



2018 Renewal Brochure

“Go Forth WITH Hearts Afire”

In Luke 12:49, Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth afire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” The Holy Spirit is represented in the Church with two popular images – a winged dove and tongues of fire. The concept of fire comes from the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, as described in the Acts of the Apostles: “Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them” (Acts 2:3).

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



“GO FORTH WITH *Hearts Afire*”

When we are baptized, when we are confirmed, and every time we receive the Eucharist, this fire of the Holy Spirit fills us, and it should fill our hearts, as well. We are all called to serve those in need, to work for justice, and to pursue peace.

Here at St. Michael Catholic Church, we are a parish family that strives to live for Christ. Our annual stewardship renewal is an opportunity for us to renew and re-energize that effort. We are aware that we have received many blessings from God, both collectively as a parish and individually. Stewardship reminds us that these gifts are not to be kept for ourselves. Our parish is successful because of the total of all our gifts and our willingness to use and share them. Each of us needs to ask ourselves, “What are my gifts? How can I use those gifts to be a light — a flame — to others?” God asks us to be His Hands and Feet. During this year’s renewal, we are called to put more faith and trust in the Lord. By doing so, we can be intentional disciples and allow God to show us His plan for our lives.

Jesus did not call just one person to “set the world on fire.” He gathered others around Him — followers, Apostles, disciples. We are a part of that same group. Jesus wants us to make a difference in the world. It begins right here in St. Michael and with each of us. Jesus wants us to set the world ablaze and wants us to “Go Forth with Hearts Afire.”



STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

MAKING TIME FOR PRAYER

Most of us are aware that it is important to pray, but what exactly is prayer and how do we do it? According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, prayer is “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” (2559). As Christians, each of us is encouraged to make time for doing just that every day. It is through prayer that we receive the peace that can only be found in doing God’s will. There are many ways to practice prayer, and each one connects us to God in a unique way.

St. Josemaria Escriva captured the concept of prayer that is so fitting for us as we “Go Forth with Hearts Afire.” He said, “You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat. To pray put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I do not know how to pray,’ you can be sure you have already begun.”

ACTION STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

- Pope Francis encourages all to start spending 15 minutes every morning in quiet prayer by reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture. A helpful place to start is the readings for each day, found at uscgb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.
- Thank God for the good things He has given you that you might take for granted throughout the day.
- Examine your conscience before going to sleep and say an act of contrition like we do at Mass.
- Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

BEING AN ACTIVE SERVANT

Our parish is a great example of faith in action as we consistently witness people whose “hearts are afire.” There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him?

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.”

— 2 Timothy 1:9

Dark and dreary lifestyles are not attractive to us. God has created us to be attracted to what is good, beautiful, and true. As Christians, God’s presence in our lives should be manifested through the gifts of the Holy Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness. Is joy reflected and visible in your life? How are you serving others with that joy? What ministries might allow you to share God’s goodness?

ACTION STEPS TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SERVICE

- Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.
- Use your Commitment Card to find a parish ministry that will help you grow personally in living out your faith.
- Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*

CONSISTENT AND GENEROUS GIVING

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. We are told in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians that we are all members of one body with Christ as the head. But if the eye refused to share its sight, how much less would the body be able to exercise its full capability? Just so, we should share what goods we have with others. When we give to the Lord, we know that He will return our gift to us with increase.

TAKE A STEP TOWARD 10 PERCENT

At St. Michael we seek to honor the scriptural tithe. We invite parishioners to give **5% of their gross income to God through the offertory, 2% to the building debt fund, 1% to the Catholic Services Appeal, and 2% to other charities.**

Using the chart to the right, find your current percentage of giving, and then determine what steps you can take toward giving 10 percent of your household income. Consider increasing your gift by one-percent or two-percent increments until you reach the scriptural tithe and be faithful to your commitment, whatever it may be.

Guide for Giving

Annual Income	5% Weekly Gift
\$10,000	\$10
20,000	19
30,000	29
50,000	48
75,000	72
100,000	96
125,000	120
150,000	144
200,000	192

ACTION STEPS TO BE FINANCIALLY GENEROUS

- Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.
- Evaluate your regular offertory gift and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give until you reach the full scriptural tithe.
- Make a commitment to give regularly to God through the parish offertory, and be faithful to your percentage commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

2018 *Ministry Listings*

WORKS OF FAITH - SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR & SANCTUARY CLEANER

Parishioners clean and dust statues, vigil lights, the main altar area, and the baptismal font on a rotating basis, approximately once a month.

Marion Robeck – 763-497-5181

BAPTISM ASSISTANT

For baptisms outside of Mass, a baptismal assistant is scheduled to assist the priest, deacon and families in attendance. This includes welcoming families and giving instruction, as well as preparing the needed supplies. The assistant makes announcements to the group as needed. After the baptism, the assistant ensures everything is put away, takes the baptism towels home to wash, and then returns them to the parish office. Commitment is approximately once every other month.

*Kevin & Heidi Barthel – 763-497-3466
or heidibarthel@charter.net*

BAPTISM BIBS

This is a great ministry for those that love to work with fabric and to volunteer from their home. Volunteers are needed to serge around the edges of each baptism bib given to the children baptized in our parish. These volunteers will need a serger. Volunteers that have a computerized embroidery machine are needed to embroider a cross onto each bib. Due to allergies, volunteers must keep materials in a smoke-free environment.

*Clara Inman – 763-441-2280 or
gncinman@gmail.com*

BULLETIN STUFFER/OFFICE HELPER

Office helpers are called in for special projects. Typical jobs include helping to prepare bulk mailings and stuffing the Sunday bulletin with inserts. We also look to parishioners to help with various organizational, clerical and graphic design projects.

*Barb Tummel – 763-497-2745,
ext. 241 or bulletineditor@stmccatholicchurch.org*

CHURCH CLEANER

Various times and opportunities to help keep your church looking good! Volunteers meet at 5:00 a.m. on Monday mornings to clean the church. This includes sweeping, vacuuming, dusting pews, mopping, cleaning bathrooms, straightening up, shining up the glass/windows, etc. Volunteers may be scheduled on a rotating basis. Also, volunteers come in to help with deep cleaning or periodic projects, usually during business hours, as it fits your schedule. Some projects include wiping the blinds, dusting the stair rail, cleaning chairs and much more!

Eldon Martin – 763-497-4130

Alvin Zachman – 763-497-2732

DIVORCED/SEPARATED GROUP

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a 12-week video seminar featuring a distinguished team of priests and professionals who have dedicated their lives to helping people understand and cope with loss. The program is



designed for all separated and divorced individuals seeking support during this difficult time. The meetings run throughout the year from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the choir room, which is in the lower level of the church. No preregistration is required and you may join at any time.

*Deacon Greg Steele – 763-263-2450
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Rene Blaeser – 763-442-4024 or
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ELIZABETH MINISTRY

This ministry is scripturally based on the relationship between the Blessed Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. Those who participate become mentors to women in the parish who are expecting a child or in the adoption process through prayers, personal visits, mail, and telephone contact. They also minister to couples with infertility or families that have experienced miscarriages.

*Sue Berning – 763-497-2139
Angela Lenneman – 763-497-5096
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus Christ, in the consecrated host, is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance and members of the faithful come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day and night. Our Adoration chapel, located to the left as you enter the first set of doors to the church, is open 24/7 except during weekday Mass and Sunday Mass times from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon. We always welcome new adorers! Parishioners may sign up for a regular commitment of one hour a week at any day or hour they choose, or as a substitute. Because Christ may never be left alone exposed in the monstrance, we try to have at

least two adorers at each hour (prayer partners) in case one adorer is unable to be present. Parishioners may also visit the chapel without being scheduled during the daytime hours before 10 p.m. Please print your name in the log book on the counter when you arrive and sign out when you leave. *"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease."* (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicai Cenae*)

*Rob and Jeanne Van Drasek –
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) to the HOMEBOUND

These adult parishioners have been commissioned and trained to bring Communion to parishioners in our local community, who are unable to attend Mass but wish to receive the Holy Eucharist. Our ministers go out on Friday mornings and need to attend the Friday morning Mass. Ministers must have completed a background and driving record check, as well as attend a Virtus training session and sign the code of conduct. Parishioners may receive communion at home during a short-term recovery (such as from surgery, during radiation/chemotherapy, after childbirth etc.) or on a long-term basis. Extraordinary Ministers visit the homebound once a week.

*LeAnne Martin – 763-497-4130 or
elmartin1977@hotmail.com*

FACILITIES SET-UP

Parishioners help set up tables and chairs for church sponsored functions, such as funerals, LIFT, retreats, town hall meetings etc. Dates and times vary depending upon needs. You will be part of a list of parishioners to be called as needed.

*John Bonham – 763-497-2745, ext. 212
or jbonham@stmccatholicchurch.org*

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The annual Fall Festival is the main community event of the year. The Fall Festival Planning Committee coordinates this event which happens in September. Families are assigned to a group when they register with the parish. Their group number determines what area they are assigned to help with at the Festival. Groups rotate responsibilities every year. All parishioners are encouraged to contribute to the success of the Fall Festival in some way. Help is needed on the planning committee in many areas.
John Bonham – 763-497-2745, ext. 212
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FINDING HOPE AFTER LOSS

Have you experienced the loss of a child of any age? Please join our support group for parents to help recognize your feelings and put them in perspective. Grief is emotionally, physically, and spiritually painful. At times, the pain can seem unbearable. This informal gathering for parents to support each other with comforting words, prayers, and ideas to help parents cope with challenges. We meet every second Thursday of the month at St. Albert's parish center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The experience of sharing with others who are in a similar situation can be comforting and reassuring.

Eldon or LeAnne Martin – 763-497-4130
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Bob or Sandy Bongaarts – 763-226-7200
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Mike or Cindy Gapinski – 612-518-4413
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FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

The ministries of funeral luncheons are to provide a meal as a way to offer support, love and fellowship to the family and friends that have lost a loved one. Luncheons are typically held immediately following a funeral Mass. There are several opportunities for parishioners to participate:

DONATING SALAD/BARS

Volunteers contribute to a funeral by making or purchasing a salad or bars/cookies on a rotating basis as requested.

Patty Fischer – 763-477-5444

Cindy Weitalla – 763-497-2745, ext. 232
or cweitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org

FUNERAL LUNCHEON CALLER

The caller contributes to the funeral by calling those that have volunteered to donate salads and bars and informs them of an upcoming funeral luncheon.

Patty Fischer – 763-477-5444

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FUNERAL LUNCHEON COORDINATOR

The coordinator is the primary contact for staff, volunteers and the family of the deceased and will ensure that the funeral luncheon is coordinated effectively and consistently with our tradition. The coordinator needs to be present on the day of funeral, but serves on a rotating basis so they are not committed to every funeral.

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FUNERAL LUNCHEON SERVER

The server contributes to the funeral by helping prepare, serve, and clean up on the day of the funeral. Servers may help all day or for just part of the day as it fits their schedule.

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GARDEN OF HOPE

(ST. FIACRE'S ACRE)

The parish community garden raises fresh produce to support the needy. Proceeds from the garden go to parishioners in need and to the Hanover Area Food Shelf. Lastly, some will go to support our parish ministries. This is a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to teach their children how to garden and for confirmation students to receive their service hours. There is also the option to rent a parcel for your family's personal use.

Chuck Blesener – 763-497-4696 or ceblesener@hotmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

These are groups of people who have suffered a loss through death at many different levels. We laugh, we cry, we listen, and are there to support individuals that need someone to listen to and support them during their most difficult time. We meet every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in a classroom on the lower level of the church, except on the first Wednesday of the month when we meet for breakfast at one of the local restaurants.

Deacon Greg Steele – 763-263-2450 or gsteele@stmccatholicchurch.org

HANOVER AREA FOOD SHELF

The Hanover Area Food Shelf, an outreach ministry, serves the communities of Hanover, St. Michael, Albertville, Rockford, Greenfield, northwestern Loretto, and the eastern corner of Corcoran. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food items, cash/checks, or gift cards (Catholic School Scrip) to church on the last weekend of each month to be given to those in the area that are in need.

Eldon Martin – 763-497-4130 or elmartin1977@hotmail.com

HEARING DEVICES

During Mass, the hearing impaired may check out a device to allow them to hear better by adjusting the volume of a headset, or it may be used to adjust the volume of a hearing aid that has a tele coil. Those using the device will need to leave their driver's license until they return the device after Mass. We need people, adults or students, 16 years or older, to help distribute these before Mass and check them back in after Mass.

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HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Coffee, juice, and rolls are typically served the third Sunday of the month after the Sunday morning Masses. This is to provide time for fellowship among parishioners. Help is needed in coordination of workers, serving and clean-up. This is a great opportunity for youth to get service hours for confirmation and for school.

Debra Gillach – 763-742-2198 or debgillach@gmail.com

Patty Washatka – 612-220-6671 or patricia.washatka@gmail.com

LINEN CARE

Linen care is relatively simple but extremely important service to the parish. Weekly linen care includes the purifying and washing of linens used at Mass. After laundering the linens, they need to be ironed and folded. Volunteers must live in a smoke-free home. Training and instruction provided. Schedule is on a rotating basis.

Clara Inman – 763-441-2280 or gncinman@gmail.com



LIVING STATIONS

Parishioners gather to portray the Way of the Cross, helping the faithful participate in the passion of Jesus. Few words are spoken by the actors as people listen to the speaker tell of the events that happened during each Station and meditate on the prayers being read. The live action of the actors helps the faithful visualize what happened in a different way from the traditional Stations of the Cross. Prayerful meditation of each station may bring a person into a deeper understanding of Christ's passion. Opening our hearts to Christ's suffering during his passion and death helps us to celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter with renewed hope and a better relationship with Jesus. Volunteer opportunities include being part of the cast, the lighting crew and helping with the costumes. Practice takes place a few weeks prior to Palm Sunday. The stations are portrayed on Palm Sunday and Good Friday at the Historic Church.

*Elizabeth Zachman – 763-497-3732
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MENTOR COUPLE

Mentor couples minister to engaged couples preparing for marriage. This entails meeting with an engaged couple several times over a couple of weeks to discuss the results of their Fully Engaged pre-marital inventory, which addresses topics related to marriage such as children, in-laws, sexuality, spirituality, and finances. Mentor couples pastorally provide guidance to the engaged couples and need to have an understanding of where a couple is currently at with their faith, while gently guiding and giving a better understanding of the Church's teachings. Commitment is to meet with one to three couples per calendar year. Training is provided.

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M.O.M.'S GROUP

The Miracle of Motherhood group is a ministry which offers friendship and support to live out our vocation as Catholic mothers. We support the difficult and rewarding job of Motherhood through prayer, faith sharing, wonderful conversation, and lasting friendships. Our morning group meets on Fridays once a month from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. with free nursery care provided (volunteers needed). Our evening group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. (nursery care not available). We all meet for food, faith sharing and fellowship in the church gathering space. Additionally, we are always looking for Mom's who are willing to be involved on our committees, which coordinate meals for new moms, welcome new attendees, coordinate service projects and plan snacks for meetings.

*Theresa Sartori – 763-548-4007 or
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Jeannine Barthel at j.barthel@hotmail.com*

NEW MEMBER CONNECTIONS

Parishioners/families meet quarterly to welcome new members, answer their questions, and provide them with the opportunity to meet other parishioners.

*Barb Tummel – 763-497-2745,
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OFFERING COUNTER

Time commitment is one time per month. Parishioner envelope contributions and plate offerings are counted and deposited. All information is kept strictly confidential.

*Barb Tummel – 763-497-2745,
ext. 241 or bulletineditor@stmccatholicchurch.org*

PARISH LIAISON

Parish Liaisons are trained to help explain the Declaration of Nullity (annulment) process and aid people in completing the application and other paperwork that needs to be submitted to the Metropolitan Tribunal. A person seeks a declaration of nullity in order to obtain a definitive judgment on the sacramental nature of his/her prior bond(s). This judgment determines if a person is free to marry in the Catholic Church and may provide the person with peace of mind and/or closure. A declaration of nullity is a must for any divorced person who seeks possible remarriage in the Catholic Church. However, all divorced Catholics should prayerfully consider seeking a declaration of nullity, even if they don't intend future relationships. For those planning to have future relationships, it should be done before one decides to start dating again.

*Cindy Weitalla – 763-497-2745, ext. 232
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PRAYER LINE

Parishioners on the prayer line are asked to pray for someone as requests come in through a short phone call. You then call the next person on the list and give them the prayer request. All requests are kept confidential.

*Theresa Bistodeau – 763-497-2861
Rita Bruner – 763-497-2547*



PRAYER MINISTRY

The prayer ministry team is composed of parishioners gifted in praying for the release of the Holy Spirit, intercessory prayer, words of knowledge, and praying for spiritual, emotional, and physical healing. It is available to parishioners on the second Sunday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses as well as the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

*Beth Bauer – 763-515-3308 or
bethbauer3@gmail.com*

ROSARY LEADER

The Rosary is arguably the most recognizable Catholic devotion and as one of the most powerful weapons in our arsenal for spiritual warfare, is one of the greatest aids in the pursuit of a fruitful spiritual life. Parishioners lead the rosary in our church before the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, as well as on Tuesday evening prior to Mass and after all other weekday Masses. Commitment is one time per month as fits your schedule.

*Peggy Steinert – 612-644-4088 or
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ROSARY LEADER AT THE LEGACY

This ministry is wonderful for a person who enjoys being with the elderly and is comfortable with leading the rosary with a small group. Each Monday at 6:15 p.m. and Friday at 9:15 a.m., a volunteer leads the scriptural rosary in the chapel with residents of the assisted living facility; the Legacy of St. Michael. This rewarding ministry commitment is once per month and takes approximately 30-40 minutes.

*Peggy Steinert – 612-644-4088 or
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SHARING AND CARING HANDS

Parishioners are invited on the second Thursday morning of each month to help prepare a meal and take it to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. Various volunteer opportunities include donating food, helping prepare the meal, loading the food in vehicles at our church, and helping serve the meal at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. Monetary donation support is another option to give to this ministry. Typically, Mary Jo Copeland greets and prays with the volunteers before each meal.

*Jodi Gendron – 612-701-8504 or
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WELCOME CENTER/GREETER

This ministry of hospitality greets and welcomes parishioners and visitors before and after each Mass. The welcome center is a great resource for those interested in joining our parish, as well as parishioners that have general questions. Volunteers are scheduled approximately once a month.

*Kris Adkins – 612-716-4241 or
kanna@charter.net*

FAITH FORMATION

St. Michael's Faith Formation Program strives to help children, parents, and teachers grow in their Catholic faith, to love God, and to learn about His Church, through classroom instruction, family activities, and participation in liturgies and parish life.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, from fall to spring, for children three years old through 1st grade to hear an age-appropriate version of the Gospel. Prior to the first reading, the children will proceed with the leader and helpers to the lower level of the church for approximately 20 minutes.

Volunteer opportunities include being a leader or a helper with the children during the session.

*Andrea Zachman –
763-497-2745, ext. 216 or
azachman@stmccatholicchurch.org*

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Separate men's and women's weekend retreats are held annually at our parish. These retreats are a time for personal reflection, faith-sharing, scripture contemplation, reconciliation, and Mass. The retreats are a great opportunity for renewal and a chance to meet other parishioners.

*Troy Iddings – 952-237-8793 or
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Karen Patton – 763-443-2721 or
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(Women's group)*

FAITH SHARING SMALL GROUPS

Faith sharing small groups are aimed at allowing parishioners to access close-knit relationships while growing in intentional discipleship. These small groups can assist parishioners in questions they may have about their faith, to learn how to live a more Christian life, or to connect with a group of parishioners with a similar interest, as well as a group that provides an intentional place for parishioners to grow deep into their faith. We have many varied small groups assembled, each with a different focus and designated interest.

*Cindy Weitalla – 763-497-2745, ext. 232
or cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org*



GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

This one-day retreat is for engaged or recently married couples. Pope John Paul II presented a number of conferences on the subject of marriage, sexual intimacy, and the spiritual life. It became known as the "Theology of the Body," and many discovered its beauty and profound influences. Parishioners are needed, throughout the day, to pray for an hour in our adoration chapel for those attending the retreat and those presenting this information, to help prepare and clean-up morning refreshments and lunch, to host or emcee the retreat. Couples are needed to share their witness about their journey with the Catholic Church's teaching on sexuality and how it has blessed their marriage. Retreats are held on Saturdays, approximately four times a year.

Jeremy Rohr – 763-458-1942 or rohr_jeremy@yahoo.com

LIFT AND SACRAMENT CLASSES

Learning in Faith Together (LIFT) is a parish-wide family faith formation program focused on strengthening our relationship with God and neighbor, building the parish community, and helping parents become the primary evangelizers of their children. Parents and children attend once a month together from October through April, with additional activities, materials, and resources for the home throughout the rest of the month. Families with children receiving First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation will have additional classes or activities each month to prepare for these sacraments and are expected to participate in LIFT. 8th grade Breakaway families are also expected to participate in LIFT programming. 9th grade Confirmation families are invited and encouraged to join us for LIFT. The content of LIFT is based on the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and covers the knowledge of faith,

liturgical life, moral formation, sacred scripture, prayer, and evangelism. Volunteer opportunities include small-group facilitators, classroom teachers, witnesses, greeters, nursery volunteers, materials preparation, and more.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning is a modern, scientific, and natural means of postponing, avoiding, or achieving pregnancy. It requires no drugs, devices, or surgical procedures. There are many different methods of NFP. One method, called the Billings Ovulation Method, is taught at St. Michael. If you use Natural Family Planning and would like to volunteer as a witness couple and share the benefits of using NFP to those learning this method, please let us know. Classes are taught on evenings at the church.

Nora Dehmer – 320-248-5892 or noradehmer@hotmail.com

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

This program is led by our clergy with assistance from the RCIA Team. RCIA presents teachings of the Catholic Church, spiritual support, and prayer for adults discerning their call to join the Catholic Church. It is also a wonderful way to revisit the religious education you received in the past. Weekly meetings are held on Mondays, from September until shortly after Easter, with occasional breaks for holidays. Parishioners are needed as team members, sponsors, and prayer partners. Participating in RCIA will help you grow in your faith as you help others grow in their faith!

Deacon Steve Dupay – 612-219-4484 or sdupay@stmccatholicchurch.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A popular summer event at our parish for children four years old through 6th grade offered in early August each year. The children participate in various activities that include music, crafts, lessons, snacks, games, and skits about God and the Catholic faith. Many volunteer opportunities include catechists, catechist aides, food helpers, craft helpers, and activity helpers.

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WOMEN'S TIME OF REFLECTION

This ministry presents a morning or evening of prayer, reflection, and hospitality specifically geared for women. These mini-retreats allow women to get away to spend time with each other and our Lord. The format consists of a guest speaker, refreshments, discussion about the topic, and possibly Adoration and Confession. Women are needed to help promote ideas and overall coordination of the event, serve as emcee for the evening, prepare refreshments, and for facilities set-up and clean-up.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Our goal is to lead teens closer to Christ through evangelization, helping teens with fellowship, supporting one another in our faith, providing powerful opportunities for worship, many service opportunities, and challenging them to grow in their understanding and living the faith. You can help us by becoming part of our Core Team.

4th and 5th GRADE FUN NIGHTS

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us for a night of fun, snacks, and transformation in Christ. These take

place once a month at St. Albert's Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month from October thru May. No registration is required and parents are welcome to join us for the night.

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BREAKAWAY

Breakaway is a small group-based ministry for all 8th Graders and serves as the first step towards exploring your faith and the sacrament of Confirmation. The groups, called Discipleship Groups (or "D-Groups"), will become your good friends, and even a second family, as you journey through middle school and high school! Get ready for an awesome adventure! For more information check out our webpage <http://www.stmacatholicyouth.org/breakaway>. Breakaway is based on Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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CORE TEAM

Core Team consists of teens in 8th through 12th grade and adults from our parish. They meet once a month for fellowship and prayer, as well as participate in a D-group to grow in their own faith. Core Team helps plan and conducts all of the 6th through 8th grade ministry programs including Friday Night Live, Summer Stretch, Open Youth Room, Extreme Faith Camp, Retreats, and any other ministry opportunities which come up during the year. They also plan all the 9th through 12th grade programs which include LIFT sessions, Open Youth Room, Theology 101, Lifeline Mass, Whatever nights (once a month Saturday Night youth group), retreats, and any summer ministry events planned (Steubenville Youth Conference,

Summer Mission Trip, or World Youth Day). We especially encourage adults to consider working with our youth as stewards of our parish.

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DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

This is a small-group ministry for students in 8th- 12th grade focusing on accountability and discipleship. Meetings are held twice per month.

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EXTREME FAITH CAMP

The mission of Extreme Faith Camp is to help youth who have completed 6th through 8th grade fall in love with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and experience the Father's love, Christ's Real Presence, and the Holy Spirit's power. Over the years, we have been blessed to see young teens respond to the baptismal call God has placed on their life through Extreme Faith Camp. Their response has been proven by what they have brought back to their parish communities. They have become teen leaders in their youth groups, taken the Sacrament of Confirmation more seriously, and been visible examples of Christian discipleship and leadership. Typically, it takes place in June at Big Sandy Camp near McGregor, MN. The camp includes teens from other parishes.

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LIFELINE MASS

Can you imagine 800-1,000 Catholic teens in a gymnasium at a Mass that includes electric guitars? That's Lifeline, our monthly program that turns the St. Paul NET Center into a hot spot for Catholic young people in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis and beyond. Now in its 16th year, each Lifeline evening includes Mass followed by locally and nationally known speakers, musicians, priests, and entertainers who

dynamically proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Youth and their parish leaders come to Lifeline events to celebrate their faith so they can be encouraged and equipped to share it in their parishes and schools. Youth in 8th through 12th grade participate in the monthly Lifeline Mass on the first Saturday of the month during the school year.

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OPEN YOUTH ROOM

A fun and safe place to hang out with other youth in 6th through 12th grade on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 5:00 p.m. during the school year! There are indoor games such as foosball, pool, board games, Xbox, and Wii. Outdoor games include football, bocce ball, and ultimate Frisbee. Snacks (candy/pop) may be purchased. We combine youth rooms with the students from St. Albert. During the warmer months (May – August), we meet at St. Albert's Youth Room and the other months (September – April), we meet in St. Michael's Youth Room.

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SUMMER STRETCH

Summer Stretch is a 4-day summer program for those going into 6th through 12th grade. The teens attend daily Mass, participate in a service project in the morning, have lunch together, and then enjoy a fun activity in the afternoon. Registration is required; see parish website to register for this event.

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THEOLOGY 101

This is an opportunity for 9th through 12th grade youth to grow in their knowledge and understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith. We use the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scripture as our main texts. This is a demanding course and requires extra time and preparation, but does take the place of Confirmation classes. We meet two to three Sundays each month.

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WHATEVER NIGHTS

Whatever Nights are to awaken, deepen, and strengthen high school students in their faith. This year our nights will be focused on hot topics the teens face in high school at some point. We are focused on keeping each night real and relevant. We strive to not just say, but show through talks, stories, and our own personal witness how to have a relationship with Christ, live it outside the parish walls, and how our faith intersects with our everyday life. It's GREATNESS! These nights are once per month on Saturdays at St. Michael from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for all 9th -12th graders and their friends. "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things." Philippians 4: 8

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WINTER BLAST

Come join us for the best night of the winter! Winter Blast is for students in 6th through 8th grade and is typically held in December. We begin by celebrating Mass at St. Vincent de Paul in Osseo and spend the rest of the evening until early morning at the Maple Grove Community Center. We have large blow-up games, basketball, swimming, skating, late-night dance, teen center, crafts, hair salon, and an adoration chapel all night long. Registration is required. Please refer to parish website to register for this event.

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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Michael Catholic School supports parents in the education of the whole child by instilling Catholic teachings, nourishing faith in Jesus Christ, and strengthening individual commitment to holiness and academic excellence.

The St. Michael Catholic School staff of full-time licensed teachers, para-professionals, kitchen and custodial staff, and administrative team serve over 460 students in Preschool through Grade 8. The preschool has 2, 3, and 5-day morning sessions with an optional childcare following class. The school offers all day, every day Kindergarten, and has two sections of all grades K-8. Grades 5 through 8 operate as a middle school in which students switch classrooms for each subject. Band and choir are options for middle level students along with a choice of other electives during a class period called "Minds in Motion".



Additional programs include full-time instructors in physical education, music, technology and Spanish. We offer enrichment opportunities in math, reading and fine arts. An academic specialist in reading provides additional support and challenge to students across the grades. Sacramental instruction and preparation are a part of second grade and eighth grade religion curricula. Second graders make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and eighth graders are prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Weekly participation in Mass, daily prayer, regular service opportunities, and Catholic traditions are purposefully woven throughout the curriculum in all grades and subject areas.

Accredited by the MN Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA), St. Michael Catholic School offers the very best in practices and programs while building a strong Catholic community. Pastoral support and involvement provides on-going spiritual direction to carry out our mission. We depend on the talents and commitment of school and parish volunteers to help us thrive. Volunteer opportunities include assisting staff, monitoring recess and lunchroom activities, reading in classrooms, being a cribbage partner to 7-8th graders, mentoring students, and much more. We welcome the involvement of our parish members at StMCS! Together, we strive to assist one another in Living for Christ and Learning for Life!
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Ministers are distinguished by a Christian life of strong faith and morals. They must live in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Training is provided and required for all liturgical ministries. Most liturgical

ministers are scheduled once a month at the Mass time of their choice and are expected to be at church a minimum of 15 minutes prior to Mass.

ALTAR SERVER

The altar servers assist the priest presiding at Mass. There are different duties with specific responsibilities for each server, such as Thurifer (carries the censer), Crossbearer, and Candle bearers. It is crucial that all altar servers are mature and reverent during Mass. Altar servers need to have been baptized, received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, and be in the sixth grade or older. We welcome both boys and girls that are dedicated and devoted to this ministry.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

EMHCs assist in distributing the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass and, as such, recognize the profound significance that the Eucharist holds in the life of the Church. A spirit of reverent service to Christ, present in the Eucharist, is at the very heart of this ministry. By serving as an EMHC, you will be witnessing Christ's own loving service to the members of the parish. In order to serve in this ministry, you must be an adult, a member of the parish for a minimum of 6 months and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Extraordinary ministers are distinguished by a Christian life of strong faith and morals. They cultivate devotion to the Holy Eucharist and are an example to the other faithful by a life of piety and reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

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MASS COORDINATOR

The Mass Coordinator is responsible for opening the church prior to Mass. They oversee and have an understanding of all of the other liturgical ministries. They ensure that all volunteers scheduled to serve have arrived and communicate any pertinent information to them. They handle any issues that may come up prior to Mass. After Mass, the Mass Coordinator makes sure that everything is in order and that the church is closed up properly. A Mass Coordinator must be a member of the parish for a minimum of one year and must be 18 years or older. Prerequisite: Current or recent member of another liturgical ministry.

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READER

The proclamation of Sacred Scripture is a very important ministry, which needs to be done with competence and skill in order that the Holy Spirit may be fostered in the hearts of those present. We have two readers at each Mass. One of the readers welcomes the congregation to the celebration. Each reader proclaims one reading. One reads the Prayers of the Faithful if there is no deacon at Mass. At the end of Mass, one will make any necessary announcements. To be effective, readers need to make adequate preparation including study, prayer and practice. Readers have a loud, clear, and unhurried speaking voice. Readers must be in 9th grade or older.

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SACRISTAN

A Sacristan's role is to prepare the items needed at the altar for Mass. This includes preparing the credence table, which holds the sacred vessels, and the side table, where the extraordinary ministers sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion. They also prepare the gifts table. They light the altar candles and prepare the charcoal, if incense will be used. As communion is distributed, the Sacristan stands at the credence table so that they may assist any extraordinary minister if additional hosts are needed. After Mass, they insure that all of the vessels are purified prior to washing and that everything is properly put away. To serve as a Sacristan, you must have been a member of the parish for a minimum of one year and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prerequisite: Current or recent member of another liturgical ministry.

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USHER

Ushers are ministers of hospitality. They welcome people as they gather for Mass. Ushers are to be easily visible if someone needs assistance or directions to a particular area in the church. They may help seat people or assist the physically disabled or elderly. Ushers inquire if anyone needs to have communion brought to them in their pew. They assist in handing out worship aids for Mass. Ushers take up the collection and help direct the congregation at communion time. They distribute bulletins and other materials as needed. Ushers are observant and stay alert so they can readily assist someone that becomes ill or has a medical emergency. After Mass, ushers ensure that everything is in order in church and in the gathering space. Ushers must be able to take initiative

and be comfortable approaching and directing parishioners as necessary. To serve as an usher in our parish, you must be in 9th grade or older.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

ADULT CHOIR

All adults are welcome! This traditional Soprano Alto Tenor Bass choir sings at the 8:00 a.m. Mass approximately twice a month during the choral season. Adult Choir also sings at some of the major feast days. Rehearsals are weekly from September – May on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary or choir room.

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CANTOR

Cantors lead the assembly in song during Masses without a choir or contemporary group. Schedules are released quarterly. Cantors select their Mass dates and times from the schedule. Rehearsals begin 30 minutes before Mass in the choir room with the pianist/organist. A CD library of our parish hymnal is available to cantors.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Welcomes all youth in 2nd grade and up! This choir sings at three Masses during the Christmas season: Christmas Eve, Holy Family Sunday, and Epiphany Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 2:45-3:45 p.m., mid-October thru December, in the choir room and church sanctuary. Bus transportation is provided from some schools to rehearsals. Pre-registration is required.

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CONTEMPORARY GROUPS

There are a number of parishioners participating in contemporary music groups that play and sing for a select number of Masses and/or liturgical events throughout the year. Each group makes their own rehearsal schedule.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOCALIST & INSTRUMENTALIST

Trained teen vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome (and needed!) in various areas of music ministry.

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SOUND TECHNICIAN

The Sound Technician is responsible for setting up the equipment and monitoring the sound for the music ministry, priest, deacon, readers, etc. during Mass. They are to have, or be willing to develop, an ear for music. Sound Technicians are teamed up with a particular music group. As a part of that group, the technician will become very familiar with the group and able to specialize to meet their needs. Sound Technicians will be scheduled with their music group and are encouraged to attend some of their rehearsals if possible. It is desirable that all music groups have a minimum of two sound technicians. High school students, as well as adults, are encouraged to participate in this ministry. Sound technicians are needed for the weekend Masses as well as special functions.

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COMMITTEES/COUNCILS

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend parish committee meetings.

ELECTED/APPOINTED COMMITTEES

FAITH FORMATION CORE TEAM (LIFT CREW)

The LIFT Crew is a group of dedicated volunteers helping to develop and oversee our family faith formation program, called LIFT (or Learning In Faith Together), as well as First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and other family programs. The purpose of the LIFT Crew is to provide leadership, a prayerful vision and guidance for faith formation programs in the parish and to help bring that vision to fruition. Parishioners can volunteer for the LIFT Crew Bob Swift or Andrea Zachman. The team plans to meet monthly, usually on the second Thursday, with additional working sessions scheduled as needed.

Bob Swift – 763-497-2745, ext. 215

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee meets the second Tuesday of the month, after the evening Mass, in the choir room. Members monitor the overall health of the parish's finances, financial controls, and recommend improvements. They review and approve the yearly budget that is prepared and proposed by the parish administrator. The pastor appoints members. If you are interested in serving on the Finance Committee, please mention your interest to the pastor or one of the Committee members, or indicate it on your annual stewardship renewal card.

Jack Pegg – 612-290-9946 or jpeggjr@gmail.com

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC meets the first Tuesday of the month. Members serve a 3-year term, and are either appointed by the pastor or discerned for membership. Members advise on the educational programs and operations of St. Michael Catholic School, as well as providing input on policies. In the past few years, the SAC has advised on several key strategic initiatives, including adding Kids' Club (an afterschool and summertime program), Middle Level (middle school model with addition of 7th and 8th grades), and Preschool. The SAC is seeking members for its working subcommittees: Home and School (a parent/teacher group), budget, public relations, facilities, and policy. The Home and School Association, a subcommittee, leads the school's fundraising efforts and provides opportunities for families to connect with one another along with teachers and staff.

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STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council is responsible for supporting the pastoral vision and ministry of St. Michael Catholic Church. This is accomplished through fostering stewardship as a way of life within all aspects of the parish community. The Council seeks to create opportunities for the parish to increase its ability to recognize, accept and share God's abundant blessings and gifts each day. The Stewardship Council offers cooperation and guidance to the pastor on issues and concerns related to the good of the parish.

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YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

For more information on this ministry, please speak with John O'Sullivan, our Youth Minister.

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OTHER COMMITTEES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Members work with the parish administrator and pastor and meet annually or as needed. They oversee the maintenance of the two cemeteries and handle the sales of cemetery plots.

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Kathy Jo Barthel – 763-286-6561*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION COMMITTEE

Volunteer members oversee the implementation and scheduling of this ministry in our parish. The Head Coordinator(s) and four division leaders meet periodically. The 24 Hourly Coordinators meet as needed with the Adoration Committee or their Division Leader for updating and review.

*Rob Van Drasek – 763-497-5886 or
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LITURGY COMMITTEE

Committee members plan and evaluate liturgies, according to the liturgical calendar, working to foster a beautiful worship space, in accord with Catholic worship guidelines. They coordinate and care for the flowers and seasonal decorations inside and outside of the church. They also review the effectiveness and needs of the liturgical ministers. Those that have a gift for decorating and/or have a green thumb for plants and flowers, and that wish to deepen their knowledge of the liturgy will enjoy this committee.

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PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The goal of the Preservation Committee is to facilitate the preservation of the parish's historic church building, which was completed in 1892. For over 100 years, this church was the focal point for parish life and worship in St. Michael, and so an important part of our history. We strive to maintain it in a condition that honors the central role that it played in that history.

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CHURCH AFFILIATED GROUPS

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

This is a fraternal organization that holds fundraisers with the proceeds benefiting the Catholic School and Parish. We sponsor the Living Rosary and May Crowning. We sponsor America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally. We organize a join hands project that unites the community and Church together socially. We do ministry within our parish and we visit the sick, go to retirements homes, and sponsor youth activities. All parishioners are welcome and invited to participate.

Justine Folkestad – 763-497-3878 or djfolkestad@charter.net

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

CCW provides many charitable services to the parish throughout the year such as reciting the rosary at members' wakes, hosting a spring salad luncheon and an annual bake sale, making and distributing quilts for the homeless, distributing Christmas baskets to the parish homebound, donating to the those locally in need, sponsoring educational opportunities, holding the CCW annual retreat, sponsoring the graduates' breakfast, and various other events. Each year they support the Appalachian Christmas project by gathering donations, such as clothing, school, baby, kitchen and bath supplies, as well as many toys and send to Kentucky. CCW meetings are generally held after the evening Mass on the third Tuesday of the month from September through May. CCW offers a monthly prayer for our members, families, spouses and children. At the 8:30 a.m. Mass, on the second Sunday of each month, CCW members attend Mass together by sitting in designated pews to represent their group. After Mass, they stay briefly to pray.

Judy Beaudry – 763-497-4344 or ljbeaudry@charter.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This is a men's Catholic fraternal organization. Our council (# 4174) serves the St. Michael and St. Albert parishes through our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We provide volunteer and financial support for numerous family, pro-life, youth and community activities. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at St. Albert Parish Hall. All practicing Catholic men are welcome and encouraged to join.

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RESPECT LIFE

Members inform parishioners of pro-life issues, work with the Archdiocesan Respect Life office, and attend archdiocesan quarterly workshops. Members also reach out with concrete help for practical needs, emotional and spiritual support with a spirit of hospitality to women and families letting them know they are not alone during difficult pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or single parenting. Some functions include the pro-life newsletter, County Fair booth staffing, Festival booth, Respect Life breakfast, and working with Cornerstone Women's Center.

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ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND INC.

A 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1991, accepting tax deductible donations and investing monies to create a perpetual fund to support our Catholic School. Currently, we are looking for interested persons who are savvy in marketing and finance. Quarterly meetings are open to all those interested and are held at the St. Michael Catholic Church.

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Kevin Rose – 763-221-3468 or kmcrose@gmail.com*

SERRA CLUB

Serra is an organization of Catholic men and women. For over 70 years, their mission has been to foster and affirm vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life in the United States. His holiness Pope Francis said "No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the Heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of Fraternal Love."

Marian Meyer – 763-497-2371

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Organized locally, we witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. We collaborate with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, we see the face of Christ. Meetings are held on the

second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the former Parish Rectory. Please join us to find out more.

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OTHER COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

New this year!

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Stewardship is not just a "church" thing, it is a way of life. God wants us to share His gifts generously within the Church, but also out in the world. Following Christ as a Christian steward encompasses all aspects of our lives, including the service that we each perform outside of the parish. On the commitment card there is a blank line with the category of "Other Ministry". Please share with us the good works that you and your family perform beyond our parish!

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TALENTS TO SHARE

Do you have a talent or skill to share that might not fit a particular parish ministry? For example, carpentry, photography, painting or crafting, just to name a few! Our school and parish are often in need of a variety of help and we'd like to create a list of parishioners who are willing to be contacted if a special need arises. Please list your talent/ skill on the "Other talent" line and your name will be kept on file so we can reach out to you as needed.

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St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Prayer

Glory and praise to You, O Lord. In humble gratitude for the enduring faith of St. Michael Catholic Church, we turn to You for guidance. Grant us the wisdom to comprehend Your mission for us, and the courage to joyfully bring it to completion. Transform our minds by Your truth, our hearts by Your love, and our actions for Your service. Abounding in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become a people living for Christ. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP INVOLVES COMMITMENT

It's difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent, or treasure if we do not first give Him 100 percent of our hearts. For this reason, our Stewardship Renewal is a time for growing closer to God above all else. It is a time to make God our top priority, and then express this growth through written commitments. How will you turn more readily to Him with your whole heart?

Time

Several suggestions for regular prayer are listed on your Commitment Card. Will you set aside time each day to spend with God? What time are you willing to sacrifice and share to serve others?

Talent

Your Commitment Card lists numerous parish ministries available for your involvement. Will you offer yourself in service to God through others?

Treasure

This year, will you make a specific financial pledge to contribute to the Sunday offertory?

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