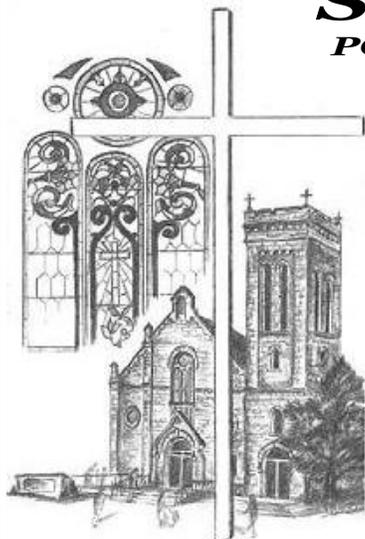


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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Michael's Parish exists to continue the mission of Jesus through our baptism. He has become the center of our life and our community. As a parish family, we live to express our love of God and neighbor through worship and ministry.

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2021 – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sat. 20** 5:00 P.M. Mass for the People of the Parish
- Sun. 21** 10:00 a.m. Mass for Special Intention
11:00 a.m. Rel. Ed. and Adult Formation
- Mon. 22** 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Tues. 23** No Service
- Wed. 24** 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30-10:30 a.m. Catholic Charities Food and Hygiene Distribution
- Thurs. 25** 6:00 p.m. Mass for Living & Deceased Members of Ladies of St. Michael's
Stations of the Cross within Mass
1:30-6:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
- Fri. 26** 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- Sat. 27** 5:00 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
6:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Euch. Adoration
- Sun. 28** 10:00 a.m. Mass for All Enrolled in the Memorial Program
11:00 a.m. Rel. Ed and Adult Formation

Live Streaming Mass: The 10:00 a.m. Mass is Live Streamed on Facebook each Sunday at:
<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschapman/>

Prayer Intention Cards will be in the pews this weekend. If you want to participate but won't be in church, contact Marita by e-mail, mail or phone.

An Opportunity During Lent Starts Today!

- Do you have children in Religious Education?
- Do you want to do a little extra this Lent?
- Do you want to grow in your faith?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, **The Search** is for you! Join the Adult Formation group in the big room of the parish center after Mass on the Sundays during Lent and through April. You can also watch the series individually. There are study guides for anyone who is interested. Read more about this on the Lenten handout. Copies of the handout are on the blue table.



Lenten Opportunities

02/25 Mass with Stations (6:00 p.m.)

Hunger in Our World! Rice Bowl

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, February 25th from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the parish center. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter ChapmanKS. Safety protocols continue including temperature checks and face masks required.

Catholic Charities Food & Hygiene Distribution is Wednesday, February 24th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in front of the church. Please get the word out to those who could benefit from this. If you need more information or have questions, visit with Marita.

Pennies from Heaven Collection is next weekend. Bring your loose change or bills and put them in the specially marked jar on the blue table to help fund the Emergency Disaster Aid Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus organization.

Lector & Door Opener Schedule

Feb. 20	Michael Diehl
Feb. 21	Chris Tassin (lector) Brent Blocker (door opener)
Feb. 27	Karman Diehl
Feb. 28	Ken & Vicki Simenson (lector) Tim Morgan (door opener)

Gifts to the Parish Last Week

Loose plate	\$66.00
Envelopes	\$1,408.75
Parish Projects	\$85.00

The budgeted needs per week for July 2020 to June 2021 are \$2,586.

Religious Education News!

02/21 Catechesis
02/28 Catechesis

Stewardship Sightings!

- Kyle Cook for checking out sound system Saturday evening.
- Brent Blocker for scooping snow off steps, ramp, and sidewalk around the church Sunday morning.
- Justin Blocker for taking a worship aid up to the choir loft for Kyle last Sunday.
- Judy Smith for decorating church for Lent.
- Curtis Barbee for monitoring the frozen pipes in the modulars and church bathroom.

Where is God?

Asking Hard Questions During a Crisis

(excerpts from Word Among Us article)

We have all had to persevere through one crisis or another. It isn't easy and it isn't fun. But it is part of living in this fallen world. Sometimes, we can only accept a crisis as a mystery—a mystery that God will one day explain to us. Nonetheless, we can always trust that God will come to us with his grace and help as we turn to him in moments of crisis.

Jesus prayed before taking on any major activity or making any important decisions. He also faced crises in his own life in a similar way.

We live in a world that lurches from one crisis to another. Every day, millions upon millions of people are faced with spiritual, physical, and family problems that threaten to overwhelm them.

We cannot even begin to measure the toll that all the suffering and loss of life due to Covid-19 will take on our loved ones, our economy, and institutions both large and small.

Covid-19 is not the first pandemic. The AIDS epidemic killed 36 million people. The flu pandemic of 1968 killed 1 million people. The Asian flu (1956-1958) killed 2 million people. And the flu pandemic of 1918 killed between 20 and 50 million people. In fact, over the past 150 years, more than 60 million people have died as a result of some public health crisis. And let's not forget the Black Death, which killed 50 million people in Europe alone in the mid-1300s.

Faced with this pandemic, as well as other similar tragedies in the past, we wonder why. How could this happen? We might even ask, "Where is God? Why does he seem to be hiding from us at a time when we need him most? Why won't he come and rescue us?"

From our limited human perspective, it can seem that God really has abandoned us. But it simply is not true. God doesn't cause evil. He would never send a crippling virus to us any more than any of us would want to infect our children with a deadly illness. True, he has allowed evil acts and horrible disasters to come to us, but he never causes them. He never wills them into existence.

God is ALWAYS with us. (The final part of this article will be in next weekend's bulletin.)