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# Our Parish Life



ST. MICHAEL  
IN OLD TOWN  
*A Redemptorist Catholic Parish*

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## *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2012*

Andrew found his brother Simon and  
brought him to Jesus  
(John 1:35-42).

Dear Parish Family,

I have been very pleased with the first two weeks of the *St. Michael Sunday Morning Café*. Thank you to all who stopped in anytime over the last two weeks to see what is/was going on. The many comments that we have received have been very complimentary and encourage each of us to continue to imagine how we can build on the experience that has been established. If you haven't had a chance to stop in and take a look around please feel free to do so. The café is open each Sunday from 8:00 AM through 2:00 PM with a selection of premier coffee, tea, cocoa and juices for your enjoyment. We also have a selection of pastries and cooked to order breakfast items. The café is a place to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners and now that it is cold again and winter has returned to Chicago it is a welcoming place that can help take the chill off of the day. I hope to see you there.

This past week I had a wonderful series of meetings with members of the pastoral staff, the ordained staff, and the administrative staff of St. Michael. Next week I repeat the meetings with the different commissions that make up the membership of the Parish Pastoral Council. At these meetings we spend some time taking care of business but we also spend some time planning for the future and discussing what we might be able to do to encourage and to support our faith community. There are many ideas that have been offered and it is encouraging to me that there is so much creativity and vibrancy that is obviously present in our community. None of us have a crystal ball that gives us a clear vision into the future and so undoubtedly there will be some false starts and some things will probably not work out as planned. That is OK with me. What is important is that we keep trying to discover the mixture of programs, events, and experiences that most of the people that make-up our parish family find useful for their own faith journey. I will keep you posted with our progress.

I referenced a few weeks back in the bulletin that I was hoping we would be able to complete the replacement carpeting project for the sanctuary of the Church by Easter Sunday. Well, that will most certainly not happen before Easter. In order to complete the installation of carpeting on the scale that is required the contractor needs an extended period of time in which to work. We are only able to provide the necessary time frame after Easter so now we are aiming for the installation to take place the first two weeks

## This Week at St. Michael

For more information or to participate in any of the activities listed below, please call the parish office at (312) 642-2498.

### Sunday, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Parent - Teacher Conferences
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Church Tour
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA
- 1:00 p.m. Baptism Service
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

### Monday, January 16

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. ACOA
- 7:00 p.m. Stillpoint/Contemplative Prayer

### Tuesday, January 17

- 8:00 a.m. Mass with Perpetual Help
- 6:00 p.m. Mass with Perpetual Help
- 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Living Commission Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Council
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

### Wednesday, January 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. New Mom's Group
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (women only)

### Thursday, January 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Rosary

### Friday, January 20

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

### Saturday, January 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4:45 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Religious Education Parent - Teacher Conferences
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Church Tour
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

## From the Pastor

after the Easter feast. That means carpeting will hopefully be in place in time for First Communion and a planned Ordination to the Diaconate that we will be hosting in May. I don't want to wish my life away but I am excited about what this renovation project will do for our parish and so I will have to learn to live with my impatience. I am sure there must be a spiritual lesson in there somewhere!

The Ordained staff has determined that instead of offering one traditional **Reconciliation Service** during Lent it might be better to offer additional services. It is our hope by increasing the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament within the prayerful support of a reconciliation community that more members of the parish might be able to take advantage of the sacrament. As a result we are planning three services, in addition to the service that is traditionally held with First Reconciliation. Mark your calendars now so that you might plan to attend a service that best fits your schedule. Our first service will be on March 10 at 11:00 AM for those who are celebrating their First Reconciliation. Our second service will be on March 17 at 10:00 AM; our third service on March 22 at 7:00 PM; and our fourth and final service will be on March 31 at 10:00 AM. Each of the services will take place in Church and should last no more than one hour. Now is the time to plan ahead. Lent will be here before you know it. (Of course you can also celebrate the sacrament weekly beginning at 4:45 PM prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass if that meets your needs better.)

In addition to our Reconciliation Services we will also be offering the weekly celebration of the traditional devotion of the **Stations of the Cross**. This devotion will be held on the Friday's of Lent at 6:00 PM in the main Church. If you plan on attending you can plan for the service to last for approximately thirty minutes. It is a great devotional practice and more often than not people who participate in the service find it to be uplifting and supportive of their Lenten Practice. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion and need more information about it follow this link: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/stations.html>. Or, if you prefer, just type in "Stations of the Cross" on YouTube and you will discover that there are many videos available that will provide you with the information that you might need.

I realize all of this information about Lent might be too much and too soon. After all Lent is still a few weeks away, it does not officially begin until Ash Wednesday (February 22) but I thought it might be good to share some of this information at this juncture. When we get closer to the actual season of Lent we will have all sorts of information available to you but sometimes that becomes just a little bit overwhelming. Perhaps offering some items for your consideration at this point might be useful and might help you prepare for your own spiritual practice during Lent this year.

A final note. The weekend of February 4-5 is of course SUPER BOWL SUNDAY. How could anyone not know that? However, that being said, it is also the weekend where we kick off the Cardinal's annual appeal for funding for the Archdiocese, *Be Imitators of Christ*. Some of you have perhaps received a letter from the Cardinal announcing this appeal: I received my letter just the other day. At any rate I just wanted to make notice of the beginning of the appeal and also to let everyone know that there will be no **7:00 PM Mass on Sunday, February 5 because of the Super Bowl** so please plan ahead. The attendance records for the last few years at St. Michael indicate that it is counterproductive to try and have a mass at the same time the Super Bowl is in session, attendance is predictably very light. Since we had a few people knocking on the door on New Year's Day wondering where the evening mass was I thought it prudent to make this advance notification at this time.

Have a great week. I hope to see you in the neighborhood.

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.  
Pastor



# Parish Directory

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Rev. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R.  
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## Spiritual Living Commission

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## Human Concerns and Needs Commission

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Monthly Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
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## Parish Life Commission

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Monthly Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
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## Respect Life Commission

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## Worship Commission

Commission Head:  
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## Stillpoint/Contemplative Prayer

Director: Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R.  
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Weekly Gatherings: Monday  
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# Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 5:30 p.m.

**Monday - Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.:** 5:30 p.m. in the Ancilla Domini Chapel (enter via the sacristy)

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesdays after the 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mass (in the church)

## Confessions

**In the Church:** Saturdays 4:45 - 5:25 p.m.

**At the Rectory:** When a priest is available or by appointment

## Baptisms

**First and third Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.**

Parent preparation sessions are normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. or the fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Holiday weekends are the exception. To schedule a baptism and/or register for a parent preparation session, please contact the church office at (312) 642-2498 or see our website for information.

## Weddings

**Fridays:** 3:00 p.m.

**Saturdays:** 12:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Arrangements should be made a minimum of four months in advance of a wedding date. Please contact the church office at (312) 642-2498 to make an appointment with a priest in order to schedule your wedding and to receive additional information.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the church office at (312) 642-2498 if you have a family member or friend who is homebound, in a nursing home, or in the hospital who would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or other sacraments.

## Rectory Hours

**Weekdays:** 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday and Holidays:** Closed

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"St. Michael in Old Town"  
Fan Page!*

*Saint of the Day  
&  
Mass Intentions*

Sunday, January 15  
*St. Paul the Hermit*  
9:00 a.m. † Eileen McDonough Turner  
11:00 a.m. † Leonard Lisjik

Monday, January 16  
*St. Berard and Companions*  
8:00 a.m. Oltmann Family  
5:30 p.m. † Margery Kennedy O’Gara

Tuesday, January 17  
*St. Anthony of Egypt*  
8:00 a.m. † Andrew S. Maxwell  
6:00 p.m. † Roberta McDonough Joyce

Wednesday, January 18  
*St. Charles of Sezze*  
8:00 a.m. † Emmett Steele  
5:00 p.m. † William & Angela O’Connell

Thursday, January 19  
8:00 a.m. Membership Foundation Fund  
5:30 p.m. † John & Marie Reiff

Friday, January 20  
*St. Fabian*  
8:00 a.m. † Mildred & Frank Reiss  
5:30 p.m. Luella Kundert

Saturday, January 21  
*St. Agnes*  
8:00 a.m. † Charles F. Canning  
5:30 p.m. † Rita Monteverde (Calamari)

Sunday, January 22  
*St. Vincent*  
9:00 a.m. † Walter “Buddy” McDonough  
11:00 a.m. † Alice T. Canning  
7:00 p.m. Parishioner - Living & Deceased



*This Week’s Readings*

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12; 19, 23-27;  
Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

# Ministry Schedule

*January 16- January 22*

Date	Celebrants	Homilist	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Monday, 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena		
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena		
Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena		
Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena		
Friday, 8:00 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena	Fr. Donaldson Fr. Keena		
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Mass	Fr. Donaldson	Fr. Donaldson		
Saturday, 4:45 p.m. Confessions	Fr. Keena			
Date	Celebrant	Homilist	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, January 21 5:30 p.m.	Fr. Morin	Fr. Morin	M. Bortscheller, C. Jaccarino	T. McNulty*, C. Jaccarino, W. McNulty, J. Pecot
Sunday, January 22 9:00 a.m. Mass	Fr. Santa	Fr. Morin	A. Vancheri, D. Wood	D. Dunning*, P. Cassidy, T. Dunning, K. Peters
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Mass	Fr. Santa	Fr. Morin	M. Meek, D. Ptak	V. Classen*, P. Behier, R. Heidenrich, D. Kelley
Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Mass	Fr. Morin	Fr. Morin	A. Pecoraro, A. Ball	J. Burdick, T. Brecheisern, K. Frey, L. Ladewski, N. Ziegenhagen

*Gluten Free Hosts*

It has come to our attention that some people may be gluten intolerant and are thus prevented from receiving Holy Communion because of the wheat wafer. If this is true for you please contact Fr. Santa or one of the other priests on staff and the procedure for receiving a gluten free host at Mass will be explained to you.

# News & Announcements

## Remember in Your Prayers



Bernice Baumgarten, Kathleen Beauchamp, Arlene and Bill Conrick, Katelyn Dodson, Tony Dorsey, the Flood family, Karyn Hanselman, Alec Johnson, Marge Kempen, Paul Kunach, Annie Morin, Carl Neubeck, Lyla Neubek, Tom Preibe, Christine Ramos, Craig Romaine, Dolores Roth, Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R., Joe Spreitzer, Rafael Velez

To place or keep a name on our sick list, please call the rectory every 3 weeks to let us know that you, a loved one or friend are still in need of prayers.

## Upcoming Wedding

**January 28, 2012**

*Ms. Katherine Culp*

&

*Mr. Christopher Reget*

## Upcoming Events

January 24, 2012

February 4, 2012

February 11, 2012

April 21, 2012

Bible Study

Young Adult Game Night

Marriage Enrichment

7th Annual Gala

## St. Michael's Bulletin

Please feel free to take this bulletin home with you after mass. This publication is printed specifically for you so you will have all the latest information regarding mass times, ministry schedules and the events taking place here at St. Michael's Church. Also contained in the bulletin is the contact information for all the staff, commission heads and council chairs. These are the people that conduct the parish business or the events that are held here. They are always willing to help answer questions about anything pertaining to St. Michael's Church.

## Check Us Out...

Have you visited the new St. Michael's website yet? We have a new look, with new capabilities. Sign up online for your donations and manage when and how often a donation is made. Print your statements from your home. It is simple and easy to do. Call Toni in the Parish Office or email her at [tdunning@st-mikes.org](mailto:tdunning@st-mikes.org) for more information or to answer any questions you may have about the online giving process.

## Parish Life Commission

**Commission Head: Gisella Tomasio**

**Pastor's Representative: Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.**

[parishlife@st-mikes.org](mailto:parishlife@st-mikes.org)

Monthly Meetings: 4th Mon., 6:30 p.m., Parish Center

The Parish Life Commission provides a wide variety of programs that enhance the social experience and sense of community for all parishioners of St. Michael in Old Town. Its various activities include: Young Adults group, Docents of St. Michael's (Art and History Tours), New Mom's Groups, New Parishioner Welcome Events, Over 40's Club, Gardening Group.

## Church Tours

Tours of the church are held most Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in winter and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in summer. All are welcome. Please meet by the "1871 display" on the east side of the church. Tours for groups can be scheduled by appointment. Please contact Linda Evans at the church office (312) 642-2498 or send an e-mail to [tours@st-mikes.org](mailto:tours@st-mikes.org).

**Tours: January 15, 22, 29 at 12:00 p.m.**

## New Mom's Group

Come meet other moms for coffee and chitchat. Babies and kids are welcome! We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the Café in the Parish Center. Bring your own snacks, lunch and toys to share.

## Mom's Night Out

Are you a new mom who needs a night out? Join other new mothers for dinner and drinks.

Contact Laura Demko regarding either event at [LEDemko@gmail.com](mailto:LEDemko@gmail.com) for more information.

## Worship Commission

**Commission Head: Diane Kelley-Thompson**

**Pastor's Representative: Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for Baptism:**

**Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.**

**Fr. Joe Morin, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for Altar Servers:**

**Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for Confirmation:**

**Fr. Jim Keena, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Fr. Joe Morin, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for First Communion:**

**Fr. Joe Morin, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for Lectors:**

**Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.**

**Liaison for RCIA:**

**Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.**

[worship@st-mikes.org](mailto:worship@st-mikes.org)

The Worship Commission's members plan, prepare, implement, evaluate, and educate about all aspects of the parish's liturgical celebrations.

## Spiritual Living Commission

Commission Head: Christine Kordiuk  
Pastor's Representative: Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R.  
spiritualliving@st-mikes.org  
Monthly Meeting: 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

The Spiritual Living Commission offers programs that nurture living in the presence of God. Catholic in its roots and ecumenical in its outreach, the Commission strives to assist all in their desire for meaning, purpose, and community built on the foundation of God's unconditional love.

Ministries include: Adult Confirmation, Religious Education, RCIA, Family, Catholics Come Home, Culture of Life, Marriage Vocation Development & Enrichment, Religious Vocation Discernment, Single Life Vocation Development & Enrichment, Pathways/Stillpoint, Living the Questions, Spiritual Dream group, Bible/Scripture studies, Servant Leadership.

## Finance Council

Commission Head: Laurence Grant  
Pastor's Representative: Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.  
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The Finance Council advises the pastor on the tangible assets of the parish community including financial resources, buildings, and the church's grounds and provides financial oversight for all parish events. The Council discusses various ways to enhance the financial future of the parish. The Council consists of parishioners with skills in finance, accounting, legal, construction and architecture. Membership is by invitation of the pastor.

## Christmas Collection Report

<b>Goal 2011</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>\$43,756</b>
<b>Actual 2010</b>	<b>\$45,552</b>
<b>Actual 2009</b>	<b>\$45,090</b>

We are deeply grateful for the wonderful expression of faith that has been expressed through the Christmas collection and other special gifts as the year ended. In the midst of other very legitimate needs, you chose to also remember your Church.

Thanks to one and all!

## News & Announcement

### Bible Study Begins!

"WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT" is the topic for this season's Bible Study. We will begin Tuesday evening, January 24th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center West Room. The first week will be the introductory session. That evening we will hand out the materials, explain the format of the study, and watch an introductory video.

This series will be comprised of nine lessons in the following order:

- 1 - Women of Israel's Beginnings;
- 2 - More Women of Israel's Beginnings;
- 3 - Women of Israel's Passover;
- 4 - Women of Israel's Early Tribes;
- 5 - More Women of Israel's Early Tribes;
- 6 - Women of Israel's Monarchy;
- 7 - Women, Image of God;
- 8 - Women of Courage and Strength;
- 9 - Queen Esther.

The materials are in and the cost is \$15, if you can. ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. See you there.

Fr. Joe Morin, C.Ss.R.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25, 2012

"We will all be changed by the  
Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ"  
(cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58)

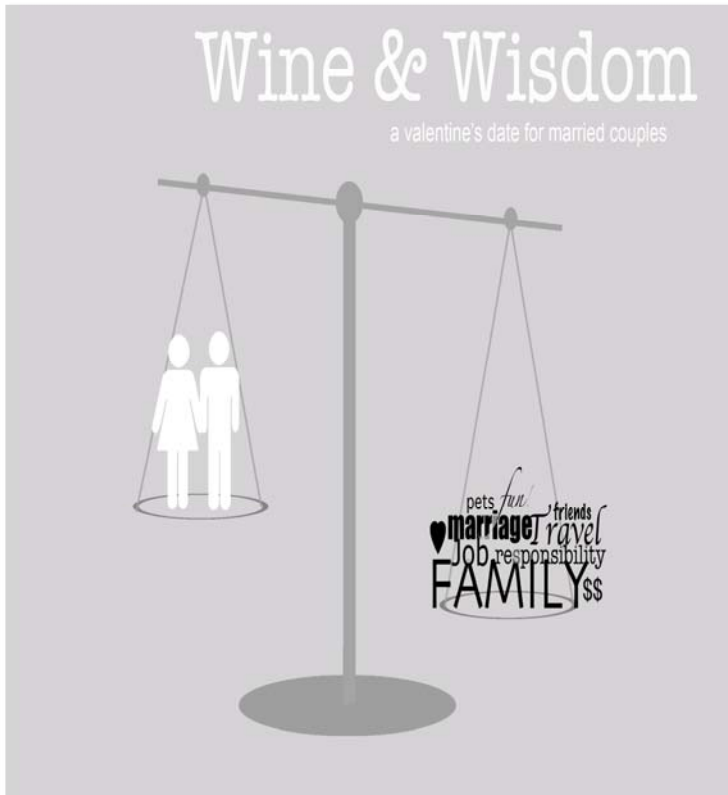
Background:  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- Celebrated annually between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul (January 18 through January 25).
- Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches.
- An opportunity to gather with our Christian neighbors and express the degree of communion that has already been received and pray for full unity that is God's will.
- Each year churches in a different part of the world prepare the theme and texts. Church leaders in Poland were chosen to prepare the 2012 materials.

Prayer for Christian Unity

O God, holy and eternal Trinity,  
We pray for your church in the world.  
Sanctify its life; renew its worship;  
Empower its witness; heal its division;  
Make visible its unity.  
Lead us, with all our brothers and sisters  
Towards communion in faith life, and witness  
So that, united in one body  
By the one Spirit,  
We may together witness  
To the perfect unity of your love.

# News & Announcements



Celebrate Valentine's Day  
Renew your marriage vows  
Mingle with other St. Mike's couples  
Enjoy drinks and dinner from Cafe Ba Ba Reeba  
Listen to a talk by Kimberly Hagerty, Assistant Director  
of Family Ministries for the Archdiocese of Chicago,  
about finding balance in your marriage

St. Mike's hosts  
an evening for married couples



Saturday, February 11, 2012  
5:30 pm mass at St. Michael's  
Dinner immediately following in the Parish Center  
\$25 per couple

Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ First Dance Song/Favorite Couple Song: \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 fee. Check Enclosed  Cash Enclosed

Return to the Rectory during normal business hours or  
Put in an envelope marked "Marriage Day" and drop in the Sunday collection.



## Stillpoint

St. Michael's Spirituality Resource  
Director: Fr. Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R., [kc SSR@aol.com](mailto:kc SSR@aol.com)  
Contemplative Prayer Gathering: Mondays, 7:15 p.m.  
Parish Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl Chapel

## Inner Views

Here is a translation of one of the Psalms from the Hebrew Testament. It is taken from the book "Psalms for Praying An Invitation to Wholeness," translated by Nan C. Merrill. It's a prayer poem that you can pray over and over again.

### Psalm 55

Give ear to my prayer, O Beloved, and hide not from my supplication!  
Listen to me, and answer me; for I am overwhelmed by anxiety,  
I am tormented by the wily voice of my doubts; the oppression of my illusions confuse me.  
They keep me bound in a prison, and, like bad company,  
they enclose me in darkness.  
My hear is in anguish within me, thoughts of death keep me company,  
I spend my hours in fear and trembling, and despair never leaves me.  
O that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest; I would flee far from my fears,  
I would lodge in the country, I would hasten to find shelter  
from the raging doubts and anger,  
stand with me, O Beloved, clear all the confusion that dwells within;  
for darkness and conflict dwell within my soul.  
Day and night fears attack without warning;  
My heart is weak in the midst of this suffering, the end seems near at hand.  
Oppression and ignorance do not depart where truth is a stranger.  
It is not a specific doubt that taunts me – then I could bear it;  
It is not a known fear that rises up within – then I could face it.  
No, in my deepest being, I feel that you have abandoned me.  
We use to hold sweet converse together; within the Silence we walked in harmony and peace.  
Let my prayer be heard, O Comforter.  
Listen to me, and answer me; for, I cry out to You in the midst of my pain!  
Yes, I call upon the Beloved, knowing that Love will heed my cry.  
From morning through the evening I moan in my loneliness, and surrender myself to Love.  
The Beloved will deliver my soul in safety and give me strength to search within, to find the source of

my fear.  
 Loves' presence will make itself known to me,  
 bringing comfort and stilling this disquiet  
 within.  
 With gentle and tender guidance I shall find my way  
 Home.  
 Fear and doubt sought to capture me, weaving webs  
 of confusion, breeding lairs of anxiety.  
 Sowing false seeds of empty promises, they sought  
 to take control/  
 Yet You, O Beloved, were ever near, waiting for me  
 to call upon You.  
 I offered my fears up to the Beloved, and Love  
 heard my cry;  
 I sought the One who ever listens; once again, I  
 knew Love's Presence.  
 Yes, You, O Beloved, bring my fears to the fore,  
 exposing them to the Light;  
 I abandon myself into your hands.  
 Into your Heart I commend my soul, in You will I  
 place my heart.

Ken Sedlak, C.Ss.R.—PATHWAYS/ Stillpoint

### *Parish Pastoral Council*

**Council Chair:** Paul Kleinaitis  
*pastoralcouncil@st-mikes.org*

### **2011 Parish Pastoral Council Members**

**CHAIR:** Paul Kleinaitis  
**VICE-CHAIR:** Guy Caprio  
**SECRETARY:** Jean Coccozza  
 Member-at-large: Guy Caprio  
 Member-at-large: Kelly Skony  
 Member-at-large: Darrin O'Brien  
 Member-at-large: Greg Palis  
 Member-at-large: Jim Theisen

### **Commission Representatives**

Communications/  
 Special Events: Jean Coccozza  
 Spiritual Living: Christine Kordiuik  
 Human Concerns: Marilyn Williams  
 Parish Life: Gisella Tomasio  
 Worship: Diane Kelley-Thompson  
 Pastor: Fr. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R.  
 Parish Staff  
 Representatives: Fr. Joseph Morin, C.Ss.R.  
 Toni Dunning

### Current PPC Tasks:

- Supporting the Comprehensive Campaign
- Analyzing the Parish Survey
- Review the Parish Mission statement
- Enhance dialogue between the PPC and parishioners

How else can we serve you, our parish community?

Please contact us with suggestions or feedback at  
*Pastoralcouncil@st-mikes.org.*

## Religious Education

### *Religious Education for Students*

**Jan 22:** First class of the New Year-- 9:15 – 10:50  
**Jan 29:** Regular classes scheduled  
**Feb 5:** Regular classes for all levels, except Level 2.  
**Special for Level 2:** First Reconciliation Retreat Day  
 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## News & Announcements

### *Infant Baptism Preparation*

All parents who wish to have their baby baptized are required to attend an Infant Baptism preparation session. Parents who have previously had a child baptized at St. Michael are exempt from attending a second class. Parents are asked to register in advance for the class by calling the parish office at 312-642-2498. Sessions take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lounge of the Parish Center:

#### **Upcoming Sessions:**

Sunday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 p.m.  
 Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Please note: There are no Baptism Preparation classes or Baptisms during the Season of Lent.**

The regular schedule for Baptism Preparation classes will resume on April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Baptisms will resume on April 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the church. Please be sure to contact the parish office in advance and reserve your place for all Baptism Preparation classes and Baptisms.

### *The Next Selection Is ...*

The Book Club has chosen the book *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho for their next read. This book details the journey of an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago. Santiago, believing a recurring dream to be prophetic, decides to travel to the pyramids of Egypt to find treasure. He then tells a lone gypsy about this treasure. As he leaves, the gypsy mentions one thing: If he does find the treasure, she wants 10 percent of it. On the way, he encounters love, danger, opportunity, disaster and learns a lot about himself and the ways of the world. Join us on January 26, 2012 for our discussion and social time. All are welcome!

### *Young Adults Game Night*

Fight off the mid-winter chill with a cozy and competitive round of fun and games. The Young Adults are sponsoring an afternoon of card and board games on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 4-6 pm in the Dining Room on the first floor of the Parish Center. If you have a favorite game, we encourage you to bring it but we will have all the beloved classics. Food and drinks will be available, but your own contributions will be greatly welcomed as well.

# Religious Education

## *Seeking Confirmation?*

Are you like many young adult Catholics who somehow missed being confirmed as a younger student? Are you preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and realizing you would like to reconnect with the sacramental life of the Church? If so, you might be interested in the St. Michael Confirmation preparation process which will begin in February and continue through April. Confirmation will take place the first Sunday in May. There are 6 Wednesday evening sessions, one Saturday retreat day (10am-3pm), and one evening of reflection. Your sponsor is encouraged to attend all sessions with you, but must attend the evening of reflection and Confirmation.

For those baptized in another Christian faith, but interested in becoming Catholic and being confirmed, there are similar opportunities for you. Please read about them below under the RCIA heading.

For more information or to register for the Adult Confirmation process, please call 312-943-4767 or e-mail [mcmeek@st-mikes.org](mailto:mcmeek@st-mikes.org). There is a fee for the program.

## *RCIA*

Did you find yourself thinking about some New Year Resolutions for your spiritual life on January 1<sup>st</sup>? If you have been thinking about joining the Catholic faith, completing your initiation through Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or journeying with someone who is seeking to know Jesus Christ and his Message and Mission, the RCIA process here at St. Michael might be the right place to begin.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process for those seeking to become one with Christ through Baptism and/or membership in the Catholic Faith. Whether baptized or unbaptized, the process allows for spiritual progression of the individual and the opportunity to learn in depth about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. For those already Catholic wishing to deepen their own faith and live out a spirit of mission, there is an opportunity to accompany a potential Catechumen (unbaptized adult) or Candidate (already baptized in a Christian Church) as they learn about and prepare for full initiation into the Church. These mentors may serve as sponsors or as members of the Team that prepares the sessions each week.

If you are interested in this kind of spiritual journey, please contact Mary Catherine Meek at 312-943-4767 or write her at [mcmeek@st-mikes.org](mailto:mcmeek@st-mikes.org). A personal conversation is usually the best start to the process. We offer the following days and times for those at different stages of their journey. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Lounge of the Parish Center at 1711 N. Cleveland.

**RCIA Inquiry** (for those just beginning or newer to the process):

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2012.** If this will be your first time, please call 312-943-4767 and let Mary Catherine know you will be coming.

**RCIA Catechumenate** (for those who have already been journeying with us at St. Michael):

**Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass:  
January 22, and 29, 2012**

## *Communications and Special Events Commission*

**Commission Head: Jean Coccozza**  
**Pastor's Representative: Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.**  
[communications@st-mikes.org](mailto:communications@st-mikes.org)

The Communications & Special Events Commission is responsible for marketing and promoting St. Michael, its events and activities, internally to the Parish and externally to the community. Commission members coordinate information and publicize events and happenings through the designing of flyers, posters, bulletin and Mass announcements, the St. Michael website, Facebook and local media. The commission also sponsors other fundraising events throughout the year for use in offsetting annual operating expenses and capital restoration projects.

The Communications & Special Events Commission is always seeking new members with an interest in writing, photography, and graphic design. If you are interested in joining the commission or for more information call the parish office at 312-642-2498 or email [communications@st-mikes.org](mailto:communications@st-mikes.org).

## *Human Concerns and Needs Commission*

**Co-Commission**  
**Heads: Barbara Pope and Jeanne Sanna**  
**Pastor's Representative: Fr. Joe Morin, C.Ss.R.**  
[humanconcerns@st-mikes.org](mailto:humanconcerns@st-mikes.org)  
Monthly Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7:00 p.m., Parish Center

**Mission Statement:** The Human Concerns and Needs Commission identifies needs within our parish and community and develops ministries to provide service and material outreach to address those needs.

**Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday,  
February 8 on the first floor of the Parish Center  
at 7:00 p.m.**

## *Music Ministry*

**Director of Music and Organist: Daniel Stucker**  
**Pastor's Representative: Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.**  
[dstucker@st-mikes.org](mailto:dstucker@st-mikes.org)

Membership to the Parish Choir, Schola Cantorum, is open to all high school, college and adult parishioners. The rehearsals take place on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. It is desirable that singers have a strong love for sacred music and fundamental knowledge of music and singing. If you would like to learn more about the parish choir please contact Daniel Stucker to schedule a time to visit.

**Contemporary Choir Director: Scott Arkenberg**  
[scott@st-mikes.org](mailto:scott@st-mikes.org)