



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Roger & Dorothy Coffman †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 17, 2022

"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" Pope Francis writes this letter to both the youth and adults. Whether we are older or younger he believes the Church to be youthful and new in Christ Jesus Risen from the dead.

Francis recalls that *"in an age when young people were not highly regarded, some texts show that God sees them differently"* (6). He briefly presents figures of young people from the Old Testament: Joseph, Gideon (7), Samuel (8), King David (9), Solomon, and Jeremiah (10), the very young Jewish servant of Naaman, and the young Ruth (11). Then he moves on to the New Testament. The Pope recalls that *"Jesus, who is eternally young, wants to give us hearts that are ever young"* (13) and adds: *"Let us also keep in mind that Jesus had no use for adults who looked down on the young or lorded it over them. On the contrary, he insisted that "the greatest among you must become like the youngest" (Lk 22:26). For Him age did not establish privileges, and being young did not imply lesser worth or dignity".* Francis affirms: *"We should never repent of spending our youth being good, opening our heart to the Lord, and living differently"* (17).

The Pope addresses the theme of Jesus' youthful years and remembers the Gospel story that describes Jesus *"as an adolescent, when he had returned with His parents to Nazareth, after being lost and found in the Temple"* (26). We should not think, Francis writes, that *"Jesus was a withdrawn adolescent or a self-absorbed youth. His relationships were those of a young person who shared fully in the life of His family and His people", "no one regarded Him as unusual or set apart from others"* (28). *The Pope points out that, "thanks to the trust of His parents", the adolescent Jesus, "can move freely and learn to journey with others"* (29).

It is true that *"as members of the Church, we should not stand apart from others", yet at the same time, "we must dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world, testifying to the beauty of generosity, service, purity, perseverance, forgiveness, fidelity to our personal vocation, prayer, the pursuit of justice and the common good, love for the poor, and social friendship"* (36). The Church can be tempted to lose her enthusiasm and revert *"to seeking a false, worldly form of security. Young people can help keep her young"* (37).

Francis then presents **"Mary, the young woman from Nazareth"**, and her Yes as that of *"someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. So I ask each one of you: do you see yourselves as the bearers of a promise?"* (44) For Mary, *"challenges were no reason to say "no "" , and thus putting herself at stake, she became "the influencer of God".* The heart of the Church is also full of **young saints.**

Happy Easter,
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

CONTRIBUTIONS

April 10, 2022

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1140.00
Loose Plate: \$ 118.00

Saints of the week

April 21 - St. Anselm
April 23 - St. George
April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Divine Mercy Mass schedule:

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,
 12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM
Monday - 5:30 pm
Tuesday - 8:30 am
Wednesday - 8:30 am IC
 10:30 am IC
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 24

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Mark Mund & Jett Smith

May 1

Reader: Donna Lexvold
Ushers: Tim Karl & Jason Hoaglund
Servers: Izzy Chmelik & Serenity Overholt

April money counters:
 John Smith & David Mund

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 24 - Confessions 9:00 am

May 1 - Confirmation at St. Wenceslaus 2:00 pm

May 11 - Confessions 5:30 pm

May 16 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

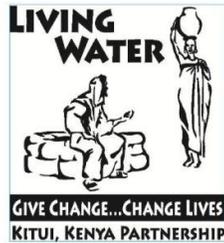
May 22 - Confessions 9:00 am

May 30 - Memorial Mass at cemetery 10:00 am

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Anne Haynes, Bryce Young, Don Graunke, Marian Spindler, Donna Hollund, Mike "Mac" McDonald, and Reymundo Ramirez.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Sergio Jr & Angela Rodriguez, Zury Hoaglund, and Zane Hoaglund.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



The **Living Water Program** has ended for this year. Please return your water bottles or donations to the parish office. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to St. Michael's and put Kitui in the memo line.

Thank you for helping promote water awareness and raise money to be used in programs that assist the Kitui Diocese!

Parking Lot Campaign

Current amount in fund: \$41,600.

We are well underway in our current project of replacing the parking lot. The parking lot has been deteriorating rapidly the past few years and has come to the point where it is now a concern and in some places a hazard. We ask that you continue to prayerfully discern if you can contribute to this campaign.

Can you help lead the Rosary on Sunday mornings before Mass? Looking for people to lead beginning about 7:40 am on a substitute basis. Please contact the parish office if you can help with this ministry. Thank you.



Please keep our youth who will be Confirmed in May in your prayers.

Molly Bauer

Noah Bauer

Isabella Chmelik

Jenna Cook

Ryan LaCanne

Allina Mendoza

Greyson Overholt

Jett Smith

Creator Spirit, strengthen these youth with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

Divine Mercy Catholic Church is having a Divine Mercy Mass on April 24th.

- 2 pm - 3 pm: Veneration of St. Faustina relic, confession, and adoration
- 3 pm - singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30 pm - Holy Mass

All are welcome and invited!



Did you know the bulletin is also on our website? Please visit stmichaelskenyon.com and simply click on the link titled "Bulletin". Here you will find the most current bulletin as well as the prior several weeks.

Community Events/News

- Please plan to attend the Pregnancy Options, all you can eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 14 from 7 -11am. Breakfast includes sausage, milk, juice, coffee and of course All You Can Eat Pancakes. Adults (11 and up) \$10 (\$11 at the door), children 4-10 \$6, and 3 and under free. You can purchase tickets from Kay Keller, 507-330-4559, call Gina at 332-7644, or in the St. Michael's parish office.

Easter Flowers

In memory of:

James Hope, Kathleen Hope, Jared Hope, Brad Hope
Hilan and Lexvold Families
Francis & Margaret McDonald, Mary Beatty
Harold & Sylvia Chase, Annette Johnson, Harman Wedl
Ralph & Eleanor Feany, Luther & Eleanor Ellingsberg, William Feany
Deceased members of Tim & Lisa Karl Family
The Meyer Family and The Pecinovsky Family
Irene & Milton Ulrick, Dick & JoAnn Ulrick, Hazel Jenson
Joseph L. Tuma, Merton Hegseth
John Tilson
Family of Marv & Myrna Donkers
Mark & Judy Mund, Lloyd & Karen Feind
Laurence & Lorraine Murry, Jane Story
Alvin Petricka, Joe & Albina Petricka, John & Florence Hanson
Lowell Erickson & Family
Roger & Dorothy Coffman, George Dummer, Patrick Coffman
JoAnn Coffman, Nicki Dummer, LaMae Rislov
Madeline & Norman Dawson, Dale & Irene Benson, Dutch & Estelle Wolf
John Chmelik, Barb Chmelik, Brenda Chmelik, Natalie Carroll,
Dave Heskett, Eloise Urdahl, Matt Noble, Barb Noble, Cassie Maxson,
Shirley Amundson, Paul Williams
Camryn Krause, Lisa Chappuis, Art & Lorriane Amundson,
Ray DuChene, Isabelle & Francis Newcombe

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Marv & Myrna Donkers
Dave, Renee, Josh, & Mark Mund
Barb Story
Mary Petricka
Arlene Erickson
Tom & Maria Coffman
Ray & Andrea Dawson
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Petricka Family

