

The Balcony

Below the large wheel window is the choir loft. In monastic churches, choirs were located in or to the side of the sanctuary, or in an area between the chancel and the sanctuary, but as choirs came to be composed of lay people, they were located to the rear or the nave or in a choir loft. The grand organ is also located in the choir loft. St. Michael's has a full sized pipe organ provided by the Wicks Organ Company in 1938. The organ was revoiced by Eric Fiss in 1973 and tuned and repaired by the Nelson Organ Company in 1984. The organ has a double keyboard, full pedals, a swell box, and some 1500 individual pipes. A piano has also been added to the loft's instrumentation.



Below the balcony off the narthex is St. Michael's Bookshop*. The walls display a wide variety of prayer books, spiritual pamphlets and publications. They include materials for children as well as adults. People can take them on loan or purchase them for very reasonable prices, leaving the money in a money slot. The bookshop finds valuable use when people add spiritual reading to their Advent and Lenten agenda.

In 2013, a pamphlet rack was built by Bob Wocken with the assistance of Don Foley and re-located to the main entrance.



*What was formerly The "Bookshop" was replaced by a bathroom in 2012. This project was earmarked and funded by our 2008 Capital Campaign.



The bathroom was installed to assist the elderly and those who have difficulty with stairs. The main portion of the project was completed in house by our Maintenance staff, Vern Langowski. He was assisted by several parishioners including Noel Shirek, John Richter and Ray Wylot. The project was completed October of 2012.