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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.

Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend

The Parish Offices will be closed for the holiday beginning at 5:00pm on Friday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th at 9:00am. If you have an emergency, please call 773-844-8676 and leave a message. A priest will return your call.

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

8:00am Daily Mass Schedule:

www.st-mikes.org
Now that the Christmas season is over the Church celebrates “Ordinary Time.” Ordinary time is the time we spend between the big celebrations. Sometimes we think ordinary means boring but what it really means is the normal day to day activities. If you think about it, these are not boring times but actually very busy with life. Sure we celebrate special days occasionally but every day is not a special day. If every day was a special day then every day would be the same and therefore no longer special. So in order to have special days we must have ordinary days to set them apart.

During the Ordinary Time in our Church, we focus on the day to day activities of Jesus. We focus on His preaching ministry, who He went to see, what did He say and how did they react? We look at His healing ministry and other miracles that He performed. Our challenge during the ordinary time is to see how we are being “Christ like” in our ordinary daily life, not in just those special times. People come to Church and pray more during Advent and Lent, but what about the rest of the year? We seem to pray well during the special times but drift away during Ordinary Time. Ordinary time does not mean vacation time, we don’t take a vacation from faith during Ordinary Time.

Think about it this way, when people are going through a tough time in their lives, they pray but when things are going well they back off. If the special seasons are the tough times in our lives, then ordinary time is the time when things are going well. We need to pray at all times not just during the tough times so we also need to celebrate our faith during special seasons and in ordinary times too.

Peace,
Fr. Larry
Thank You for Your Continued Stewardship of St. Michael’s!

We have had a challenging time over the past 10 months, whether in our personal, social and most importantly in our spiritual lives. With the halt of attending Masses in-person, moving to only live streaming of Masses, to the gradual reopening of St. Michael’s Church for liturgies, it has been a struggle for everyone. For those of you who have returned to our Masses in-person, we safely welcome you back with open arms and doors. For those who are still worshiping with us via live stream, we are glad that you are actively involved with your parish. We are so grateful for all our volunteers who have stepped up to make St. Michael’s a safe environment to worship in again.

As you may have read in the letter that you received from the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, you know that St. Michael’s Church has and continues to experience significant constraints in meeting the challenges of keeping the parish viable. Not only financially, but we also have had to make considerable changes to the staffing that had already been drastically reduced prior to the pandemic to meet the financial realities. This past December, our parishioners have all been generous, even though many may have been struggling financially. We sincerely thank you for everything that you have done – whether it was donating to ensure the church was decorated for Christmas, your generous Christmas financial offerings, your support of the Human Concerns Toy Drive, or your donations for maintenance and repairs. Through your support, we have been able to bank enough money to pay for 2 months (through the end of March 2021) of the minimal operational expenses for the parish — barring no surprises.

Without your active participation, St. Michael’s Church would just be an empty building. Thank you for all you do!

Fr. Sanders, the staff, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils of St. Michael’s Church

We need your expertise! Places you can volunteer!

Are you a videographer? Do you have a newer, gently used computer you can donate? Camera system for our livestreaming just sitting around? We can use your expertise as we look to upgrade our current streaming equipment!

Do you see a hole, a need at St. Michael’s and believe you have the skills we need to fill that hole?

Please email information@st-mikes.org or call Pat Krier in the Parish Office!

Please consider volunteering for our Re-Opening Team for the Greeting Team or the Cleaning (Disinfecting) Team! You can choose when you volunteer and for how long! Call Daniel Stucker at 312-642-2498 or email him at dstucker@st-mikes.org for information and to volunteer. Training will take only 15 minutes and the donation of your time is priceless!
Support the
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GOD’S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John’s Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God’s call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God’s intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God’s work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God’s call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus’ disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ first spoken words in the Gospel of John: “What are you looking for?” This penetrating question reverberates throughout John’s Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus’ first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can’t quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments. Jesus’ words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God’s dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says “Here I am” to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say “Here I am,” but “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God’s voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God’s intentions rather than his own.

Samuel’s story helps us to remember that accepting God’s call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God’s story. Even in our smallest “yes,” God celebrates our partnership in God’s great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY’S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42
You Fed the Hungry!

You received a big thank-you from the Knights for your overwhelming response to their food drive for the ICSJ food pantry.

Leading up to Christmas, you again overwhelmed with food donations for the Catholic Charities food pantry at 721 N. LaSalle.

Special thanks to the Girl Scout troop that prepared beautiful large boxes of a variety of foods assembled to make a family happy and fed over the holidays.

You overwhelmed us with your generosity!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

As a reminder, Human Concerns collects food all year and delivers it to Catholic Charities -- just leave it in the basket in the back of church or at the Parish Office (1633 N Cleveland Ave.).

During Lent, we'll again be asking you to help with the Lenten Food Drive for Charities, focusing on specific food items each Sunday. Shop the sales now for basic food staples, the Lenten Food Drive will begin February 21st. (Ash Wednesday is February 17, quite early this year!

Sock Sunday
January 24

On that weekend, we will be collecting warm, new socks for men, women and children and donating them to programs serving the homeless and needy. A collection box will be provided in the back of church. On the last Sock Sunday, we collected 238 pairs -- an inexpensive, easy way to help those in need. Socks can also be delivered to the parish office at 1633 N. Cleveland.
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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. See page 7 in the bulletin for complete directions!

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. 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.

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