



## *St. Michael's Parish*

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Tues. & Thurs.: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

### WEEKEND MASS:

Sat.: 5:00 p.m.

Sun.: 10:30 a.m.

**DAILY MASSES as per schedule  
published in Sunday Bulletins.**

### PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL:

Chairperson: John Kent  
Secretary: Rosanne Grant

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## *St. Michael's Parish*

*Who are we?*

*What is our Mission?*

St. Michael's is a community of people committed to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to giving leadership in the community of a changing world.

We are called to take ownership of our Baptismal Faith and share the responsibility of building up the Parish.

Therefore we will:

- Develop and promise an atmosphere where we will be challenged by our faith to live the Gospel;
- Strive to be a welcoming community, inviting and calling forth all members to ministry;
- Reach out to the community at large, especially to those who hunger physically and spiritually;
- Develop and celebrate joy-filled liturgy in appropriate liturgical space;
- Work together with parents in the preparation of their children for the reception of the sacraments;
- Share the responsibility for Parish leadership by close liaison with Pastor, Parish Council, Parish Ministry groups and Archdiocesan direction.
- Assume responsibility for the administration and financial development of our Parish; and
- Meet to evaluate and plan the work of Parish Ministry Groups.



## BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH MINISTRY

At any time, you may join a ministry of your choice to help us build a stronger Faith Community at St. Michael's. October is designated for Ministry recruitment, training and installation of new ministers. Here is just a sample of where you can serve your Parish:

**ALTAR MINISTRY:** The members of this ministry make sure we have all that is necessary for the celebration of our liturgies and church ceremonies. Altar Ministers dress the Altar, put out the bread, wine, cups, plates, cloths and candles. They make sure all these items are returned to their proper storage space after each celebration. These ministers are also responsible for washing communion napkins and altar cloths.

**COMMUNION MINISTRY:** These members of Communion ministry serve the parish by offering the Body and Blood of Christ as food for nourishment at every Mass. When requested, Communion Ministers who are able to do so, bring Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our Parish.

**LECTOR MINISTRY:** It is the responsibility of lectors to proclaim the Word of God to those who have gathered for the celebration. Some people are lectors at Weekend Masses. Some Lectors serve us during the Weekday Masses. Some Lectors proclaim at Weekday and Sunday Mass.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN:** These ministers break open the Word for the children of our Parish. This ministry takes time each week to prepare for the following weekend. The Parish has helps and aids for this ministry. Simple training will be provided for those who would like to volunteer.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** We would like to add to the numbers of the ministers who serve us so faithfully at Weekend and Daily Masses. When you sing, you praise God twice. When you play an instrument, you praise God three times over.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS MINISTRY:** Families or combinations of families are needed in this ministry to bring the bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory of the Mass on weekends.

**PROCESSION MINISTERS (Cross and Candles):** In this ministry, families are needed to take part in the Procession at the beginning and end of Mass. They carry the Cross, Candles and other items as needed during the liturgy.



## SACRAMENTS: MILESTONES AND KEYSTONES IN BUILDING AND CELEBRATING PARISH COMMUNITY

“Go out into the whole world and preach the Good News,  
baptizing them....and teach them everything I have commanded you.”  
(St. Matthew 28:19)

The sacraments of the New Testament were entrusted to the Church by the Lord. As actions of the Church Community, they are signs and means by which faith is expressed, the community is strengthened, worship is offered to God and our salvation is assured. When people seek the celebration of any sacrament, it is the duty of the pastor and the assembly to make sure that there is adequate preparation and that we celebrate the sacraments with reverence and care.

**THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** include Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is through these three sacraments that we become full members of the Church Community. These three sacraments of initiation lead us later in life to the reception of:

**THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING:** Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick, and

**THE SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION:** Marriage and Holy Orders

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

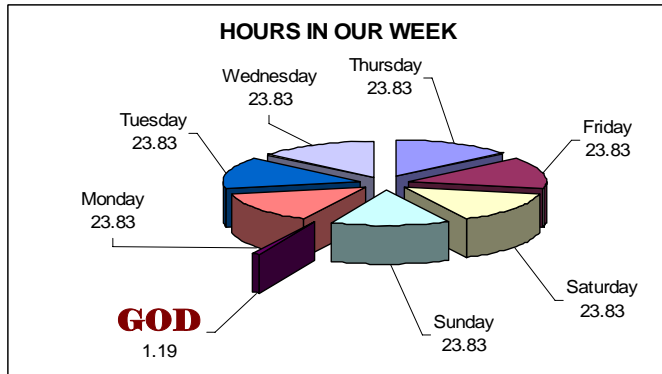
A quick glance at this order of sacraments shows how important it is for parents and godparents to be involved in at least some preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism of Children. The ceremony challenges the parents, godparents and parishioners to “make sure the light of faith is kept burning in the whole life of the newly-baptized; so that the promise of eternal life will be fulfilled as the completion of the child’s baptism.”

The period of preparation for Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation can usually be completed in sixteen weeks. This includes family participation in the Sunday Eucharist with its reflection on the Scriptures for Young People. As you attend Saturday or Sunday Liturgy you will become familiar with the times and dates of preparation and celebration of these sacraments.

Please make sure the young people are registered, enrolled and taking part in the preparation for the Sacraments.

**Individual Confession and Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday Evening at 4:00p.m.**





The God who created us gives us 168 hours every week to enjoy all His precious gifts to us. (That's over 10,000 minutes every week); all God expects in return is a few minutes each day to thank Him for the day, the food and family that is ours.

We say thanks for the gifts that surround us in the 24 hours of every day. The diagram above shows us how much time we have on our hands and also the little sliver of time we need to give to God.

Because we are baptized Christians, Jesus invites to “Come aside with Him at the Eucharist (**The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving”**).” It is so joyous and supportive when we celebrate that hour of Eucharist together as His Church Community.

In years gone by, it used to be so easy to keep our weekly appointment with the Risen Christ and Lord of the Eucharist. Today each person has to work hard to carve out that one hour from the 168 and devote it to the God who loves us. Somehow, we have to see our Sunday Worship (or Saturday Evening Mass) as a priority. Nothing or nobody takes the place of that priority. The prayer of the Eucharist is such a beautiful and effective prayer which brings joy to our hearts and draws blessings and success into each and every life.

Besides saying, “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME”, Jesus also said: “COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE OVERBURDENED AND I WILL REFRESH YOU.” Now that the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are over, why not make the break and drop by the Church and make yourself part of the grateful and active Church...the Body of Christ? Many people argue: “But I don’t need the Church”. But Christ, through the Church says: “But I need you!” You are the living stones, the vibrant blocks that make the Body of Christ more visible in the world.

**LOOK AT THE PICTURE >>>>>>>**

When someone is absent, they are really missed. A missing living stone leaves a gaping hole in the structure of the local church. A missing person makes the church look shaky or like a moth-eaten Baptism robe.

“COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART... LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR YOUR COMING HOME TO ME AND LIVING DEEPLY OUR NEW LIFE.”

