



St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Pat Hildebrandt †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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The Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

That Easter morning three women Mary Magdalen, Mary of Joseph, and Salome entered the tomb of Jesus. And on entering it they are dismayed, for they cannot find the body of our Lord. A youth, clothed in white, says to them; "do not be afraid." I know you seek Jesus of Nazareth: he is not here, for he has risen, as he said (Matt 28:5). He has risen! Jesus has risen: He is not in the tomb. Life has overcome death.

The glorious resurrection of the Lord is the key to interpreting his whole life, and the ground of our faith. Without this victory over death, says St. Paul, all our preaching would be useless and our faith in vain. Easter is the celebration of our Redemption and therefore the celebration of thanksgiving and joy.

The prophecy of the Messiah foretold Jesus would not rise from the dead until the third day. I would have liked to be in the tomb with Jesus when he rose. Did he have a smile on his face? Did he go into praise of God the Father? Did he sit there in silence recalling the whole journey? I don't know but what I do believe is as soon as he could he left that grave. He wanted more than anything to show himself to his mother and his disciples. He wanted to console them. He knew they were in a sad state.

The Virgin Mary was probably the only one holding on to hope. She was the one who the angel visited. She knew Jesus and his preaching more than anyone. She trusted God in everything. I would guess she held the disciples together with her great faith.

During the liturgy of the Easter vigil, we saw how at the outset there was total darkness inside the church, this being the image of the profound darkness in which humanity was plunged without Christ, without the revelation of God. Then, in an instant, we light the Easter candle, symbolizing Christ, all the faithful received the light: the darkened church was now illuminated with the light of Easter.

Now it is our time. We share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in doing so we spread his light into the darkness of the world. Christ lives and He lives in us. How much of His light and life can you handle? You can tell when He fills you up because you begin to witness his light to the world. You will be willing to suffer for Him in order for his love to cover the earth. For now, let us stand with Mary before our savior and be filled with the Light. He is risen!

Easter blessings,
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 2, 2023

Adult Envelopes: \$ 2231.00
Loose Plate: \$ 81.00

Saints of the week

April 11 - St. Stanislaus
April 13 - St. Martin I
April 16 - St. Bernadette

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
10:20 am IC
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

April 16

Reader: Penelope Parrish
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik
Servers: Mark Mund & Ryan LaCanne

April 23

Reader: Bruce Chmelik
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Marv Donkers
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt

April money counters:

Marv Donkers & John Smith

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 14 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

April 16 - Breakfast: B-J-R-S

April 21 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

April 28 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

April 30 - First Communion Mass 8:00 am

May 5 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 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, Reymundo Ramirez, Thomas Eilen, Shelly DeMars, Dave Schmitz, and Sharon Hoaglund

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

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.

Vacation Bible School - June 19-23



The program we are using this year is called, "Great Big Beautiful World." This theme is inspired by Pope Francis. The goals are focused on caring for God's world through our choices and actions, to love God the Creator, and to follow in the way of Jesus.

The VBS program is open to ALL children (ages 4 to 14) who attend St. Michael's Church, who attend St Michael's faith formation program, relatives to members of St. Michael's, and any community members that would like to have their kids attend a VBS program. As far as the age, the older kids can choose to either be a helper (confirmation hours) or be involved in the actual program. The cost will be \$15 per student or \$45 limit per family. If you have any questions at all, please contact Jo Ann Erie. Thank you.

Since Easter falls on the second Sunday of the month, the breakfast schedule will be altered. The breakfast will be the third Sunday, April 16. Those with the last names beginning with B-J-R-S will plan this breakfast.

Please discern if your time, talents, and wisdom could be utilized by joining our Parish Council. We would love to have new members for their ideas and insight in making St. Michael's a viable and flourishing parish. It is a fairly small time commitment with council meetings every other month on the third Monday at 7 pm. Contact the parish office for more information.



Altar Servers needed!

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.



The **Living Water Program** is ending 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!

Easter
SUNDAY
C H R I S T I S R I S E N

Easter Flowers

In memory of:

Laurence & Lorraine Murry, Jane Story

James Hope, Kathleen Hope, Brad Hope, Jared Hope

Camryn Krause, Shirley Amundson, Francis & Isabelle Newcombe, Tim Otto,
Art & Lorraine Amundson, John & Florence Hanson, Joe & Albina Petricka,
Cassie Maxson, Lisa Chappuis

Family & Friends of Marv Donkers Family

Irene Ulrick, Gunner Callstrom, Walter Ulrick, Dick Ulrick, Hazel Jensen

Lowell Erickson Family

Joseph Tuma, Merton Hegseth

Harold & Sylvia Chase, Herman Wedl, Kathryn Bassett, Anna Greiner,
Annette Johnson, Karolyn Marks

Francis & Margaret McDonald, Mary Beatty

Holly Mae Kern

Deceased Members of Tim & Lisa Karl Family

Richard & Judy Noel

Paul & Margaret Mahan, Lynn Baier

Donna, Ervin, & Dennis Hollund

The Meyer Family & The Pecinovsky Family

Alvin Petricka, John & Florence Hanson, Albina & Joe Petricka

Roger & Dorothy Coffman, George Dummer, Patrick Coffman, Nickie Dummer

Eleanor & Luther Ellingsberg, Donald Rice Jr, Eleanor & Ralph Feany,
William Feany, David Martinson

Mark & Judy Mund, Karen & Lloyd Feind

Donated by:

Barb Story

Hope Family

The Petricka Family

Marv & Myrna Donkers

Dee Callstrom

Arlene Erickson

Paul & Pam Hegseth

Mike & Lisa Chase

McDonald Family

Barb & Larry Kern

Tim & Lisa Karl

Overholts

Mary Baier

Amanda Hollund & Family

Jerome Meyer

Mary Jane Petricka

Tom & Maria Coffman

Ellingsbergs

Dave Mund Family

