Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31
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Parish Directory ...

This Week’s Readings

Monday:  Gn 4:1-15, 25;
Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:  Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:  Jl 2:12-18;
Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:  Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:  Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:  Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday:  Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1
Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions of the Day

Sunday, February 14
† Bob Sumien
† Fr. Kenneth Sedlak, C.Ss.R..
Parishioners of St. Michael’s

Monday, February 15
Health of Patrick McInerney

Tuesday, February 16
† Anne Mather
† Tom McDonald

Wednesday, February 17
† Emmett Steele
† Mary Lou Dunning
† Cynthia Jeanna Landmark

Thursday, February 18
Foundation Fund Members

Friday, February 19
† Dave Backus

Saturday, February 20
† Dorothy Bifano

Sunday, February 21
† Anne Mather
† Letitia Jordan
Parishioners of St. Michael’s
For Health and Healing:
All those suffering for the effects of the Covid virus; and the pandemic.

For Repose of the Soul:
Thomas McDonald

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

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Beginning of our Lenten Journey ...

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the beginning of our Lenten Journey to Easter. Lent is that penitential time during the liturgical year when we “discipline” ourselves. We look at our lives and stop doing something we enjoy or give up something we like in order to “discipline” ourselves or make us better. Typically, we give up chocolate, soda, beer, or our favorite TV program. And while the discipline of doing without things we like can strengthen our willpower, we usually go back to them after Lent is over. We give them up but the only real change in our life may be a small weight loss which will be back within a couple weeks.

But Lent does not have to always be about giving up something. Lent can be about taking on something new or doing something we are supposed to do but for some reason have stopped. These Lenten practices usually take a little more thought and require us to add something to our lives. Most of us are very busy, so to add something more means we need to remove something from our schedules. These activities are usually adding morning or evening prayers back into our lives, prayers before meals, an extra Mass during the week, visiting someone we have not seen in a while, helping at a church activity, and so on. These activities require more discipline than just giving up something because we are also adding something back in. The advantage to this type of Lenten penance is it can make a lasting change in our lives if it becomes a habit.

A Lenten practice the Church encourages every year is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is not meant to be a punishment, but a yearly checkup on our spiritual life. We have confessions available on Saturdays at 11 AM but we will be adding more times as Lent progresses. Because of the COVID pandemic there will not be a communal service.

Peace,

Fr. Larry

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:00 PM

Saint Michael’s Church in Old Town

February 19
February 26
March 5
March 12
March 19
March 26
April 2
St. Michael’s Book Club!
February 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.
At the 11 AM Mass last Sunday, the Knights presented a $500 award to Scott Partin, a Redemptorist Novice residing here at St Michael's. The award is designed to help support Scott in his studies. Funds for the award were raised from raffle ticket sales in the fall and winter of 2020.

Scott is in his third year of studies and will be with us through mid summer of 2021. Then he'll be off to the seminary in San Antonio for three more years of study. While here, Scott has been an integral part of the Parish Reopening Team, often serving as the head usher at Sunday Mass. He also joined the Knights last fall and we're proud to have him as a member.

The Knights of Columbus have a long history supporting our clergy and this was our council's seventh award over the past four years. If you're interested in learning more about the Knights, please contact Dan Stolze at danstolze@gmail.com.
Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

8:00 AM – Mass
12:00 PM Mass *Also Livestreamed
6:00 PM – Mass

All Masses will be offered in the church. Each liturgy will include the imposition of ashes on the forehead. Ashes will be administered with a fresh Q-Tip, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Chicago’s guidelines.
Recently, the Associate Press (AP) published a story on the Catholic Church’s participation in the United States CARES Act Payroll Protection Plan (PPP.) Despite out best efforts, the article mischaracterizes the financial position of our Archdiocese and other Catholic organizations.

Of course, the basic premise that Catholic institutions are less worthy than other organizations to receive PPP funds for which they are statutorily qualified is discriminatory and ignores the fact that these institutions educate children, serve the poor and marginalized and provide employment to many thousands of Americans.

We understand the media attention given to this article may cause concern among the faithful. Below are points that will help you to address their questions.

- Parishes that received PPP funds did so because they met the criteria for the loans as outlined in the CARES Act. The Act required that the loans be used only for payroll and essential expenses such as utility bills. The funds kept hundreds of people employed during the pandemic and enabled the Church to provide much needed aid and services during this difficult time. Which St. Michael does!

- The AP article focused on “ample” Archdiocesan assets but did not reveal that, for every dollar of Archdiocesan asset, there is a corresponding dollar of liability. The assets of the Archdiocese must be used to cover these liabilities, including pensions, pre-need cemetery services, deposits of parishes that cannot be commingled, debt and insurance claims.

- The consolidated financials of the Archdiocese also include a group of separately incorporated not-for-profit charities. The assets of these charities belong to those charities and are not available for general Archdiocesan purposes.

- In short, our parishes used the funds for which they qualified for the purposes the Act intended – payroll and essential expenses such as utilities.

- The Archdiocese of Chicago educates nearly 45,000 children in its 162 schools—students who do not use the resources of their local public schools—and serves Cook and Lake County communities through its 290 parishes. Those parishes and schools pay payroll taxes on many thousands of employees. In a normal year, the Archdiocese provides more than $15 million to support parishes and schools in need, placing significant strain on the Archdiocesan budget. In a year that saw a sharp decline in parish revenues when our churches closed, the CARES Act PPP loans allowed our parishes and schools to retain most of their staff, protected those employees from needing to seek unemployment and other benefits, ensuring that those institutions could continue educating children and providing services and pastoral care to their communities in this time of extraordinary need.

- We are grateful for the support this program provided and are confident that, with the diligent stewardship of resources by our pastors and Archdiocese personnel and the generosity of the faithful our parishes, schools and agencies will continue to be bright spots amid the pain and confusion of these difficult times.

As the pandemic continues, the loans helped our parishes and school to provide education, services and pastoral care to the people of the Archdiocese.

Peace,

Bishop Robert Casey
Vicar General
Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me … and bring hope to the world,” was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services.

The pandemic has changed all the procedures of the past. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com or text “ACA2021” (not case-sensitive) to the phone number 345345.

Gifts will be processed by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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Birth date  ___________________

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Birth date  ___________________

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Unit #_______________________

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Home Telephone__________________________________________________________________________________________

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Cell phone #2________________________________________

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Would you like to use our online giving system?  O Yes  Or have envelopes mailed to you?  O Yes
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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](mailto:pkrier@st-mikes.org).