

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Catholic Church
February 1, 2026



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The Mission of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church is to worship God in prayer through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel while teaching others to do so, and to serve those in need.



Weekly Offertory

January 18, 2026

Offertory Envelopes.... \$5,563.00
Loose Collection \$4,406.00
Online Giving \$3,582.00
Total Offertory \$13,551.00



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We are still open between Christmas and Easter! We would love to have you join us each Sunday. You are always welcome!

This Week

Monday, February 2, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Ladies SodalityPC 4 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Understanding the CatechismPC 3 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Rosary MakersPC 4 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Grief Share GroupPC 3 1:00 - 2:00 PM
K of C Membership MeetingPC 4 7:00 - 8:30 PM
OCIAFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 - 8:00 AM
The Road to EmmausPC 4 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Bible Study GroupPC 4 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Spiritual Motherhood of PriestsChurch 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Friday, February 6, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Eucharistic AdorationChapel 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Vigil MassChurch 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 8, 2026

MassChurch 7:00 – 8:00 AM
MassChurch 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Faith FormationFGMC 10:15 - 11:35 AM
MassChurch 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PC: Parish Center FGMC: Father George Malin Center

Catholic Trivia

Which apostle was a tax collector before following Jesus?

Mass Intentions For This Weekend 01/31 & 02/01

Saturday, January 31st

4:00^{PM} †Deceased members of the
Swengros Family

Sunday, February 1st

7:00^{AM} †Marie & Al Pesce
9:00^{AM} ♦For All Parishioners
11:00^{AM} †Louis LaBella

Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, February 2nd

7:30^{AM} †Joseph Cillo

Tuesday, February 3rd

7:30^{AM} †Gary White

Wednesday, February 4th

7:30^{AM} †Elizabeth Alfano

Thursday, February 5th

7:30^{AM} †Nancy Laboda & Cathy Drosdick

Friday, February 6th

7:30^{AM} †Robert P. Japalucci

Saturday, February 7th

7:30^{AM} †Rufo, Consuelo, Raymond &
Israel Navarro
4:00^{PM} †Jacob & Leona Mertes

Sunday, February 8th

7:00^{AM} ♦Juan Carlos Rosa
9:00^{AM} †Ramon Ramos
11:00^{AM} ♦For All Parishioners

Clergy

Very. Rev. James Ruhlin, V.F.....Pastor
Rev. Pius T. MathewParochial Vicar

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00PM
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00AM
Daily.....7:30AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM to 3:00PM

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Reconciliation

Thursday3:00 to 4:00PM & 6:30 to 7:00PM

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A WORD FROM FATHER JIM

On Tuesday, February 3, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Blaise and the blessing of the throats. Very little is known about the life of Saint Blaise; however, there is enough to explain why he is the patron saint for throat illnesses. Blaise was a physician from Armenia who decided to become a priest. Later, he was ordained a bishop. He lived in the fourth century.

One day, Blaise met a poor woman whose only pig was snatched away from her by a wolf. Upon hearing this account from the woman, Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig to its owner. The wolf returned the pig to the woman unharmed and the woman never forgot this miraculous favor. Bishop Blaise was eventually arrested and imprisoned for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. While in prison, the woman, whose pig was returned to her, would bring Blaise taper candles to help dispel the darkness and gloom within his cell.

One day, within the prison, a boy was choking from a fishbone that was stuck in his throat. Saint Blaise quickly grabbed two of the tapered candles, formed them into a cross, and placed them around the boy's throat. He then commanded the fishbone to come out. The fishbone miraculously came out and the boy's life was restored.

These two events in the life of Saint Blaise come together to form the traditional blessing of the throat. The blessing involves the priest holding crossed tapered candles to each individual's throat while reciting a prayer for healing and asking for God's protection against illnesses of the throat. The priest uses the following words for the throat blessing: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

While Saint Blaise was in prison, he was ordered to renounce his faith. He refused and was martyred for his faith. He was beaten with wool combs before he was beheaded. After his death, Blaise was made the patron saint of wool combers, wild animals, candle makers, and ailments of the throat.

All are invited to our 7:30 AM Mass on Tuesday to celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise and receive a throat blessing. It's a great way to share in the richness of the lives of the saints, who benefit us with their prayers and intercessions.

God bless,
Fr. Jim Ruhlin





Please join us for our **Discovering Jesus** small group class. We are inspired and learn by watching and discussing a presentation from the National Eucharistic Congress. We then spend time discussing and praying with Sacred Scripture, Sacred Art, or Sacred Music. It's a great way to meet wonderful people and to learn and pray with them. Each class is self-contained so you can come anytime. **Tuesdays 10-11:30am OR Thursdays 7-8:30pm in the Malin Center** (the Faith Formation building behind St. Vincent de Paul). Questions ... Andy Gotsch at (727) 379-1558 or agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Activities and Financial Report

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael Conference is in our 38th year of serving our neighbors in need. We confidentially serve without regard to age, creed, gender, ethical background and lifestyle.

SVdP is forever grateful and blessed to have the support of our Pastor, Father Jim and Father Pius, our parish staff, and the generous parishioners of St. Michael's. We are also grateful to the SVdP Thrift Store which assists our neighbors with clothing, household items and furniture. We also thank Save A Lot, Duke Energy, The Knights of Columbus and all the other generous donors.

SVdP was able to help 2,795 families and 47 homeless people. We helped with 5 domestic violence cases. We spent \$15,181.00 on helping with utility bills. We spent \$13,216.00 on food for our food pantry. We spent \$26,196.00 on other assistance. Our volunteers generously gave 7,700 hours of their time. Parishioners generously gave \$70,144.00 in donations.

Our yearly activities include the Pack-A-Sack program where food is provided to 50 students per week during the school year. An annual fundraiser is held for the Pack-A-Sack program. We also provided 515 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to those families in need.

Without your support we would not be able to continue to help our neighbors in need. Please stop by and visit our food pantry or to volunteer, we are open Monday through Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00PM.

God bless everyone.

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to request a tax statement for your 2025 contributions, please complete this form and put it in the offertory basket. You may also call the office at 868-5276.

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Written Personal Intentions

You are warmly encouraged to bring your personal intentions with you to every Mass and to offer them **spiritually** to the Lord. A beautiful moment to do this is during the Offertory, after the Creed and the Universal Prayer, as the gifts are prepared on the altar. In a special way, when the priest invites us, *"Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"* we are invited to place our personal prayers, hopes, and concerns into God's loving hands. Please know that you may also offer your intentions silently at any moment throughout the Mass.

To honor the sacredness of the altar and to encourage this spiritual offering, **we will no longer accept written personal intentions** to be placed under the altar. We thank you for your understanding and for continuing to unite your prayers with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

May the Lord, who knows the desires of every heart, receive all our intentions with love and mercy.

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St. Michael's Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, February 1st** from **9:30 to 11:00^{AM}** in the parish center. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee. Adults are \$8.00 and children under 12 are \$4.00.



Parish Rosary Program Update

Total Rosaries Prayed this week: 340

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to Date: 4,726

Total Weeks Reporting

11

Bible Trivia Answer: Matthew

The food pantry of St. Vincent de Paul needs your continued support. The number of neighbors we serve is increasing significantly. Food donations are especially appreciated. The more food donated, the more monetary funds can be used for other purposes in serving the poor and needy in our community. We are in most need of the following food items:

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, peanut butter, canned soup, tuna, canned vegetables, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce cups, canned chicken, pancake mix and cereal.

Items can be dropped in the barrels at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

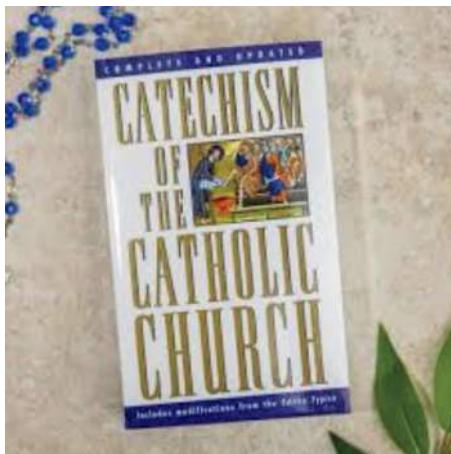


Understanding the Catechism

Monday Evenings

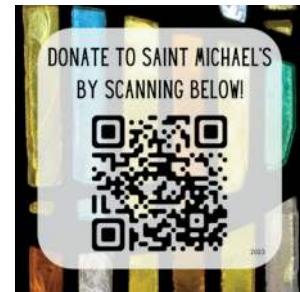
6:00 to 7:00 PM

Parish Center Room 3



Join Father Jim for classes that will help the faithful better understand the Church's teachings. There are a limited number of Catechisms available for class use. If you have your own Catechism book, then you might want to bring it with you to class.

Come and join us to hear Paul Zucarelli's testimony. He will be speaking on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 4:00^{PM} at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Paul visits churches to share his testimony about having 9 cardiac arrests and being dead for 2 hours. This is a **FREE EVENT**. For more information please contact St. Theresa Catholic Church at 352-683-2849.



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Parish Rosary Program

Total Rosaries for Sunday

Total Rosaries for Monday.....

Total Rosaries for Tuesday.....

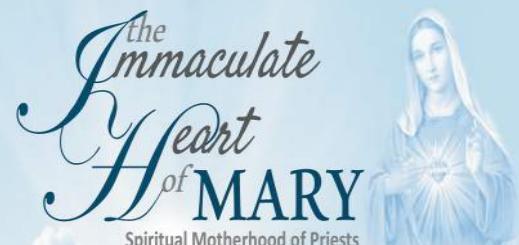
Total Rosaries for Wednesday.....

Total Rosaries for Thursday

Total Rosaries for Friday

Total Rosaries for Saturday

Total Rosaries for the Week: _____



All are welcome to join us Thursday, February 5th, as we pray for our priests from 2:00 to 3:00^{PM}. We meet in the church.



Every Tuesday afternoons in room 3 of the parish center from 1:00 to 3:00^{PM}.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief. Each weekly group begins with a 30 minute video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss.

For more information please contact Barbara at 379-1544 or balvarez@saintmichaelchurch.org



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