

January 28, 2024
Fourth 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)

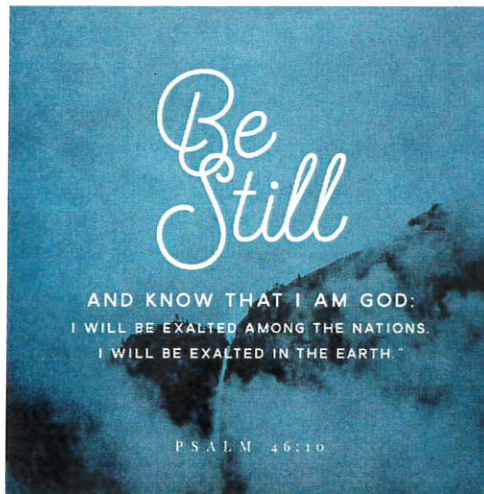
Sundays 9:00—10:45 a.m.

From your Pastor:

Does the Catholic Church believe in the devil?

Based on the teaching and example of Jesus (Mt 4:1-11; 12:22-30; Mk 1:34; Lk 10:18; 22:31; Jn 8:44), the Catholic Church has always held that the devil is real, not a mythical personification of evil. The Fourth Lateran Council (1215), in its decree condemning the Manichaean dualism of the Catharists, taught that “the devil and the other evil spirits were created good in nature, but they became evil by their own actions.” The Church’s teaching on the subject is clear from its liturgy. At baptism, those to be baptized are called upon to reject Satan, his works, and his empty promises. The Church provides an official rite of exorcism, which presupposes, of course, the existence of Satan. In 1975 the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship issued a document called *Christian Faith and Demonology*. It explained the Church’s teaching on the subject. This document quotes Pope Paul VI’s teaching regarding the devil:

It is a departure from the picture provided by biblical and Church teaching to refuse to acknowledge the devil’s existence; to regard him as . . . a conceptual and fanciful personification of the unknown causes of our misfortunes. . . Exegetes and theologians should not be deaf to this warning.



General Information and Announcements

Come Learn about Prayer on

Saturday, February 3rd



Due to a scheduling conflict, Father James Moore will be here in March to talk to us about Saints Dominic and Junipero Serra. Father Michael Shields will be talking about and teaching us about prayer focusing on the Novena.

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!

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry Feb 16 & Mar 22

after the Stations of the Cross!



They are asking for donations of fully processed and packaged halibut or salmon for the Lenten

Season Fish Fries! If you are able to donate, please label the type of fish and place in the chest freezer in the Social Hall. **THANK YOU!**



We are in need of a **volunteer to mow** the Church yard this summer. We have the mower but need a volunteer willing and able to cut the lawn. If you are interested or have questions, please call

Dee at 907-841-5978. Thank you!



There is a second collection this weekend for the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools. Or you may give directly on their website:
<https://aoaj.org/support-catholic-schools>



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 Kajdan at 907-841-9341 or email crk@mtaonline.net

MARDI GRAS PARTY



on Tuesday, February 13 from 4-8 pm that evening! Dinner starts at 4 pm followed by carnival games until 8 pm!

Cost is \$5. per person or \$10. per family!

Mark your calendar for fun day!



Volunteer help is needed to plan and man game tables for our Mardi Gras party! Please call Dee at 907-841-5978 if you can help out to cook, man a game table, or be the cashier at the Mardi Gras party. Help to make this a great party for the youth in our Parish. Thank you!

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.*

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
Deacon Curt Leuenberger
Warren Polsky
Maria Lopez

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.

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*

Mass Intentions

January 28 8:00 am
Thomas Medica Special Intention
January 28 11:00 am
St. Michael Parishioners
January 30 9:00 am
Joy Davidson Special Intention
February 2 12:10 pm
*Sylvia Reader RIP along with
her family and friends*
February 3 9:00 am
Fr. Robert O'Brien
Special Intention
February 3 5:30 pm
St. Michael Parishioners

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FY 2023-2024 Ordinary Income

Collection January 21, 2024

	\$ 6,882.60
Budgeted per Week	\$ 9,329.00
Total YTD	\$ 249,486.28

Thank you!



**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!

**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.**



**K of C 2024
Scholarship
Applications**

are now available for graduating
high school seniors at the Parish
office or on the Welcome Desk in
the church foyer.

Completed applications are to be
in the office no later than
Thursday, March 29, 2024.

Sunday

Jan 28



ANCHORAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Father Michael will be leaving for the walk at
1 pm on Sunday from church parking lot if you
would like to join him.

1/29:	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
1/30:	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43
1/31:	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6
2/1:	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13
2/2:	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
2/3:	1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34
2/4:	Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39



Read God's Word Daily

St. Therese's Camp

Join the fun!

St. Therese's Camp offers a week-long
residential Catholic camp experience. We
share the joy of the faith in a power-
fully fun way.

Weeks of camp are in June and July!

Early bird rate until March 1 is \$392 for
grades 3-8 and \$398 for high school,
prices go up \$20 after that. Register
soon and save money! Campers regis-
tered by April 29 get a free camp t-shirt.
Visit their website at:

Some financial aid is available. Call 907
-232-2066 or contact them by emailing
campdirector@stthereseak.com
for more information.



ST. MICHAEL'S

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

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

Week At A Glance

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30:

- ♦ Young Adult Group, 6:30 pm, Shields Center
- ♦ Liturgy Meeting, 7 pm, Social Hall

Wednesday, January 31:

- ♦ Mass 9:00 am
- ♦ Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Marian Movement of Priests 3-4pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thursday, February 1:

- ♦ 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, February 2:

- ♦ Benediction 11:55 am
- ♦ **Mass 12:10 pm Blessing of the Throats and Anointing**
- ♦ **Adoration & Healing with the Blessed Sacrament, 6:30 pm, Worship Area**

Saturday, February 3: Commemoration of Saint Blaise

- ♦ Mass 9:00 am —**Blessing of Throats**
- ♦ **1/2 Day Retreat on Prayer after the 9 am Mass**
- ♦ Family Adoration, 11 am, Worship Area
- ♦ Reconciliation, 3:00-5:00 pm
- ♦ Mass 5:30 pm

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

February 3 at 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Sandy Chatterton
Altar Servers: **Volunteer Needed**
Lector: Joe Moore
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Steve Frati, Veronica Frati
Hospitality: **Volunteer Needed**
Cantor: **Volunteer Needed**

February 4 at 8:00 am

Sacristan: Bill Schmidtkunz
Altar Servers: Daniel Hennemann, Michael Hennemann, Joseph Bilafer
Lector: Jude Bilafer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rebecca Rindal, Bill Schmidtkunz
Hospitality: **Volunteer Needed**
Cantor: **Volunteer Needed**

February 4 at 11:00 am

Sacristan: **Volunteer Needed**
Altar Servers: Gage Blomburg,
Lector: Daniel Blomburg
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **Volunteer Needed**
Hospitality: Roger Safarik
Cantor: **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, February 4:

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

Sacraments

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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The Erickson Group



Ads will run until
June 30, 2024



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