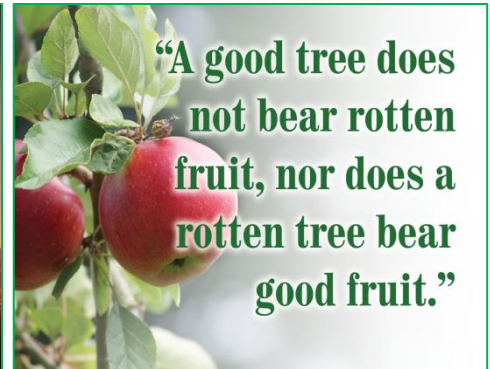
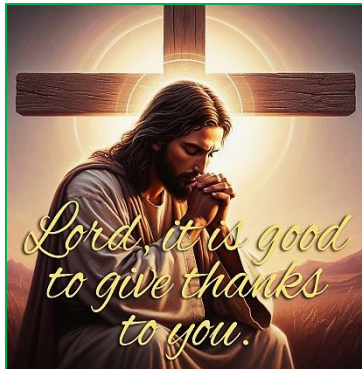


Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All Masses are celebrated in the Cathedral



Weekdays, M-F: 12:10 p.m.
Saturday, Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY MASSES: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Invitation:

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.
ASH WEDNESDAY - Please see Mass Schedule



Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment



Mass Schedule



Cornerstone laid on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1860 / First Mass celebrated on Christmas morning, 1861.

MARCH 1-9, 2025

MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

(MASSES ARE CELEBRATED IN THE CATHEDRAL UNLESS NOTED ELSEWHERE, BELOW.)

Saturday Vigil	March 1	4:00 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Angela Rosa Vázquez
Sunday	March 2	8:30 a.m.	†Maria Tran Thi Lanh
Sunday	March 2	10:00 a.m.	†Harry III, †Harry IV, and †Katie Brown
Domingo	2 de Marzo	11:45 a.m.	Birthday Blessings for Damaris Pérez
Sunday	March 2	4:00 p.m.	†Fr. Ronald Yelle
Monday	March 3	12:10 p.m.	†Robert Gorman
Tuesday	March 4	12:10 p.m.	†Max Tryba
Wednesday	March 5	12:10 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass with Bishop Byrne †Paul J. Sears (1 st Ann.)
Wednesday	March 5	5:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass (English)
Wednesday	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Mass (Spanish)
Wednesday	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Mass for College-Age Students in the Crypt
Thursday	March 6	12:10 p.m.	Birthday Blessings for Dick Pillar
Friday	March 7	7:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
Friday	March 7	12:10 p.m.	†Sr. Adeline Coulombe, osu
Saturday Vigil	March 8	4:00 p.m.	†Fr. Gerald Lafleur
Sunday	March 9	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	March 9	10:00 a.m.	†Delia Esther Acobe and †Juan Acobe
Domingo	9 de Marzo	11:45 a.m.	†José Torres
Sunday	March 9	4:00 p.m.	†Richard and Virginia Gilsinger

Please pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters in Christ, marked with the sign of faith †.
†Miki Okutani

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral

- 2nd Thursday of each month following the Pro-Life Vigil, before the 12:10 p.m. Mass (English).
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel (Spanish).

All are welcome. Todos son bienvenidos.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, [LUKE 6:39-45](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030225.cfm),
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030225.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2025, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Masses: (\$3,610.00); Fuel (\$355.00); Ash Wednesday (\$16.00); Easter Flowers (\$60.00)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Black & Indian Mission (\$51.50); Catholic Relief Serv. (\$35.00); Catholic University (\$12.50); Campaign for Human Development (\$12.50); Catholic Home Missions (\$18.50); Elms College (\$20.00)



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Rector's Desk:

Mardi Gras is strongly associated with wild parties and debauchery, but the original intent is much different. Fat Tuesday, as it is known in English, is a long-standing tradition of the Catholic Church and it marks the last day of ordinary time before the start of Lent, a time of fasting and repentance.

According to historians, the celebration of Mardi Gras has its roots in the pagan Roman celebration of Lupercalia. This was a February holiday and it honored the Roman god of fertility. It involved feasting, drinking, and carnal behavior.

However, with the rise of the Church in ancient Rome, Christian teaching and morals took root, but there always remained a strong need to blend ancient Roman traditional practices with the growing Christian faith. The blending of tradition with new religious beliefs was common in the ancient world to help people transition away from paganism.

In France, the holiday became particularly popular as people feasted on foods that would be given up during the 40 days of Lent. Meats, eggs, and milk were finished off in one day, giving its French title of 'Mardi Gras' which means Fat Tuesday.

As Europeans crossed the Atlantic to colonize the Americas, they brought their religious practices with them. As the colonies swelled with European immigrants, the celebrations went from the simple to the elaborate. In New Orleans, masked balls and public celebrations quickly became common. In fact, the celebrations became so popular that virtually every citizen of the city joined in even if they were not Catholic.

However, in the late 18th century, the Spanish took control of New Orleans and having a more militant and serious perspective on the faith, they imposed significant restrictions on the holiday revelry. Among them, they banned masked balls. However, by 1823, this ban was lifted and parades returned by 1837. At this point, the celebration began to lose its identity as an exclusively Catholic tradition and became more secularized over the centuries. In Louisiana, Mardi Gras is an official state holiday.

In other parts of the world, the holiday became a season unto itself each branded with unique cultural practices. For example, Venice, Italy is famous for the masked balls that take place on Mardi Gras and the days before.

Still, the original intent of Mardi Gras has always been to indulge, within the context of Catholic morality and reason, the last day before the start of the Lenten season. Here, it is appropriate to mention that while Lent is a season of self-sacrifice and repentance, it is not meant to be a period of self-punishment or extreme hardship.

Diocese of Springfield Lenten Regulations, 2025

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note:

Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence, for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.



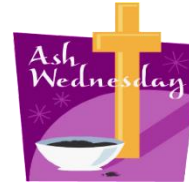
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Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- 12:10 p.m. – Mass in English (w/ Bishop Byrne)
- 5:00 p.m. – Mass in English
- 7:00 p.m. – Misa en Español



ASH WEDNESDAY: There will be a few Masses this coming Wednesday, March 5th, marking the beginning of the Penitential Season of Lent with ashes. The Masses will be as follows: 12:10 with Bishop Byrne; 5pm; 7pm (Spanish).

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FOR COLLEGE AGED STUDENTS: We invite all young people to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass in the Cathedral Crypt at 7pm. Following Mass we will gather in the Bishop Marshall Center for a talk given by Fr, Gary in preparation for the Season of Lent. Come and join us!

CONFESSIONS: In addition to the Saturday afternoon confessions 3:15-3:45, we will, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 5th we will have confessions available from 11:30 - 12 noon in the Cathedral. Confessions are always available by appointment. You can call the rectory and make an appointment with any priest.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We are pleased to have our Stations of the Cross in our Cathedral church. We have had many compliments about them and many have said that "it looks like they were always there" or "they look like they belong there." Gratitude to Adrian from One Call Maintenance and his men for the intense work of placing them properly. Each station weighs about 150 pounds.

PRAYING THE STATIONS DURING LENT: We will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral after each Friday 12:10 Mass. We will also have Stations of the Cross in Spanish each Friday evening at 6:30pm.

St. Michael's Cathedral: Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the rectory on Wednesday, March 5th. Everyone who can crochet and/or knit is invited to join the group.

Seeking Volunteer Prayer Angels for Our Prayer Request Line

If you find peace in praying for other persons in the silence of your Upper Room, please consider joining our Prayer Request Line. This ministry is vital to the spiritual and physical health and well-being of our parish community.

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Last Week's Hidden Message:

ALL ARE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH.

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