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St. Michael the Archangel

State of the Parish

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Dear Parish Family.

I am pleased to present you with this annual State of the Parish Report. While it is true that there are great challenges facing the Church at this unique moment in history, we as the faith community of St. Michael remain a hope-filled and joy-filled people with one eye fixed on the past, and another fixed on the future, confident that God is always with us. And if we have God, we have all that we need.

Our United States Catholic bishops guide us in thinking about our parish:

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life." —Communities of Salt and Light

For nearly 175 years this is what St. Michael has been for all those who have called this their parish home. Each and every year we build upon the legacy that was first laid in 1855.

This report is meant to be a snapshot of all the wonderful things that have happened in the past year. Its purpose is also to point out some target areas of growth looking into the future. It is my hope that this information will inspire each and everyone of us to give our absolute best to God when it comes to our Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Vincent P. Lampert

Pastor

Capital Campaign

We are 19 months into our **One Faith. One Parish. One Future.** Capital Campaign. We have collected \$1.056 Million of our \$2.1 Million pledged commitment. Dollars received to date have funded the following projects on the church:

- ◆ **\$848,800 for steeple repairs and roof replacement**
- ◆ **\$132,396 for partial tuck pointing**

These projects are scheduled for completion by early summer. Current dollars on hand will also fund additional tuck pointing and masonry work. This includes the foundation, missing bricks, and new concrete walkways and steps. These projects are scheduled for completion in the fall of this year. Once this work is finalized we will have a solid exterior which we can all be proud of.

The next phase will be to address the interior of the building. We plan to contract with Entheos Architects to study and design potential changes to the interior layout, relying on input received from the surveys we conducted in the planning stages for the capital campaign. A Parish Interior Design Committee has been created to work closely with Entheos and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis so that the proposed changes meet our expectations and needs. Interior work will begin once additional pledge commitments are received to fund this phase of the campaign. Based on pledge commitments we anticipate these improvements to be implemented in either 2020 or 2021. It is an exciting time to be a member of St. Michael Parish with so many facility improvements scheduled. Thank you for your great generosity in making all of this possible.



Estate Planning

Your last will and testament can be an expressive statement of what was most important to you in life. A bequest to help support St. Michael Church is a great way to thank God for your faith and to pass it on to those who follow you. You have the opportunity to make an important and beneficial gift through a simple beneficiary designation. One of the easiest ways to make a planned gift to St. Michael's Church is to name the church as a beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), pension plan, 401(k) plan or any other qualified retirement plan. You can name St. Michael's as beneficiary of part or all of your account. This may also be good tax planning as income tax due at death are avoided. Please prayerfully consider making a bequest to St. Michael's Church.

Ministries

The Catholic Church recommends its members to provide stewardship to their parish through Time, Talent, and Treasure. One way St. Michael provides opportunities to give Time and Talent is through various Ministries. We have many different ministries for the St. Michael parishioners to give their time and talent to throughout the year. Our ministries are always looking for new members to help volunteer or to join in discussions centered around our Faith because these ministries thrive on parishioner participation. Today's Ministry Fair "Faith in Action" will help to showcase these ministries and show them in a light not always visible to our parish community.

Leadership Ministry

Pastoral & Finance Councils

Stewardship Ministry

Outreach, Ministry Fair, Vocations Prayer Chalice

Worship Ministry

Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Servers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion,

Sacristans, Music Ministry

Arts & Environment Committee

Family Formation Ministry

Team Jesus Youth & Family Formation

Vacation Bible School

Sacramental Ministry

Wedding Coordinators, Marriage Sponsor Couples

Baptismal, 1st Communion, & Confirmation Preparation

Property and Facilities Ministry

Church Cleaning & Grounds Care

Safety Committee

Exterior & Interior Building

Fellowship Ministry

St. Michael Festival

Spiritual Life Ministry

Christ Renews His Parish Ministry (CRHP)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Fr. Vince's Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

First Friday Adoration & First Saturday Marian Devotion

Care Ministry

Bereavement, Rosary Makers, Pro-Life Ministry

Homebound & Nursing Home Communion Calls

Our Year in Numbers

Since July 1, 2018

Total Active Families 607

Marriages 5

Total Active Members 1,566

Deaths 21

New Families 12

Family Formation Students 30

Baptisms 26

Youth Ministry 25

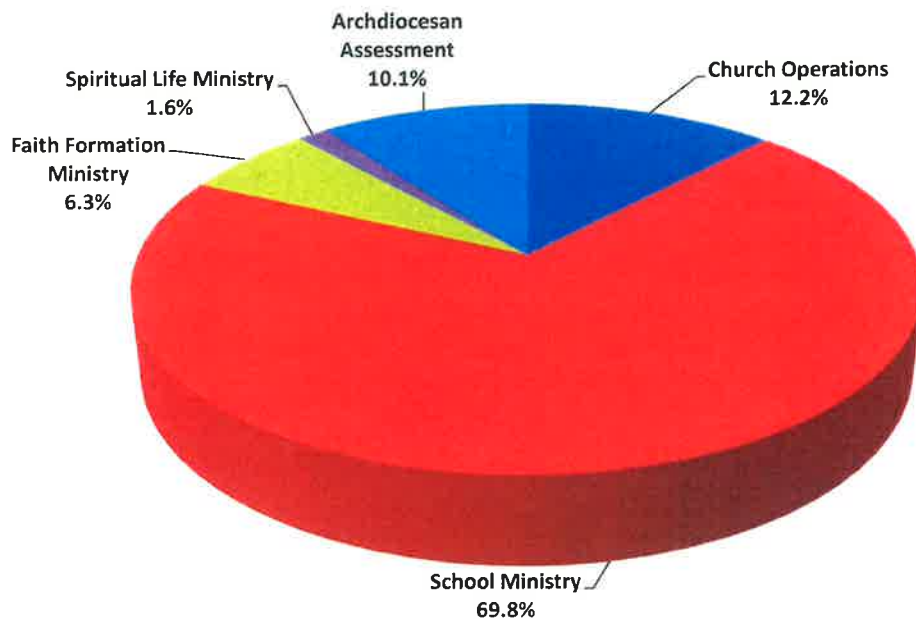
First Communions 25

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
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Confirmations 29

Where does your tithing to the church go?

St. Michael Catholic Church 2019/2020 Budget



This pie chart illustrates where Sunday collections are allocated.

In the next fiscal year, Sunday collections are budgeted at approximately \$15,500 weekly.

Fr. Vince Challenge...

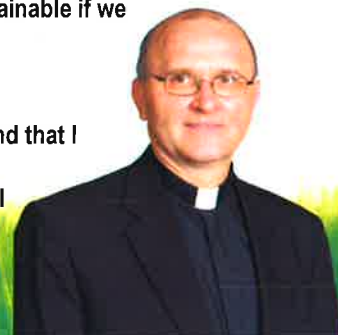
Two men were stranded on a desert island. One seemed cheerful and upbeat. The other was nervous and discouraged. The second man spoke first: "Why are you so happy? Don't you know we'll never be found? We'll both surely die on this forsaken island." "Cheer up," replied the first man. "We'll be just fine. My Stewardship of Treasure Intention Card is due next week, and I know the pastor will find me, no matter where I am!"

Over the past 5 years the parish has budgeted \$832,000 annually or \$16,000 weekly to meet our operational expenses. The following chart shows the actual amounts that were given:

Year	Collections	Weeks	Weekly Avg.
2018/2019	\$625,100.00	41	\$15,246.34
2017/2018	\$762,426.00	52	\$14,662.04
2016/2017	\$773,502.00	52	\$14,875.04
2015/2016	\$742,550.00	52	\$14,279.81
2014/2015	\$733,745.00	52	\$14,110.48

For the 2019/2020 fiscal year that begins on July 1 I am asking all of us to help our parish meet a weekly goal of \$15,500. Asking for an increase in financial support is a difficult, and at the same time, a necessary thing for every pastor. This goal is attainable if we reflect on the reasons why we give to the Church?

- ◆ We give in order to express gratitude to God for the gift of our parish community.
- ◆ We give in order to be involved. Supporting the parish proclaims that my church means something to me, and that I want to be involved in what the church is doing.
- ◆ We give in order to grow as disciples of our Lord. A good gift is one that has a positive effect on the spiritual life of the giver.



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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE INTENTION CARD

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish Gifts - After prayerful consideration, I am responding to this year's parish stewardship renewal by pledging the following support:

- Prayer and Presence-I plan to celebrate Mass regularly and pray for Christ's work in my parish.
- Time and Talent-I plan to share my time and talent to enhance our parish ministries.
- Treasure-I will prayerfully contribute financially to my parish community. My parish gift will be (check only one box)

St. Michael Budgeted Weekly Collection is \$15,500.00

\$ _____ Weekly (\$ x 52 weeks) \$ _____ Monthly (\$ x 12 months)

\$ _____ Total Household Sunday Stewardship of Treasure

Signatures: _____ Date: _____

Check enclosed made payable to St. Michael the Archangel Church. Check No. _____

ACH Auto Withdrawal from chosen account.

Please take a ACH form from the pew and fill in your information then return to the parish office.