

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength and with all your mind."

Luke 10:27

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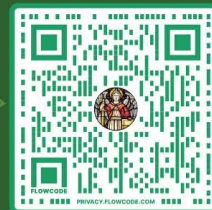
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SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

LIVESTREAM 9:30 AM MASS

DAILY LITURGY

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY LITURGY

See page 9 of the bulletin

CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesdays

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday

9:00-3:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Penance...Saturday

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Baptisms...First time parents at

St. Michael must attend a Baptism Prep session before the baptism date can be scheduled. Please call Janice at ext. 8241 to schedule the prep session and/or baptism date.

Marriage....The bride, groom or their parents/grandparents must be active registered members of the parish for at least one year prior to reserving a date for the wedding. The diocese requires that arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date in order for the proper personal, spiritual and liturgical preparations of the couple to be completed.

Sacrament of the Sick...Please call the office until 4:00 PM. After 4:00 PM, please call 322-6623 Monday-Friday and anytime on the weekend.

Names of the sick are placed in the bulletin for a period of four weeks after which time they are either removed or placed in the Book of Intentions in the Chapel.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Who is my neighbor? This question is a question which presumes that some people are not my neighbor and so I need to know who is deserving of my attention and who is not. Jesus takes this question and turns it inside out. The question is not “who is my neighbor?” Rather, the question is “what does it mean to be a neighbor?”

The lawyer wants to know who he is obligated to treat fairly, justly and kindly. The law maintained that Hebrews treat Hebrews as neighbors. Anyone not of the Hebrew nation was not considered a neighbor. Jesus makes it clear that **acting** like a neighbor knows no boundaries.

Being good to those who are like us is a natural response. Being good to those with whom we do not agree with, or understand, is to act like the Samaritan in the Gospel story today. The Samaritan **acts** like the true neighbor, not worrying about who he should consider to be a neighbor.

The beaten man, undoubtedly a Hebrew, must accept the help of his bitter enemy, the Samaritan. And so in turn, the beaten man is placed in a situation that he too must see the Samaritan not as his enemy but as his neighbor. For both characters in the story, the question is not **who** is the neighbor to whom, but **who acts** like a neighbor towards the other.

Here is a good exercise that can open our ears and hearts to hear this parable in our life today. First, think of a person you dislike. Now, imagine yourself as helpless, as if you had lost a loved one. Many people come to console you but after the funeral few people check in on you to see how you are getting along. Then one day this person you dislike and do not trust comes to your house to take you to lunch or dinner. The following day you receive a plant from them and a little card assuring you of their support and prayers.

Some might feel that this cannot happen. It cannot happen if you and I are not open to God's hand at work in the people we least expect. The beaten Hebrew man could have refused the action of the Samaritan, and he would have died. God does not wish us to die but to live. To live is to know that our neighbor is not determined by blood, nationality or similarity. Our neighbor is determined by two things; first, how you and I **act** as a neighbor towards each and every person, and second, how far you or I can open our hearts and minds in allowing others to **act** as your neighbor or mine.

FUN FEST NEWS

SEEKING BAKING ENTHUSIASTS

We are seeking talented bakers to showcase their best creations for this year's Fun Fest. If you have a passion for baking and would like to contribute, please bring your finest pastries, cookies, brownies and pies to St. Patrick Hall on August 1st and 2nd. Drop off times are 10:00 AM through the afternoon and evening. If you have questions, please call Cheryl Diamond at 219-865-1495.

submitted by Cheryl Diamond



CALLING FOR FUN FEST VOLUNTEERS

August 1st & 2nd
5:00 PM-11:00 PM

Signup sheets in the
Gathering Space



many hands make light work

Please Take Note:

The east side parking lot will be closed starting July 23rd due to the arrival of the tents for the Fun Fest. Please take precautions when parking and walking through the parking lot.

Ministry Outreach

Meet Fritz!



Fritz Priller
Cross Bearer

Fritz Priller has been a devoted parishioner at St. Michael's for over 14 years. Engaged to fellow parishioner Joan McInerney, Fritz is deeply involved in parish life—serving as a lector, participating on the Mega Raffle team, and actively contributing as a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 12177. A lifelong Catholic, Fritz was baptized, received First Communion, and was confirmed in the faith. He also served as an altar server in his youth and is currently employed at Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. Inspired by the profound image of Christ on the cross, Fritz felt called to the Cross Bearer Ministry as a witness to Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. Though initially hesitant due to a sense of unworthiness, he overcame this through prayer, scripture, and encouragement from others. For Fritz, leading the procession at Mass is a sacred privilege, drawing him closer to Christ through daily contemplative prayer. He invites others to experience this deep spiritual calling through the cross.

"A symbol of love, humility, and redemption."

Marian Devotions



**July 13th
at 8:15 PM
Our Lady of
Lourdes
Shrine**

July Intention: For Formation in Discernment

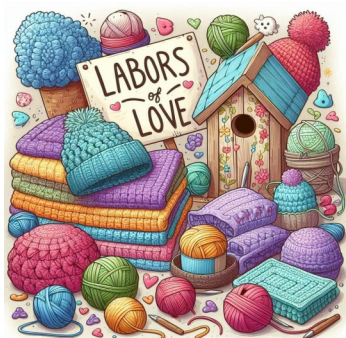
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Eucharistic Adoration

The best kind of friend is the one with whom you can spend time without having to say anything. You can just share the moment and enjoy each other's company, knowing your relationship is deeper than the spoken word. That kind of silent communication is what takes place between you and Jesus when you participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

Come and Spend Time with the Lord

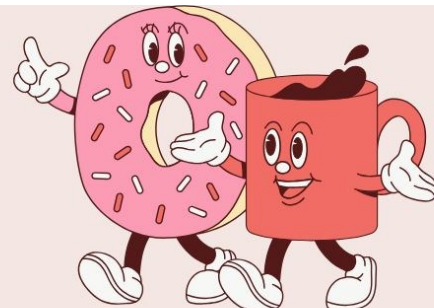
**July 16th
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**



**July 15th
10:00 AM in
St. Patrick Hall**

All Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner

Join us for our next meeting on July 22nd at 10:00 AM in the SE meeting room for fun and friendship.



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JULY 20TH
AFTER ALL MASSES**

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For Those Who Have Died...


Rose Emmett
Evelyn Volk

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Welcome the Newly Baptized

Mercy Gallegos
Michael Eliu Luis Gallegos
Michael Jesus Macias
Cooper James Witham

LIFE IS PRECIOUS; HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Elizabeth Munoz, Karen Dezarn, Ruth Marie Sarros, *Joan Gillespie*, Steve Gatons, Nicole Villanueva, *Geraldine Heintz*, *Timothy Buncek*, *Pat Matz*, *Fred Delaney*, *Rose Ilglin* Selma Szulczewski, *Nancy & David Schiesser*, Phyllis Leyba, *Sherry Lazzaro*, Joan Hamnik, *Michelle Lamb*, Angela Koutsis and all those in need of the healing touch of God.
Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding Pray for the Sick List.

St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.



Become Part of Our Church Family

New Member Registration
July 20th
After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses

Every morning you have two options, continue to sleep with your dreams or wake up and **chase them.**

The choice is yours.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

JIM CASSODAY, FIC
FIELD AGENT
219-688-5605
Jim.Cassoday@kofc.org

July 14
7:00 PM

Saint Michael the Archangel Church--Council 12177
1 W Wilhelm St.
Schererville, Indiana 46375

What is the Knights of Columbus?

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Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings
July 19th & 20th
in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses





St. Michael donated \$1000 towards the Walk for Sojourner Truth House

Rebuilding Hope Mission Team Helping Others

On Tuesday members of St. Michael's Rebuilding Hope Mission Team helped Tyra Serrano's, the St. Bridget Pastoral Associate. She requested assistance with repairs on an existing wrought iron ramp at her mother's home in Gary that had holes in the steel decking. We purchased aluminum plates that were custom cut to fit the ramp decking.

If you know of anyone that may benefit from the services we can offer, please have them contact the St. Michael's parish office at 219-322-4505.

Submitted by Rebuilding Hope Mission Team



First Ever Medjugorje Festival in the United States

Please join an incredible lineup of speakers from Medjugorje and the United States, **July 18th-20th**, at Trinity College, 6601 W College Dr., Palos Heights, IL.

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St. Michael Archangel Parish
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Thursday, July 24th
12:00PM-5:00PM



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Chair Yoga
July 18th
8:00 AM
St. Patrick Hall
Cost: \$5
Please call Ursula at
219-741-3276 to register.

After thirteen years as your bulletin editor, the time has come for me to step away. I want to thank everyone for all the support given to me. The bulletin is not a one person job; it takes many to make a bulletin and we were able to accomplish the goal each week. My replacement is Mr. Joseph Udani. He is a brilliant, creative young man who will be a big asset to this department. Please welcome him with open arms and guide him as you have guided me.
 Blessings,
 Rhonda Haddad

Stewardship in Action

Be a neighbor to someone in need. Give water to a delivery driver, donate to Good Samaritans, hold the door open for another. There are countless ways to help another in need.

submitted by Conchita Bryner

There are towers available on either side of the main aisle in church to place your Sunday donations. We no longer pass baskets for regular collections.



"Faithful Giving, Blessings Abound – Thank you for Your Support."

To make online giving easier, please scan the QR code to donate.



July 6, 2025

Adult	\$16,453.00
Children	99.00
EFTs	\$6,777.77
Loose	\$330.00

Total Weekly Offering
\$23,659.77

Vietnamese Collection
\$1,621.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY JULY 13

125th Anniversary Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS

OCIA 9:30 AM

Marian Devotions 8:15 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine

The Rosary is said after 7:00 AM weekday Mass except Tuesday-after OLPH Devotions

MONDAY JULY 14

Cursillo Meeting 9:00 AM, SW Room

Centering Prayer 6:00 PM, SW Room

12th Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00 PM, SE Room

TUESDAY JULY 15

Labors of Love 10:00 AM, SPH

WEDNESDAY JULY 16

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel

Mega Raffle Early Bird Prep 4:30 PM, SPH

THURSDAY JULY 17

Cantor Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY JULY 18

Chair Yoga 8:00 AM, SPH

SATURDAY JULY 19

Anointing of the Sick Mass 8:00 AM, Chapel

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel

Blood Pressure Readings After Vigil Mass, East Coat Room

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales After Vigil Mass, GS

SUNDAY JULY 20

Blood Pressure Readings After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, East Coat Room

New Member Registration After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses, SPH

Coffee and Donuts After All Masses, SPH

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS

OCIA 9:30 AM

Early Bird Drawing 1:30 PM, St. Amand Room

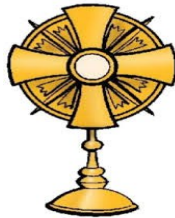
SLOVAK DAY

Celebrate Slovak Day on **July 13th** starting with a Catholic Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Merrillville. Mass will be followed by ethnic food, drink, cash raffle and Slovak musicians. Cash raffle tickets will be available that day as well. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/SlovakDayCelebration.

RENEWED

Gather for a reflection by Fr. Steven Caraher, live praise and worship music, silent prayer times and more.

July 18th August 15th
7:00-8:15 PM at Our Lady of Consolation Church, Merrillville.



GARAGE SALE

St. Matthias Garage Sale, 101 W. Burrell Dr., Crown Point, is having a Garage Sale
July 24th, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM,
July 25th and July 26th,
9:00 AM-1:00 PM.
Drop off times are:
July 17th-20th, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



**Join Bishop Robert J. McClory
for the Annual Mass for
Migrant Farm Workers
Sunday, July 27th at 4:00 PM
Herr Farms
10150 W. 219th Ave, Lowell**

Register by scanning
the QR code or
Visit

dcgary.org/2025MigrantMass



OLC RUMMAGE SALE

Our Lady of Consolation in Merrillville will be hosting a Rummage Sale **July 24th-26th**. Times are as follows:
July 24th & 25th: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
July 26th: 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Drop off donations during the week of July 14th-20th.
Please note that clothing, recalled items, car seats, Christmas trees, Christmas lights, computer items and TVs are not accepted.

LEPRECHAUN HUNT

The SHARE Foundation's 31st Annual Leprechaun Hunt™ is **August 3rd**, 11:00AM-6:00 PM CDT at Sharing Meadows in La Porte, IN. The Leprechaun Hunt™ is our Irish-themed family festival where participants hunt for leprechauns with pots of gold worth \$50 - \$1500, enjoy all-you-can-eat barbecued ribs, chicken, corned beef, hotdogs, pulled pork, hamburgers, tacos, roasted corn, drinks, & desserts, live Irish music along with our kid-zone featuring a magician, face painters, games, and bounce houses. All proceeds support our mission to serve our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ages 14-64 are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the gate the day of the event. Adults 65+ are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the gate. You will save \$10 on each ticket by purchasing in advance through August 1st. As always, children 13 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. The Leprechaun Hunt™ is a wonderful family event and we'd like you to invite others to join in the fun. Purchase tickets by calling our office, 219.778.2585, or visiting our website, sharefoundation.org/events/



EMMAUS MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

The Emmaus Missionary Discipleship Conference will take place on August 9th at the Porter County Expo Center. The cost is \$75. This conference is an opportunity to foster a deeper sense of community, compassion and connection With Christ through engaging speakers, interactive workshops and powerful moments of praise and worship and the celebration of Mass. You may register by using the QR code or visiting dcgary.org/emmaus

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JULY 12

5:00 PM ✠Elizabeth Oberman

SUNDAY JULY 13 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM St. Michael Parish

9:30 AM The Grandchildren of Reed & Dianne Mathews

11:30 AM ✠Rosalin & Ubaldi O D'Mello
✠Barbara King
✠Dolores Wright

MONDAY JULY 14

7:00 AM ✠Sharon & Dave Kras

TUESDAY JULY 15

7:00 AM ✠Deacon Jack Krol

WEDNESDAY JULY 16

7:00 AM ✠Gerald & John Verdeyen
✠Nicholas Bohling
✠Borferia Gubatanga

THURSDAY JULY 17

7:00 AM ✠Robert Eskew, Jr.

FRIDAY JULY 18

7:00 AM ✠Mary Marsh

SATURDAY JULY 19

8:00 AM ✠Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM ✠Henry, Sr & Patricia Lyza

SUNDAY JULY 20 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ✠Philip Bruno

9:30 AM St. Michael Parish

11:30 AM ✠Maria Angelica Fosta

✠Mary Marsh

Tony D'Mello

✠indicates deceased



reflections...

THE WORD

(Readings for July 20, 2025, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

I. *Genesis 18:1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham in the form of three visitors. Abraham invited them to his home, and he and Sarah prepared them a generous meal. After they ate, one guest told Abraham that the following year Sarah would have a son.

II. *Colossians 1:24-28*

The apostle Paul found suffering a joy, in order to build up the body of Christ, the church. By preaching the fullness of God's revelation through the Lord, Paul hoped every person might become complete in Christ.




III. *Luke 10:38-42*

Martha became angry with her sister Mary who sat down and listened to Jesus rather than help with housework. Jesus told Martha, however, that Mary had made the better choice: "There is need of only one thing."

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