

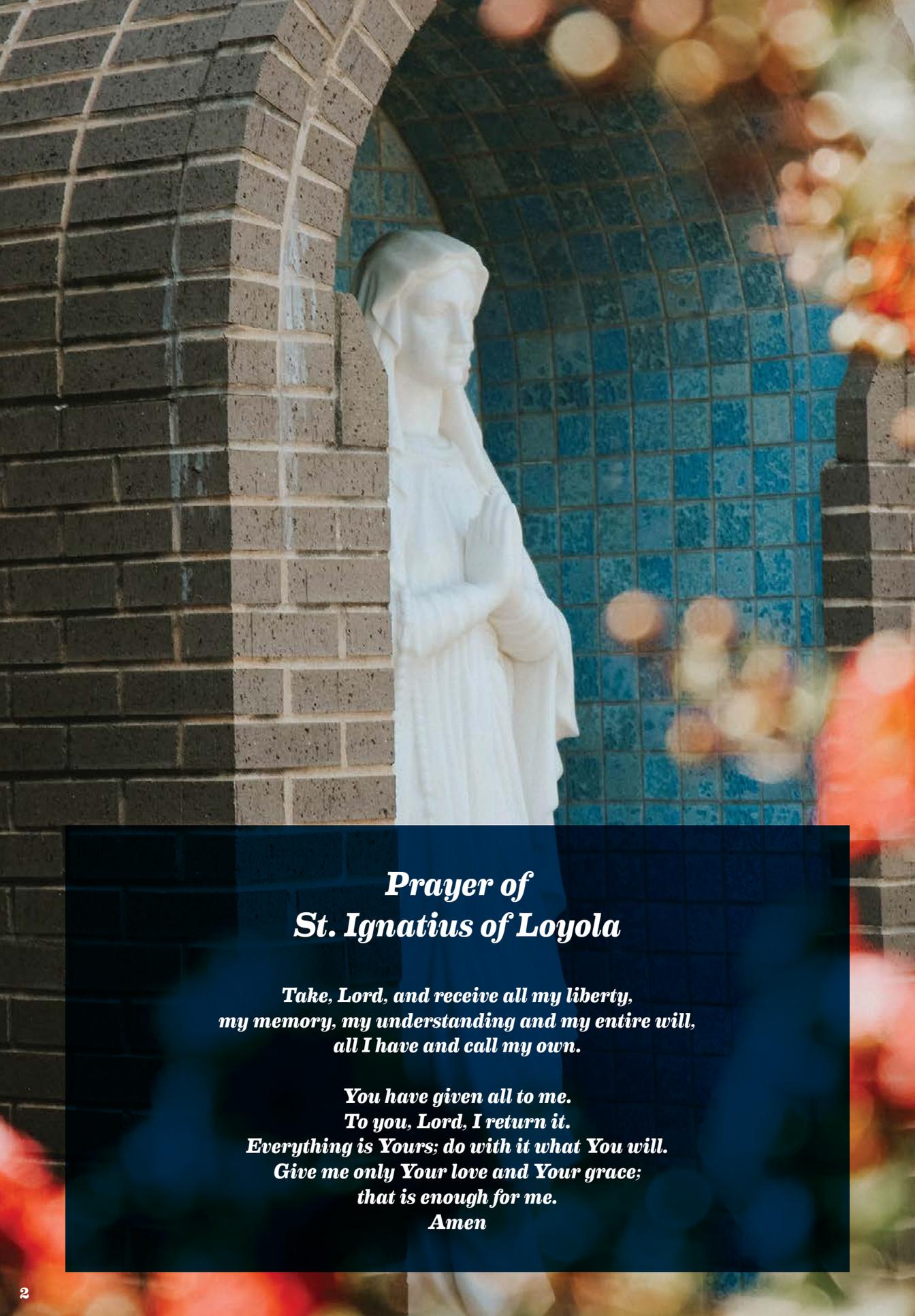
STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2018

Stewardship

A Path to Holiness



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



***Prayer of
St. Ignatius of Loyola***

***Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding and my entire will,
all I have and call my own.***

***You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is Yours; do with it what You will.
Give me only Your love and Your grace;
that is enough for me.
Amen***

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Jesus wants us to be happy and He wants us to be holy. In fact, holiness is required of every baptized Christian. The good news is that holiness is within our reach and a holy life is a happy life — the deep and lasting kind of “happy” that only our Lord can give. So, what is this holiness we are called to attain? It is nothing less than the call to sainthood, living our whole lives in and through Christ, and reflecting His love and goodness everywhere we go. In his Apostolic Letter, *On the Call for Holiness in our Modern World*, Pope Francis encourages us by speaking of the “saints next door.” When we think of holiness we need not think only of those already-canonized saints. Rather, he says, “I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: In their daily perseverance, I see the holiness of the Church militant. A holiness found in our next-door neighbors, the middle class of holiness.”

At St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Stewardship is the path to this holiness our Lord asks of us. And our Annual Renewal is a grace-filled time to set ourselves once again on this path that will make us saints. Through a stewardship way of life, we allow Christ to permeate every aspect of our being. We invite the Holy Spirit to direct us in the use of all that the Father has given us — our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure. A stewardship way of life is a holy way of life and it leads us to the happiness we were made for.

Time

Prayer and the sacraments are food for the journey to holiness. We simply can't be saints without them! Through them we obtain the grace and daily direction we need from our Lord for holy living. By committing Time for prayer and sacraments, we pause and give back to God a portion of this most precious gift of Time — especially now in our fast-paced world. Yet it is we who are truly blessed by the giving of this gift.

After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my family and friends, whom I am called to love and serve most intimately.

- **Try reflecting each morning on the daily readings of the Catholic Church (found at usccb.org/bible/readings) to ask God what He wants to teach you in the day ahead.**
- **Take a moment to pray in your car on the way to or from work, offering your cares and your gratitude to the Lord.**
- **As a family, give each member a chance to say a “please,” “thank you” and “I’m sorry” prayer to God at the end of the day. End with an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*.**
- **In addition to Sunday Mass, make Sunday dinner a priority as a time to reconnect with loved ones before the start of a busy week.**



Talent

During this moment of Renewal, think about the talents the Lord has given you and your family. In gratitude, ask Him how you can use those talents to become the “saints next door,” loving others as He has first loved you.

- **Spend some time prayerfully reading the ministry catalog to consider an area of service that will truly stretch you or an area where you can provide a real strength.**
- **If you are already involved in one ministry, pray about an additional way you might serve. For instance, if you are involved in assisting with the Liturgy in some way, volunteer in an outreach to the community.**
- **If you are not active in a prayer or faith formation group, join one to learn how to better love and follow our Lord and His teachings.**



Treasure

Just as Time and Talents are gifts from God, so too, are material things, or Treasure. And just as our Time and Talents are meant to be used for our growth in holiness, the way we spend our treasure can also lead us to holiness. Does this mean we serve a “greedy” God, who wants to give, and then take back what He gives? Of course not! Anything He asks us to do is meant to make us happy in Him. Returning a portion of our treasure to the Lord teaches us to depend on Him and brings a peace and contentment the world cannot give. Will you take a leap of faith to try it and see for yourself?

- **Take a look at your current budget and spending habits and assess what expenses are preventing you from giving more selflessly.**
- **As a means to grow in holiness, commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory and be faithful to this commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.**



2018 Ministry Catalog

HOSPITALITY

Greeters

As first impressions of our parish are made upon entering, these individuals have the important role of welcoming newcomers and parishioners before Mass by offering a friendly smile and warm greeting to each person.

Contact: Ever Molina 479-739-5768, or Mike Burdick 479-632-3126

Hospitality Ministry

Hospitality ministers build community in a variety of ways. These volunteers will reach out to newcomers, may provide refreshments and clean-up services, and introduce members to one another and to ministries they may have an interest in. This group helps to welcome and assist the existing ministries where possible.

Contact: Melanie Carlson 479-430-0623, mdcarlson@mac.com

PRAYER

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

“Come to me, all you who labor and have been burdened, and I will refresh you.” Mt 11:28 Spend some time in prayer, meditation, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Let our Lord refresh your soul and transform your life. Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Contact: Jenn Cummins 479-471-1211, secretary@stmichaelvanburen.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplets are prayed at 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The message of this chaplet is that God’s love and mercy is greater than sin. He desires us to receive His mercy and share it with others. Join us in this prayer of mercy! “The Lord said to me, ‘The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.’”

(St. Faustina’s *Diary*, 1397)

Contact: Emily Dickinson 479-471-1211, dickinson.erd@gmail.com

Ladies of the Rosary

The Ladies of the Rosary meet every First Saturday of the month at 3:15 p.m. before Saturday Vigil Mass and pray a Rosary. Join us in this prayer of our Blessed Mother. This Rosary is bilingual. All are welcome! “*There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the power of the Holy Rosary.*” – Sister Lucia

Contact: Amber Rowe 479-739-2643, amberrowe77@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain Ministry prays for the needs of the parish, all the sick in the parish, and for special needs that arise. Join us in praying for our fellow parishioners. To get involved or to add prayers to the chain contact us.

Contact: Mary Burdick 479-414-1657, mb2101@cox.net, or Eileen Scott 479-474-2506

Youth Mass

This is a special Mass offered the fourth Sunday of the month at the 10 a.m. Mass specifically inviting the youth to participate. During the school year, one Wednesday a month, an additional youth Mass takes place in the early evening, followed by fellowship. Youth are needed to help with the parts of the Mass as readers, servers, ushers, gift bearers, greeters, and choir participants.

Contact: Angela Long, DREassistant@stmichaelvanburen.com

Youth Praise and Worship

Youth members and adults are encouraged to participate in this special ministry. Fifteen minutes preceding PRE, students meet altogether in the gym to energetic singing and praising. The older youth members lead this event. Meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 7 p.m., during the months of September through May.

Contact: Mayra Marciano, religioused@stmichaelvanburen.com

FORMATION

Adult Bible Study

Enrich your mind and further your faith formation through our Adult Bible Study. We meet early for an optional potluck; for class, we open in prayer, study scripture, and offer time for discussion. Our study helps members strengthen their relationship with God by deepening their understanding of his word. Classes vary in number of weeks and new topics are offered in the spring and fall. Come with questions!

Monday Evenings: Potluck 6-6:30 p.m. Classes 6:30-8 p.m. Currently offering studies on the Bible Timeline, Wisdom, John, and The Mass. The same classes are offered again Thursday Mornings, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Or join our group studying “The Eucharist” Thursday Evenings at 6:30 beginning October 11 (no potluck).

**Contact: Mary Burdick 479-414-1657,
mb2101@cox.net**

Hispanic Prayer Group

The Hispanic Prayer Group comes together every Friday night at 7 p.m. for prayer, music and singing, and fellowship. All are welcome to join in these prayers!

**Contact: Lucas Hernandez 479-719-1097,
lucasmarina1668@gmail.com**

Men of Faith

Men coming together in solidarity — for service and camaraderie — to help facilitate an environment of well-being in all our events and activities as well as extend the love of Jesus through positive presence, deed, prayer, and study. This ministry provides men in the parish an outlet to share in fellowship with other men and focuses on how to be a true man of God. Join us for Men of Faith on Thursdays at 6:15 a.m.

**Contact: Mark Frauenhoff 479-474-6306,
mrfrauenhoff@furrellcooper.com**

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

The catechetical program at St. Michael Church seeks to provide the youth and children with the knowledge, experiences and skills necessary to become faithful and fruitful disciples of Jesus. The children will also receive the appropriate religious preparation needed to receive the sacraments. There are often opportunities to assist in a variety

of ways: help teach during the school year, participate during a specific week/event, or participate as a substitute. The program is on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., from September to May.

**Contact: Mayra Marciano 479-629-2528,
religioused@stmichaelvanburen.com**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process which helps guide interested adults on the journey of becoming a full member of the Catholic faith. A team of dedicated and knowledgeable Catholics are needed to assist adults and children (ages 7 and up) who are interested in becoming Catholic by providing education, hospitality, support, and facilitation of the meetings. We meet in a lounge on the second floor of the St. Michael parish offices located next to the church. Meetings are held year around every Monday, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., with the exception of holiday weekends and Easter (Spring) break.

**Contact: Kevin Andersen (479) 221-2439,
k.c.andersen803@gmail.com**

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This fun faith formation class is offered once a summer for the youth of the parish and community. Vacation Bible School is a time for the youth to discover their faith in a fun and interactive way. Much work is put in to planning this week. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, assist, or teach VBS, contact us for more information!

**Contact: Jackie Hamby 479-208-1019, or
Michele Wilson 479-461-6300**

SERVICE

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon in preparing for and celebrating the Mass and other liturgies. The altar servers participate in the procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as, holding the prayer books. This is open to boys and girls who have made their First Communion. Periodic training sessions are held throughout the year as needed. “*It’s just kind of fun... I like getting to be a part of the Mass and be so close to Jesus.*” — Nick Carlson, St. Michael’s altar server, age 11.

**Contact: Don Chaffin 775-762-1119,
dchaffin44@gmail.com**

Altar Society

Altar Society is open to all women interested in helping to provide Altar bread, wine, linens, and decorations for the church. They also minister to grieving families by providing bereavement dinners. Through selfless service for others and the church, these women exhibit stewardship through hospitality and service, and they invite any ladies interested to join them.

Contact: *Rosemary Sellers, art421@yahoo.com*

Bereavement Dinners

Bereavement dinners is a ministry that prepares meals for those who have just lost loved ones or are in a difficult situation. This simple act of providing a meal for those who are going through a difficult period can show the love of Christ to others.

Contact: *Marilyn Boyd, 479-474-5329*

Blessing Box

This ministry is an outreach to the neighboring community. Each day necessities are stocked in two boxes, offering food and personal care products to those needing help during challenging times. *“For I was hungry and you gave me to eat...”* (Mt. 25:35)

Contact: *Emily Dickinson 479-471-1211, dickinson.erd@gmail.com*

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Each December, St. Michael’s youth put on a simple Christmas pageant helping to tell the story of Jesus’ birth. If you would like to volunteer for the preparation and/or production of the pageant, please contact us!

Contact: *Angela Long, DREAssistant@stmichaelvanburen.com*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

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.

Contact: *Don Chaffin, dchaffin44@gmail.com*

Finance Committee

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. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Contact: *Fr. Rick Hobbs, 479-471-1211 (Parish office)*

Homebound

This is a ministry that serves homebound parishioners, due to age, injury, or illness. As a support to the pastor and the deacons, ministers carry the Holy Eucharist to patients in the hospital, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. This ministry extends God’s love to those who are unable to directly come in contact with him in the church by bringing them communion, praying with them, and showing them support.

Contact: *Mary Frauenhoff, 479-414-6196*

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Organization which seeks to help me better live their Christian call through prayer, service, and fellowship. Their mission focuses on five main areas: church, community, family, youth, and council. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families and young people. The Knights of Columbus is a world-wide organization of Catholic men striving to become better men of Christ. Those interested in learning more, please call!

Contact: *Raymond Marciano 479-629-1267 (Third Degree), or Don Chaffin 775-762-1119 (Fourth Degree)*

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God within liturgical celebrations in an inspiring and meaningful way. The proclamation of Sacred Scripture is a very important ministry. Lectors adequately prepare through prayer and practice. They also engage with the congregation by sharing the week’s announcements, inviting and informing members of upcoming opportunities to grow in prayer, faith, and service. This ministry is for Spanish and English Masses.

Contact: *(English Lectors) Kevin Anderson 479-221-2439, k.c.andersen803@gmail.com, or (Spanish Lectors) Jennifer Sanchez 479-430-0623, jsanchl02@gmail.com*

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry provides music for parish liturgical celebrations as well as singers and instrumentalists for other parish events.

Members engage the assembly in songs and acclamations to worship and pray together during Mass. We offer Hispanic choir and English choir. If you are interested in joining our music ministry, please feel free to contact our music director for more information.

English Choir: Practice, every other Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Spanish Choir: Practice, Sundays at 9 a.m.

Youth Choir: Practice on second and third Sundays at 11 a.m.

Instrumentalist: same as preferred choir

Cantor: same as preferred choir

Contact: T.C. Long 479-387-4218,
music@stmichaelvanburen.com

Parish Council

Parish Council is an advisory group for the pastor. The council works diligently to serve the parish in the following ways: foster unity, assess needs, develop programs, coordinate activities, encourage participation in spiritual and apostolic life, and provide a forum for parish dialogue. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Contact: Kurt Neumeier 479-209-1224,
kneumeier@live.com

Stewardship Committee

Directed by prayer, the Stewardship Council invites all parishioners to recognize and cherish their God-given talents, and encourages parishioners to share their gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure with the 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 is responsible for supporting the pastoral vision and ministry of St. Michael's Parish.

Contact: Melanie Carlson 479-430-0623,
mdearlson@mac.com

Ushers and Gift Bearers

Ushers display hospitality by making room for all to worship the Lord. They participate in a variety of meaningful ways: helping people find seats, distributing worship aids and bulletins, taking-up collections, assisting in Communion processions, and providing crisis

assistance if needed. Also, if you and/or your family would like to participate in the Mass by carrying the gifts, perhaps to mark a birthday or anniversary, you are invited to do so by notifying one of the ushers below.

Contact: Jimmy Mack 479-459-7933,
Jim Shelby 479-474-5901, or
Conrado Bravo 479-739-2531

SOCIAL

Golden Club

The Golden Club is a group for seniors in the parish who gather monthly throughout the year. This group helps to build and maintain relationships between seniors in the parish by providing an opportunity to worship together the first Thursday of the month beginning at the noon Mass and followed with a luncheon and fellowship.

Contact: Alberta Kiene 479-474-9657,
ramvalley@cox.net

Parish Events

Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to participate in our Parish Picnic in May, St. Michael's Day Festival in September, and Trunk-or-Treat in October. If you would like to help with some of these parish events, please let us know!

Contact: (Parish Picnic and St. Michael's Day Festival) Kurt Neumeier 479-209-1224,
kneumeier@live.com; (Trunk-or-Treat) Church office 479-471-1211

If you have any ideas to form new ministries or would like to start one, please let us know! We would love to hear about it.





***“Be holy because I am holy.”
— 1 Peter 1:16***

Commit

In today's culture, it is easy to "say" one thing and "do" another. By filling out a Commitment Card, you are committing to a certain course of action. When God calls us, He doesn't want us to say "yes" and then never do it. He desires that we be faithful to Him, faithful to His commands and faithful to our word. When we fill out a Commitment Card, we are saying, "God, I choose to commit myself to You and to a life lived for You. With Your grace, may I do as You desire."

The Commitment Card helps each of us to become better stewards, and when that happens, we become a faith-filled people, ready to live our lives in gratitude for all He has given us!

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2018 Commitment Card

First & Last Name

Phone

Email

Spouse: First & Last Name

Spouse: Phone

Spouse: Email

Address

City State ZIP

Please bring this card to Mass on **November 17 and 18**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thanks and God bless you!

Time

God in prayer

You can read about each of the ministries listed below in the Ministry Catalog. When you sign up, the ministry leader will call to explain how to get involved.

Write the first name of the family member who wishes to join or is active in each ministry on the line. You may write multiple names for the same ministry.

= Currently Active = Wishes to Join

Hospitality

_____ Greeters

_____ Hospitality Ministry

Prayer

_____ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

_____ Divine Mercy Chaplet

_____ Ladies of the Rosary

_____ Prayer Chain

_____ Youth Mass

_____ Youth Praise and Worship

Formation

_____ Adult Bible Study

_____ Hispanic Prayer Group

_____ Men of Faith

_____ Parish Religious Education (PRE)

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Talent

get involved; use your talents

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Michael's Catholic Church is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical tithing:

5% to St. Michael's
1% to the diocese
4% to other charities

My Offertory pledge to St. Michael's

Please complete either a weekly or monthly offertory gift.

Weekly gift \$ _____ x 52 = \$ _____ annually
or
Monthly gift \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____ annually

Weekly giving based on proportion of income.

At St. Michael's, each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach an amount that you know is right for you.

% of Hbld Income:	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$70,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19

Please bring your card to Mass on Commitment Weekend, **November 17/18**.

Or simply mail your card using the envelope provided.

PLEASE KEEP UNTIL FALL 2019

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