

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

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—Friday 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Mass Schedule

(Communion Service if a priest is not available)

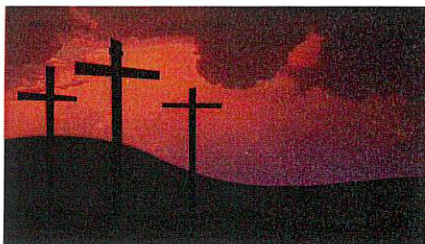
Tue and Wed	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Friday	12:10 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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 the Pastor:

Holy Week is the holiest week of the year in the Catholic Church, and its unique character is reflected in the liturgy. The Mass is celebrated differently and there are other liturgical traditions that help us become immersed into the events of Jesus' Passion, death and resurrection. Many of these traditions find their roots in the early Church, as Christians sought ways to remember the week.

Why do Catholics cover crucifixes and statues during Holy Week?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Into the darkness of Good Friday: The ancient liturgy of Tenebrae

Celebrated on Holy Wednesday One of the many beautiful liturgies of Holy Week, which does not always receive much notice, is the liturgical service called *Tenebrae*. The Latin name is translated as "darkness," and it is a liturgy celebrated by Roman Catholics as well as Anglicans, Protestants and some Orthodox Churches.

Can you stay one hour with me? The "Night Watch" of Holy

Thursday Often the Eucharist is placed in a secondary tabernacle on a side altar, or in an area of the church that is most suitable. This procession from the main altar to another location in the church is symbolic of the movement of Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he experiences great agony before his arrest and betrayal.

Why is there no Mass and only a "service" on Good Friday?

One of the most fascinating days in the liturgical calendar is Good Friday. On the day that honors the Passion and death of Jesus, the Church abstains from offering a Mass. Instead, the Church instructs its believers to host a "Celebration of the Lord's Passion," which includes a special reading of the Gospel, the veneration of the cross and the distribution of Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament.

"My people, what have I done to you?" The Reproaches of Good

Friday During the Good Friday liturgy there is a time when all those present are invited to approach the altar and reverence the crucifix with a kiss, touch or genuflection.

The early Church abstained from Mass on Holy Saturday

Historians believe that Holy Saturday was also a day that did not have a Mass. Instead, Christians held an all-night vigil that started in the middle of the night on Saturday and didn't end until the first rays of dawn when the celebration of Mass began on Easter morning. It was then that the elect were baptized and brought into the church.

General Information and Announcements



Tenebrae Service
Wednesday,
April 16 at 7 pm

You are invited to experience Tenebrae this Wednesday, April 16 at 7pm. Tenebrae is an ancient liturgy that began in the 9th century and was a part of the liturgy of the hours until the 1950s when Holy Week was reformed. It fell out of practice for several decades, though it's gaining popularity once more. Tenebrae means darkness, or shadows and it is the monastic office of matins and lauds for each of the final days of Holy Week. A distinctive candelabra is used, called a Hearse, which has 15 candles. As each psalm is chanted, a candle is extinguished until at the end all candles and lights in the church are out and only the center Christ candle remains.

The service is filled with Scripture from the Psalms, Lamentations, Corinthians, and a reading from St. Augustine, punctuated by short choral responses by our women's Schola. Invite your friends, and attend this special service to prepare your heart and soul for the Triduum and for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

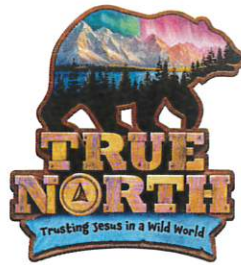
Pray for the spiritual strength and resilience of the elect in their faith journey. They will be celebrating their full initiation into the Catholic faith tradition at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt
on Sunday, April 20
after the 11am Mass for
the children from
0-12 years old.



Next Sunday, April 27 is
Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us for a holy hour
at 3 pm in the
Worship Area that afternoon



Vacation Bible School
June 16-20

9:30am-12:30pm

St. Michael Catholic
Church, The United
Protestant Church, and St.

John Lutheran Church invite you to join us for our annual VBS this summer! Kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers and sparkling glaciers!

All those interested in helping serve and lead this VBS are asked to attend the planning session on Saturday, April 26 at 3:00pm at St. John Lutheran

*Call Joanne at 907-745-3229 ext. 2
for more information*

If You Have Been Away From the Church You Need to go to Confession Before Receiving the Holy Eucharist

Revival of the meaning and treasure of the Eucharist is what the bishops have called us to. On Easter many of our family members that have not attended mass will come to this great celebration. We welcome them and thank God they are coming. At the same time to honor the Eucharist we need to let them know that if they have not attended Mass in a while they need to go to confession before receiving communion or come up for a blessing. This advice may seem hard to give because we want them to come more than Easter but at the same time we also want the church's teaching on the Eucharist to be upheld. Fr. Michael is available to hear confession on the following days and time listed below. So make an effort to let your relatives know there is time they can come to confession so as to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Easter.

Holy Thursday, Apr. 17 5:30—6:30 pm

Holy Saturday, Apr. 19 3—5 pm

Easter Sunday, Apr. 20 9:30—10:30 am

The sick and those in need of special prayer:

Stuart Chasse
Carmen Cancio
Warren Polsky
Richard Mastriano
Terance Weiland

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.

For the Deceased

Richard Barrett
Father of Jamie and Clint Adler
Arlene Greenstreet
Daughter-in-law of Leon and Barbara Kuhn
Sandy Polsky
Wife of Warren Polsky

Names are left on the prayer list for a month. If you would like the name on longer, please call the office at the start of the month.

Mass Intentions

April 13 8:00 am
Paula Ertle—RIP
April 13 11:00 am
Marion Modrell—RIP
April 14 9:00 am
People of the Parish
April 15 9:00 am
Franklin Haumschild & Danny Haumschild—RIP
April 16 9:00 am
Richard Barrett—RIP
April 20 8:00 am
People of the Parish



Please save the date for the next Family Promise service week. Our parish will be serving families providing meals and care to our homeless neighbors in need on May 11th-May 17th.

Please contact me if you are interested in providing meals for those participating in the Family Promise Program. Also let me know if you are no longer able to help out with this program.
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4/14: Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11
4/15: Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38
4/16: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25
4/17: Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21
4/18: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15
4/19: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42
4/20: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Read God's Word Daily

Incense will be used during Holy Week on Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil Mass and the 8 am Mass on Easter Sunday

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FY 2024-2025 Ordinary Income

Collection April 6, 2025 \$ 10,371.25
Budgeted per Week \$ 9,329.00
Total YTD Received \$ 418,423.84

Whole Community Faith Formation and breakfast resume on Sunday, April 27 after the 8 am Mass



Please turn in your rice bowl this week in the basket in the Foyer.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

There are 21 children who will be receiving the First Communion on Sunday, May 4 at the 11 am Mass. If you are able, please make plans to attend another Mass so that there is room for their family and friends in the Worship Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected."

Pope Francis 1/18/2015

Week At A Glance

Monday, April 14:

- ◆ Mass 9:00 am
- ◆ Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm
Worship Area
- ◆ Knights Officers Meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, April 15:

- ◆ Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 16:

- ◆ Mass 9:00 am
- ◆ Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
Marian Movement of Priests 3 pm,
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- ◆ Tenebrae Service, 7 pm

Thursday, April 17: **Holy Thursday**

- ◆ Centering Prayer 11:30 am
- ◆ Mass 7 pm with foot washing
- ◆ Exposition with Adoration only until
Midnight

Friday, April 18: **Good Friday**

Parish Office is Closed this day

- ◆ Stations of the Cross, 9 am,
Inside and Outside Walk
- ◆ Youth Choir Rehearsal 4-5 pm,
Worship Area
- ◆ Good Friday Service, 7 pm includes
Adoration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19: **Holy Saturday**

- ◆ Reconciliation 3-5 pm
- ◆ Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Sunday, April 20: **EASTER SUNDAY**

- ◆ Mass 8:00 am
- ◆ Mass 11:00 am
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt after the 11 am
Mass for kids 0-12 years old

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

April 19 at 8:00 pm

Sacristan: Danielle LaFrance, Kathy Roberts

Altar Servers: **Volunteer Needed**

Lector: Ziven Witzcak, Terry Dickey, Glenn Jagger

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: **Volunteers Needed**

Hospitality: **Volunteers Needed**

Cantor: **Volunteer Needed**

April 20 at 8:00 am

Sacristan: Bill Schmidtkunz

Altar Servers: Joseph Bilafer, Gabe Gallagher, Jamison Gallagher, Gabe Shilanski

Lector: Ziven Witzcak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Paul Houser, Jesse Hronkin, Dan Lousberg, Rebecca Rindal, Bill Schmidtkunz

Hospitality: Karen Cordero, Carrie Hronkin

Cantor: Harold Gridley

April 20 at 11:00 am

Sacristan: Frank Huffman

Altar Servers: Teresa Alfonso, Thomas McBride, Darryl Trombley

Lector: Cheryl Kajdan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Stuart Chasse, Dee Chasse, Khyla Chasse, Laird McBride, Kathy Roberts

Hospitality: **Volunteers Needed**

Cantor: Youth Choir

Sacraments

Prayer Line

to see who needs prayers, or to place someone on the prayer line, please call Patty Haugom directly at 907-745-4166 or email her at



phaugom@mtaonline.net

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.

Both Youth Groups will resume next week on Thursday, April 24.

Full Adoration hours will resume next week on Thurs., Apr. 24 and Fri., Apr. 25

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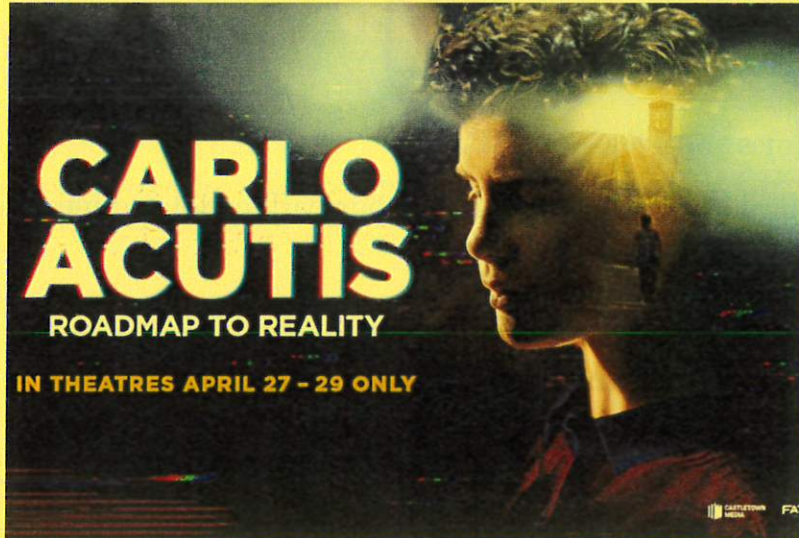
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Holy Week Schedule

- Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday Mass Times are at 8 am and 11 am
Palm Sunday Ecumenical Walk at 10 am (begin in our parking lot and meet up with our Presbyterian and Lutheran neighbors
NOTE: There is no Faith Formation nor breakfast
Rice Bowls with your quiet money or coins will be collected in the Church Foyer
- Monday, April 14 Daily Mass at 9 am
- Tuesday, April 15 Daily Mass at 9 am
- Wednesday, April 16 Daily Mass at 9 am
Tenebrae Service at 7 pm
- Thursday, April 17 Reconciliation Hour from 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper includes foot washing at 7 pm
Adoration will only be held from 8 pm until 12 Midnight
- Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross will be held at 9 am (Indoors and an Outside walk)
Good Friday Service at 7 pm includes Adoration of the Cross
(There is a second collection for the Holy Land this day.)
- Saturday, April 19 Reconciliation Hours 3 – 5 pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil at 8 pm
- Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday Mass at 8 am
Reconciliation Hour from 9:30 – 10:30 am
Easter Sunday Mass at 11 am
NOTE: There is no Faith Formation nor breakfast
(Both will resume on Sun., Apr. 27 which is Divine Mercy Sunday.)
- Sunday, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Hour at 3 pm in the Worship Area

Purchase your ticket here for Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality



Private Screening
sponsored by the
Parish on Sunday,
April 27 at
7 pm at the
Valley Cinema
in Wasilla

It is \$10. per ticket or
a maximum of \$50. per family of six.

Tickets must be purchased by 12 pm on Friday,
April 25 from the Parish Office. Cash or check is
accepted.

It is also being shown on April 27—29 at the
Valley Cinema at the usual price.