

All Are Welcome, All Belong - March 29, 2026

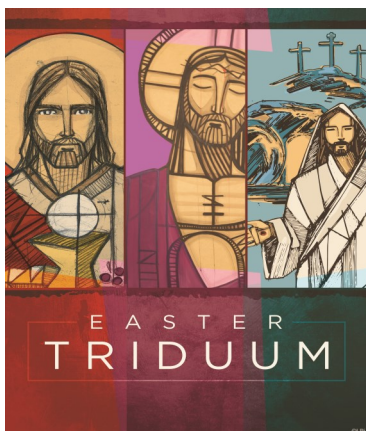


• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

**“HOSANNA IN
THE HIGHEST.”**



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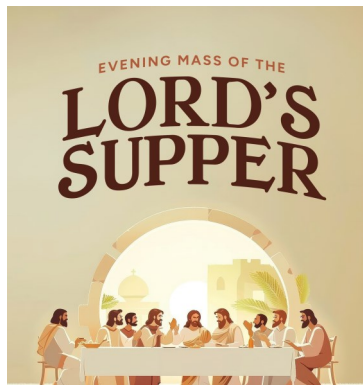
JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

All Are Welcome, All Belong



**PALM SUNDAY VIGIL, SATURDAY,
MARCH 28TH AT 5 PM**

SUNDAY MASS, MARCH 29TH AT 9 AM,
11 AM, 7 PM
(CANTOR, CHOIR, AND ORGAN)



THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER,
APRIL 2ND AT 7 PM
(CANTOR, CHOIR, AND ORGAN)



EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THE MASS OF EASTER DAY, APRIL 5TH,
AT 9 AM & 11 AM
(CANTOR, CHOIR, ORGAN,
BRASS QUINTET, AND TIMPANI)
NO 7 PM MASS



FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD GOOD FRIDAY

LITURGY OF THE WORD,
THE ADORATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS, WITH THE
DISTRIBUTION OF
HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 3RD AT 3 PM
(CANTOR AND SCHOLA)

CONFESSIONS AT 4:30 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
AT 6:30 PM



THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL MASS,
APRIL 4TH AT 7 PM
(CANTOR, CHOIR,
ORGAN, AND BRASS)

Holy Week Service Opportunities

- ✦ **Lectors**, Proclaimers of the Word, your voice is needed!
- ✦ **Greeters**, the he first and last person people see when coming to church. The church is greeter is the face of any ministry, which makes it one of the most important jobs in the church. We need you!
- ✦ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are needed to distribute the Body of Christ to all who attend our services throughout Holy Week.
- ✦ **Ushers**, shepherding those in need, we need you to assist individuals during this very busy time of year and aid in the collection of Easter offerings.
- ✦ **Contact:** Daniel Stucker at info@st-mikes.org



YOUNG ADULTS:
JOIN US FOR

EASTER

Mimosas!

APRIL 5, 2026
AFTER THE 11 AM MASS IN THE PLAZA
(THERE'S ALSO A FUN EASTER EGG HUNT!)

We Pray and Remember

Margaret Braschos
Kellar Harris
Debora Tesaro and Family
Catherine Cengel
Carol Sarli
Tony Sarli
Angelica Salazar
Joe Farago
Mary Rose
Carol Christiansen
Jack McGrury
Dino Mark
Angela Luby

Prayer Requests

Abby Sapita
† Cornelius Schultz
† Geraldine Collosky
† James Paul Gracey



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.



Pastor's Note: Palm Sunday



Today is Palm Sunday, when we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He enters the city as a king. With all the pomp that would be associated with it, the people wave palm branches, the ground is covered, and the people sing. What a marked difference to the celebrations on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

On Holy Thursday, at 7 PM, we celebrate the last supper of Jesus with his disciples, which we consider to be the first Eucharist. During this meal, Jesus showed the meaning of discipleship by washing the feet of the apostles. At the end of the celebration, we have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament out of the church and into a quiet place of repose where people keep watch, much like the Garden of Gethsemane. Then we strip the altar and sanctuary of all decorations, and we leave the tabernacle open and empty. All candles in the church are extinguished and remain off until the new fire is lit on Holy Saturday. On Good Friday, at 3 PM, we celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made for us as we read the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. We have a long series of prayers for the people of the world that lead into the adoration of the cross. After the adoration, we celebrate communion with the Blessed Sacrament that was consecrated on Thursday because Good Friday is the only day when we do not consecrate the Blessed Sacrament anywhere in the world. Stations of the Cross will be held at 5 PM.

Holy Saturday is the biggest celebration of our year. It starts at 7 PM outside the Church with a new fire from which we light the Paschal candle. This candle brings the light back into our Church that was extinguished on Holy Thursday. As the Paschal candle enters the church, we distribute the flame to the congregation as they enter the church; the light from all the candles pushes back the darkness. After a sung prayer, we extinguish all the candles except the Paschal candle, and we listen to the salvation stories from the Old and New Testaments. At the end of those readings, the lights of the church come on as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Another special part of our Holy Saturday service is the welcoming of the new members of the Church. This year, we have members of the OCIA who will be baptized, a couple of people who will be making their profession of faith and joining the Catholic Church, and several Catholics finishing their sacraments of initiation.

These are the most important celebrations in our Church year, and I encourage as many people as possible to participate in them.

Peace,

Fr. Larry

**Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions
Week of March 28 - April 5**

Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM - Chapel
Michael Perpignani
5:00 PM - Sunday Vigil - Church
† Justine Price

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday
9:00 AM - Church
Michael Perpignani
11:00 AM - Church
† Sandy Marinello
7:00 PM - Church
† Mary Palamone

Monday, March 30

8:00 AM - Chapel
† Steven Breckel
12:00 PM - Church
Alicia Alba

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM - Church
Peter Leiting
12:00 PM - Church
† Jimmy Gracey

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 AM - Chapel
Foundation Fund Members
12:00 PM - Church
† Mary T. Hepp

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday

8:00 AM - No Mass
7:00 PM - Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

3:00 PM - Church
Liturgy of Good Friday,
The Adoration of the Cross
4:30 PM - Confessions
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, April 4

The Great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—Holy Saturday

7:00 PM—Church
Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 5

The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

9:00 AM - Church
11:00 AM - Church
No 7:00 PM Mass

Wedding Banns

II – April 11, 2026

Hannah McCormick and Griffin Kazmierczak

I - April 17, 2026

Sarah Remington and Robert Mitchell

I – April 18, 2026

Angelica Porras and William Pensyl

I - April 18, 2026

Courtney Schott and Patrick Dorgan



Gospel

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

This week, we see things that break our heart — God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week, this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

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Holy Week

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.



Winged Gala

We welcome our parishioners, friends and community supporters to our Winged Gala. Please join us for this special evening of festivities. The night begins with a cocktail reception where guests will enjoy elegant bites, a signature cocktail or other libations, and peruse silent auction offerings. A plated dinner and dessert follows, with the highlight of the short program, the live auction. The DJ will invite guests to an unforgettable night of dancing. Energetic, joyful and inviting! Come and experience an evening designed to delight and inspire!

Winged Gala

*Proceeds will benefit
St. Michael Parish in Old Town
and the community it serves*

*Friday, May 1, 2026
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago*

*6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:30 p.m. Dinner
Live Auction
9:00 p.m. Dancing
Cocktail Hour*

RSVP by April 15, 2026



<https://2026WingedGala.givesmart.com>

*Silent Auction & Raffle
Winner need not be present*

*Parking one block north of the Museum
near Clark and LaSalle streets
1730 N. Stockton Drive - \$10*

INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Join OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Saint Michael in Old Town

www.st-mikes.org

info@st-mikes.org

**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.



Winged Gala

DONATION FORM – Please help with donations of gift cards for restaurants/stores, sporting and event tickets, memberships, vacation home use, unique experiences, valuable art pieces, new jewelry, a gift package, etc. If you would like a specific idea, please contact us!

Description of Item:

Restrictions-including expiration date, valid dates, etc.:

Estimated market value of the item(s): \$ _____

Item(s): _____ drop off _____ email _____ will be mailed _____ please pick up on (date) _____

Donor or Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

Please print, sign, and return this form with your item(s) at your earliest convenience, but no later than
Monday, April 10, 2026

Mail to or drop off: St. Michael in Old Town
Gala Committee
1633 North Cleveland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Email / Questions: gala@st-mikes.org

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. An acknowledgment letter recognizing your donation will be sent to you.
St. Michael is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. EIN 36-2171751

Thank you for helping St. Michael in Old Town and the community we serve!



The gala team needs your baskets, large or small, with or without handles. Please drop them off at the church office or leave them in the back of the church



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Stock the shelves of
Catholic Charities
Food Pantry!

LAST WEEK!

**Palm Sunday – Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)
and baby wipes**

Last year, in addition to almost 1,800 food items, we were able to donate over \$1,500 to the Pantry. This year, we hope to do even better! We target specific food items to collect each week, but any packaged, non-perishable food is welcome, particularly canned fruit and canned beans (kidney, pinto, etc.).

Here's how you can help:

- **Online (Amazon Wishlist):** Purchase needed items directly from our Amazon via the QR code. To ship from other vendors, email popebjppc@gmail.com for the address.
- **Cash Donations:** Donate online via GiveCentral (see QR code) or place cash in an envelope marked "Lenten Food Drive" and drop it in the offertory or at the office.
- **In Person:** Bring food items to Mass and place them in the labeled baskets at the back of the church. Or drop the donations off at the Parish Office (1633 N. Cleveland) before 3:00 PM on weekdays, (noon on Thursdays).

Amazon Wishlist



Donate Directly



Your generosity makes a real difference.
Thank you for your support!

Young Adults
at St. Michael's



A PLACE TO BELONG. A SPACE TO BECOME.

WE ARE YASM, A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39) SEEKING SOMETHING DEEPER: FAITH THAT'S ROOTED, FRIENDSHIP THAT'S REAL, PURPOSE THAT'S ALIVE.

ALL ARE RADICALLY WELCOME HERE, LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS, EVERY RACE, EVERY STORY. SO COME AS YOU ARE. LET'S WALK THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.



JOIN OUR GROUPE



RECEIVE OUR EMAILS



**Knights of Columbus
Mercy Home
March for Kids Recap**

Thanks to our parishioners for their contributions to last week's Mercy Home March for Kids Collection.

Through your overwhelming generosity, **\$1,858.00** will go to support the life-changing services provided by Mercy Home.

Knights of Columbus.



There's always room...



At the Table

with the Redemptorists

In our **monthly email newsletter**, the Redemptorists invite you to gather around the table for scripture reflections, stories from our confreres and seminarians, mission updates and more.



Scan to join the conversation

DONATIONS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL GENEROUS HEARTS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Michael's is looking for faith-filled individuals to donate items for **care packages to new parents** in our parish community.

Items needed: baby blankets, diapers, pre-packaged snacks, prayer cards, gift cards for food delivery, cozy socks, baby wipes, etc

Bring your donations to the parish office by **three o' clock on Friday, May 1.**

312-642-2498

ebetz@st-mikes.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED

IN BEING AN OCIA SPONSOR?

Support someone in their faith,
grow in yours!

Our OCIA cohort 2 needs sponsors!
We meet on Tuesdays at 7 PM

312-642-2498

CONTACT EBETZ@ST-MIKES.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION

EASTER FLOWER & PLANT OFFERING

Celebrate Easter with Flowers of Remembrance and Honor

We are now accepting donations for **Easter flowers and plants** that will help decorate our church for the celebration of the Resurrection.

Our Goal: \$4,200

Your offering is a beautiful way to:

- Remember a departed loved one
- Honor a living friend or family member
- Make a special Easter flower offering

Your contribution will help fill our church with **lilies, tulips, hyacinths, azaleas,** and other Easter flowers as we celebrate the joy of Easter.

To make a donation:

Scan
QR Code
or

Text: **LILIES**
to (312) 313-9692

**There will be a second collection for
Easter flowers on March 29th.**

Thank you for helping make our church
bright, colorful, and full of Easter joy!

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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.**



**CRS RICE
BOWL**

Called to Share Bread for Life

Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world.

Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

**Return bowls by 3/28 or 4/5. Place Bowls at
the entrance to the church.**



Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

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

Or by appointment (312) 642-2498

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday 6:00 PM

Baptisms

www.st-mikes.org/baptism

Anointing of the Sick**Ministry of Care**

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

Funerals

(312) 642-2498 Ext. 213

Weddings

Weddings are scheduled on

Fridays 12:30 PM and 3:00 PM

Saturdays 12:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Wedding Scheduling: Contact Mary Cross

Wedding Coordinator

Mary Cross mcross@st-mikes.org



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