

Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel

1st Sunday of Lent

Join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



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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.

Misa en Español: domingo, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation: Please see Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

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

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intention.

Mass Schedule

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

FEB 21-MAR 1, 2026



MASS INTENTION / MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday Vigil	February 21	4:00 p.m.	†Anthony Michalik
Sunday	February 22	8:30 a.m.	†Gloria Jones
Sunday	February 22	10:00 a.m.	
Domingo	22 de febrero	11:45 a.m.	†Beatriz Calambas-Clavijo †Milagros Borrero
Sunday	February 22	2:00 p.m.	THE RITE OF ELECTION
Sunday	February 22	4:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Dailey
Monday	February 23	12:10 p.m.	
Tuesday	February 24	12:10 p.m.	†Margoth Martínez †Emma Velandia
Wednesday	February 25	12:10 p.m.	
Thursday	February 26	12:10 p.m.	
Friday	February 27	12:10 p.m.	
Saturday Vigil	February 28	4:00 p.m.	†Ana Echevarria
Sunday	March 1	8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	March 1	10:00 a.m.	
Domingo	1 de Marzo	11:45 a.m.	Bendiciones de Cumpleaños para Damaris Pérez †María Luisa Olmos
Sunday	March 1	4:00 p.m.	

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

†Antone M. Duarte

†Mary Ellen French

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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.
- Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent, The Gospel According to Matthew,
Matthew 4:1-11, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022226.cfm>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

FEB 14-15, 2026, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Masses: (\$3,257.00); Fuel (\$114.00)

MISSION STATEMENT / MISIÓN

Guided and protected by our patron Saint Michael the Archangel, the Cathedral parish is a welcoming, diverse community which embodies the mission of Christ who strengthens us by the sacraments.

Guiada y protegida por nuestro patrón San Miguel Arcángel, la parroquia Catedral es una comunidad acogedora y diversa que encarna la misión de Cristo quién nos fortalece a través de los sacramentos.

From the Rector's Desk



I would like to spend these next few weeks of Lent reviewing with you what the Catholic Church teaches as the Seven Deadly Sins and their opposing virtue which is the antidote to these deadly sins – **pride**/humility, **greed**/charity, **lust**/chastity, **envy**/kindness, **gluttony**/temperance, **wrath**/patience, and **sloth**/diligence. These capital vices serve as roots of all other sins, distorting natural desires and separating souls from God. These sinful habits (vices) are best combated by intentionally cultivating opposing virtues through prayer, sacraments (Confession), and divine grace, aimed at spiritual maturity. These sins are called "deadly" because they are habits that, if left unchecked, destroy charity in the heart and lead to further, more destructive sin. These sins take good, natural desires (like the need for food, love, or security) and twist them into idols, putting personal comfort before God. Overcoming these requires more than willpower; it requires reliance on God's grace through the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Confession. These deadly sins, if left unchecked, can prevent our entrance into heaven. Looking at each of these sins over the next 5 weeks of Lent we can deepen our spiritual life. Rather than focusing only on avoiding sin, the Catholic approach is to cultivate the corresponding virtue, which fills the heart with good, leaving less room for vice. Stay tuned as we look at these deadly sins, beginning with the mother of all sin – pride.

CONSIDER DAILY MASS DURING LENT: Daily Mass provides profound spiritual benefits by strengthening one's bond with Jesus through the Eucharist, offering daily grace to resist temptation, and fostering holiness. It deepens one's prayer life, offers comfort in suffering, and aligns daily life with God's will. Regular attendance also provides deeper immersion in scripture and builds a supportive community. Here are some spiritual benefits: **Intimate Union with Jesus:** Receiving Holy Communion daily increases intimacy with Christ and provides nourishment for the soul. **Abundant Grace and Strength:** It acts as a source of supernatural strength, assisting in resisting temptation and navigating daily life's challenges. **Deepened Scriptural Knowledge:** Daily mass offers a broader exposure to the Bible, allowing for more in-depth, daily reflection on God's Word. **Forgiveness of Venial Sins:** Devout attendance helps purify the soul and leads to the forgiveness of venial sins. **Spiritual Growth and Holiness:** It is a powerful means of growing in virtue, aiding in the journey towards holiness. **Spiritual Support and Comfort:** It provides a peaceful, intimate setting for prayer, offering solace during difficult times. **Communion with the Community:** Daily Mass fosters a sense of fraternity and shared purpose among attendees. **Increased Merit:** Each Mass attended adds to one's spiritual merit, often considered a great consolation at the hour of death. **Participation in the Sacrifice:** It allows for the opportunity to unite one's daily sacrifices with the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. **Offering for Intentions:** It provides an opportunity to offer the Holy Mass for specific personal or universal intentions. **Come and join us at 12:10 Monday through Friday.** \

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Join us for English Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent immediately following the 12:10 Mass and at 6pm in Spanish.

DAILY CONFESSIONS: A priest will be available in the confessional for daily Mass from 11:30 to Noon Monday through Friday. If you are unable to make it during that time, you may ask the priest after Mass to hear your confession or make an appointment by calling the rectory.

VISITING THE SICK IN HOSPITALS/NURSING HOMES: At one time a parish priest could enter the hospital and ask for a list of the Catholic patients from his parish. THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE. With the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), a federal law protecting sensitive patient health information from disclosure without consent, it is now impossible to locate patients in the hospital/nursing home without the patients consent. The only way that we are able to know if someone is in the hospital is if the patient or a member of the family tells us that they would love a visit from the parish priest and receive the sacraments. In hospitals where there are chaplains, visits are possible because they are employees of the health care system. So, please notify the rectory (781-3656) if you or a loved one would like a visit in the hospital, nursing home or homebound.

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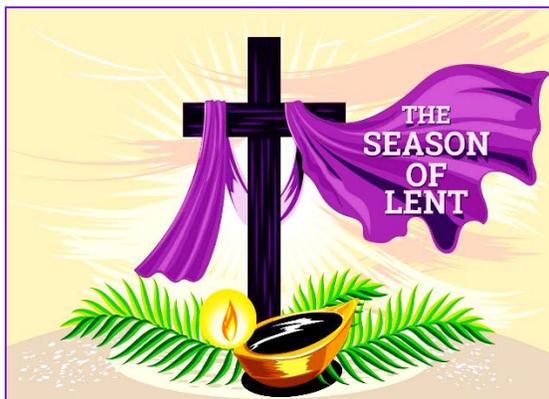
From the Rector's Desk (continued)

MEMORIAL DONATIONS: We receive an anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the St. Michael Statue in the cathedral. The donor requested it be in memory and honor of St. Padre Pio. We also received two donations in the amount of \$500 for 2 new vestments for our Cathedral Church. Memorial tags have been placed inside the vestment.

We have purchased a new green vestment for the cathedral that can be memorialized for a gift of \$800. We have a couple other vestments that can be memorialized for \$500 each. The Cathedral Fontanini Nativity Set we use each year does not have a very important part of the Christmas event which are the Three Kings. This nativity set is very beautiful and expensive. The cost of each King is \$6,300. I just received word from the company that they are now on sale for \$5,600. We would like to purchase these to complete our nativity set. If you would like to make a contribution for these statues, please call Fr. Gary at the rectory (413) 781-3656.

FASTING DURING LENT: Here are some very different ways of fasting during Lent that you might want to consider. These could change your whole life and last far beyond Easter:

- FAST FROM HURTING WORDS AND SAY KIND WORDS**
- FAST FROM SADNESS AND BE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE**
- FAST FROM ANGER AND BE FILLED WITH PATIENCE**
- FAST FROM PESSIMISM AND BE FILLED WITH HOPE**
- FAST FROM WORRIES AND HAVE TRUST IN GOD**
- FAST FROM COMPLAINTS AND CONTEMPLATE SIMPLICITY**
- FAST FROM PRESSURES AND BE PRAYERFUL**
- FAST FROM BITTERNESS AND FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY**
- FAST FROM SELFISHNESS AND BE COMPASSIONATE TO OTHERS**
- FAST FROM GRUDGES AND BE RECONCILED**
- FAST FROM WORDS AND BE SILENT SO YOU CAN LISTEN**



LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE: THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

Please join Fr. Mendez for a Lenten Bible Study Series
(Bilingual English and Spanish)

Where: Bishop Marshal Center at Saint Michael's Cathedral

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Dates and Topic:

- Monday, Feb. 23—Prudence
- Monday, March 2—Justice
- Monday, March 9—Fortitude (Courage)
- Monday, March 16—Temperance

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal: "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

This weekend marks the start of the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from our Bishop Byrne asking for your support. As Catholics in the Diocese of Springfield, we can make a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually but through our many agencies, ministries and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" is the theme for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The command to "Love your neighbor as yourself" is at the heart of the Gospel and central to Catholic life. Jesus does not present this as a suggestion, but as a mandate that shapes how we live our faith in the world. To love our neighbor means to recognize the dignity of every person as a child of God and to respond with compassion, generosity, and responsibility—especially toward those who are vulnerable, suffering, or in need. The work of the ministries and community agencies of the Annual Catholic Appeal are your Catholic faith in action. Please consider a gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. You can make your gift online at <http://diospringfield.org/aca>.

If you have already donated, thank you for helping us to meet our goal. Your support is greatly appreciated.