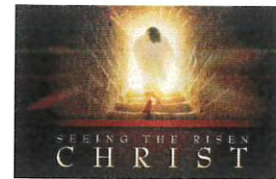


May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday
Of Easter

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)

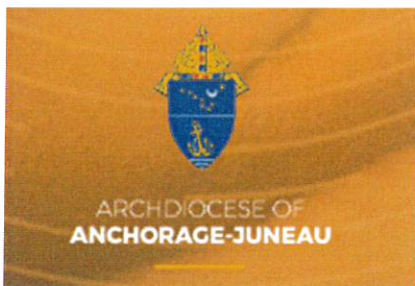
Tue and Wed	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Friday	12:10 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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:

2025 Catholic Annual Appeal United in Mission

By now, you should have received your letter from Archbishop Bellisario asking you to be partners for the gospel and to support Archdiocesan ministries for all the parishioners in our faith communities. When you pledge your support for the *United in Mission: Radiating Christ's Love and Hope Annual Catholic Appeal*, you help make possible diocesan-wide ministries that offer opportunities for ongoing conversation and lifelong faith formation.

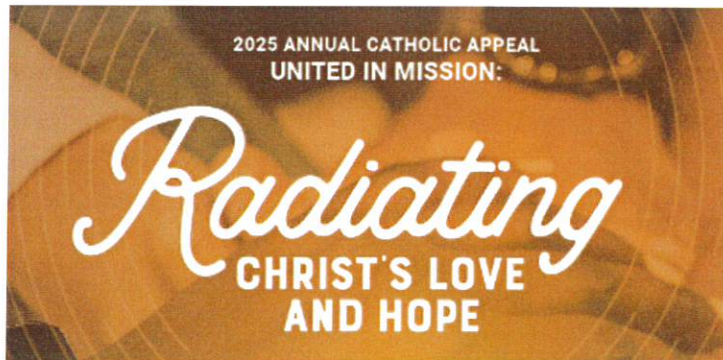
Who are we, as the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?

- There are 32 parishes, 14 missions, 1 Retreat Center and 1 National Shrine in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. 21 of our 32 parishes serve remote or rural communities.

- The Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau covers over 176,000 square miles. That's more square mileage than these eleven states: Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Maine combined!

There are over 10,000 registered parishioner households in the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.



General Information and Announcements

Sacred Music Conference

A two-day conference with workshops tailored to learning the music of the Catholic Church for all skill levels.

Adults: Fri., May 16 6:30 -9 pm and/or

Sat., May 17 8 am-3 pm

Youth: Tues., May 20 4:30-7:30 pm

Hosted by St. Andrew Catholic Church & Co-sponsored with Holy Family Old Cathedral and St. Michael Parish

Learn to sing ancient chant for the Dominican Rite, Roman Rite, (Novus Ordo) and deepen your Catholic faith through sacred music.

Special sessions for choirs, cantors, clergy, and youth.

Led by Mary Ann Carr Wilson, founder of Canticle, Inc., a renowned chant expert who has led over 55 workshops worldwide. For more details, either scan the QR code above to donate or register:



Congratulations to our May 4, 2025 First Communicants



Michael Blomburg

Maya Bottoms

Michael Clingsmith

Daniel Devine

Isaiah Grandel

Natalia Harrington

Finleigh Holman

Arlo Nichols

Emmitt Nichols

Claire Rader

Madelyn Smith

Wyatt Welch

Heidi Eppihimer

David Griesinger

Ryah Harrington

Finn Miller

Dorothy Nichols

Cecilia Odgers

Caden Rhett

Brynn Trombley

Mila Resop

A huge thank you to all those who helped make the First Communion celebration special for these children and their families.

A special thanks to all the parents, the primary catechists, for working at home with their children and being actively involved in the retreats and parent meetings. You have given your child the most important gift of all, a way to be close to Jesus all their lives!

BACCALAUREATE MASS SUNDAY, MAY 11 AT 11:00 AM

Today, we will be celebrating the Baccalaureate Mass in which we pray for our graduates in the Class of 2025 in the Parish:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Aiden W. Bond Margo Borges

Allie Devine Sarah Frati Kamira Fields

Brandon Horacek Bryce Horacek

Brooke Hronkin Jayden Huddleston

Amber Jeffreys AJ Lopez

Colman Mullins Brendan Myers

Nicholas Rader Kiera Odgers

Kit Poglitch Taylor Rindal



Deacon Ed Burke will be ordained a Priest on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 6pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 3900 Wisconsin Street, Anchorage. We are

invited to attend his ordination in Anchorage. He will be celebrating his first Mass as an ordained priest with us here at St. Michael on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 10 am. There will be a reception for him in the Social Hall after the Mass.

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The sick and those in need of special prayer:

Stuart Chasse
Carmen Cancio
Warren Polsky
Richard Mastriano

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

Romie Deschamps

Husband of Patricia Deschamps
Annemarie Weiland

Daughter of Terry and Teri Weiland

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.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

FY 2024-2025 Ordinary Income

Collection May 4, 2025

\$ 9,892.10

Budgeted per Week

\$ 9,329.00

Total YTD Received \$ 463,627.65

Thank you for your continued and generous support of St. Michael Parish!

Happy Birthday

to both

Deacon Curt

on

May 9th and

Deacon Harry

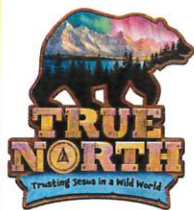
on

May 16!



Mass Intentions

May 11 8:00 am
Isabelle Rogan—RIP
May 11 11:00 am
Paul Long—Special Intention
May 14 9:00 am
Greg Softing—Special Intention
May 15 6:30 pm
Aleta Nawrot—RIP
May 16 12:10 pm
Frances Fritz—RIP
May 17 5:30 pm
People of the Parish



Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 3 pm at St. John Lutheran Church.

Ecumenical VBS on

Mon—Fri

June 16—20, 2025

from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm



Our three church Vacation Bible School will be hosted at St. John Lutheran Church, Palmer.

Registration forms for participants and volunteers are available on the Welcome Desk in the entryway. Links to the forms are also available on the front page of our Saint Michael parish website.

Have you been away from the Catholic church for a few years? Had some life issues that kept you away but now find yourself yearning to return? Have some questions about the Catholic Church tradition? You are invited to contact Deacon Harry Moore at 907-775-4406.

5/12: Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10
5/13: Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30
5/14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
John 15:9-17
5/15: Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20
5/16: Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6
5/17: Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14
5/18: Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Read God's Word Daily

Pray for our Pope Leo XIV.



Each summer we try to have religious sisters at the St. Therese Camp. We have 8 religious sisters covering 4 weeks of camp lined up so far, and we could use your help getting them here.

Do you have airline miles you could donate, or would you help us purchase airline tickets?

Email our ticket organizer Bob McMorro directly by clicking on

rmcmorrow@stbenedictsak.com

and he will make it happen!

Thank you for your support, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rudy Poglitsch
907 232 2066
campdirector@stthereseak.com

St. Therese's Camp
Join the fun!

Our Lady of the Valley has several openings at this time. The positions are for the 2025-26 academic year:



- Fulltime Classroom teaching position
- Part-time music teaching position
- Recruiting for a fulltime/part-time Administrative Assistant

To apply contact Lisa Williams, principal at

lwilliams@ourladyofthevalleyak.org

Week At A Glance

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Sacraments

Monday, May 12:

- ◆ Knights Officer Meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday, May 13:

- ◆ Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 14:

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

Thursday, May 15:

Happy 16th Ordination Anniversary for Deacons Curt and Harry!

- ◆ Centering Prayer 11:30 am
- ◆ 3rd Thursday Senior Potluck Lunch, Noon, Social Hall
- ◆ Middle School Youth Group 5 pm, Shields Center
- ◆ Mass 6:30 pm
- ◆ Exposition with Adoration
- ◆ High School Youth Group begins with the 6:30 pm Mass

Friday, May 16:

Happy Birthday Deacon Harry!

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

Saturday, May 17:

- ◆ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 am, Shields Center
- ◆ Mass 9:00 am
- ◆ St. Vincent DePaul Chapter Meeting, 10 am, Church Basement
- ◆ Reconciliation 3-5 pm
- ◆ Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 18:

- ◆ Mass 8:00 am
- ◆ Mass 11:00 am

May 17 at 5:30 pm

Sacristan: Mike Taylor
Altar Servers: Hilda Eppihimer, Clark Rader
Lector: Lori D'Amico
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Fred Michels, Jamie Rader
Hospitality: Frank Huffman, Eric Yanusz
Cantor: **Volunteer Needed**

May 18 at 8:00 am

Sacristan: Bill Schmidt-kunz
Altar Servers: Gabe Gallagher, Jamison Gallagher, Colman Mullins, Gabe Shilanski
Lector: Ziven Witczak
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ron Combs, Anita Mullins, Rebecca Rindal, Bill Schmidt-kunz, Jean Spoth
Hospitality: Karen Cordero, John Rogan
Cantor: Jim Gridley

May 18 at 11:00 am

Sacristan: Quentin Hecimovich
Altar Servers: Thomas McBride, Ayden Trouy, Marshall Trouy
Lector: Annette Smith
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Quintan Hecimovich, Cheryl Kajdan, Tamara Mardres, Laird McBride, Linda Peters
Hospitality: Roger Safarik, Sharon Zagyyva
Cantor: Yvonne Oliver

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.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT 8 AM IN THE SHIELDS CENTER. PLEASE BRING A BREAKFAST DISH TO SHARE IF YOU ARE ABLE.

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The Erickson Group
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3rd Thursday

Senior Potluck Luncheon

May 15, 2025 12:00 to 2 p.m.
St. Michael's Social Hall



Come join us for friendly conversation while savoring
tasty home cooked food.

65 and Very Alive!

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”

By: Audrey Hepburn