

Welcome to St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Community

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

*"Ask and you will receive."*

*Luke 11:9*

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## Festival 2025

FREE  
ADMISSION

Festival  
Hours

5 pm - 11 pm

Visit website for  
complete details.

**Friday, Aug 1 & Saturday, Aug 2**

**Friday, Aug 1**

**Car Show 5 PM - 9 PM**

**Vote for Your Favorite**

Awards at the Main Stage at 8 PM.

**Live Music**

Father & Sons 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Crawford's Daughter 8 PM - 11:00 PM

**Saturday, Aug 2**

**St. Michael School  
Alumni Night**

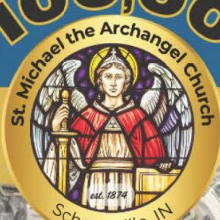
Visit the Alumni Tent next to the  
Soccer Field

**Live Music**

Fifty-One Lincoln 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Little Giant 8 PM - 11:00 PM

**\$100,000**



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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

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***God expects honesty, not politeness!*** Most of our relationships with others are grounded in some degree of polite behavior. A certain amount of politeness towards others maintains healthy boundaries. Polite boundaries keep us from revealing our true self to just anyone. Yet, all of us have the need to be accepted for who we are--our foibles and our strengths. That is why we seek out close friendships with people we trust. In such friendships we can express ourselves with little inhibition, trusting that the friend will not leave us. On the other side of the coin, we act as a sounding board for our friends as they express themselves trusting that we will still stick by them.

This same sort of openness is what Abraham has with God when he openly challenges God not to destroy all the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. The great sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was their lack of hospitality. The people of these cities abused their guests, thus breaking the sacred code of hospitality. Abraham exercised this sacred code in last week's reading when he entertained the three angels. This week Abraham argues with God, like two people who really care for each other and yet still disagree. Abraham pushes God, not with fear in his voice, but with confidence that God will not destroy him for his stance. This is the great faith that is credited to Abraham.

It is said that a polite Christian is always disappointed in God. Politeness is good for most of our relationships but not our relationship with God. Our faith is truly exercised when we really speak to God as a friend. Sometimes we have good things to share in prayer; sometimes we have grief. Polite Christians are afraid to argue with God for fear of rousing God's anger or wrath. Friendships that last are not built on fear; but on trust. If you have a bone to pick with God, pick it! God is big enough to listen to your anger or disappointment. Remember though, that friendship is a two-way street. God will challenge you also.

### ***FUN FEST 2025***

***We want to provide games and activities for the children at our Parish Fun Fest, next Friday and Saturday. To do so we need the assistance of adults. Please help! Contact the parish office at 219-322-4505 extension "0" if you can help. ALSO, all your wonderful baked goods are needed. Check out the information on page 7 of this week's bulletin.***

***Service hours for high school and this year's eighth grade class can be earned by helping set up for the Fun Fest on Wednesday and Thursday evening starting at 6PM. The same is true for helping to take down tables and chairs on Sunday, August 3rd beginning at 9:00 AM.***

***When a lot of people help out the work is done quickly and everyone can rest easier. Thanks. Fr. Marty.***

***Volunteer Today!***  
**St. Michael Parish**  
***Festival***  
**2025**  
**AUGUST**  
**1ST & 2ND**  
Contact Jill Hartog, call: 219-381-9913 or email: jmhartog@comcast.net - Thank you!

# Ministry Outreach

## Meet Judith!



Judith Hisick  
Arts & Environment

Judith Hisick has been a faithful member of St. Michael Parish since 1982, along with her husband Joseph. Their daughter Diane, born in 1984, attended St. Michael School. In 1986, during a union strike that limited financial giving, Judy saw a bulletin request for help creating church banners and realized she could give her time and talent. That moment sparked a long and meaningful journey with the Arts & Environment Ministry. Judy found joy in working behind the scenes, especially during liturgical seasons—her favorite being the transformation at the Easter Vigil. Though initially hesitant to lead due to her lack of floral design experience, Judy leaned on prayer and the support of fellow members. Today, she continues to serve faithfully and encourages others to join! ***"No special skills are needed—just a willingness to use your hands and heart to help prepare God's home for worship."***

## 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**



**The St. Michael 125th Anniversary Committee would like to invite everyone to contribute their special photos helping us showcase the rich history of our school community throughout the past 125 years. From Communion celebrations and dedicated teachers to school events, sports teams, and everything in between. We want to highlight the moments that have shaped St. Michael School. Please join us in reliving these cherished memories.**

**Thank You!**



**Upload Photos Here**

## EMMAUS MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

**AUGUST 9TH PORTER COUNTY EXPO CENTER COST: \$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](http://dcgary.org/emmaus)







**ST. MICHAEL  
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Bloomington, Indiana

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Together*

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WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!**

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**As of July 13, 2025**

**Goal: \$5,000,000**

**Pledged: \$4,015,418**

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## *Calling all St. Michael School Alumni!*

We'd love to hear from you and reconnect. Share your memories, updates, and milestones with us as we celebrate the amazing journey of our school community. Your story is an important part of our history—let's celebrate it together!

*Thank You!*



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## 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18th**

**Innsbrook Country Club  
Merrillville, IN**

**Registration  
NOW OPEN!**



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**Dinner Only Option Also Available**

**\$100 a Ticket - Dinner Only Option Also Available.**

**St. Michael Catholic School  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
*faith, tradition, and academic excellence*

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Innsbrook Country Club**

**\$100 a Ticket - Dinner, Full Bar, Auction and Special Presentation!**



**Buy Tickets  
Here!**



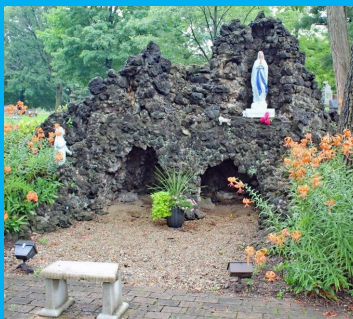
## LIFE IS PRECIOUS: HANDLE WITH PRAYER



Phyllis Leyba, **Sherry Lazzaro**, Joan Hamnik, Angela Koutsis, Kaitlin Ryndak, Greg Gatons, Mary Ann Adam, **Kathy Dinges**, **Soledad S.**, **Jim Morehouse**, Gerry Scheub, **Helen & Tim Hazard**, Ruth Marie Sarros, **Joan Gillespie**, **Timothy Bunckek**, **Gerry Heintz**, **Pat Matz**, Nicole Villanueva, **Rose Emmett**, Karen Dezarn, **Rose Ilgin** 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.*

Join us in Marian Devotions at 8:30 p.m. in the cemetery at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.



Hello all! My name is Joe Udani and I am the new bulletin editor for St. Michael Parish. If you want content put in the bulletin, please email me at [judani@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:judani@stmichaelparish.life). Please have all your materials submitted by Monday at 12:00 p.m. for the bulletin being published that week. I am excited to hear from you!



Congratulations to our Early Bird Raffle Winners Nancy Maretich (from Hobart, IN) and Bob Gabor, (from Pittsboro, NC)! Their names will go back in for the final drawing on August 2nd. Best of luck to all!

Join us...



Enroll Today! Call 219-322-4531 or visit [stmichaelparish.life/school](http://stmichaelparish.life/school)



### For Those Who Have Died...

Norma Jean Dobrzynski  
Eugene Steinhauer

***Life has changed, not ended.***

All Those 50+ Parishioner or Non-Parishioner



Our next outing is July 30th. We will be going to Cedar Lake on a cruise. We are meeting at Harry O's Restaurant at 11 a.m. and proceeding for the cruise at 1 p.m. Call the office for more details. On August 6th, we will be joining Senior Promise for a guided tour of the Art Institute of Chicago and lunch at the Greek Islands Restaurant. Call Elisa Smith at 219-407-6531. Save the date of September 9 at 10 a.m. in SPH for Medicare for all the church. Come join the fun!

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# FUN FEST NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUN FEST

Mass on Saturday,  
August 2nd will be at  
**4:00 p.m.** due to the  
festival.

**New!**

50/50 Cash Prize Pot!

St. Michael Parish  
**Festival  
2025**

### Corn Hole Tournament



**AUGUST 2ND**

To Register  
Your Team &  
Complete Details

SCAN HERE!



St. Michael Parish  
**Festival  
2025**

**Friday, Aug 1  
& Saturday, Aug 2**

**LIVE Music Nightly**

Hours  
5 pm - 11 pm

### 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



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## HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS:

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- REQUEST A TICKET ON OUR WEBSITE AT [STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE](http://STMICHAELPARISH.LIFE).
- VISIT MEGA RAFFLE TABLE AFTER MASS.
- DROP BY THE PARISH OFFICE, MON -FRI, 9AM - 4PM.



SCAN TO WEBSITE

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**MEGA RAFFLE  
LIVE DRAWING  
AUG 2ND AT 10PM  
St Michael Festival**

### 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.

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, IN



Register by scanning the QR code or visit [dcgary.org/2025MigrantMass](http://dcgary.org/2025MigrantMass)

## Stewardship in Action

Pray the Lord's prayer for mercy and the healing of loved ones.

*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.



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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"  
*Matthew 6:21*

July 20th, 2025

Adult	\$14,340
Children	\$147
EFTs	\$8268.01
Loose	\$358

**Total Weekly Offering**  
**\$23,113.01**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### Chair Yoga

**July 25th**  
**8:00 AM**

**St. Patrick Hall**  
**Please call Ursula**  
**at 219-741-3276 to**  
**register.**



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Weekly Schedule

GS-Gathering Space

SPH-St. Patrick Hall

### SUNDAY JULY 27

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales, 8:30-9:00 AM, GS  
OCIA, 9:30 AM -12:00 PM, SE and SW Rooms  
Radiate Squirt Gun Night 5:00-7:30 PM, Grounds  
Marion Devotions 8:15-8:45 PM, Cemetery

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

### MONDAY JULY 28

Carol Belko Columbarium Viewing 10:00-10:30 AM, Cemetery

### TUESDAY JULY 29

Mass and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion, 7:00-8:00 AM, Chapel  
Cursillo 9:30-10:00 AM, SW Room

### WEDNESDAY JULY 30

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

### THURSDAY JULY 31

Cantor Practice 7:00 PM, Church

### FRIDAY AUGUST 1

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

### SATURDAY AUGUST 2

First Saturday Devotions, 8:30-9:00 AM, Chapel  
Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Chapel  
Mega Raffle Ticket Sales 4:30-6:30 PM, GS

### SUNDAY AUGUST 3

Fest Clean Up 9:30 AM-12:00 PM, Grounds





# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 26</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	✠Sheila Fondaw
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 27 17TH SUNDAY IN</b>
	<b>ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	✠Ann Ayersman
<b>9:30 AM</b>	✠Stanley Kulig ✠Marie Bohling ✠Joanne Janowski
<b>11:30 AM</b>	St. Michael Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 28</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠Thomas Smith
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 29</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Connie Myslinski
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 30</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠Majorie Goodich
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 31</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠Matthew Balcer

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 1</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	✠Doug DePrez ✠Julia Urban ✠Geraldine Bruno
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 2</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	✠Dorothy Jendraszkiewicz
<b>4:00 PM</b>	✠Kyle Arnold
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 3 18TH SUNDAY IN</b>
	<b>ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	St. Michael Parish
<b>9:30 AM</b>	✠Mary Gerhan ✠Mattie Mannion Jr. ✠Arthur Janowski
<b>11:30 AM</b>	✠Mike and Mary Starr

✠indicates deceased



# reflections...

## THE WORD





(Readings for August 3rd, 2025, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- I. *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23* “All things are vanity!” Some people have labored skillfully a whole lifetime, but the fruits of their labor go to others who did nothing. What good comes from hard work? Everything is vanity.
- II. *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11* Since you now belong to Christ, set your heart on things above rather than on things of earth. For in Christ there is not Greek or Jew, slave or free person. “Christ is all and in all.”
- III. *Luke 12:13-21* Jesus told a parable about the rich man who stored up all his wealth in order to eat, drink and be merry. God told him, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you.” In this way Jesus encouraged people to grow rich, not for themselves, but in God’s sight.

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