

# Church of St. Michael

## Church of St. Michael Fiscal Year At A Glance

533+ Masses  
90 Baptisms  
180 First Communicants  
127 Confirmed  
8 Weddings  
24 Funerals  
9 Sacramental Preparation Programs  
6 RCIA - 2 RCIC  
1 Preschool – Little Angels  
1 Catholic School – St. Michael Grades K-8  
12 Faith Formation Programs  
56 Ministries  
170+ Instrumentalists/Singers  
11 Annual Parish Events  
6 Parish Retreats  
13 Parish Pastoral Council Members  
402+ Pastoral Care Volunteers  
2 Parish Trustees  
23 Parish Committees  
5536 lbs. Food to CAP Agency  
94 Catholic Heart Camp Volunteers  
65+ Social Justice Ministry Volunteers  
180 SonQuest Vacation Bible School Participants  
2 Containers ~ \$600,000 to our Sister Parish, Chimbote, Peru  
9688 Registered Parishioners

## Letter from the Pastor



Dear Members of the St. Michael Family,

I once heard of a pastor who got up before his congregation and announced that the parish had all of the money that it needed for the coming year. He then added, "There is only one problem. All of that money is still in your pockets."

The point of this story is to remind us all that the Church of St. Michael can do nothing without the support of every member. The many good things that we were able to accomplish for our members during the past year and the good we did for others beyond our parish, all happened because of what we all chose to contribute in money and work.

When the parish raises some of its fees (as we have done) that has only a small impact on our budget. When we reduce the hours of some of our staff (as we have done) that has only a small impact on our budget.

The things that significantly affect our work as a Catholic Parish are many times beyond our control. This past year we spent our entire budget for snow removal when winter was only half finished. We could either stop removing snow (which would have caused unacceptable dangers for our members) or spend money intended for other programs (which is what we did). Our income is also not something I can control. Each year I ask you to prayerfully consider the possibility of making a greater sacrifice for your parish. I can ask, but the decision is always yours.

It is true that, together, we have all the money needed to carry on the wonderful work of this parish. And it is also true that the money to accomplish this during the year ahead is still in your pocket and mine.

Sincerely,  
*Fr. Thomas Sieg*

# NEW IN THE FISCAL YEAR – JULY 1, 2010-JUNE 30, 2011



## St. Michael Singles

St. Michael Singles over 50 group-a new ministry under Pastoral Care was formerly known as the Widow/Widower's Group. Donna Dupont, Sue Shaffer and Walter

Jobst serve as the board members. The board's goals are to listen very carefully to the wishes and direction from the membership. Walter shares "That through the Church of St. Michael, God provides this group with a platform for action and for opportunities to serve one another and to identify areas where help is needed." The groups goal is to gain members who will benefit from the various programs and to encourage socialization with each other. Walter feels the gifts they receive through this ministry are the blessings from new friends and gifts shared to improve our Christian community.

## Pink Prayer Warriors

"I hope my family, friends, and parishioners of St. Michael can see my passion for our ministry and in turn want to find something they are passionate about and begin to share their time, prayers, love and faith with a group that touches their hearts. God has given me the grace to meet with women and their families and share with them my faith in God. The grace continues, when I encounter families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. My love for their families has grown and it reinforces the great need for our ministry. I have received many gifts from these strong women who are warriors."  
- Rhonda Zweber



## Ministries for Families & Adults

A new **Card Ministry** for college students was started and we mailed them holiday cards and gift certificates. It is a great way to remember to stay connected with our college parishioners! **Families in Action** sponsored a Family Service Project Day in February 2011 with over 70 people attending to make cards for college students, write letters to military personnel, made sandwiches for the homeless in Minneapolis, and worked with Safe Haven for Youth.



## LAMA Mission, Chimbote, Peru

40 Medical and support personnel saw over 3400 patients at our Sister Parish in Chimbote, Peru. 262 patients had dental work and over 1200 people received reading glasses during the 4 1/2 days of this mission. Thank you for supporting this outreach mission providing medical and dental care to the least of our brothers.



## St. Michael Music Ministry

"It is always a gift to meet new people. The choir members are a second family to me. Singing in the choir has renewed my relationship with God and has brought the balance I was seeking back into my life."

- Kara Cuka, Adult Choir Member

"I have received the gifts of friendship, patience, working together in a group, learning to tackle difficult music and actually pulling it off. I always see God working through me through music. I feel the closest to God when I sing." - Judy Grider, Adult Choir Member



## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council continued to empower our ministries and committees in their efforts to achieve our parish mission. The Council collaborated with the Discipleship committee to survey parishioners on your strengths and interests and to provide more opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talent. The Development sub-committee supported electronic giving efforts, successfully established the Building Maintenance and Improvements fund, and initiated a Planned Giving program. The Parish Council developed recommendations designed to make the Church of St. Michael a more welcoming parish, and provide counsel to Fr. Tom in the hiring of new staff members and the updating of parish policies. - Paul Curti, Chair

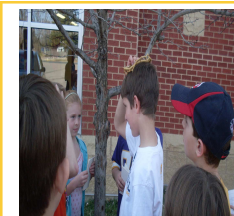
## Respect Life Baby Bottles

During the Lenten season, St. Michael participated in a baby bottle program to support Alpha Pregnancy Center's goal of purchasing an ICU Mobile Unit. It was a HUGE success! We raised a grand total of \$7,706.00! 500 of the 800 baby bottles were turned in (we are still accepting the bottles, empty or full). Alpha is so greatly appreciative for all of the generous hearts at the Church of St. Michael. Thanks to everyone for helping out with this endeavor.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry in this fiscal year donated 100 knitted hats to the cancer floor at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis and to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry. They gave out 50 prayer shawls and lap blankets, and 10 knitted baby hat/booty sets, and 12 crocheted prayer squares.



## "Extraordinary in the Ordinary" Faith Formation Program

I love the phrase "Extraordinary in the Ordinary." I heard this awhile back and this best describes how I see God working in the everyday. It began 20 years ago when I signed up to teach my first faith formation class. Quite ordinary as one child's tuition was free if you were a teacher. Since then I have grown to love this ministry, the children, the program, and working with Janel. This past year, I started a new idea with my class of 5th graders. After taking attendance we would begin with a prayer. Next on the agenda would be stories about their God moment. These kids "Got It". They told great ordinary stories such as helping neighbors, schoolmates, and the list went on and on..." - Helen Kleaver (Read more in *The Angelus* on Sept. 8th)



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# LAST YEAR'S FINANCIAL DATA – JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011

## PARISH OPERATIONS

## CAPITAL (MORTGAGE)

<b>Statement of Income &amp; Expenses 2010-2011 Fiscal Year*</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>6/30/2011</b>
Sunday Envelope	\$ 1,595,347
General Operations	148,915
Faith Formation	104,265
School	1,993,144
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,841,671</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
General Operations	\$ 674,458
Buildings & Grounds	248,406
Liturgy/Music	102,930
Pastoral Ministry	44,203
Faith Formation	312,075
School	2,225,116
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,607,188</b>
<b>Net Income*</b>	<b>\$ 234,483</b>

<b>Mortgage costs 2010-2011 Fiscal Year</b>			
	<b>Balance 6/30/2010</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2011</b>	<b>Principal Payments</b>
Education Center	\$ 1,502,077	1,368,615	133,462
Church	548,022	427,567	120,455
Media Center	86,632	72,229	14,403
<b>Total Principal Payments</b>			<b>268,320</b>
Interest Expense			81,222
Jubilee Campaign expenses			22,333
<b>Total Debt Related Payments</b>			<b>\$ 371,875</b>

<b>Historical Mortgage Debt Balance</b>	
6/30/2009	\$ 2,486,080
6/30/2010	2,136,731
6/30/2011	1,868,411

\* A one time adjustment for sick time accruals was made for \$279,154 per Archdiocesan recommendation. Prior to the adjustment the parish had an operating loss of \$44,671.

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SpringFest 2011  
June 3-5

### SpringFest June 2011

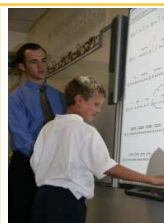
The Church of St. Michael annual spring festival and the largest fundraiser was moved to June this year after 29 years in April (known as AprilFest). April's weather

proved to be too uncertain with past festivals celebrated with snow, freezing rain or cold wind. The church chose the name of SpringFest so the date will not have to be tied to any certain month. We raised **\$37,184** at SpringFest 2011. Thanks to all who donated their time and money.

### Communications Committee

Our results in the past fiscal year included creating *The Angelus* and a Facebook page for the Church of St. Michael. *The Angelus* e-newsletter is emailed monthly to 1000 plus parishioners. Our goal is to increase our **Likes** on our Facebook page to **200+** in the coming fiscal year.

To learn more about the Ministries at the Church of St. Michael, please stop by the Ministry Fair after all Masses the weekends of **October 8/9 & October 15/16**.



### St. Michael School

As a ministry of the Church of St. Michael, St. Michael Catholic School is dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and social development for all students. The school ensures that financial need will not prevent families from receiving a Catholic education.

Students attend weekly Children's Mass with "Prayer Buddies." Our annual school Service Marathon is a solid tradition where students live out the Gospel message by performing services that impact our parish and people around the world.

State of the art technology permeates our school with SMARTBoards in classrooms and all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders equipped with Laptops for school and home use. A recurring theme from St. Michael Alumni is that they were very well prepared by their St. Michael experience as they entered high school and college. They become leaders and active participants in the schools they attend after 8th grade at St. Michael.

We are very proud of our exceptional parent community for their support of the school in so many ways! Our staff is dedicated to assisting each child achieve to the best of his or her ability within our faith-based Christian learning environment. Above all, we are most proud of our wonderful students who often show us how to live the Gospel message. **GO BLUES!!**



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## Catholic Heart Work Camp 2010

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 our St. Michael youth group hopped on two busses and headed for Charleston, South Carolina to be part of the Catholic Heart Workcamp. After about 26 long hours of riding on the bus, we arrived with open minds and open hearts, ready to serve.

The next day, we arrived at our worksite and met the residents and the other groups we would be working with. When we arrived we were shocked to see how the residents were living; they had nearly nothing and the living conditions were extremely unhealthy. We were to paint the families two story home in just four days. We felt the task would be impossible based on the number of volunteers in our group. However, each day we were blessed with more workers as God truly provided.

The second day on the worksite, an eight year old boy named Paris was walking down the street with his friend. Right when he saw us painting the home he wanted to help, not knowing anything about Catholic Heart Workcamp, nor the residents of the home. Each day Paris kept coming back to help out; and I was truly inspired by a young boy who had no idea who we were, or the residents and he wanted to help out, no matter what the task was. Paris and I especially became close because I truly saw God in him. By the end of the week we were both in tears when it was time to say goodbye. Everyone working on the site was sad to leave Paris, each other, and the residents.

It was time to leave and we found that we had not just painted a home, but touched the lives of the residents and Paris. Not only did we change their lives, but our lives were also changed. Catholic Heart Workcamp has been the highlight of my summer both years I have attended, it's an experience I will never forget. I highly recommend going on the trip.

Special thanks to the parish for your financial support and prayers, we could not have done this without you. -Miranda Kroyer

