



“Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call “**Ordinary Time**” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? *We* are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



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Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

Adoration Chapel Coordinators

Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. -4 p.m.) 847-5018
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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 *Mass Intentions*

Saturday/ January 31st – St. John Bosco, Priest

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Yvonne Ross †

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

2nd collection – Annual Property/Liability Insurance

Sunday/ February 1st – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All deceased parishioners †

by : People of the Parish

2nd collection – Annual Property/Liability Insurance

**Bingo doors open at noon and games start at 1 pm

Monday/ February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Garry and Catherine Raikes

by: People of the Parish

Tuesday/ February 3rd – St. Blaise and St. Ansgar, Bishops

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday / February 4th –

6 p.m. Holy Mass : St. Michael's Volunteers

by: People of the Parish

Thursday / February 5th – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Garry Raikes, Jr and Family

by: People of the Parish

**St. Monica prayer group after Mass

Bingo at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/ February 6th – St. Paul Miki and Companions/Martyr

First Friday - confessions after Mass

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bill and Cathy Duncan

by: Dean Beardslee

Saturday/ February 7th –

First Saturday- confessions after Mass

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Garry Raikes family

by: People of the Parish

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Bingo Committee

by: People of the Parish

2nd Collection – Maintenance Fund

Sunday/ February 8th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Brad Fortuna †

by : Maureen Fortuna

2nd collection – Maintenance Fund

*BINGO is every Thursday at 6 pm with doors opening at 5 pm.
Also: every 1st Sunday of the month at 1 pm with doors opening at noon. *Knights of Columbus manage the food concessions at the Bingo.

Thought

for the week

Ordinary Season
4th Sun-A

God is not waiting
For Us
to become strong
before
He uses Us!!!

He asks
For
Faith
Humility
Trust
Obedience

Beatitudes: Mt.5:1-12

"God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong."

— 1 Corinthians 1:27



To the World,
The 'CROSS'
looked like Failure,
To God
It was 'Victory'

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



Collection Report

January 24th and 25th , 2026

Main collection : \$

Black and Indian Mission Office : \$

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



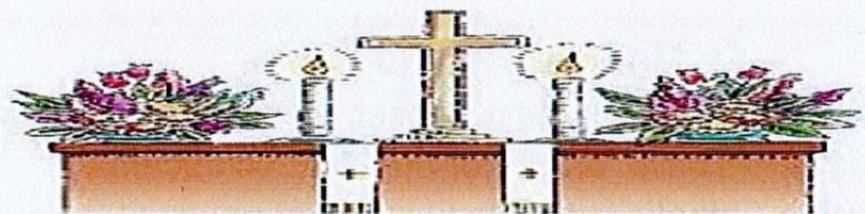
ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration .

No hours available at this time

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-19859



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by: Kevin and Lori Templet in honor of Andon Templet birthday.

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously provided by: Kevin and Lori Templet in honor of Andon Templet birthday.



Lenten Schedule
Please, check your insert for the schedule of the upcoming Lent season.

Our Heartfelt Condolences
To Gil and Michelle Gregory on the passing of his mother, Clara Regina Gregory. She passed on Sunday January 25th, 2026 at the age of 100 years. There was a Funeral Mass for her on Friday January 30th, 2026 here at St. Michael's Church. May her soul rest in peace.

CASA
Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for the 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CASA). Please prayerfully consider giving in support of the work the Church in our diocese does. By giving to CASA, we open our hearts and share with others the gifts given to us by our loving God. 100 percent participation is the goal. No gift is too small when given in love. **Our Parish goal is \$14,900.**

Snow Removal
Thank you- Garry Raikes for getting our parking lot cleared of the snow and ice. Many blessings to you and your family for all your family does for St. Michael's Church.

Adoration Chapel
If you would like to sign up for an hour with the Lord, please contact Rose or Anne, even thou all hours are full at this time, you may come or sign up to be 2nd person during an hour. This will help cover in the event someone can't make their time.

St. Monica's Prayer Group
We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass. We have prayer for our children to come back to our Catholic faith. Along with just praying for children for their protection and peace. We meet in the church library directly after Holy Mass. Please, join us. IF questions please contact Anne Kootz.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and their families, for all you do here at St. Michael's and in our community.

Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, Chuck Wolff and KayLynn Rodenbeck

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- 🎂 February 1st – Danny Sorg
- 🎂 February 5th – Norman Flowers
- 🎂 February 6th – Tom Helfert



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- 💕 February 2nd – Matt and Mary Winston
32 years
- 💕 February 7th – Kevin and Lori Templet
51 years
- 💕 February 8th – Larry and Laura Allen
67 years

If we miss your birthday or anniversary please contact the church office. It is possible you didn't give us all the information when you registered with the church or our records need to be updated.

Lent and Holy Week – 2026

February 18 Ash Wednesday Holy Mass St. Michael's 9 am and 6 pm

February 18 Ash Wednesday Holy Mass St. Mary's 11:15 am

February 19 Catechumens meet the Bishop in Jonesboro 7 pm

February 20th thru March 27th Every Friday

Stations of the Cross St. Michael's 5 pm

Stations of the Cross after the Friday Mass St. Mary's 1 pm

February 27th and March 20th after Stations of the Cross

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry St. Michael's

March 6th, 13th and 27th after Stations of the Cross

Parish Life Lenten Soup Meals St. Michael's

March 12 Penance Service St. Michael's 4 pm to 6 pm

March 13 Penance Service St. Mary's 1 pm to 3 pm

March 28 Palm Sunday- Vigil Mass St. Michael's 4 pm

March 29 Palm Sunday- Holy Mass St. Michael's 9 am

March 29 Palm Sunday- Holy Mass St. Mary's 11:15 am

April 2 Holy Thursday- Holy Mass St. Michael's 7 pm

April 3 Good Friday Stations and Service St. Michael's 3 pm

April 4 Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil Mass St. Michael's 8 pm

April 5 Easter Sunday- Holy Mass St. Michael's 9 am

Easter Sunday- Holy Mass St. Mary's 11:15 am

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots
Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
Payment Plans Available
Contact: Jim Wege



St. Michael's Parish Hall
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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree of the order
FN Michael Gagne (870)751-3419
Quarterly Business Meeting
2nd Saturday of the month

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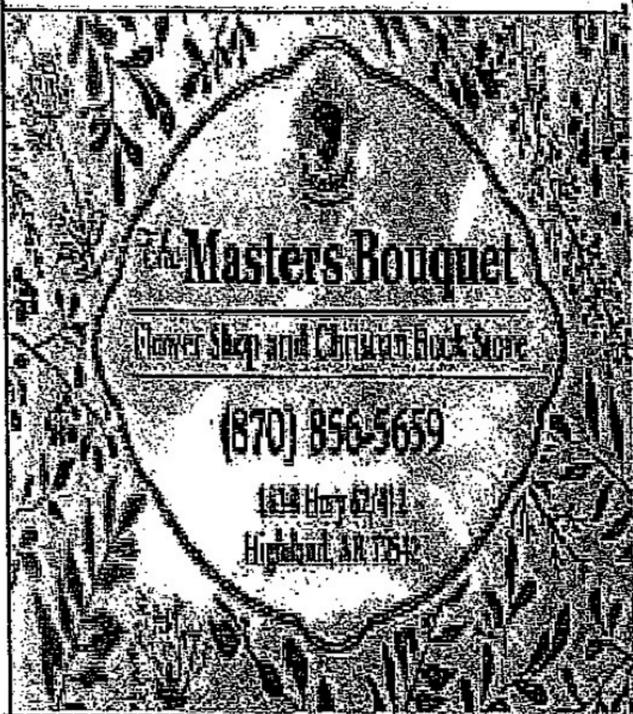
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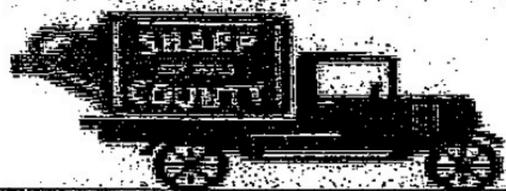


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Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

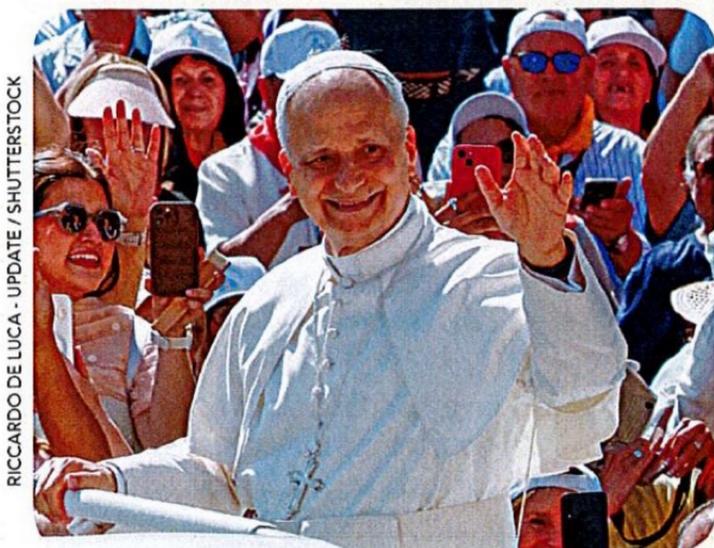
Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



GEMINI

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| February 2 | February 3 | February 4 | February 5 | February 6 | February 7 | February 8 |
| <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> | <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| Mal 3:1-4 | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 | Sir 47:2-11 | 1 Kgs 3:4-13 | Is 58:7-10 |
| Heb 2:14-18 | Mk 5:21-43 | Mk 6:1-6 | Mk 6:7-13 | Mk 6:14-29 | Mk 6:30-34 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 |
| Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 | | | | | | Mt 5:13-16 |



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

ADDRESS, ROME, JUNE 6, 2025