



St. Michael Catholic Church

Faith Formation Office

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Postscript to Parents

October 2nd & 3rd, 2011

Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
to live among us and to proclaim his message
of faith, hope, and love to all nations.
In your goodness, *strengthen all catechists with your gifts,*
that they may teach the Church by word and example,
the truth which comes from you.
We ask this through Christ our lord. Amen

Columbus Day Holiday!

NO RE CLASS next week - Sunday, Oct 9th and Monday, Oct 10th.
. Enjoy your weekend off ☺

IMPORTANT for all MONDAY's Religious Education

No RE class on Monday, October 31st, 2011 – Halloween

Instead

We will have RE class on Monday, November 28th, 2011
(Monday after Thanksgiving weekend)

FIRE DRILL – October 2nd & 3rd

Sunday Oct 2, 2011	Session A	9:00 AM	Faith Center
		9:30 AM	School
Sunday Oct 2, 2011	Session B	10:45 AM	Faith Center
		11:15 AM	School
Monday October 3, 2011	Session C	4:45 PM	Faith Center
		5:15 PM	School



If you suspect that your child may have a difficult time dealing with the Fire Drill please come to his/her class five or ten minutes before the alarm will sound.

You may take your child outside and then return to class with everyone else.

Parents of Religious Education 2nd graders:

A reminder of two upcoming events:

The First Reconciliation Parent Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 18th**, at **10:00AM and at 7:00PM**. You will receive a letter in mail and an email was be send.

ENROLLMENT SUNDAY will take place during all Sunday Masses on **October 23rd**. Father Don or Father Mark will pray over the 2nd graders and will distribute an “Angel on my Shoulder” pin to each 2nd grader. Parents received the “little people figurines” in mail and each child should bring it to church with them (to any of the masses that weekend). If they bring it to class I will collect them in order to put them in a basket for the Enrollment Ceremony. The colored pictures will be put out at the entrance to the church so parishioners can take one and pray for that child as he/she prepares for First Reconciliation and First Communion. (I will discuss all this at the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting).

Catechist’s Aides needed on Sundays 8:45-10:00

Please consider aiding in a 2nd grade class
(only 21 Sundays left October through May)
Adults and teens needed!!!



An Important Reminder!!
For All 4th Grade RE Children and their Families

Large Group Assembly

Sunday, October 23rd

For: **All 4th Grade RE Children and their Families**

Time: **8:45am-10:00am * OR 10:30am-11:45am**

* **Note:** The Monday classes will be asked to attend the Assembly on Sunday 8:45AM. This will give working parents the opportunity to attend with their child! *(4th grade RE will not meet the next day)*

Place: **2nd Floor of the Faith Center**

This assembly is part of our 4th grade RE curriculum and will kick-off our service project for the year as we focus on feeding the hungry. The year will culminate with our family outing to the “Feed My Starving Children” packing facility on March 10th (11:30am-1:30pm); (2:00pm-4:00pm) & March 17th (11:30am-1:30pm); (4:30pm-6:30pm).

Parent involvement is an essential part of this exciting new project!

At this Assembly we will:

- Hold a **FOOD DRIVE** for our local People’s Resource Center
- Share donuts and refreshments together
- Watch a video from “Feed My Starving Children” and learn all about how we can all help alleviate starvation
- Find out how each child and family will be asked to help us reach our Class Goal toward funding t-shirts for all of the 4th graders
- Celebrate together as a community of faith

Please bring non-perishable food items with you to the Assembly for donation to Peoples’ Resource Center to help with local hunger.

RSVP:

Please call to let us know how many family members will be attending.

Thank you!

Faith Formation Office 682-3650 or mglaz@stmichaelcommunity.org

“If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has not food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well”, but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?”

James 2:14

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Training of New Altar Servers starts on **October 18th**. The new Servers must attend two training sessions of 2 hours each. Sign Up sheets for training are located next to the Servers Vestry in the narthex. Meetings for parents of new Altar Servers will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 1:00pm and at 6:00pm in the Church.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Training for those wishing to become Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd, at 2:00pm in the Church**. This training is open to any practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, who would like to assist our Priests with the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Our Lord to our St. Michael Community.

If you cannot make this date, but would still like to become an Extraordinary Minister, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office and someone will get back to you.Help is needed at all of the Masses.

Dear Parent,

St. Michael will offer **RAINBOWS** - a support group for children in grades Kindergarten through High School experiencing grief due to divorce, parental death or other family crisis.

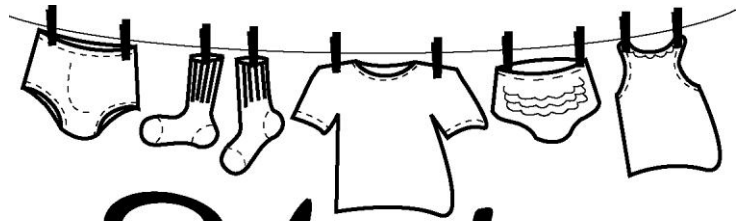


Fall 2011 Tuesdays 6:30PM-7:15PM							
Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	<i>Skip a week</i>	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13

Spring 2012 Tuesdays 6:30PM-7:15PM							
Jan 31	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 21	Feb 28	<i>Skip a week</i>	March 13	March 20

If you have any questions, or require further information on the RAINBOWS program, please call Magdalena Glaz, Director of Religious Education at 630-682-3650.

October 9



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SUNDAY

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

YOUTH UNITED will be placing collection bins for new packages of underwear and socks in the church, in the school, and in the Faith Center throughout the month of September and until October 9th. If everyone donates a pack of what they would ordinarily wear we could outfit a variety of people! For example, a five year old boy could donate Batman briefs! Everyone can join in the fun ~ all sizes are needed, including: men's XL and XXL; women's bras; kid's pajamas; and baby diapers.

CASH DONATIONS will also be accepted! Make your checks payable to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

Last year we collected 10 large bags of undies for Catholic Charities! Thank you for being so generous!

INFORMATION from Fr. DON

Announcement by Fr. Don
At Masses September 24/25

Before I begin with the annual report today, I want to make you aware of a concern that we and other churches in Wheaton and neighboring towns have been experiencing the past several months.....

On some weekends, there are people soliciting monetary donations outside the church doors or the parking lot across the street, holding signs, claiming to be homeless or out of work. Sometimes it is a man, or a woman, sometimes with a child or children. We do not know who they are, where they come from and if their need is legitimate. Additionally, they are not authorized to solicit on our property.

I know it says in the gospel to give to those who beg. However, there are many avenues to provide these persons assistance such as our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter, Peoples Resource Center, local food pantries, the township and other local service agencies, who can properly vet their needs.

I have talked to the Wheaton Police Department and been informed that people may not solicit on private property without permission of the property owner, but can on public property such as the sidewalks. Several times after mass while Fr. Mark or I are talking with parishioners in the narthex, someone will come back in and tell us that there are people outside asking for money. Unfortunately, Fr. Mark and I cannot police our campus every Sunday morning. And by the time the police department is called and responds, the individuals usually have left. When Fr. Mark or I have encountered these persons we have told them to leave the property but to contact us on Monday to get references for help, but they never do. If you encounter someone asking for money outside of church and you feel uncomfortable about it, simply do not give. Perhaps if they receive no donations, they will stop coming back. I don't know what else we can do.

Annual Report / Stewardship Renewal Presentation
Weekend of September 24/25, 2011
26th Sunday Ordinary Time – A Cycle

Good Morning (Evening)!

Today's gospel asks us to consider what it means to be a faithful steward. As we see in the two brothers, actions speak louder than words! St. Paul today reminds us to "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."

A big thank you to all who participated on Saturday in our 2nd annual St. Michael Service Day. Instituted last year as part of our annual stewardship renewal for the offertory appeal, the service day reinforces the Church's teaching of stewardship not only of our treasure, but of our time and talent as well. I am sure all who received your ministry in the name of Jesus and the St. Michael parish family truly appreciated it!

For the past several years, I have taken the weekend prior to the feast of our parish patron, St. Michael the Archangel, whose feast day is September 29th, to give an accounting of my stewardship as your pastor for the funds you donate to St. Michael Church and make my once a year appeal for your sustained support to meet the needs for the budget of the current fiscal year.

This will be the last time that I share with you the annual report and make an appeal for your on-going financial support of St. Michael parish. As you know, this past April I announced that I will be leaving St. Michael's in June 2012, and prior to that I will be away on a sabbatical program for four months beginning this coming January.

You will find the annual report for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in today's bulletin as well as the budget for the current fiscal year that began two months ago. In the report you will see that our Sunday collection remained stable from the previous year, but under what was budgeted. Still we were able to end the fiscal year with a \$223,000 surplus due mainly to a slight reduction in overall expenses. You will see an \$182,669 deficit projected in the budget for this current fiscal year. This is for the capital expenses for a new roof on the oldest section of the school as well as roof repairs throughout the campus.

These repairs began in late July and were substantially completed in August. The 2011 surplus will be used to fund this deficit. If you have any questions or want more details about the budget or financial report you may contact the chair of the Finance Council, Greg Bogdanski, whose e-mail address is in the bulletin.

As I reflect back on the 10 years that I have been your pastor, I take great satisfaction in passing on to my successor a parish that is not only a vibrant faith community and for many a spiritual home of welcome, but also a parish that continues to grow in membership **and** is debt free. Upon my arrival in June 2001 the

parish had outstanding loans for the construction of the Faith Center and other outstanding financial obligations to the Diocese. We were able to meet those obligations in a timely fashion. The fire in 2002 necessitated fundraising for the construction of a new \$14 million church and office complex and addition to the parish school. We dedicated our new church in March 2006 and by the end of 2007 retired the remaining balance on our construction loan. Throughout this entire time we have also been able to maintain and upgrade our parish and school facilities.

Through generous estate gifts of several parishioners who remembered St. Michael's in their wills, and the good financial management of our parish resulting in some fiscal years ending with a surplus, we have also been able to establish a savings account at the Diocese for future needs.

While buildings are important – the building of community has always been my focus as pastor. When asked by a reporter at the dedication of our new church what I was going to do next, I simply responded...”continue to build church”. In addition to the already well-established ministries of our excellent parish grammar school, faith formation programs, youth ministry and outreach to those most in need in our community, country, and world, I am edified that your financial support in my time here has enabled the parish to add pastoral staff positions enhancing the faith formation and spiritual growth of the adult members of our community; promoting the health and wellness of our members, especially seniors; and the vibrant growth of our music ministry and worship.

However, none of this would have been accomplished without your support and the dedication of all who have served on various committees and parish organizations. I am eternally grateful for the wisdom and counsel I received from the building committee at the time of construction of our new church, and throughout the years of those who have served on the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Administration Commission and School Board. In my introductory homily when I first came to St. Michael's I stated that one of the things I felt was my role of pastor was to “foster greatness in others”. I hope that those who have worked with me on the various commissions and organizations have sensed my desire for and appreciation of their contributions. I hope that you as parishioners have had a confidence in my stewardship as pastor these past 10 years, and that the transparency I have tried to foster in the financial affairs of the parish as well as reporting and communicating the needs of the parish, has instilled a spirit of trust, good-will and generosity in our parish family.

Once again, I ask you to prayerfully consider, as your means allow, a small increase in your Sunday stewardship offering. To maintain the current level of staffing, ministries, programs and services and the maintenance of our facilities requires a 1% increase in the Sunday collection.

You will receive a letter from me this week reiterating an appeal for your support. There are no forms to fill out or return, I just ask that you begin to increase your Sunday offering as soon as possible as your means

permit. If you are currently not participating in the Sunday collection, please know that your support is needed. Even if you feel your gift wouldn't make much difference, please know it will. Remember, our new church was built by equal sacrifice, not equal gifts! And if your life circumstances make it impossible to contribute financially to our parish at present, your prayers and service are just as important!

Please know that I will always treasure the memories of the support you have given me personally as well as to the parish, especially at the time of the fire and building of our new church. Thank you to the many parishioners who over these years have opened their hearts and homes to me in friendship. Please keep me in prayer, as I will you, in the upcoming time of transition. It has been an honor to serve you as the 7th pastor in the 129 year history of St. Michael Church! I thank you again for all you have done in support of St. Michael Parish and wish you and the next pastor continued growth and success!

St. Michael Catholic Church

A Catholic Community of Faith Since 1882

Report of Income and Expense

Fiscal Years Ending June 30th

	2012 <i>(Budget)</i>	2011 <i>(Actual)</i>	2010 <i>(Actual)</i>
<u>Church Income:</u>			
Sunday Collections	\$1,970,000	\$1,956,143	\$1,959,644
Christmas and Easter	234,000	239,343	231,480
Other Income*	79,800	99,948	114,238
Interest Income	60,000	58,000	29,372
Total Church Income	\$2,343,800	\$2,353,434	\$2,334,734
<u>Church Expenses:</u>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$471,433	\$444,918	\$431,984
Repairs and Maintenance	158,200	141,816	145,723
Materials, Supplies & Services	235,600	206,700	184,922
Utilities	114,150	110,260	119,297
Insurance	22,136	19,993	21,276
Capital Outlays	217,000	40,369	79,604
Charitable Contributions	33,500	12,591	8,828
Diocesan Assessment	91,793	53,850	56,880
Parish Investment in School	781,970	734,894	794,907
Parish Investment in Religious Ed	400,687	364,884	339,823
Interest Expense	0	0	0
Total Church Expense	\$2,526,469	\$2,130,275	\$2,183,244
Parish Surplus/(Deficit)*	(\$182,669)	\$223,159	\$151,490
<u>School Income:</u>			
Tuition and Fees	\$2,127,860	\$2,191,530	\$2,125,905
Fundraising	110,750	53,644	124,064
Parish Investment	781,970	734,894	794,907
Other	0	0	764
Total School Revenue	\$3,020,580	\$2,980,068	\$3,045,640

School Expenses:

Salaries and Benefits	\$2,240,584	\$2,182,613	\$2,173,743
Repairs and Maintenance	306,700	313,061	287,292
Materials, Supplies & Services	255,460	272,625	366,400
Utilities	122,000	113,356	117,283
Insurance	20,136	18,968	18,700
Capital Outlays	0	317	14,025
Other Expenses	75,700	79,128	68,197
Total School Expense	\$3,020,580	\$2,980,068	\$3,045,640

Religious Ed. Income:

Tuition and Fees	\$188,350	\$164,526	\$160,699
Other Income	0	2,384	11,263
Parish Investment	400,687	364,884	339,823
Total Religious Ed. Revenue	\$589,037	\$531,794	\$511,785

Religious Ed. Expenses:

Salaries and Benefits	\$295,600	\$279,913	\$269,600
Repairs and Maintenance	60,700	60,181	68,522
Materials, Supplies & Services	177,700	141,757	131,728
Utilities	29,100	30,922	23,503
Insurance	20,137	18,968	18,326
Capital Outlays	5,800	53	106
Total Religious Ed. Expense	\$589,037	\$531,794	\$511,785

Full Year Budget**\$6,136,086****\$5,642,137****\$5,740,669****Balances as of June 30, 2011****Accounts at Local Banks**

Parish Operating Account	\$153,363
Development Fund	\$303,407
St. Vincent dePaul Chapter	\$700
Building Fund	\$5,969
Leisure Club	\$2,979
Holy Name Socitey	\$13,461
School Parient Organization	\$109,683
School Athletic / Referee	\$3,361

Funds on Deposit at Diocese

Savings	\$1,229,201.00
Development Fund	\$23,845.00
Estate Gifts	\$775,178.00
School Endowment	\$360,219.00