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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.

Wedding Bans

I - 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
In today’s first reading the word of God spread through the huge town of Nineveh and converted it in a single day, they put behind their sinful ways and repented and God spared the town. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the people that time is running out and the world is passing away. And in the Gospel, we hear the Mark’s version of the call of the first apostles. I always have found it strange that they could just drop everything and follow Jesus. I know they all had families and responsibilities. Peter was married, James and John were in business with their father and later we hear Matthew leaving his tax collector position to follow him.

All three reading have an urgency about them that requires an immediate response. We are not sure how much time is left to us and we need to respond now. We can’t put off the decision to follow Jesus for another day. In less than a month we will begin Lent, then Easter, and before you know it we will be celebrating Christmas again.

If we keep putting off our response to change then we will never be the complete person that God calls us to be. Time will pass us by and before we know it, it will be too late. Let’s ask God to help us see the changes we need to make and get started. It may be later than you think.

Peace,
Fr. Larry

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.
You buy gift cards from the list of 1000’s of companies and St. Michael’s receives a rebate! It is THAT easy!

Enrollment Code: E3EEC8AF3969L

Questions:
Call Barbara at 312-266-0406

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
CO-REDEMDITORISTS
on SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Co-Redemptorists are lay men and women who take an active role in helping to recruit and support young men who choose to pursue religious life as Redemptorist priests and brothers. Co-Redemptorist are also members of a powerful community of prayer and support. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this important work.

Sign-up Sunday • February 6-7, 2021
To join: go to bit.ly/CoRedeem
or call 312-248-8894

Co-Redemptorist Association
“KAIROS” MOMENTS

Our readings today speak of “Kairos” times, of God proclaiming new moments of opportunity of encounter with the Divine. From Jonah, we hear of God’s summons to the people of Nineveh to turn from evil. We hear Paul tell the church in Corinth that those who live in Christ must avoid clinging to anything transient, as all is secondary to God. And we hear of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Mark, as Jesus proclaims a moment of both opportunity and crisis. In these passages, there are no delaying tactics, no getting caught up in life’s distractions. Just a simple moment of choice. Perhaps we have had “Kairos” moments like these, or we may be facing one now. Sometimes, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our lives, clear choices emerge, and God asks us to choose. And our always patient and merciful God will accompany us in our choices.

THE INAUGURATION

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus’ ministry with his proclamation that the “kingdom of God is at hand.” The rest of Mark’s Gospel—all of Jesus’ preaching and healing, his death and resurrection—describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.

Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us.

Today’s passage takes place shortly after Jonah’s time in the fish’s belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God’s mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God’s beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God’s mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God’s mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS

Jonah 3:1–5, 10
Psalm 25:4–6, 6–7, 8–9
1 Corinthians 7:29–31
Mark 1:14–20
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
This Weekend!

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.

Do Your Feet Get Cold?
Beginning the weekend of January 30—31st

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and bring hope to the world

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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.

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!