

Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our parish, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our community throughout these five decades.

For 50 years, St. Michael has been a place where people have gathered to worship, pray, celebrate the Sacraments, grow in faith, serve others, and share in the joys and challenges of life. Generations of parishioners have given their time, talents, prayers, and financial resources to build the parish we are blessed to have today. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and we are deeply grateful for their faith and generosity.

An anniversary is not only a time to look back with thanksgiving; it is also an opportunity to look forward with hope. As we begin the next chapter of our parish story, each of us has an important part to play.

St. Michael Parish is much more than a building or a place we visit on Sunday. We are the Body of Christ—a community of faith called to worship together, grow together, and serve together. Our ministries and parish activities provide opportunities for us to live out our baptismal calling and to share the gifts God has given us.

I invite every parishioner to consider becoming more actively involved in the life of our parish. Perhaps you can serve as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, altar server, choir member, catechist, youth minister, or a member of one of our outreach and service ministries. Perhaps you can participate in a Bible study, prayer group, social ministry, or another ministry that speaks to your gifts and interests. Here at St. Michael, we are blessed to offer approximately **50+** different ministries and opportunities for involvement. Whatever your interests, talents, or availability, there is a place for you. I invite you to discover where you can become more deeply connected to our parish family and help us share Christ's love with others. Whether you can offer an hour each week, a few hours each month, or simply your prayers and encouragement, your participation matters. Every act of service strengthens our parish family and helps us share Christ's love with one another and with our wider community.

As we celebrate 50 years, let us make a renewed commitment to our parish—not simply by asking, “What can the parish do for me?” but also by asking, “What is God calling me to do for my parish and for others?”

I also recognize that stewardship includes the faithful sharing of our financial resources. The ministries, programs, facilities, outreach efforts, and daily work of our parish depend upon the generosity of our parish family. I ask each household to prayerfully consider how you can support our parish financially according to your circumstances. Your generosity allows our parish to continue its mission today and prepares the way for future generations.

Most importantly, I ask you to pray for our parish. Pray for me, our deacons and their spouses, staff, volunteers, ministries, families, young people, elderly parishioners, and all who seek a spiritual home among us. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen our parish for the next 50 years and beyond.

As we celebrate this special milestone, may we give thanks for our past, embrace our present, and look forward with faith to our future.

Together, let us continue the good work begun 50 years ago. Together, let us build a parish where every person feels welcomed, every gift is valued, every generation is nurtured in faith, and Christ remains at the center of all that we do.

Thank you for being part of our St. Michael family and for all that you do to make our parish a vibrant community of faith. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly, and may He bless our parish as we begin the next 50 years of our journey together.

With gratitude and prayers

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rev. Peter Do".

Fr. Peter Do

Pastor