



St. Michael the Archangel The Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
The Carrying of the Cross

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ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the QR code.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 30, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m. + Thomas Fristad (James & Diane Vincent)

Sunday, March 30

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

10:30 a.m. The Lawrence Sur Family (Anita Claricoates)

12:30 p.m. + Emmagene Bohlander (Lauren Jazwiec)

5:00 p.m. + John Bohlander (Lauren Jazwiec)

Monday, March 31

6:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (John & Mary Crerand)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm (Fr. Michael Lumpe)

Tuesday, April 1

6:30 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Central Ohio Purgatorial Society)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Bruggeman Family

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 a.m. + Mary Nugent (The Knostman Family)

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. + Carol Powers (The Powers Family)

Thursday, April 3

6:30 a.m. + Monsy Agleham Nixon (The Asuncion, Agleham, Marcelo & Dayrit Families)

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Cathy Murphy (The DeCenzo Family)

Friday, April 4

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Glenn Jazwiec (Lauren Jazwiec)

8:15 a.m. + Antonio Tempesta (Armando & Liliana Tempesta)

Saturday, April 5

8:15 a.m. + Paul Butler (Betsy Butler)

4:00 p.m. + Dave Rocchi (The Lund Family)

Sunday, April 6

8:30 a.m. + Deacon Klaus Fricke (John Paul Munhall)

10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

12:30 p.m. + Dominic Raco, Sr.

5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Fr. Chris Kuhn (Lauren Jazwiec)

PARISH CALENDAR: MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY, March 30	Confessions before morning Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 9:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)
Monday, March 31	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 a.m. Confessions (C) 6:00 p.m. High School Adoration (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study (MH)
Tuesday, April 1	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 a.m. Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)
Wednesday, April 2	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 a.m. Confessions (C) 5:30 p.m. WFF Stations of the Cross (C) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
Thursday, April 3	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 a.m. Confessions (C) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Knights of the Altar (LMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Speaker Series: How to Make a Holy Hour (MH)
Friday, April 4	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 a.m. Confessions (C) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C) 12:00 p.m. Confessions (C) 5:00 p.m. Prayer & Pizza with the Sisters (UMR) 5:00 p.m. Fish Fry (MH,U) 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C)
Saturday, April 5	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
SUNDAY, April 6	Confessions before morning Masses Friendship Sunday after all Masses 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 9:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting: www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/.
(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

Lenten Speaker Series
How to Make a Holy Hour

Thursdays in Lent
7:00pm
Marian Hall

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP MARCH 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 12,247.58
Online Giving	\$ 9,459.56
Total:	\$ 21,707.14

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,
Praised be Jesus Christ!

Given the acoustics of the church interior, we will be making a modification to the building and its sound system.

We have begun the process for the installation of a hearing loop (t-coil) system in the church nave. This should provide enhanced hearing service and accessibility for those who will sit in the two main sections within the church. There will be four sections, two for the front half, one on each side of the main isle, and two in the rear of the church. The entire main nave will be included within one of these four sections.

The only thing noticeable to the eye will be the copper band on the floor surrounding the sections of pews.

This will be an investment in the church structure for the benefit of the parish family. Our finances are pretty tight and finely budgeted. While this is not a budgeted expense, it has been a clear need for the parish family for many years. As a result of other cuts that have been made, rearrangements of staff members and their job responsibilities, and prudential spending, I believe the \$15,000.00 price tag is well worth the benefit.

In other areas of upgrades or changes:

-A restroom has been added to the rectory as there wasn't one for guests to use. A pantry closet on the first floor was repurposed.

-Upgrades to the Women's Restroom in Marian Hall are also underway.

The work on these restroom areas was budgeted and thus planned for in the parish finances.

Last weekend, we had our Parish Life Fair. "Thank you" to all those who worked on making available to the parish family information on the many different opportunities for smaller intentional communities, opportunities for spiritual works of mercy as well as corporal works of mercy.

For your planning purposes, PLEASE NOTE the Mass times for the Sacred Triduum/Easter Weekend:

Holy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday – 3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – 9:00 p.m. Vigil

Paschal/Easter Sunday-8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Time moves so fast so it is important for us to spread the word on times of important events.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please note the following early bulletin deadlines as we approach the Easter Season. Submissions are due at noon on the deadlines listed.

April 6 Bulletin submissions due March 31

April 13 Bulletin submissions due April 1

April 20 Bulletin submissions due April 7

April 27 Bulletin submissions due April 14

Easter Flowers

All Easter Flower envelopes and donations must be received by **April 7** to be included in the Easter bulletin. **Please note that this is earlier than the date listed on the envelopes.**

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed April 17-21.



PSR Survey for the 2025-2026 School Year

St. Michael's is excited to bring back PSR programming for children of our parish for the next school year! As we prepare to welcome your children, we need your assistance to aid us in our preparations. We kindly ask all those who would be interested in registering for or helping with children's faith formation to please complete our PSR survey by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting <https://forms.gle/TBF3Q2LjzbEbzfmZ9>



Scan to
complete
today!



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 44: The Preface as Thanksgiving

Last week, we took a closer look at the opening dialogue of the Preface, and especially how it invites us to give thanks to God. As we said earlier, the word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” Charles Belmonte indicates that the preface is an appropriate beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, since it “is basically an act of thanksgiving in a literary form between prayer and hymn. It seeks to move the faithful to praise and joy” (Understanding the Mass, p. 128).

Thanksgiving for Every Day of the Year

For me as a priest, the Preface is one of my favorite parts of the Mass, especially when I take time to really pray through the phrases. The Preface is one of the variable parts of the Mass, where there are many options that can change from week to week. Our current Missal has about 50 regularly used Prefaces grouped together, including ones for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Sundays of Ordinary Time, Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, Funerals, and some “Common” Prefaces that can be used on days where another specific Preface isn’t called for. In addition to these, there are many more Prefaces in the Missal, including some specially designed for certain Eucharistic Prayers and those that are used on specific celebrations such as Christ the King or the Most Holy Trinity. There are even some special Prefaces for civic holidays, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July in the United States. Each of these Prefaces will highlight special truths of a particular celebration or season of the year.

Following the response of the people in the Preface dialogue, “It is right and just,” I enjoy how the priest begins praying the Preface with, “It is truly right and just.” We are encouraging each other in giving thanks. These words of the priest communicate, “Yes! Let us continue giving thanks—it is right and just!” I often will pray those words with emphasis, as we transition to the next part of the Preface that will highlight special truths for us.

Special Truths Proclaimed in the Preface

For example, Preface I of Advent says, “For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.”

As another example, in Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist, we hear, “For he is the true and eternal Priest, who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial. As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong, and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean.”

Since they are so good, and since we are in the Eucharistic Revival, here are the key phrases from Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist, “For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity. And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.”

No doubt, those are prayers packed with great truths! If we aren’t attentive to this part of the Mass, we could really miss out on some great highlights that help ready our hearts for the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving—the Holy Eucharist—the perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered to the Father. If you haven’t noticed the Preface in a while, I give you a challenge for the next time you are at Mass: see if you can notice any of the main themes of the Preface. It is a great summary of the celebration of the day, and a fitting preparation for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer to come!

For Reflection:

1. Embrace Father Luke’s challenge to pay closer attention to the Preface next time you participate in Mass. Surprise your celebrant by engaging him in conversation about the main themes of the Preface after Mass!
2. Allow the Preface to form you and shape your day by listening for one word or phrase from the Preface to carry with you after Mass.

Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 45: Sanctus

Last time, we took a closer look at the Preface, which in many ways sets the tone for the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end of the Preface, as the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “we join with the choirs of heaven in singing the endless song of praise. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Liturgy is both a foretaste and promise of the heavenly Liturgy. The Liturgy on earth is united to the Liturgy in heaven, and this is made vividly clear when we join them in song. ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ is a heavenly superlative acclamation of praise and worship” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 13).

A Foretaste of Heaven

This next part of the Mass is called the Sanctus, perhaps more commonly referred to as the Holy, Holy, Holy. As is true with many parts of the Mass, we can find these words in the Holy Scriptures. The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord on a





throne with angels singing, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts!" ([Is. 6:3](#)). In St. John's vision of heaven, the four living creatures continuously exclaim, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come" ([Rev. 4:8](#)). Perhaps we will also recognize the second part of the Sanctus from the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" ([Mt. 21:9](#)).

Charles Belmonte recalls how the Sanctus reminds us of the beautiful presence of the angels at the Mass: "We join our own voices with those of the hosts of angels in awe, wonderment, and great enthusiasm... St. John Chrysostom describes the presence of angels during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with these words: 'The angels surround the priest; all the temple, especially the sanctuary, is populated with celestial hosts of angels who honor God, present on the altar'" (Understanding the Mass, p. 131). Have you ever thought of this? In a very real way, the Sanctus helps to remind us that our participation in the Mass is truly a foretaste of heaven. When we gather as the Body of Christ for the Mass, united with Jesus truly present, the WHOLE Body is present there! That means every member of the Christian faithful is present with us—all those around the world, all those from various times (including those who have gone before us), and all those who are gathered together in heaven around the throne of God... including the heavenly hosts of angels! Imagine telling your friends on Monday: "All the angels of heaven were at my church on Sunday!" It's true!

Singing with the Angels

With this wonderful image in mind, when we sing the Sanctus, we are joining in the praise the angels are singing for God. What exactly is this song of praise? Charles Belmonte relates that a certain "Cardinal Bona (seventeenth century) explains that this hymn contains three praises and two petitions: First, we extol the holiness, power, and supreme dominion of God, when we say, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of [hosts].' Then, we praise his glory which shines forth in all creatures, when we say, 'Heaven and earth are full of your glory.' Third, we laud Christ by saying, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' While saying this, we invite him to come to our souls with the same affection and devotion with which his Blessed Mother received him at the annunciation. The two petitions are: 'Hosanna in the highest,' we say it twice, asking for our salvation and everything that leads to it. The first petition is addressed to God, and the second to Christ" (Understanding the Mass, p. 133-134).

If praising the Lord with the angels is this exciting, just imagine how joyful we will be when Jesus is truly and substantially present on the altar!

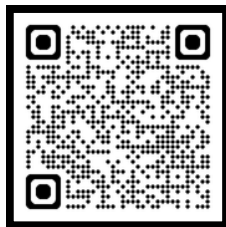
For Reflection:

1. Read slowly and prayerfully through [Isaiah 6](#) and/or [Revelation 4](#). Place yourself in the scene the Scripture passage describes and imagine the experience of participating in worship with the angels. Allow this experience to inform your next participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
2. In preparation for Mass, ask your Guardian Angel to guide you into fuller participation. Renew your awareness of the angels' presence during the Sanctus.

Up Next: Eucharistic Prayers

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SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a full-time School Office Lead Administrative Assistant and a part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates for either position should submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at principal@stmichaelworthington.org.



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

*Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope
The Month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit*

We are at the halfway point of the Season of Lent. Have you achieved what you set out to do during this Lenten season? Be challenged and inspired by this quote of Ven. Fulton J. Sheen: **"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"**

+VENERABLE FULTON J. SHEEN

Monday, March 31 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 4:43-54 At that time Jesus left [Samaria] for Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his native place. When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast. Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While the man was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live. He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, "The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon." The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live," and he and his whole household came to believe. Now this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.

Meditation: Jesus' miracles are signs that manifest the presence and power of God's kingdom. When a Gentile official heard the reports of Jesus' preaching and miracles, he decided to seek Jesus out for an extraordinary favor. It took raw courage for a Gentile court official to travel twenty miles in search of Jesus, the Galilean carpenter. He had to swallow his pride and put up with some ridicule from his cronies. And when he found Jesus, Jesus seemed to put him off with the blunt statement that people would not believe unless they saw some kind of miracle or sign from heaven. Jesus likely said this to test the man to see if his faith was in earnest. If he turned away discouraged or irritated, he would prove to be insincere. Jesus, perceiving his faith, sent him home with the assurance that his prayer had indeed been heard.

Prayer: O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The royal official in today's gospel was focused on this son and saving his son's life as his son's life was hanging by a thread. Jesus is his only hope. From what we are told this official would believe in the saying, "Where there's life, there's hope." Jesus says to this official, "Go home; your son will live," and the official goes home, with confidence in Christ. This man's faith seems to grow in the few moments he pleads with Jesus. And so the official leaves to return to his son, believing the word of our Lord. Do you approach the Lord Jesus with the readiness to believe in his word and to do whatever he commands? Do you trust in Jesus?

Tuesday, April 1 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 5:1-16 There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to

be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk?'" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a Sabbath.

Meditation: Water has the power to transform everything it touches – water brings life, healing, and restoration. Jesus offers himself as the source of this living water which he will pour out upon his disciples in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The signs and miracles which Jesus performed manifest the power and presence of God's kingdom and they demonstrate the love and mercy God has for his people. In the pool at Bethesda we see an individual's helplessness overcome by God's mercy and power. On this occasion Jesus singles out an incurable invalid, helpless and hopeless for almost forty years. He awakens hope when he puts a probing question to the man, "Do you really want to be healed?" And he then orders him to "get up and walk!"

Prayer: May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: God wants to free us from the power of sin and make us whole. But he will not force our hand against our will. The first essential step towards growth and healing is the desire for change. If we are stubborn and want to stay as we are, then no amount of coaxing will change us. But remember that the Lord manifests his power and saving grace towards those who have that interior desire to transform their lives in witness to Christ. The Lord approaches each of us with an important and probing question: "Do you really want to be changed, to be set free from the power of sin, and to be transformed in my holiness?" How we respond has implications not only in our earthly life, but for eternity as well. Don't let human emotion, ego and stubbornness get in the way of a life in Christ, folks! Seek Jesus; embrace Jesus!

Wednesday, April 2 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent Optional Memorial of Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Holy Gospel: John 5:17-30 Jesus answered the Jews: "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God. Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for what he does, the Son will do also. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

Meditation: God's actions always reveal to us his mercy and his justice. Do you recognize his action in your life, his saving grace and love, and the purifying fire of his Spirit who convicts us of sin and transforms us in his holiness? Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah when he brings healing, restoration, and forgiveness to those who accept his divine message. Unfortunately many people refused Jesus' message and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Father. The religious authorities charged Jesus as a "Sabbath-breaker" and as a "blasphemer." They wanted to kill Jesus because he claimed the same

authority and power as God. He claimed equality with God— something no mortal could say without blaspheming. Jesus answered their charge of breaking the Sabbath law by demonstrating God's purpose for creation and redemption — to save and restore life. God's love and mercy never ceases, even on the Sabbath. Jesus continues to show the Father's mercy, even on the Sabbath day of rest. When they charged that Jesus was making himself equal with God, he replied that he was not acting independently of God because his relationship is that of a Father and Son relationship.

Prayer: O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: If we wish to see how God reacts to sin and how he responds to our sinful condition, then we must look to Jesus. The mind of Jesus is the mind of God, and the words of Jesus are the words of God. Jesus also states that his identity to the Father is based on complete obedience. Jesus always did what his Father wanted him to do. His obedience was not based on submission or power, but on love. The unity between Jesus and the Father is a unity of love. We are called to submit our lives to God with the same love and obedience which Jesus demonstrated for his Father. Jesus states that to accept him is life and to reject him is death. Are you ready to follow the Lord and to leave behind whatever is false and contrary to his will?

Thursday, April 3 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 5:31-47 Jesus said to the Jews: "If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is not true. But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true. You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. I do not accept human testimony, but I say this so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light. But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf. But you have never heard his voice nor seen his form, and you do not have his word remaining in you, because you do not believe in the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf. But you do not want to come to me to have life. "I do not accept human praise; moreover, I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

Meditation: Jesus' opponents refused to accept his divine authority and claim to be the only Son from the Father. They demanded evidence for his Messianic claim and equality with God. Jesus answers their charges with the supporting evidence of witnesses. The Mosaic law had laid down the principle that the unsupported evidence of one person shall not prevail against a man for any crime or wrong in connection with any offence he committed (see Deuteronomy 17:6). At least two or three witnesses were needed. Jesus begins his defense by citing John the Baptist as a witness, since John publicly pointed to Jesus as the Messiah and had repeatedly borne witness to him (see John 1:19, 20, 26, 29, 35, 36). Jesus also asserts that a greater witness to his identity are the signs he performed. He cites his works, not to point to himself but to point to the power of God working in and through him. He cites God as his supreme witness.

Prayer: We invoke your mercy in humble prayer, O Lord, that you may cause us, your servants, corrected by penance and schooled by good works, to persevere sincerely in your commands and come safely to the paschal festivities. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus asserts that the scriptures themselves, including the books of Moses, point to himself as the Messiah, the promised Savior. The problem with the scribes and Pharisees was that they did not believe what Moses had written. They desired the praise of their fellow humans and because of that they were unable to recognize and understand the word of God. Their pride made them deaf to God's voice. God reveals himself to the lowly, to those who trust not in themselves, but in God. The Lord opens the ears of those who are eager to hear his voice and he fills their hearts and minds with his love and wisdom. Saint Augustine once said: "As Christians, our task is to make daily progress toward God. Our

pilgrimage on earth is a school in which God is the only teacher, and it demands good students, not ones who play truant. In this school we learn something every day. We learn something from commandments, something from examples, and something from sacraments. These things are remedies for our wounds and materials for study." So we must ask ourselves: Are you an eager student of God's word and do you listen to it with faith and trust? If not, why not? Something to work on during these last weeks of Lent.

Friday, April 4 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Lent
Optional Memorial of Saint Isidore of Seville, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Jesus moved about within Galilee; he did not wish to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him. But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret. Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, "Is he not the one they are trying to kill? And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him. Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ? But we know where he is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come.

Meditation: There are a number of things that can hold us back from doing the will of God, if we let them. Fear, especially the fear of death, can easily rob us of courage and the will to do what we know is right. Jesus met opposition and the threat of death with grace and determination to accomplish his Father's will. Jesus knew that his mission, his purpose in life, would entail sacrifice and suffering and culminate with death on the cross. But that would not be the end. His "hour" would crush defeat with victory, condemnation with pardon and freedom, and death with glory and everlasting life. He willingly suffered and went to the cross for our sake, to redeem us from sin and to restore our relationship with God the Father. Saint Augustine once noted: "Our Lord had the power to lay down his life and to take it up again. But we cannot choose how long we shall live, and death comes to us even against our will. Christ, by dying, has already overcome death. Our freedom from death comes only through his death. To save us Christ had no need of us. Yet without him we can do nothing. He gave himself to us as the vine to the branches; apart from him we cannot live."

Prayer: O God, who have prepared fitting helps for us in our weakness, grant, we pray, that we may receive their healing effects with joy and reflect them in a holy way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Despite how modern, sophisticated, or knowledgeable we may look upon or feel about ourselves, no one can be indifferent with Jesus for long. What he said and did – his signs and wonders – he did in the name of God. Jesus not only claimed to be the Messiah, God's Anointed One. He claimed to be in a unique relationship with God and to know him as no one else did. To the Jews this was utter blasphemy. The religious authorities did all they could to put a stop to Jesus because they could not accept his claims and the demands he made. We cannot be indifferent to the claims which Jesus makes on us. We are either for him or against him. There is no middle ground. We can try to mold Jesus to our own ideas and preferences, or we can allow his word to free us from our own ignorance, stubborn pride, and deception. Ask yourself: Do you accept all that Jesus has said and done for you with faith and reverence, or with disbelief and contempt? The consequences are enormous, both in this life and in eternity.

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Stations with
Meditations on the
Virtues
April 17:
Stations with
St. Alphonsus Liguori



Mary's
Way of the
Cross

Wednesdays
5:30pm
March 12
March 26
April 2
April 9

All women of the parish are invited to gather to pray Stations of the Cross during Lent. Experience the Stations of the Cross through Mary's eyes using Mary's Way of the Cross by Father Richard Furey. We will meet in the Church and pray the Stations together at 5:30pm on Wednesday evenings prior to the 6:00pm Mass on the dates provided above. All women are encouraged to join us as we journey through Lent together. We hope to see you there!



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2025 EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm:
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18, 3:00pm:
Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 12:00pm & 7:00pm:
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19, 8:15am:
Lauds

Holy Saturday, April 19, 9:00pm:
Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Sunday, April 20: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses

HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

Monday, April 14, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30pm-7:30pm



This Lenten season, as we are called to enter deeper into our faith with prayer, fasting and almsgiving, consider taking an hour of Adoration during Eucharistic Exposition each week on behalf of your parish. Support our Adoration Chapel and allow us to expand Exposition this Lenten season to include weekends. Please prayerfully consider adding an hour to your week throughout Lent.



Register with our Adoration Chapel and sign up for an hour using the QR code now!

Jesus, I trust in you

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SAINT MICHAEL

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church will be offered from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place at 3:00pm. Please join us and partake in the extraordinary graces received through Christ's love and mercy.

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