

First Sunday After Christmas
December 28, 2025
10:15 AM Service

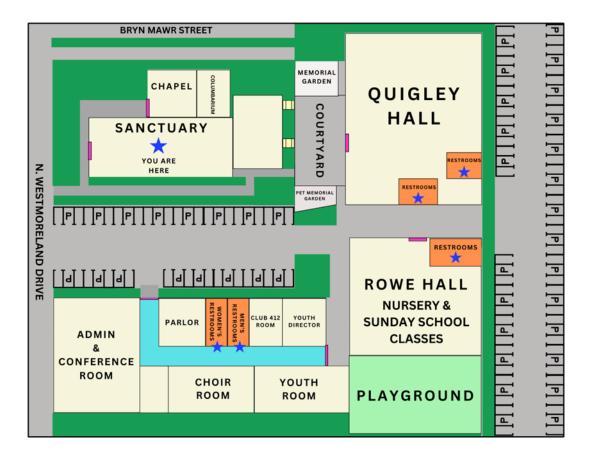


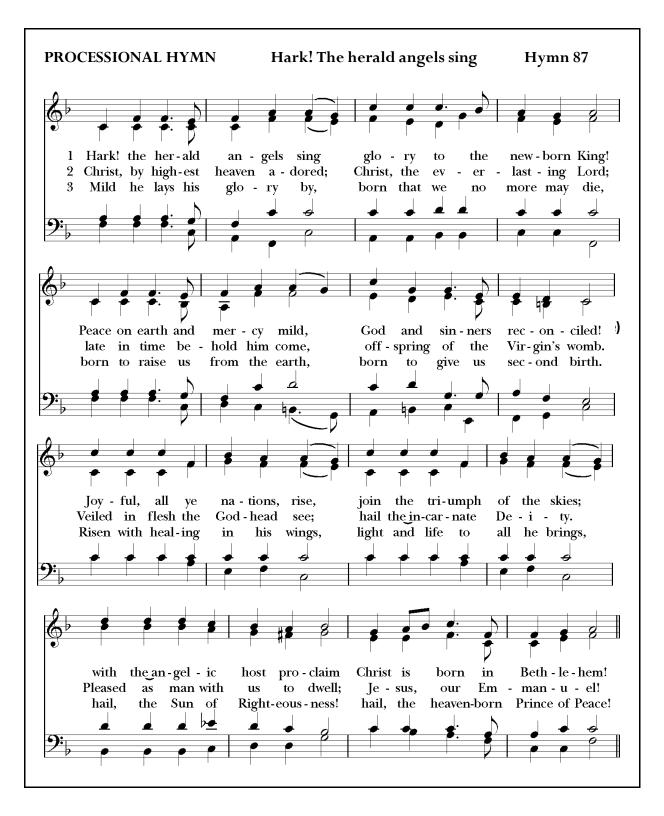
the Lord is Come!

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome and accept you, and we trust God to take you where God wants you in God's timing. We want to be a safe place for you to experience God's grace, love, and presence with us.

Welcome home.







LITURGY OF THE WORD

All standing, the Celebrant says

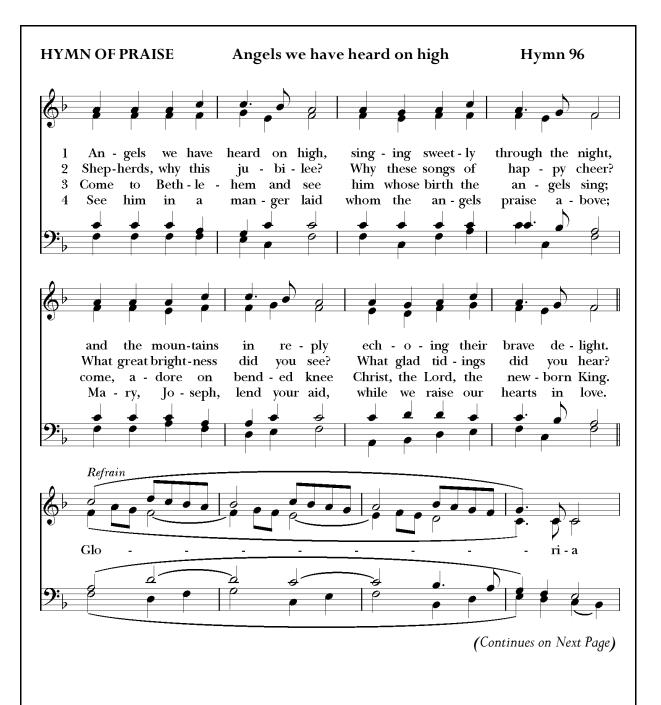
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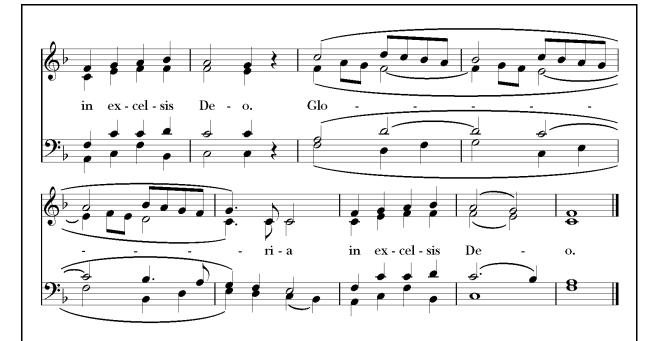
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

All sit.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

All sit.

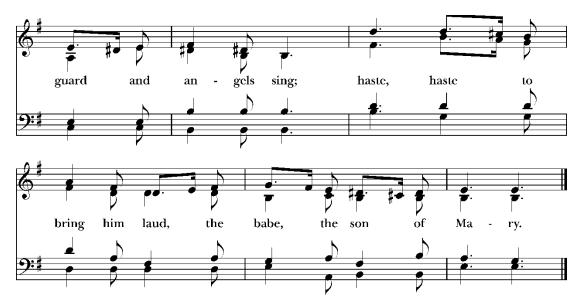
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

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All Stand
We believe in one God,
   the Father, the Almighty,
    maker of heaven and earth,
    of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   the only Son of God,
   eternally begotten of the Father,
   God from God, Light from Light,
   true God from true God,
   begotten, not made,
   of one Being with the Father.
   Through him all things were made.
    For us and for our salvation
       he came down from heaven:
   by the power of the Holy Spirit
       he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
       and was made man.
   For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
       he suffered death and was buried.
       On the third day he rose again
       in accordance with the Scriptures;
       he ascended into heaven
       and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
       and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
   who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
   With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
   He has spoken through the Prophets.
   We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
   We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
    We look for the resurrection of the dead,
       and the life of the world to come. Amen.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: As we join with the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us until the end of time. By the mystery of the Word made flesh, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church in all places, that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry bring new hope to many.

Holy God, be born in us today.

For St. Michael's, that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all who walk the human journey with us.

Holy God, be born is us today.

For all who live in Bethlehem and the hill country of Judah, and for Christians, Jews, and Muslims everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and hope to all who live in danger and fear.

Holy God, be born in us today.

For our nation, the God will preserve public peace, and guide all leaders to new cooperation in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable.

Holy God, be born in us today.

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety, or depression, and for all those in need of our prayers {LIST} that Christ will bring healing, light, and hope to their hearts.

Holy God, be born in us today.

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully, and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts, and in our lives.

Holy God, be born in us today.

For those who have died {PAUSE}, that they may rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. *Holy God, be born in us today.*

Priest: Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we may come to see the true light which shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity. Glory to the Father's Son, full of grace and truth. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Remain kneeling.

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,

The Priest stands and says

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(you may sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY

Organ selections

(you may stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer B)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

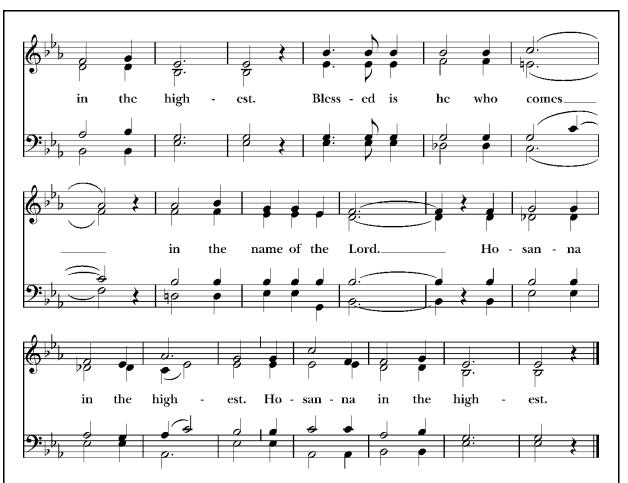
Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Celebrant and People





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(you may kneel)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Organ selections

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. (you may kneel)

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people.





DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World!

Robert Edwards Smith

Would you like to sponsor Altar Flowers (except during Lent)

You can choose <u>any</u> date in memory, or a celebration of a special person, occasion, or thanksgiving.

Ways to sponsor:

Email ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com or Katrena at designomight1@gmail.com

- Fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate, and someone will call you.
- Pay online @ https://stmichaelschurch.com on the menu, click give, then on the drop-down menu select flower guild. The current average cost of Sunday flowers is \$70 to \$100. However, any amount is fine.

"In joy and sadness, flowers are our constant friends." - Unknown.



LIGHT UP WITH A WARM GLOW!

Did you know that the University of Zurich research shows that small acts of generous behavior cause the brain of the person giving to light up with a "warm glow" marked by increased levels happiness? The brain imaging data also showed that "Scrooge-ish people"—who acted solely out of self-interest—were less happy and did not emit a warm glow in an MRI.

Across the board, those who displayed generosity showed activity in brain areas associated with happiness and feeling rewarded. On the flip side, those who kept all the money for themselves showed significantly less neural activity in these brain areas and did not emit a warm glow.

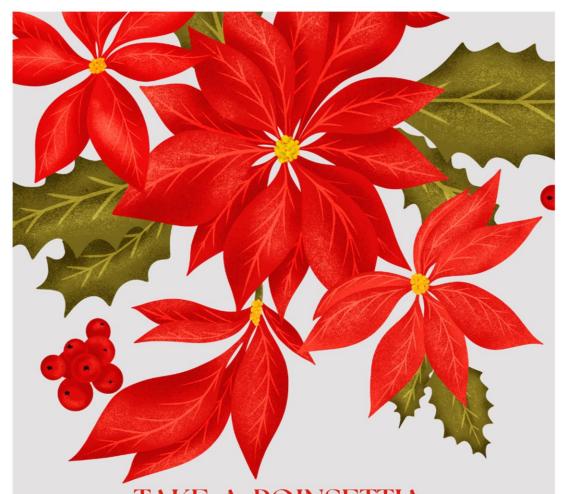
I suspect you are not surprised by these scientific findings because it affirms what Acts 20:35 states: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus taught that there really is joy in the act of giving when it is done with pure motives as an act of gratitude and faithfulness. God proved this to us with the gift of his Son Jesus Christ which we celebrate during the Christmas Season.

As we approach 2026, I pray that you and all who are fed spiritually at St. Michael's will continue to "light up with a warm glow." It is your faithful generosity that allows St. Michael's mission and ministry to make a difference in the lives of those who God so generously loves. Thank you for giving.

May our hearts glow!

In Christ's love,





TAKE A POINSETTIA
HOME FOR YOU OR A FRIEND
AFTER THE SERVICE YOU ATTEND
ON SUNDAY

They all need homes!



Year-End Giving Reminders

- If you currently have a recurring donation, please check the expiration date on your card to ensure your ongoing giving continues without interruption.
- For tax purposes, any year-end giving by check must be postmarked on or before
 December 31, 2025.
- You can access your giving statement online through Realm Connect.

If you have any **questions** about creating a Realm Connect account, please contact the church office at 407-843-8448. If you have questions regarding your giving statements, please contact Joan at finance@stmichaelschurch.com.



How to join Realm Connect

Step 1: Search for a **Realm invite in your email** with the following Subject Line - *St. Michael's Episcopal Church: Reminder to join our online community.*

Step 2: Use the link in your email to create a Realm Account.

Step 3: Download the Realm Connect App in your App store.



11JAN

12:00 - 2:00 PM

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 30
WONDERFUL YEARS OF NURTURING
LITTLE HEARTS AND MINDS IN GOD'S
LOVE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY
CHILD AND FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN PART
OF OUR STORY, AND WE JOYFULLY
HONOR ALL THE ALUMNI WHO ONCE
WALKED THROUGH ST MICHAEL'S
PRESCHOOL DOORS.

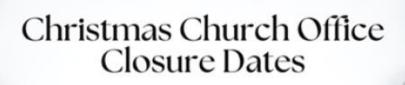


JOIN US!

RSVP / SPONSOR HERE!

Games • Snow • Cookie Decorating • Memory Walk





The office will be closed: December 24th at 12 pm until December 29th at 9 am

The church office will be limitedly staffed December 29th through December 3th at noon.

New Year's Church Office Closure Dates

The office will be closed: December 31st at 12 pm until January 5th at 9 am

May this Be a Blessed Christmas Season for you and all those you hold dear.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION 2026



Located in Quigley Hall

FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE

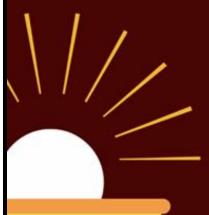


JANUARY 11, 2026 | 12:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM

Save the date! Join us for a light lunch and pizza for the youth gathering in the youth room. This event happens only twice a year, so we encourage your participation.





FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

2ND - 5TH GRADE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS OR ADULT SPONSOR MUST ATTEND WITH THE CHILD

February 1st, 8th, 22nd and March 1st Following the 10:15 service Club 412 Room in Fordham Hall

SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS BY EMAILING TIFFANY@STMICHAELSCHURCH.COM



This Week: we delivered 767.7 lbs of food to the schools! THANK YOU – EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED THIS MONTH..... AND THROUGHOUT 2025!!!

PLEASE NOTE: in regards to this ministry, for those not presently attending church, and maybe watching online, if you'd like to participate when we are not actively in the week of "bag filling and collecting", it is possible to arrange for AMAZON and/or PUBLIX to deliver food to the church.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

6:30pm-8:00pm Quigley Hall

2499 N Westmoreland Dr. St. Michael's Church



RSVP & Order your Corsages & Boutonnieres



Sign up Here to Donate an Item or Volunteer at Event

Photo Booth • Crafts • Snacks • Live DJ

Corsages \$20 & Boutonnieres \$8 available for purchase

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER LIST

Those who have commended themselves to our prayers:

Bill, Bill L., Brad B., Gary Y., Gloria, Jan E., Kathy C., Linda D., Linda T., Patrick H., Perrin, Mary P., Robby, Roger J., Sharon, Steve C., Susan M., Therese, Tim, Toby A., Victor, Wilson F.

Long-Term Prayer List:

Angela, Alex, Alexa C., Alyssa R., Andrew, Angie, Ashley T., Benny W., Betsy C., Beth, Brigid, Brittney R., Bryan Family, Cannon, Carla, Carolyn, Caryl, Charlie B., Chris M., Chris P., Claire B., Colton, Conklin/ Hiller Family, Connor R., Curt. R., Cynthia L., Darrell, David B., Deirdre E., Ella, Elijah, Emma, Emily, Eugenia, Felicia, Gary B., Gary M., George T., Gylla, Henry R., Isabella, Jacob B., Jan, Jason, Jeffrey, Jett B., Joyce B., Joanne O., Joseph T., Jimmie, Joe, Joe H., Joey K., John M., Justin, Karen, Karen C., Karen H., Karen M., Kathy G., Kristel, Kris R., Kyle, Lavelle B., Linda, Linda A., Lisa L., Lisa, Lola, Lucille, Macauly D., Marci A., Margie S., Marion S., Mary, Mary C., Mary Lu, Matt P., Megan and son, Melissa, Martin, Nathan W., Oliver, Paul, Paul T., Paula, Pauline, Phil, Polly, Rebecca, Russ R., Ryan, Sally C., Sam, Sarah, Shaun B., Sonia, Stephanie G., Steve, Susana C., Susan A., Susie D., The Allen Family, Tim, Tracy, Tripp, Vaughn, Virginia C., Wayne, Will, William

Rest In Peace: Lynn van Horn (Davey)

Those serving in the armed forces and in harm's way:

Aaron D., Bradley H., Carolyn H., Chad S., Christopher E., Gloria, Hank H., Hope H., Jonah H., Kenneth K., Ben V., Nick R., Will M., Stuart R.

Birthdays:

28: Page Presnell, 29: Happy Gafford, Polly Roper, David Pace, Emilie Vick, Clark Backus, 30: Jan Everitt, Mike Farina, Elizabeth Hackler, Kristi Curran, 31: Toby Arnheim 1: Madison Conklin, Sydney Hays, 2: Wendy Love, 3: Edye McNickle, Quinn Barksdale

Anniversaries:

28: Tom and Kathy Cardwell, Pat and Kirsten Telan, Mark and Djanira Cole, 29: Greg and Ramelle Macgregor, 30: Todd and Jennifer Riggs, 31: Jim and Dori Madison 1: Gene and Marti Lisa, 3: Arthur and Stephanie Barksdale

A Gentle Reminder About the Prayer List

If you or your loved one has experienced healing and no longer needs to be on the prayer list, we ask that you let us know. It is a joy to give thanks to God for the blessings of restored health and life, and your update helps us make room to lift others in prayer who are in need of support from the St. Michael's community. To place someone on the prayer list, please get in touch with Ashleigh in the parish office at ashleigh@stmichaelschurch.com

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) *N*. as *they* begin(s) another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life (lives), through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, we ask that you pour your grace and mercies on this (these) couple/s. Guide them with your wisdom, protect them with your love, fill their home with your presence, and may they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all the days of their life. *Amen*.

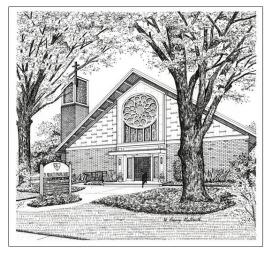
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Mike Robertson, Director of Outreach
Tiffany Stieger, Director of Children's Ministry
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