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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FRIDAY & SATURDAY
August 4-5
2023



FRIDAY

Mudsharks - 5:00pm-7:00pm

SATURDAY

Thrown Together - 5:00pm-7:00pm

Father & Sons - 7:30pm-11:00pm

KIDS GAMES

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Close at 11:00pm

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JULY 30, 2023



SATURDAY LITURGY

Vigil: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY LITURGY

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

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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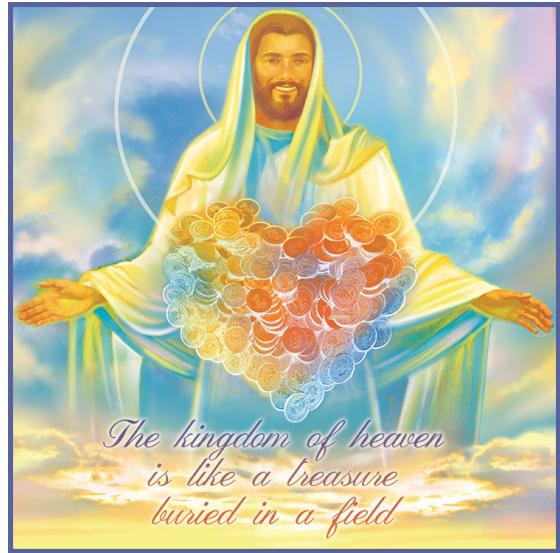
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From the Pastor's Desk

"The facts Ma'am, just the facts." This was the tag line of the detective on the TV show, *Dragnet*. However, a good story makes the facts palatable. Fr. Connolly, pastor of St. Michael's from 1988-2002, was one full of stories. At priest gatherings, to this day, his stories are shared and laughter still follows. His Irish heritage led him to be a story teller who was most concerned about the story. He used to say: "Don't let the facts get in the way of a good story." This could drive a few people crazy. However, the point of the stories in the end laid bare the facts of the incident. If we were just concerned with the facts, there not would be much of a story after all.

During the last few weeks, we have been hearing Jesus talk about what the kingdom of heaven is like. His attempt to describe God's reign is contained within stories. Why doesn't Jesus just give us the facts? What does God's kingdom look like? Are the streets paved with gold? Do we fly around like angels? Do we get to have everything we ever wanted? Do we live in big mansions? Do we meet all those who have gone before us? These are the questions you and I typically have; yet not a one is addressed by Jesus.

Rather, Jesus gives us examples of what God's kingdom is like. Those images He draws for us describe less of a place, as we think of it, and more of a state of being. The fact is that the Kingdom of Heaven is not set in a certain physical place or time. Heaven is [the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us] the "communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed... To live in heaven is to be with Christ. The elect [the baptized who are purified by God's mercy] live in Christ but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name [in Jesus the risen One]."



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Our participation in the Kingdom of Heaven rests on our willingness in this life to seek union with God. This union is not found in a Buddhist monastery disconnected from the world. This union is found in seeking solidarity with God's creation, in particular with the people God has created and intends to redeem. Thus, you and I need to draw closer to our fellow human beings and we need to do this with the same tenacity as the merchant who finds the all-valuable pearl, or the person who finds the buried treasure and buys the field with his/her last penny or even like the dragnet that takes it all in, trying to love every person and leaving the judgment to God.

Heaven looks like all of us at one table and God, Father, Son and Spirit, is both at the head of that table and the table itself of which we are a part. Who will we sit next to at that table? Who knows? Perhaps a good exercise to prepare us to sit at that heavenly table is to imagine sitting next to a person or group of people we dislike in the here and now. What sort of work do we need to do with ourselves to be ready to sit next to these future heavenly dinner companion(s)? Then let us to do that work with the same dedication as the treasure finder, the merchant and the dragnet in Jesus' stories.



**July 30th
at 8:15 PM
Our Lady of
Lourdes Shrine**

Marian Devotions

**August 5th
Confessions
2:30-3:30 PM
Mass
4:00 PM**



**Eucharistic
Adoration
August 2nd
1:00-4:00 PM
in the Chapel**

Michelle Wacnik, Principal

SMS & Faith Formation News

Kimberley Hoogeveen, DRE

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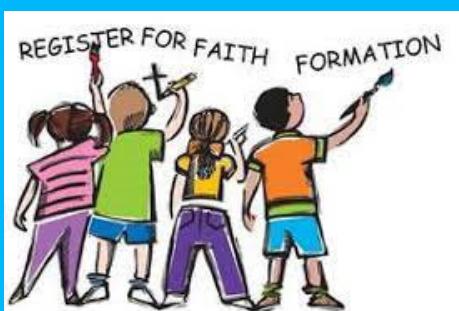
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Please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220 to place a loved one on the Prayer List. Please see page 2 for guidelines regarding Pray for the Sick list.

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

Hospitalized?



If you are in the hospital, please call 219-322-4505, ext. 8241 to let the parish office know. This ensures that we can visit you as well as pray for you and extend to you the sacraments of Eucharist, Confession and/or Anointing of the Sick.

Submitted by Janice Gatons



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**Meeting
August 1st
10:00 AM
St. Patrick
Hall**

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RAINBOW IN
SOMEONE'S
CLOUD."**

*— Maya Angelou
www.nishikajam.com*



KEEP UPDATED ON CURRENT ISSUES

The Respect Life Ministry would like to encourage everyone to watch EWTN's ProLife Weekly every Thursday at 9:00 PM or Tuesday at 12:00 PM to keep informed on issues that are currently being discussed. Also visit their website at Prolifeweekly.com for the weekly CALL TO ACTION!



Bakers Needed for Fun Fest
Please drop off your best
non-refrigerated dessert on
August 4th after 1:00 PM in
St. Patrick Hall.
We will cut and package
desserts accordingly.



Calling All Volunteers!
The Bake Sale is in need of
volunteers to cut and package
desserts on August 4th and 5th.
Please contact Cheryl at 219-865-1495 if you
would like to help.
Together, let's make this bake sale a BIG
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ALL SENIORS, 50+, PARISHIONER
OR NON-PARISHIONER
AUGUST 8TH
10:00 AM IN SE ROOM OF
ST. PATRICK HALL

NEW FORMAT FOR MEETINGS
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
WILL BE A REGULAR MEETING OF
PLANNING EVENTS AND
SOCIALIZING
FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
WILL BE GAME DAY OR EVENT DAY
DONATION: \$1 A MEETING



submitted by Carol Rusich

Communications Director Needed!

Please send resume along with a cover letter to Judi at jpatzelt.stmichaelparish.life or apply on [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)



GIFT Campaign Update as of July 25, 2023

# of Pledges	337
\$ Total Pledged	\$3,731,076
% of Goal (\$ 5.0 M)	74%
% Collected	7%

Thank you to those who have pledged and contributed. We encourage those who have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider making a pledge.

150th Anniversary Gala

Journey Into the Next 150 Years

150
1873 - 2024
Years

**DINNER, DANCING,
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Gamba ristorante

September 29, 2023
Gamba Ristorante
6:30pm Cocktails (Wine Complimentary)
7:30pm Dinner
Cash Bar

**\$150 per person
or...
\$1,200 per table of 8**

**Fundraising for the 150th Anniversary
Celebrations of 2024**

**Scan the QR Code to purchase your ticket
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to reserve your table of 8!**



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EDUCATION FOUNDATION

AUGUST 27th @ Scherwood Golf

11:00AM Registration
12:00PM Shotgun start
BBQ dinner to follow golf

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Living a Life of Stewardship

Stewardship by the Book

“The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Stewardship in Action

Consider what you need to give up to truly follow Jesus. Donate that which you don't need to the needy or a resale shop that supports Christian education.

Submitted by Conchita Bryner

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY JULY 30

Mega Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses

RCIA 9:30 AM

Marian Devotions 8:15 PM

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

MONDAY JULY 31

Emotions Anonymous 6:00 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 1

Labors of Love 10:00 AM

Catholic Bible Study 7:00 AM

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-4:00 PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 4

Fun Fest 5:00 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

First Saturday Devotions After 8:00AM Mass

Confessions 2:30-4:30 PM

Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Fun Fest 5:00 PM

Mega Raffle Drawing 10:00 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

RCIA 9:30 AM



June 18, 2023

Adult	\$14,245.00
Children	\$22.00
EFTs	\$6,166.00
Loose	\$317.00

**Total Weekly Offering
\$20,750.00**

**Catholic Charities
\$6,738.56**

Thank you for your generosity!

*VISIT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PLIGROM FATIMA STATUE

On August 6th at 11:15 AM, the International Pilgrim Fatima Statue will arrive at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7132 Arizona Ave., Hammond. At 11:20 AM, there will be time for private reflection and prayer. A Spanish Mass will begin at Noon, followed by a Presentation about the Statue and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The statue will depart at 3:30 PM.



PARADE OF POLKA BANDS PICNIC

Join the International Polka Association as they present the Parade of Polka Bands Picnic on August 6th at the Hammond Mohawks Picnic Grove, 4040 Calumet Avenue, Hammond. Doors open at 12:30 PM with Polka Music, 1:00-6:00 PM. Admission at the door is \$15. The following bands will be featured:

Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze
The IPA Tribute Band
Polka Mojo
Polka Generations
DynaVersaStickToneAires

A full array of your favorite Polish foods and beverages will be available for purchase. This is a family event and everyone is welcome!

THE TRANSITUS OF ST. CLARE & FEAST OF ST. CLARE

On August 10th, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart will recall the last days of St. Clare with a Transitus Service, 4:15-4:50 PM, in the motherhouse chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL.

On August 11th at 9:30 AM, the Feast of St. Clare will be celebrated with Mass in the motherhouse chapel. All are welcome!



BUNCO & BLESSINGS

St. Edward Altar & Rosary Society invites women and men to Bunco & Blessings on August 13th at St. Edwards, 216 S. Nichols, Lowell. Doors open at 12:30 PM and bunco starts at 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$25. There will be cash prizes for winners, raffle baskets and

50/50 drawing. For more information, please contact Vicki at 219-713-8979 or June at 219-476-6735.



EVENT DETAILS

Featuring...
DR. SCOTT HAHN
Professor & Author

7:30 DOORS OPEN
Check in and Vendors

9:00 MASS
Procession to St. Margaret Mary

10:30 SESSIONS
• Children (5-12 yrs.)
• Youth (13-17 yrs.)
• Young Adults (18-35 yrs.)
• Adults (35+ yrs.)

12:00 LUNCH
Registration required

ALL AGES welcome

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*RACHEL VINEYARD'S RETREAT

The Diocese of Gary is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat on September 22nd-24th in Michigan City. This retreat is for the spiritual and emotional healing of anyone who has had or has been involved in an abortion. The retreat is open to women and men of all faiths and is completely confidential. Please call 219-552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com for more information or to register. You can also go to www.helppafterabortion.net.

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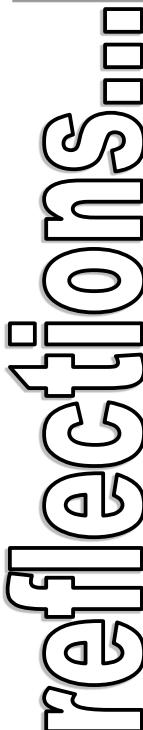
Catholic Charities is having a wine and food pairing dinner experience, *Sip, Savor, Support* on October 13th starting at 6:30 PM at Trinity Banquet Hall, 640 N. Calumet Ave., Chesterton. Proceeds from this event will provide emergency assistance for those living in Lake, Porter, LaPorte and Starke Counties. Please contact Kevin at kfeldman@catholic-charities.org for more information.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	JULY 29	THURSDAY	AUGUST 3
5:00 PM	†Stanley Kulig	7:00 AM	†Ralph Grau
SUNDAY	JULY 30 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FRIDAY	AUGUST 4
7:30 AM	†William Salas	7:00 AM	†Eric Burrell
9:30 AM	†Stacy Austgen	SATURDAY	AUGUST 5
	†Maryalice Deasy	8:00 AM	†Zosemo Labaco
	†Linda Bradley	4:00 PM	†Kyle N Arnold
11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish	SUNDAY	AUGUST 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
MONDAY	JULY 31	7:30 AM	†Richard Kalembe
7:00 AM	†Doug DePrez	9:30 AM	†Joseph "Patrick" Logue
	†Julius Gordon		†Deceased Members of Catholic
	†Marcia Rowe		Order of Foresters Court 102
TUESDAY	AUGUST 1	11:30 AM	St. Michael Parish
7:00 AM	†Philip Bruno		
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 2		
7:00 AM	†Leo & Marian Keilman		

◆ indicates deceased

THE WORD

(Readings for August 6, 2023, The Transfiguration of the Lord)

I. *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

Daniel had a vision of the Ancient One seated on a throne of fire and wearing snow bright clothing. One like a Son of man came on clouds to receive glory.

II. *2 Peter 1:16-19*

Peter wrote that he witnessed the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ: "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain."

III. *Matthew 17:1-9*

On the high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John, and with Him appeared Moses and Elijah. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

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