JANUARY 31, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord
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Rev. John Steingraeber, C.Ss.R.

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Council Chair: Annie Pecoraro

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Commission
Commission Head: Barbara Pope

Worship Commission
Commission Head:
Diane Kelley-Thompson

Email information@st-mikes.org at any time for details and further help.

This Week’s Readings

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Mass Intentions of the Day

Sunday, January 31
Frank R. Petrone
† Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R.
Parishioners of St. Michael’s

Monday, February 1
Nicole Fergus and children

Tuesday, February 2
† Anne Mather
Health of Mark Mann

Wednesday, February 3
† Mary Lou Dunning

Thursday, February 4
Marco D’Agostino

Friday, February 5
Albert Belmonte

Saturday, February 6
Carol Murray

Sunday, February 7
Letita Jordan
† Kenneth Kanige O’Rourke.
Parishioners of St. Michael’s
2020 Tax Letters

Thank you for all you do for the parish. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated!

If you required a tax letter for your tax filings, please let us know. You can notify us by email (pkrier@st-mikes.org) or call the main office (312) 642-2498. If you know your envelope number that would be helpful, but not required. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Wedding Bans

Il - February 13, 2021
Ms. Grace Pitera
&
Mr. Joe Gardner

Anointing of the Sick
Call the church office at (312) 642-2498.

Confessions
In the Church:
Tuesday 8:30 - 8:45am
Saturday 11:00 - 11:30am
By appointment, please call 312-642-2498

Baptisms
Please see our website, st-mikes.org to register and you will be contacted to confirm a date and time for the Baptism.

Weddings
Fridays: 3:00 pm
Saturdays: 12:30, 3:00 and 6:30pm
Contact Toni Dunning at tdunning@st-mikes.org

Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday - 9:00am—Noon

Emergency?
Please call 773-844-8676 and leave a message. A priest will return your call as soon as he can.

Make Your Reservation NOW!

Public Masses at St. Michael’s are held on Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00am and daily Mass on Tuesday at 8:00am with the devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and confessions afterwards.

Thank you!

8:00am Daily Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass is offered at each of our local Renew My Church parishes one morning a week. Register in advance at the parish where the Mass is being offered.

Monday St. Joseph Church Tuesday St. Michael’s Wednesday St. Teresa of Avila Church
Thursday St. Vincent DePaul Church Friday St. Josaphat Church

www.st-mikes.org
This week begins the Archdiocesan yearly campaign that supports the parishes, schools, ministries, programs and agencies that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The money that the Archdiocese of Chicago raises during this campaign does affect our parish. We use the services of the various departments and organizations of the Archdiocese.

Through Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal also serves people around the world, regardless of religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses, wars and famine. As members of the Archdiocese, it is our responsibility to assist as we can with the outreach of the Archdiocese to those in need. The Archdiocese also has several seminarians and retired priests to support. Please Note: No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

Each year the Archdiocese determines an amount that each parish needs to raise. This year our goal is $33,860, which is $2,223 less than last year’s goal. The goal is based on a percentage of our weekly collection, which because of the pandemic, went down last year. The fact that our goal is lower just points out vividly that our Sunday collections are down.

You should have already received the campaign materials from the Archdiocese of Chicago, please consider a donation that will support the needs of the Archdiocese. Please remember, that if we exceed our goal, a percentage (90% – 100%) of the money over the goal is returned to the parish. Last year, St. Michael’s was able to repair a collapsed sewer under the Ancilla Domini Chapel basement with funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Peace,
Fr. Larry

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St. Michael’s Book Club!
January Selection!
"Breakfast at Tiffany’s" by Truman Capote

Join the book discussion on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm on Zoom for the discussion of a classic novel, "Breakfast at Tiffany’s" by Truman Capote. There will be a designated leader for guiding the group and comments. Everyone is welcome, email marylruh@gmail.com for information and to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.
Rebates benefit St. Michael in Old Town!

**Enrollment Code:**
E3EEC8AF3969L

Questions:
Call Barbara at 312-266-0406

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_— Jen H., earns for hockey_

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We Didn’t Know What to Expect
But you did it!

Last Sunday was designated “Sock Sunday” amid Covid-diminished Mass attendance and some reluctance to shop. But it didn’t matter! You dropped socks at the office, shipped socks from Amazon and brought socks to Mass – just over 400 pairs vs. 238 the first year we tried this. All were delivered to Catholic Charities, along with donated food, toiletries and baby diapers. At first the security guard said, “We’re still not accepting clothing”, but the staffer from Emergency Assistance said, “New socks? Yes!!”

Thank you so much for helping to make this idea a success. The people standing in line on the cold pavement at Charities waiting for their bagged evening meal will get a nice surprise with their dinners.

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Dogs on the Lawn on Fridays!
Check the website!

The decision to open the yard for the dogs will be evaluated on a weekly basis. Depending on the weather, temps and condition of the yard (too wet?) a decision will be made as to opening at 3:00.

Watch the website (www.st-mikes.org), call the Parish Office (312-642-2498) for availability.
The words of Job find a place in our own hearts in these days: “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery? … My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they come to an end without hope … I shall not see happiness again.” This past year has worn many of us down with the pandemic, economic uncertainties, and social unrest. Hope seems very thin. Still, that painful experience—for us as people of faith—isn’t the whole story. It must be completed by the gospel that we just now heard.

There, Jesus heals bodies and spirits. He raises up Peter’s mother-in-law and others who are physically ill. He casts out oppressive demons. But, to all who are afflicted, he also brings hope.

Hope, as much as air or water or food, enables us to live and to go forward. Hope cannot simply be wishful thinking. And it cannot amount to hope in ourselves or our own resources. The only hope that will truly sustain is the hope that God gives us in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. As Saint Paul tells us, the gift of hope is already ours for Jesus Christ dwelling in us, is our hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

Recently, Pope Francis, addressed an encyclical letter to the entire world, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. The Holy Father describes the many daunting challenges that face humanity in this moment, but also offers a path forward that renews our most fundamental relationships and our life together. He presses forward because hope leads him. He writes: “I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope ‘speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart … and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile.’” (FT, n. 55; Greeting to Young People at the Padre Felix Varela Cultural Center, Havana, 2015)

We need to reclaim the gift of hope that is ours in Jesus in this moment. Otherwise, we can fall into spirals of desperation. But we also need to embrace our responsibility for bringing the hope of Jesus to the world, for hope is a gift to be shared.

The theme for this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal captures this calling to be Jesus’ missionary disciples: Come, follow me … and bring hope to the world. But how do we do this? How do we firm up our hope and bring it to others?

Certainly, this happens when we pray, both personally and as a community, when we lift up our wounded and needy world to the Lord. It happens through the daily witness of our lives, especially in our families and places of work. It happens through the small acts of kindness and compassion that we extend to others. Finally, it happens through our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal, as we join together in solidarity and bring his hope to the world.

Your support of the Appeal is more important than ever. Through it you give hope to so many, to the parish and school communities financially impacted by the virus, to the ministries in the archdiocese that care for vulnerable individuals during this global crisis and to Catholic Relief Services, which reaches out to the world.

Jesus says to each of us: Come, follow me … and bring hope to the world. As your financial circumstances permit, please join me and other Catholics in making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal of the archdiocese. You have my promise that the archdiocese will be respectful of your sacrifice and a good steward of your gift. And once your parish meets it goal, proceeds return to the parish to support its mission in your local community.

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me … and bring hope to the world.

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to “Come, follow me … and bring hope to the world.” This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, the 2020 Appeal funds at St. Michael’s helped to pay for badly needed sewer repairs under the Ancilla Domini Chapel basement. These repairs will help stop the chapel from further sinking.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God’s many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

The pandemic has changed all the procedures of the past. You are welcome to use the Text-to-Give option when donating this weekend. The steps to use that function are below.

- Using a mobile device, open your text message application.
- Enter the phone number 345345 in the To: section.
- Type the keyword “ACA2021” (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application.
- Hit the send button.
- A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form.
- Complete your gift by filling out the form and submitting.
- On the form, do not select the “Donate” button at the top; you are already in the right form through the text message hyperlink.

Gifts will be processed by the Annual Catholic Appeal.
Operational Income for October - December 2020
(*note 1 does not include extraordinary income)

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<td>Sunday and other Collections</td>
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<td><strong>$157,849</strong></td>
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Operational Expenses for October - December 2020
(*note 1 does not include extraordinary expenses)

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<td>Archdiocesan Assessment</td>
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<td>$27,145</td>
<td>$25,589</td>
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<td><strong>$165,189</strong></td>
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**Net Income for October - December 2020**

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<td><strong>(7,340)</strong></td>
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**Note 1:** Does not include extraordinary income or expenses - example archdiocesan collections, bequests, restrictive maintenance, outreach

**Green Highlights:** Received Rebate from People's gas, further reduced expenses where able

**Yellow Highlights:** accounts being monitored

**Red Highlights:** accounts that are contributing to the parish deficit
Sign-Up Sunday is Next Weekend

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Co-Redemptorist Association
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Name #2 (____Mr. ____Mrs. ____Ms.) ______________________________________________ Birth date _______________

Address ____________________________________________________________________ Unit #_______________________

City/State/Zip Code _______________________________________________________________________________________

Home Telephone __________________________________________________________________________________________

Cell phone #1 ______________________________________ Cell phone #2 ____________________________________________

Email address #1 ___________________________________ Email address #2 _______________________________________

Would you like to use our online giving system? Yes Or have envelopes mailed to you? Yes

Would you like to receive our email Newsletter? Yes

Please return this form by dropping it in the collection basket.
Mary J. Hayes, D.D.S., M.S.
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Marilla Montero, D.D.S.
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Ways to Give at St. Michael’s!

In this time of separation, the contributions to St. Michael’s have decreased significantly! These times are difficult for everyone, and we understand that. If you are able, please continue to contribute in any of the payment methods listed below. Just like a household, the church has utilities and insurance and other monthly bills it must pay. The Parish Office staff have returned to the office, salary reductions, layoffs and reduced hours for other employees have been implemented. Please consider signing up for a recurring online donation so your giving comes in even if you aren’t able to come to Mass.

We strive to make giving convenient and current with modern technology choices and online giving. Consider setting your donation up online so even though we are apart, your donation won’t be! Below you will find options for you when you find yourself wanting to donate.

1. **Online** From the St. Michael’s home page, you can view our website for information or gain access to our Online Giving System. You can create a regular donation plan and donate to all the various projects at St. Michael’s. If are unable to use a computer, please call Pat Krier in the office for assistance. (312-642-2498).

2. **We accept donations** of checks mailed to the Parish Office at 1633 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

3. **Venmo!** Enter this link to signup, [https://venmo.com/signup](https://venmo.com/signup).

4. **Estate (planned giving) or stock donations** are accepted also. To donate the value of stock, go to [http://legacy.archchicago.org/departments/financial_services/stock-donations.aspx](http://legacy.archchicago.org/departments/financial_services/stock-donations.aspx).

These donations are handled by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the monies then transferred to St Michael’s. For planned giving options, call 312-642-2498.

We appreciate each donation no matter the method, frequency or amount. Each gift allows St. Michael’s to continue its mission and pay our utility bills, salaries and more. If you have any questions about giving options, call Pat Krier at 312-642-2498 or email pkrier@st-mikes.org.

Donate to St. Michael’s!

“The soul cannot live without love.” —St. Francis de Sales