

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome to Saint Michael Catholic Church

where people are nourished and formed
to be the Joyful faces of Christ to others



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Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

(Communion Service if a priest is not available)

Tue and Wed 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Friday 12:10 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

9 a.m. & 7 p.m.—See bulletin for any changes
Whole Community Faith Formation (Sept—April)
Sundays 9:00—10:45 a.m.



From your Pastor:

40 Days for Life Help Us Pray for an End of Abortion Begins January 28

**Abby Johnson | The truth Planned Parenthood doesn't
want you to know**

For most, abortion is not a lived experience. You know it's terrible, of course, but for me, when I think about abortion, all my senses are engaged. I've been in the room. I saw, heard, smelled... *everything*. Let me pull back the curtain for you.

At Planned Parenthood, did you know that a baby's body parts are taken to a lab called "products of conception" or POC? My co-workers and I joked it was the "pieces of children" lab. We called the freezer where parts were stored the "nursery" and the code to get into my clinic was 2229 because it *spelled* "baby". With modern technology, it's hard to argue that abortion does not end life. But until it's right in front of you, you don't have to face it. Before I witnessed an abortion, I felt it was something that helped women. But afterward, I knew the gruesome reality of it all.

While pro-choicers promised that abortion would be rare, I can assure you it was never rare because we had quotas. They also promised it would be safe, but it's never safe, because at least one person *always dies*. And what about the staff? The industry lures the same vulnerable community in with lucrative positions. Take it from me, most apply not because they're pro-choice, but because this work *more* than pays the bills. The abortion industry preys on fear. So many patients ask, "what will happen if I can't take care of this child?" Likewise, many staffers ask themselves, "can I get another job that pays this much? Can I talk about what I've seen? *Am I doing the right thing?*" But hundreds of staff have courageously walked away. Despite every one of them needing counseling, and many struggling with PTSD, substance abuse, and depression, they *know the truth* now.

Abortion is not a right. And it definitely isn't healthcare.

General Information and Announcements

Daily Mass on Tuesday, January 23rd is cancelled. Please feel free to attend the 9:00 am Daily Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1201 E Bogard Rd, Wasilla. Daily Mass resumes here on Wed., Jan. 24.



Come Learn about Two Great Spanish Saints on Saturday, February 3rd

How much do you know about Saint Dominic and Saint Junipero Serra? Dominican priest, Father James Junipero Moore, from Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage, will teach about Saint Dominic de Guzman who founded the Dominican Order in the 1200's. And about his patron saint of missions, Saint Junipero Serra, who brought thousands of souls to Christ in Mexico and California in the 1700's.

The half-day retreat begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m., family Adoration at 11:00 a.m., a light potluck lunch around noon and confession at 1:00 p.m. Please join us for this faith-filled family educational event!

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages Catholics nationwide to pray "9 Days for Life," an annual Respect Life novena that started Tuesday, January 16.

In the Catholic Church, a 'novena' consists of prayers over nine successive days, and this particular novena is an opportunity for prayer and reparation in observance of the annual [Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children](#) on Monday, January 22.



There is a second collection next weekend for the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. Or you may give directly on their website:

<https://aoaj.org/support-catholic-schools>

Sunday, February 11th is our Safe Haven Sunday. You can order this "magazine" **Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture** from the store of **Covenant eyes** or get an ebook. Please check it out for an important resource for Safe Haven Sunday.

Safe Haven Sunday



Family Promise

Family Promise is in critical need of income.

They've lost 2 of their major donors. They are holding a Comfort Food fundraiser on Saturday, February 17. Different ways to donate include:

- Attend event on Saturday, February 17 at the Wasilla Senior Center, 1301 S Century Circle, Wasilla
- Donate baked goods or other items for purchase/silent auction
- Invite others to go with you or send in your donation.

Pass the word. I love Family Promise because the whole family, including dads, are included. Any questions call Cherie Kajden at 907-841-9341 or email crk@mtaonline.net



Those who want to walk: Meet at 1:00 pm at the corner of Lake Otis and 40th Ave. Beginning at 1:30pm sharp, we will walk peacefully 3.5 miles to the Memorial to Unborn Children in the Anchorage Cemetery, located just inside the pedestrian gate at Cordova and 8th Avenue. We plan to arrive there by 3:00 pm.

Those who do not want to walk: Meet the walking group downtown at 3:00 pm. Gather at the Memorial to Unborn Children in the Anchorage Cemetery, located just inside the pedestrian gate at Cordova and 8th Avenue.

United in Mission Annual Appeal

We received \$65,361.50 in pledges and/or payments.

Our \$76,437.30 is the goal for St. Michael Parish.

We increased to 124 households participating in pledges/payments.

How your gift helps.....This program makes it possible for

The Archdiocese provide ministries and services to all of its people. It enables us to fund pastoral visits for Mass and sacraments in our village missions and rural parishes. Some programs available are the Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Native Ministry, Faith Formation Leadership training.

The sick and those in need of special prayer:

Sharon Frost, wife of Dn. Bill Frost
Lory Jimenez-Betts
Joy Davidson
George Palmer
Marty Quaas
Stuart Chasse
Frankie Nicholson
Thomas Medica
Mary Lou Michels
Deacon Curt Leuenberger

Please pray for all those that have been diagnosed with cancer.

For our Service Men & Women,
Their families, and those individuals for
whom we have promised prayers.

Helen Siragusa

Mother of Kathy Ashmore-Roberts

Dave Getzschman

*Brother-in-law of Roger & Brenda
Safarik*

John Combs

Husband of Linda Combs

Leslie Delaney

Debra Nault

*Wife of Darren Nault and
Sister-in-law of Sandy Blum*

*Names are left on the prayer list for one
month. If you would like the name listed
longer, please call the office at the
beginning of the month.*

Mass Intentions

January 20 12:00 pm

Debra Nault RIP

January 20 5:30 pm

Anthony Antunes RIP

January 21 8:00 am

St. Michael Parishioners

January 21 11:00 am

Thomas Medica Special Intention

**We are in need of your Palm leaves
to be able to reuse them this coming
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. There is a
container for you to
deposit your palms
in the Church Foyer.**



**Knights of
Columbus
Bison Hunt
Raffle**

The prize is a guided hunt on
"Kodiak Game Ranch" with a
Guaranteed 2-4 year old bull.
OR choose #3,500. in cash.
Drawing to be held May 12,
2024. Tickets are \$20. each and
transferable!

Proceeds benefit the Knights
charitable works in Alaska!

Buy your ticket from any K of C
member today.



**Saint Michael's
Rosary Project**

As you walk into the Social
Hall, to the left there is an
Alaskan map on the wall. The
purpose of the map is to visibly
cover the State of Alaska in
prayer, specifically with the
Rosary. The project is simple.
Where ever you go in Alaska,
for work or recreation, pray the
Rosary. Then come back and
pin the spot you prayed. There
is a box of pins on the counter
next to the map. This is a practical
way to pray for God to grant
conversion and protection for
people in our beautiful state
through Our Lady.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FY 2023-2024 Ordinary Income

Collection January 14, 2024

Budgeted per Week \$ 9,465.75

Total YTD \$ 9,329.00

\$ 242,603.68

Thank you!

- 1/22: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Mark 3:22-30
1/23: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mark 3:31-35
1/24: 2 Samuel 7:4-17
Mark 4:1-20
1/25: Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18
1/26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Titus 1:1-5
1/27: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a,
10-17
Mark 34:35-41
1/28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28



Read God's Word Daily



Join the Knights of Columbus and
pray the Rosary For Life and
Legal Protection of Unborn
Children.

We will be holding a **Living
Rosary Wed., Jan. 24 at 7:00 PM**
here at St. Michael Catholic
Church.

We need 61 people to make a
Living Rosary. Please bring your
family and friends. An ice cream
social to follow.

Save the Date!

Friday, February 2

1st Friday Evening of Encounter
with Jesus

Saturday, February 3

1/2 Day Retreat & Family
Adoration begins 9 am Mass

Saturday, February 10 -

Father/Daughter Honky Tonk
Dance *\$10 donation per family

Tuesday, February 13

Mardi Gras Party

Week At A Glance

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sacraments

Monday, January 22

- ♦ Marriage Communication Program, 6:45 pm, Social Hall

Tuesday, January 23:

- ♦ Catholic Nurses Meeting, Noon, Social Hall
- ♦ Confirmation Group, 6:30 pm, Social Hall
- ♦ Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, 7 pm, Knights Hall

Wednesday, January 24:

- ♦ Mass 9:00 am
- ♦ Kateri Circle Bible Study, 11:30 am, Social Hall, Potluck Lunch
- ♦ Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Marian Movement of Priests 3-4pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ♦ Living Rosary 7 pm, Worship Area

Thursday, January 25:

- ♦ Centering Prayer 11:30 am —12 pm
- ♦ Middle School Youth Group, 5 pm, Social Hall
- ♦ OA, 6 pm, Knights Hall
- ♦ Mass 6:30 pm
- ♦ High School Youth Group begins with 6:30 pm Mass, Shields Center
- ♦ Exposition w/Adoration

Friday, January 26:

- ♦ Benediction 11:55 am
- ♦ Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday, January 27:

- ♦ Mass 9:00 am
- ♦ Mass 10:00 am, Pioneer Home
- ♦ Reconciliation, 3:00-5:00 pm

January 27 at 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mike Taylor
Altar Servers: James Passard, Taylor Passard
Lector: Lori D'Amico
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Kathy Reichard, April Tynan
Hospitality: Creighton Moore, Patty Moore
Cantor: Joe D'Amico

January 28 at 8:00 am

Sacristan: Bill Schmidtkunz
Altar Servers: Daniel Hennemann, Michael Hennemann
Lector: Ziven Witczak
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Paul Houser, Dan Lousberg, Rebecca Rindal, Bill Schmidtkunz, Ginny Stocker
Hospitality: Dani Witczak
Cantor: Harold Gridley

January 28 at 11:00 am

Sacristan: Kathy Roberts
Altar Servers: Gage Blomburg, Lydee-Ann Dziedziak, Thomas McBride
Lector: Daniel Blomburg
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tony Alfonso, Laird McBride, Linda Peters, Michael Mardres
Hospitality: Roger Safarik
Cantor: Crystal Reddell

Sunday, January 28:

- ♦ Mass 8:00 am
- ♦ WCFF with Breakfast 9:15 am
- ♦ Mass 11:00 am
- ♦ OA, 6 pm, (KOC Hall)

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office if any parishioner is seriously ill, has a scheduled surgery, or is suffering from a grave condition.

Baptism

Please call the parish office.

Marriage

Please call the parish office before deciding on a marriage date. Preparation may take six months to a year.

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Exposition with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays at 7 p.m. - 11:55 a.m. on Friday

Benediction

Fridays at 11:55 a.m.

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Eucharist to the Homebound

Individuals who wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office at 907-745-3229.

Prayer Line to see who needs prayers, or to place someone on the prayer line, please call

907-761-3512.



To speak with Patty Haugom directly call 907-745-4166.



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 907-795-9855

Caribbean & Italian Food

ST. MICHAEL'S

*Father Daughter Honkey Tonk Dance *\$10 donation per family*

February 10th 6:30pm - 8:30pm



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Organization	Goal	Total Pledged	Total Paid	Outstanding Pledge Bal	# of Families	# of Pledges	Participation Percentage	Average Pledge	% of Goal Pledged	% of Goal Pledged @ 100%	% Over Goal Pledged	% of Goal Paid	% Over Goal Paid Capped @ 100%	% Over Goal Paid
Ghost Parish, Anchorage	0.00	16,481.12	16,456.12	25.00	275	24	8.73%	686.71	0%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Juneau	29,557.49	19,380.00	18,510.00	870.00	345	33	9.57%	587.27	65.57%	65.57%	0.00%	62.62%	62.62%	0.00%
Holy Cross Parish, Anchorage	39,477.65	57,495.25	54,500.21	2,995.04	600	121	30.25%	475.17	145.64%	100.00%	45.64%	138.05%	100.00%	38.05%
Holy Family Parish, Anchorage	84,566.01	130,561.00	129,471.02	1,089.98	673	92	13.67%	1,419.14	154.39%	100.00%	54.39%	153.10%	100.00%	53.10%
Holy Family Parish, Gienmallen	2,799.57	2,440.00	2,440.00	-	34	12	35.29%	203.33	87.16%	87.16%	0.00%	87.16%	87.16%	0.00%
Holy Name Catholic Church, Ketchikan	27,224.93	34,862.50	33,507.50	1,355.00	442	56	12.67%	622.54	128.05%	100.00%	28.05%	123.08%	100.00%	23.08%
Holy Rosary Parish, Dillingham	9,191.58	5,950.00	5,950.00	-	48	6	12.50%	991.67	64.73%	64.73%	0.00%	64.73%	64.73%	0.00%
Holy Spirit Center, Anchorage	5,097.73	12,575.00	12,575.00	-	40	14	35.00%	898.21	246.68%	100.00%	146.68%	246.68%	100.00%	146.68%
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Anchorage	51,890.00	66,369.98	64,704.96	1,665.02	660	89	13.48%	745.73	127.91%	100.00%	27.91%	124.70%	100.00%	24.70%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Soldotna	41,070.44	63,225.00	60,075.02	3,149.98	217	75	34.56%	843.00	153.94%	100.00%	53.94%	146.27%	100.00%	46.27%
Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Kenai	77,115.00	37,418.82	37,418.82	525.00	172	55	31.98%	689.89	139.94%	100.00%	39.94%	138.00%	100.00%	38.00%
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Big Lake	11,197.92	11,400.00	11,100.00	300.00	76	15	19.74%	760.00	101.80%	100.00%	1.80%	99.13%	99.13%	0.00%
Our Lady of the Snows, Girdwood	7,442.96	7,300.00	7,370.00	60.00	38	11	28.95%	675.45	99.83%	99.83%	0.00%	99.02%	99.02%	0.00%
Sacred Heart Parish - Haines, Haines	11,010.86	7,146.00	7,146.00	-	26	10	38.46%	714.60	64.90%	64.90%	0.00%	64.90%	64.90%	0.00%
Sacred Heart Parish - Seward, Seward	12,817.55	26,500.00	26,050.00	450.00	77	17	22.08%	1,558.82	206.75%	100.00%	106.75%	203.24%	100.00%	103.24%
Sacred Heart Parish - Wasilla, Wasilla	51,712.82	29,875.00	28,400.00	1,475.00	824	50	6.07%	597.50	57.77%	57.77%	0.00%	54.92%	54.92%	0.00%
St. Ann Parish, Yakutat	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0	0	0.00%	-	0%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Andrew Kim Parish, Anchorage	37,719.77	5,100.00	5,100.00	-	9	2	22.22%	2,550.00	13.52%	13.52%	0.00%	13.52%	13.52%	0.00%
St. Andrew Parish, Eagle River	57,502.03	53,372.00	53,472.00	(100.00)	930	92	9.89%	580.13	54.74%	54.74%	0.00%	54.84%	54.84%	0.00%
St. Anthony Parish, Anchorage	49,896.76	47,865.76	47,428.26	437.50	480	94	19.58%	509.21	95.99%	95.99%	0.00%	95.05%	95.05%	0.00%
St. Benedict Parish, Anchorage	77,756.41	104,315.00	96,703.00	7,612.00	674	180	26.71%	579.53	134.16%	100.00%	34.16%	124.37%	100.00%	24.37%
St. Bernard Parish, Talkeetna	4,233.89	4,300.00	4,300.00	-	22	10	45.45%	430.00	101.56%	100.00%	1.56%	101.56%	100.00%	1.56%
St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Petersburg	9,835.42	3,691.00	3,691.00	-	51	14	27.45%	263.64	37.53%	37.53%	0.00%	37.53%	37.53%	0.00%
St. Christopher by the Sea Parish, Unalaska	4,368.49	3,100.00	3,100.00	-	95	4	4.21%	775.00	70.96%	70.96%	0.00%	70.96%	70.96%	0.00%
St. Christopher Church, Willow	4,956.68	7,250.00	7,250.00	-	24	12	50.00%	604.17	146.27%	100.00%	46.27%	146.27%	100.00%	46.27%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Anchorage	138,875.81	213,102.68	208,736.45	4,366.23	1143	144	12.60%	1,479.88	153.45%	100.00%	53.45%	150.30%	100.00%	50.30%
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Valdez	8,959.70	14,059.00	14,059.00	-	89	17	19.10%	827.00	156.91%	100.00%	56.91%	156.91%	100.00%	56.91%
St. Gregory of Nazianzen Parish, Sitka	16,991.43	7,494.00	7,444.00	50.00	330	15	4.55%	499.60	44.10%	44.10%	0.00%	43.81%	43.81%	0.00%
St. John By The Sea Parish, Klawock	6,788.91	10,003.00	9,753.00	250.00	42	13	30.95%	769.46	147.34%	100.00%	47.34%	143.66%	100.00%	43.66%
St. John Neumann, Cooper Landing	2,698.72	0.00	0.00	-	23	0	0.00%	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. John the Baptist Parish, Homer	11,683.75	10,399.99	10,159.99	240.00	134	25	18.66%	416.00	89.01%	89.01%	0.00%	86.96%	86.96%	0.00%
St. Joseph Parish, Cordova	6,361.55	6,950.00	6,950.00	-	81	15	18.52%	463.33	109.25%	109.25%	9.25%	109.25%	100.00%	9.25%
St. Mary of Kodiak Parish, Kodiak	27,415.70	29,141.00	28,991.00	150.00	237	59	24.89%	493.92	106.29%	106.29%	6.29%	105.75%	100.00%	5.75%
St. Michael Parish, Palmer	76,437.30	65,361.50	62,557.79	2,803.71	500	124	24.80%	527.11	85.51%	85.51%	0.00%	81.84%	81.84%	0.00%
St. Patrick Parish, Anchorage	91,524.59	100,303.98	96,321.90	3,982.08	933	208	22.29%	482.23	109.59%	100.00%	9.59%	105.24%	100.00%	5.24%
St. Paul The Apostle Parish, Juneau	54,680.95	57,960.18	56,140.09	1,820.09	838	133	15.87%	435.79	106.00%	100.00%	6.00%	102.67%	100.00%	2.67%
St. Peter the Apostle, Nimitz	4,679.99	4,100.00	4,100.00	-	20	10	50.00%	410.00	87.61%	87.61%	0.00%	87.61%	87.61%	0.00%
St. Philip Benizi, Treppe Creek	1,000.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	-	19	7	36.84%	207.14	145.00%	100.00%	45.00%	145.00%	100.00%	45.00%
St. Rose of Lima Parish, Wrangell	5,788.68	1,885.00	1,885.00	-	32	8	25.00%	235.63	32.56%	32.56%	0.00%	32.56%	32.56%	0.00%
St. Theresa's, Naknek	4,108.30	900.00	550.00	350.00	20	3	15.00%	300.00	21.91%	21.91%	0.00%	13.39%	13.39%	0.00%
St. Therese of The Child Jesus, Seward	1,417.98	100.00	100.00	-	19	1	5.26%	100.00	7.05%	7.05%	0.00%	7.05%	7.05%	0.00%
Report Totals for 40 Organizations:	1,157,855.32	1,281,838.76	1,245,917.13	35,921.63	11,092	1,870	21.53%	770.50	110.71%	77.01%	20.52%	25.97%	76.44%	19.10%