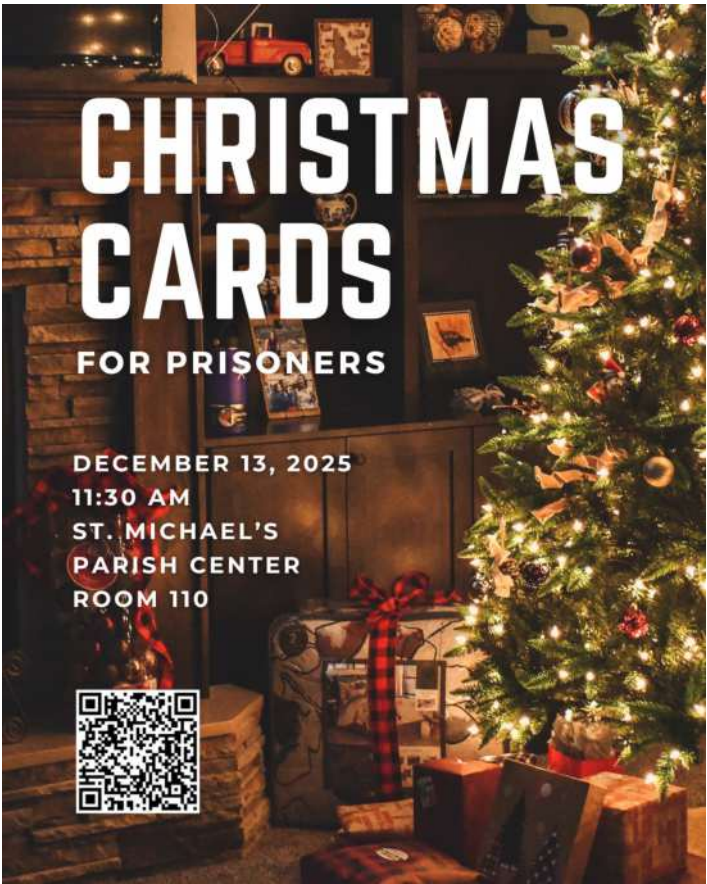
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Young Adult Prayer Night*

FEATURING PRAYERS FROM THE VISITS  
TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DECEMBER 9  
6:30 PM




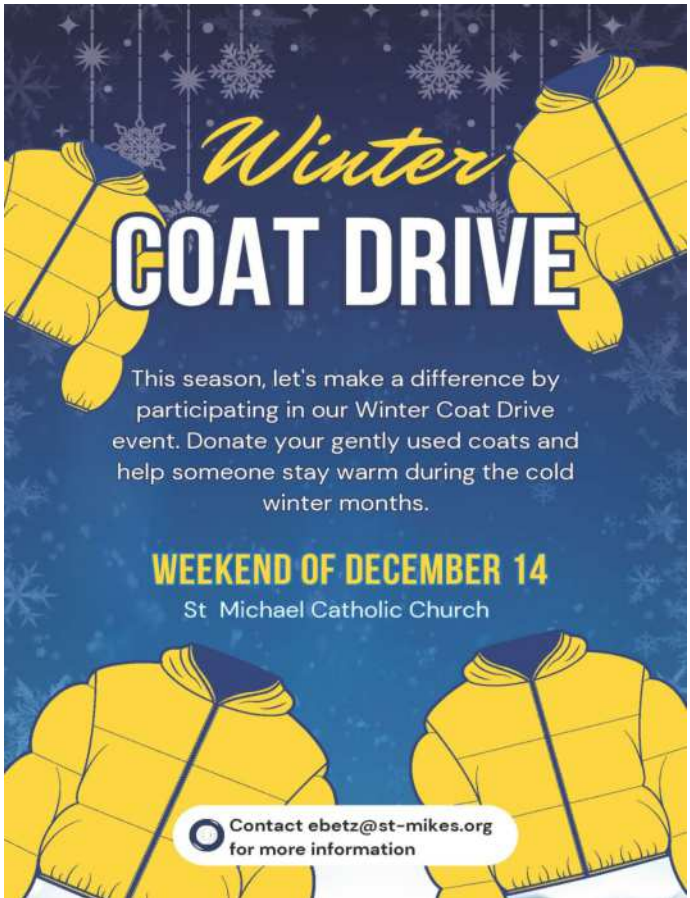
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**CHRISTMAS  
CARDS**

FOR PRISONERS

DECEMBER 13, 2025  
11:30 AM  
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ROOM 110

*Winter*  
**GOAT DRIVE**

This season, let's make a difference by participating in our Winter Coat Drive event. Donate your gently used coats and help someone stay warm during the cold winter months.

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 14**  
St. Michael Catholic Church

Contact [ebet@st-mikes.org](mailto:ebet@st-mikes.org)  
for more information

# Many Thanks to You!

The Human Concerns & Needs Commission sends a Heartfelt **Thank You** to the St. Michael's parishioners for (once again!) making our parish Turkey & Hunger Relief Drive a **Huge** success!! Your boundless generosity and donations more than covered the cost of gift cards for 200 families at the two food pantries! We couldn't have done this without your help. Special shout-out to the Knights of Columbus, who annually support our drive. We will donate some of the excess funds to Catholic Charities to purchase extra Thanksgiving Dinners & Easter hams. May God bless you all for your generosity!



Please help us ensure **food pantries** run by local parishes and Catholic Charities are **fully stocked** as we approach the holiday season.

### **Vicariates I and II – What you can do:**

Between **November 29** and **December 14**, donate the following non-perishable foods at your parish:

- Canned chicken
- Canned salmon
- Canned tuna
- Canned soup
- Canned beef

**Stay tuned for more detailed information.**

**St. Michael Church: please bring your food donations to any of the weekend Masses or drop off at the parish office during office hours.**

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

Holden Raffin  
Greta Bosco  
Kylie Williams  
Katlynn Zickus  
Clinton Glase

Connie Diez  
Corinne Steinmiller  
Claire Toczyl  
Killian Casson  
Madison Gist

### 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](http://www.st-mikes.org).



Prayer for Advent - Peace

**Come, Lord Jesus!  
Bring your peace to our world.**

**Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions,  
bind wounds, rewrite scripts.  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
bring that light into every space.  
Amen. ©LPi**



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## COME & PRAY WEEKEND

The Redemptorist Come and Pray Weekend offers a chance for single men ages 18-40 to explore what it means to live a life dedicated to Christ the Redeemer. If you feel called to the religious life but are unsure where to turn, this weekend brings together men on the same path of discernment, each seeking to understand God's calling.

You'll meet Redemptorist priests and brothers, hear their stories, and share in their daily rhythm of prayer, meals, and conversation. This is a time to experience how faith, community, and mission come together as they preach the Gospel and bring hope to those in need. It's a chance to listen, reflect, and deepen your understanding of following Christ through the Redemptorist way of life.

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**Dates:** April 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2026  
June 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2026  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Where:** National Shrine of Bl. Francis Seelos  
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“Dear parishioners of St Michael parish, your generosity in helping with our donation drive was so greatly appreciated by everyone.

The gifts of toiletries and other essential items are always needed and will always be accepted!

Thank you again for your help. These items went to Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, who do wonderful work in Humbolt Park."

Religious Education Office

## SAVE THE DATE

### Sock Collection Sunday

### January 24 -25



# GIVING *Giving Thanks for* TUESDAY *Giving Tuesday*

Heartful thanks to all who donated to our Giving Tuesday campaign, as well as all of you who prayed for this great cause.

**Estimated Cost: ~\$10,000 per set of doors**  
**Estimated Total Cost for Crash Bars Installation:**  
**~\$40,000**

You can still donate to this cause: Installing the interior safety crash bars for the inside of our main doors.

1. Text GIVING to 312-313-9692
2. Scan the QR code to our Giving Tuesday page.
3. Donate through VENMO: StMichaelinOldTown

More information on this project will be sent via email and the parish website.

*Please join us  
as we make  
our church  
safer for  
everyone!*

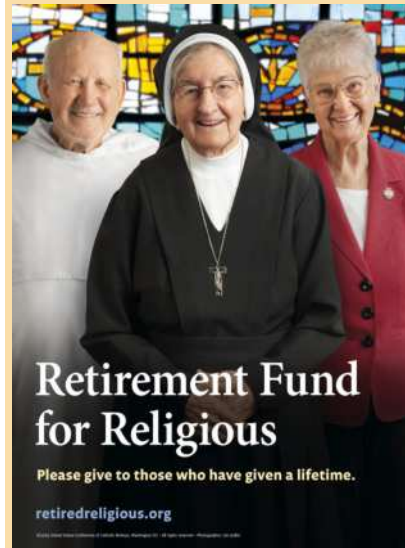


**Please Join Us on  
Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring 3 dozen, one type, of your favorite cookies to exchange. Go home with a variety to impress your friends and family!**

**Please bring a container for your take-home cookies and copies of your recipe (if available). RSVP to Jennifer Shimp, at [jshimp@att.net](mailto:jshimp@att.net)**

**11 AM set out cookies, exchange immediately following, ends by 11:30 AM**  
**St. Michael Parish Center**  
**1711 N. Cleveland Ave.**



## Why We Ask

- In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- Only 4 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement; 45 percent have 25 or fewer members. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel.
- Today, religious past age 70 outnumber religious younger than age 70 by nearly three to one.
- There are 21,296 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2024, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$56,600 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$96,000 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual total cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1.1 billion.
- In 2024, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$9,090, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$23,704.

**Retirement Fund for Religious  
Second Collection  
Weekend of December 6 – 7**



## Poinsettia Sale

During the Christmas holidays, St. Michael Church is decorated magnificently, thanks to the many volunteers and the beautiful poinsettias that fill the sanctuary. You can be a part of this wonderful season by purchasing a plant in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The plants donated can be picked-up on January 5 so that you can enjoy them at home for the remainder of the holiday season. Simply fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. Or, you can fill out the form on line by visiting:

<https://www.givecentral.org/st-mikes-Christmas-Flowers>



**Single Poinsettia**    \$30 each    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of        \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of     \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 \_\_\_\_\_



**Double Poinsettia**    \$40 each    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of        \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

\$40 \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of     \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

\$40 \_\_\_\_\_



**Triple Poinsettia**    \$55 each    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of        \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

\$55 \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of     \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

\$55 \_\_\_\_\_

General donation for Christmas Flowers    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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 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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**Weddings**  
 Weddings are scheduled on  
 Fridays 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM  
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**CONFESSIONS**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



**EUCHARIST ADORATION**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**BENEDICTION**

**6:45 PM**



**MASS**

**7:00 PM**



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