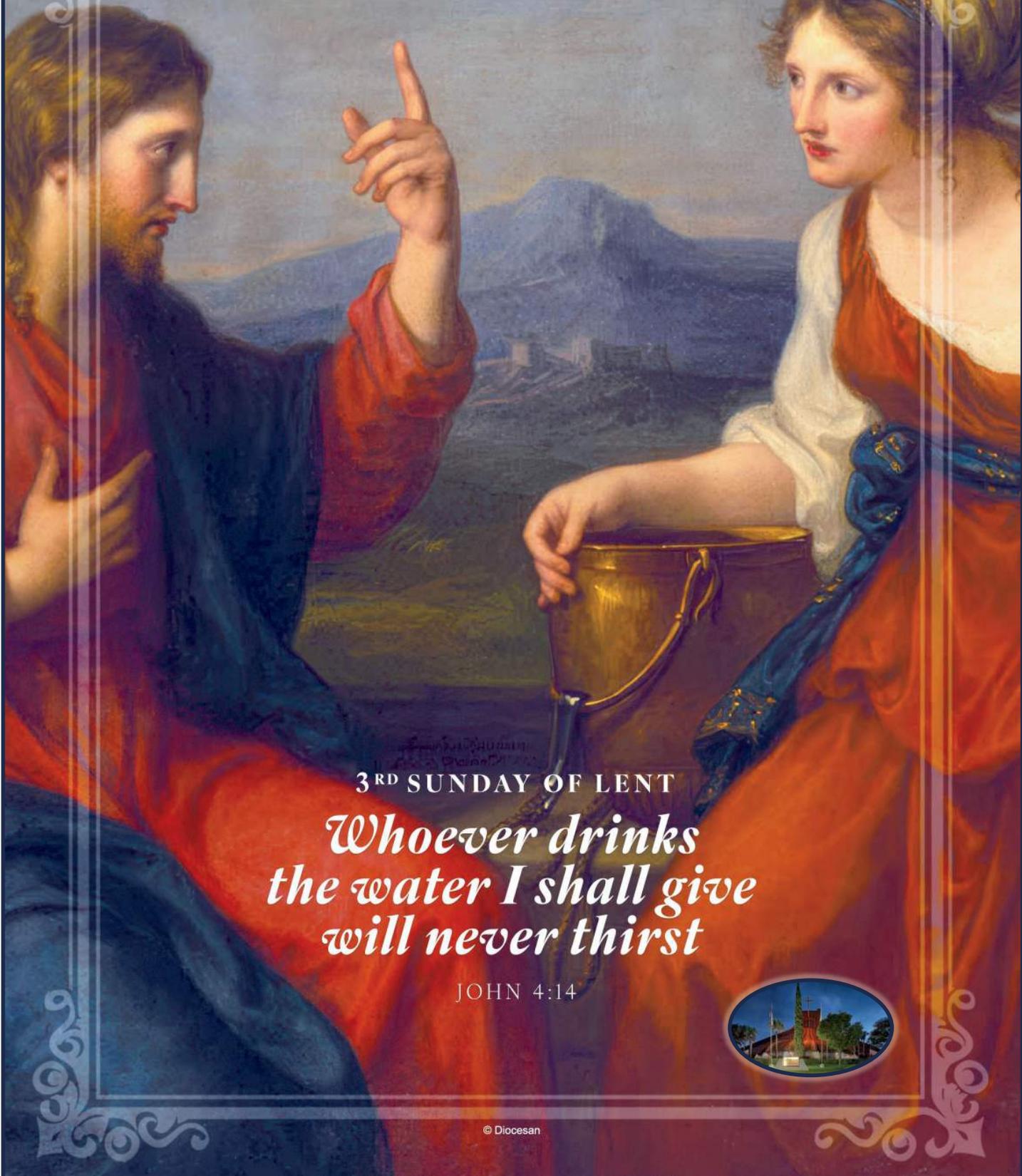


St. Michael the Archangel Roman
Catholic Church
March 8, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Whoever drinks
the water I shall give
will never thirst*

JOHN 4:14



Mission Statement

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.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

Offertory Envelopes \$4,200.00

Weekly Offertory

February 22, 2026

Offertory Envelopes \$7,925.00

Loose Collection..... \$3,886.00

Online Giving..... \$3,849.00

Total Offertory \$15,660.00

— In Remembrance —



This week, the Altar Bread and Altar Wine is donated in loving memory of Yvonne Rodriguez.

— In Remembrance —



This week, the Sanctuary Candle is donated in loving memory of Joseph Boyd.

This Week

Monday, March 9, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Grief Share Group.....PC 3..... 1:00 - 2:00 PM
The Holy RosaryPC 4..... 7:00 - 8:30 PM
OCIAFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Bible Study GroupPC 4..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Friday, March 13, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Stations of the Cross.....Chapel 12:00 PM
ConfessionsChapel 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Eucharistic AdorationChapel 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
BenedictionChapel 4:00 PM
K of C Fish FryPC 3..... 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Vigil Mass.....Church..... 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 15, 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

Mass Intentions For This Weekend 03/07 & 03/08

Saturday, March 7th

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

Sunday, March 8th

7:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

9:00^{AM} †Ramon Ramos

11:00^{AM} †Joseph Boyd

Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, March 9th

7:30^{AM} †Paul and Kathleen Mattes

Tuesday, March 10th

7:30^{AM} †Al Krupski

Wednesday, March 11th

7:30^{AM} †Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pinter

Thursday, March 12th

7:30^{AM} †Therese Schuh

Friday, March 13th

7:30^{AM} †Thomas LeBarron Jr.

Saturday, March 14th

7:30^{AM} †The Charles Schuh Family

4:00^{PM} †The Szczepanski Family

Sunday, March 15th

7:00^{AM} †Thomas Gaidosh

9:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

11:00^{AM} †Deceased members of the Huff
Family

Clergy

Very. Rev. James Ruhlin, V.F......Pastor

Rev. Pius T. Mathew Parochial Vicar

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00^{PM}

Sunday.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00^{AM}

Daily.....7:30^{AM}

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday..... 8:00^{AM} to 3:00^{PM}

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Reconciliation

Thursday..... 3:00 to 4:00^{PM} & 6:30 to 7:00^{PM}

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A WORD FROM FATHER JIM

This Sunday, the Church begins the Lenten Scrutinies for the participants of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. These are the individuals who are preparing themselves to become fully initiated members of the Church at the Easter Vigil. This means they will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The word "scrutiny" means "to see clearly or inspect closely." With this in mind, the Lenten Scrutinies are about seeing sin and coming to understand the ways in which we fall victim to it. The Scrutinies also allow us to see the transformative healing which is possible through Christ. Once we are able to see sin for what it truly is, and better understand our weaknesses, we can begin to exercise our freedom won for us by Jesus. With the help of God's grace, we can turn away from sin and turn back to the light of God's love. The three weeks of Lenten Scrutinies allow those coming into the Church to see with the eyes of faith and examine how sin works in their lives, thus they will be able to make a deliberate choice to turn away from sin and prepare for their Baptism. In short, the Scrutinies are three rites of self-searching, repentance, and spiritual healing that take place on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent for the Elect (*those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil*).

The First Scrutiny takes place on the Third Sunday of Lent and it centers around John's Gospel account of Jesus encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. It is here that Jesus offers himself as the Living Water. It is Jesus, as the Living Water, who quenches all of our spiritual thirst. Water is the primary symbol of life and it points us to the baptismal font. In the gospel, the Samaritan woman talks to Jesus and her worldly life is revealed. Jesus offers her healing, forgiveness, and new life. She is able to see the truth about herself. Through her encounter with Christ, she experiences new life and freedom from her past burdens.

The Second Scrutiny takes place on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and is centered around John's Gospel account of Jesus healing the man born blind. It is in this story that he see Jesus as the Light of the World, who enables us to see and embrace the truth. The main lesson in today's readings is to turn from darkness to light. We can do this with the assistance of the Holy Spirit and a good examination of conscience. The gospel story of the man born blind does not end with his healing, but rather it continues with the arguments about what happened and who Jesus is. We need to confess our blindness and by enlightened by Christ in order to deepen our relationships with God and others.

The Third Scrutiny takes place of the Fifth Sunday of Lent and it focuses on John's Gospel account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. This is where Jesus reveals himself as the Resurrection and the Life. Here we recognize Jesus' power over both life and death. The raising of Lazarus from the dead is an anticipation of what is to take place on the last day. It points to resurrection and eternal life.

Please continue to pray for all those who are preparing to come into the Church this Easter season. May they come to appreciate Jesus as the Living Water, the Light of the World, and the Resurrection and the Life.

God bless,
Fr. Jim Ruhlin

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's Conference, is delighted to invite you to our annual Pack A Sack Fundraiser.

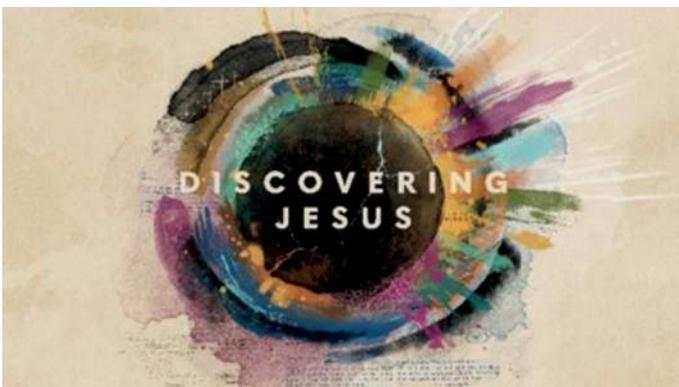
The Pack A Sack Fundraiser is an important occasion where our community comes together to support families in need. Your participation will help us provide essential nourishment for children that would normally not have access to weekend meals.

Please join us for a day of compassion, giving, and fun. Together we can make a meaningful difference to the lives of our 50 students at Gulfview Elementary school.

- Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
- Time: 11:30^{AM} to 2:00^{PM}
- Location: Parish Center, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church



We truly hope you will be able to attend and support our mission. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the parish office or the St. Vincent de Paul office.



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

Taking Care of God's House



The Fundraising committee thanks you for supporting our first Gift Basket Raffle event to gather donations for our next big project, the church re-roof! Hope you participated and enjoyed the fun of taking a chance to win a great Gift Basket while supporting the Building Fund. Winners were drawn at our Coffee reception after Mass on February 22nd. If you were not in attendance and are a winner, please stop by the church office to pick up your basket! The Winners are:

- Tea Time Fun - Jackie Marrero
- Italian Dinner & Wine - Chad Theo
- Charcuterie Board - Ethel DeMonaco

Here are two upcoming events to begin looking forward to, and to join us for community fun, while we continue adding more donations to our Building Fund ~ New Roof project!

APRIL Filipino luncheon event fundraiser, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th from 12:00^{PM} to 2:00^{PM} in the church social hall. Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet gathering after, by 3:00^{PM}. Tickets are available in the parish office during normal business hours.

MAY Chicken BBQ Dinner fundraiser.

Saturday, May 16th from 12:00^{PM} to 4:00^{PM} or until sold out in the parish center and parking lot. Come join your neighbors for a fun afternoon! Tickets on sale now!



BBQ TICKET!

If you are interested in donating to cover the costs of a fundraising event, in case you are unable to attend, we would greatly appreciate that! When costs are covered by donations then all the event donations go directly into the Building Fund for our New Roof project! Please contact the church office to make a cost covering donation or pick up an envelope at the back of the church and write "Fundraising Cost Coverage" for your donation. Blessings to all our parishioners and friends who support us for this major building fund project. ❤️

If you are a seasonal parishioner we welcome your annual participation in our Building Fund growth through an on-line weekly or monthly gift. Here is the link:

<https://www.saintmichaelchurch.org/giving> and click "Building Fund." God bless.

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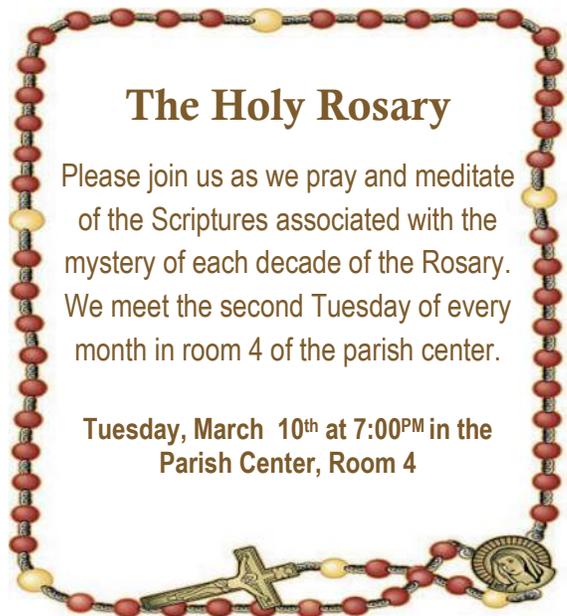
St. Vincent de Paul Collection Weekend

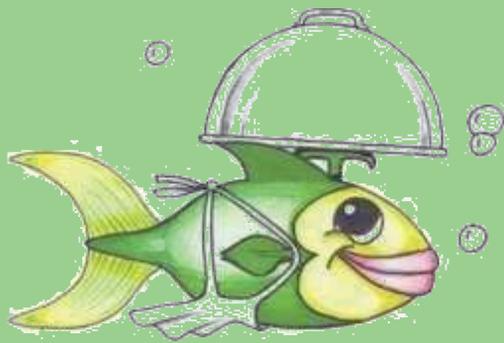
Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church and chapel collecting monetary donations on the weekend of March 14th and 15th after all of the Masses for our neighbors in need. All donations are appreciated. If you are not able to donate at this time, there are envelopes located at all of the doors. **They must be marked SVdP for us to receive your donation.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless you.

The Holy Rosary

Please join us as we pray and meditate of the Scriptures associated with the mystery of each decade of the Rosary. We meet the second Tuesday of every month in room 4 of the parish center.

Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00PM in the
Parish Center, Room 4





K of C Fish Fry

Friday, March 13th, from 4:00 to 6:00^{PM} in room 3 of the parish center. Dinner includes: Fish (baked or fried), coleslaw, fries and beverage. \$13 for adults and \$8 for kids.

Parish Rosary Program Update

Total Rosaries Prayed this week: 534

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to Date: 6,999

Total Weeks Reporting
16

Join the St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Ladies Sodality for a fundraising cruise sailing round-trip from Tampa aboard the Celebrity Summit, **November 8-15, 2026**. Enjoy beautiful ports including Cozumel, Belize City, and Costa Maya while supporting our parish community. An information meeting will be held on **March 15 after the 9:00^{AM} and the 11:00^{AM} Masses in the Parish Center.**

For details or to reserve your cabin, contact Jessica McCulley at Jessica@GoldmarkTravel.com or call 727-862-3595.



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.

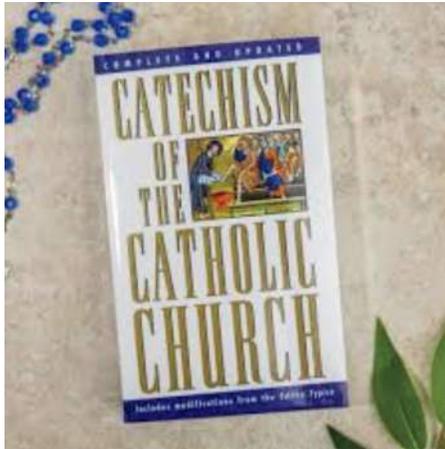


Understanding the Catechism

Monday Evenings

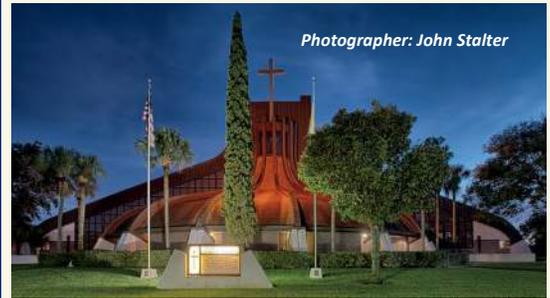
6:00 to 7:00 PM

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.

Welcome to our new parishioners!



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Apostolico
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Catanese
Ms. Alice Chakar
Ms. Sydney Couty
Ms. Lillian Edmonds
Mr. and Mrs. David Farley
Mr. Michael Fuuci & Ms. Ann Marie Scannura
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAdams
Mr. and Mrs. Raffy Ramirez Bautista
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Tonello
Ms. Margarita Torres-Montero
Ms. Breanna Villa



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

Saint Michael the Archangel

Roman Catholic Church

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: _____



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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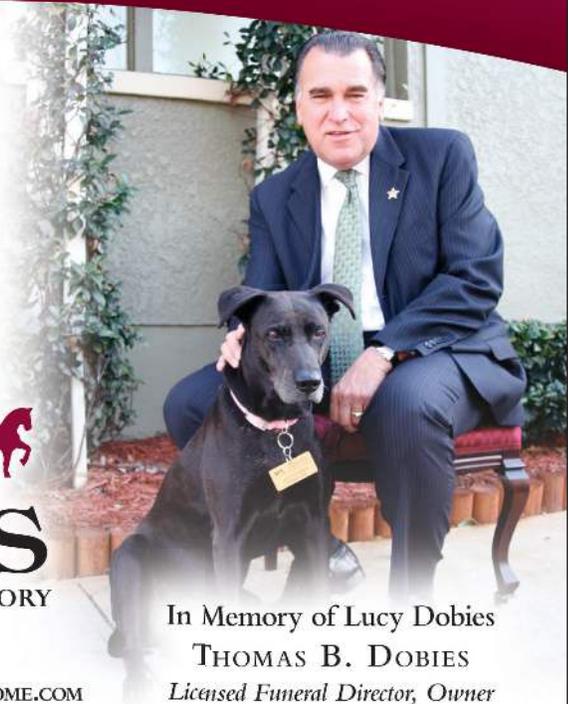
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