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"She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at His feet listening to Him speak."

Luke 10:39

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HOLY DAY LITURGY

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Wednesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays

1:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel

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From the Pastor's Desk

Proper Grounding. The story of Martha and Mary has always stirred some strong feelings in its listeners. Because many listeners of this gospel story are like Martha working hard for their families or perhaps caring for an elderly parent while other siblings do little to help. This "Martha gene" in such hearers of today's Word resent being told that all their hard work is not as important as Mary's just sitting around listening to the Lord. After all, if it wasn't for the Marthas of this world dinner would never make it to the table.

In the tradition of the Church the story has often been presented as the difference between the monastic/contemplative vocation of prayer found in those who profess vows to the work of the Church and the active vocation of those vowed to the married state and the demands of family life. This is certainly a layer of interpretation placed upon the story. It even seems to be a justification for the monastic or contemplative life as opposed to the more active and consequently less holy life of those who are like Martha. This "traditional" interpretation can certainly limit our understanding of what Jesus is trying to tell us.

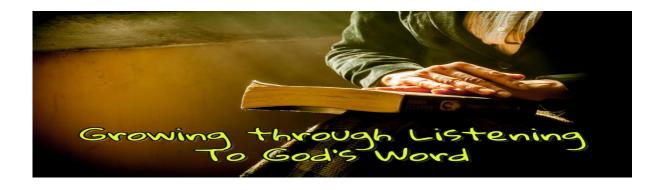
However, this incident is related to us in the gospels not to justify one vocation over another vocational

choice. To reduce it to such a nice and neat interpretation is to remove it from the larger gospel narrative of which it is a part. We need to take this incident seriously at face value.

Attending to the details of hospitality is not wrong. It is not wrong to be concerned about the needs of one's guests or to be the caregiver or to work hard for one's family. But when the details of hospitality, the hectic schedule of care-giving and the demands of work become the central focus rather than the guest, the person cared for, or the individual family members then there is a problem. This is the problem that Jesus reveals in Martha's busyness. We can become so busy with the details of living life, running the kids to and fro, caring for family members or friends and work, that we loose sight of the great guest who is constantly in our midst.

Jesus is not just a guest we come to visit on Sunday alone. Jesus is a constant guest who demands our attention. He longs for you and I to be with him in prayer every day. Because he wants us to trust in him. He wants us to allow him to show us that spending time with him is not going to result in chaos and undone tasks. Rather, keeping him as the central focus makes sense of all our busyness.

All of our work will come to nothing if we do not stop and listen to Jesus' word. Taking time to listen to our beloved guest gives us the proper grounding to be able to take on the tasks of daily life. No grounding in the Lord allows our busyness to become our god.



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Ministry Outreach



Mary Ann Adamson Ministers of Care

Meet Mary Ann! Mary Ann Adamson has been a devoted parishioner of St. Michael's for 24 years. She and her husband Mick are proud parents of four children, grandparents to eight, and are joyfully awaiting the arrival of two greatgranddaughters in August and December. A retired registered nurse, Mary Ann had always planned to become more involved in her parish after retirement, and the Ministers of Care Ministry felt like the perfect calling. As a Minister of Care, she brings Holy Communion to those who are homebound or living in senior facilities and unable to attend Mass. Mary Ann considers it a true privilege to share the Eucharist and finds great fulfillment in the gratitude and faith of those she visits. This ministry has deepened her own relationship with Christ and strengthened her spiritual journey. She encourages anyone considering ministry work to explore the Ministers of Care, describing it as a truly meaningful and rewarding experience.

Marian Devotions July 27th 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 23rd 1:00—4:00 PM in the Chapel



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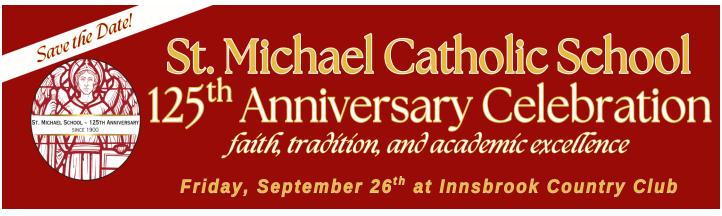
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St. Michael's parishioners are in bold, italic print.



New Member Registration This Sunday After the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses

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.



Please join us on July 22 at 10am in the SE meeting room for Game Day. Our next adventure is July 30 in Cedar Lake. We are meeting at Harry O's restaurant in Cedar Lake at 11 am then going on a boat trip on the Lake at 1pm. If interested, please call the office.

Blood Pressure, Glucose and Oxygen Level Screenings this Weekend in the east coat room after the 5:00 PM, 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses





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FUN FEST NEWS



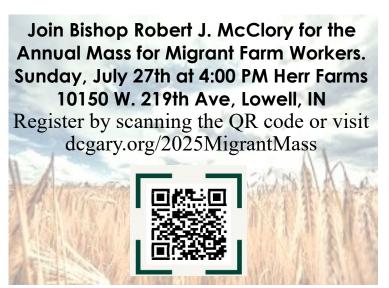






Please Take Note:

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.







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submitted by Conchita Bryner

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July 13, 2025

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GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

SUNDAY JULY 20

Coffee and Donuts After All Masses, SPH
New Member Registration, 8:30-11:30 AM, SPH
Blood Pressure Screenings, 8:30-11:00 AM, Cloak Room
Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, 8:30-9:30 AM, GS
OCIA, 9:30 AM
Early Bird Drawing, 1:30 PM, St. Amand Room

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

MONDAY JULY 21

Centering Prayer, 6:00 PM, SW Room

TUESDAY JULY 22

Senior Games, 10:00APM, SPH Young Adult Group 6:30-8:30 PM, SW Room

WEDNESDAY JULY 23

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM, Chapel Faith Formation Catechist Orientation 6:00 PM, SE Room

THURSDAY JULY 24

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM, SPH Cantor Practice 7:00 PM, Church

FRIDAY JULY 25

Chair Yoga 8:00-9:00 AM, SPH

SATURDAY JULY 26

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel Mega Raffle Ticket Sales 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

SUNDAY JULY 27

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses, GS OCIA 9:30 AM Marian Devotions 8:15 PM, Our Lady of the Lourdes Shrine

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SATURDAY	JULY 19
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 Fosca
	♦Mary Marsh
	Tony D'Mello
MONDAY	JULY 21
7:00 AM	♦Jane Krez-Hillmer
TUESDAY	JULY 22
7:00 AM	♦Patricia Komorowski
WEDNESDAY	JULY 23
7:00 AM	♦ Julia Drabik-12 yr
	anniversary

THURSDAY	JULY 24
7:00 AM	♦Geraldine Bruno
FRIDAY	JULY 25
7:00 AM	†Paul Sojka
SATURDAY	JULY 26
8:00 AM	♦Charles Thiel
	♦Kay Parker
	Ignacio Salinas
5:00 PM	†Sheila Fondaw
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SUNDAY	JULY 27 17TH SUNDAY IN
	ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM	♦Ann Ayersman
9:30 AM	♦Stanley Kulig
	†Marie Bohling
	♦ Joanne Janowski
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
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THE WORD

(Readings for July 27, 2025, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

†indicates deceased



Genesis 18:20-32 The Lo

The Lord was outraged at the sinfulness of Sodom and Gomorrah and was determined to destroy them, but Abraham interceded on behalf of the innocent who lived in those towns.

II. Colossians 2:12-14

The author of Colossians wrote, "You were buried with him in baptism...also raised with him." God has forgiven all our transgressions and "removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross."

III. Luke 11:1-13

Jesus taught His disciples the "Abba" prayer. He encouraged them to pray with persistence and to keep knocking on the door.

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